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By e-mail

Dear Cllr Anderson,

You will recall a request for scrutiny into the Council's Refuse Service in June 2018 signed by councillors who had concerns about the overall effectiveness of the Refuse Service, the suitability of the fleet, the number of breakdowns, the suitability of existing policies on issues such as side waste, areas for improvement within the service and analysis of the impact of route rationalisation.

Regrettably some of these concerns continue. Full Council has considered two white papers in recent months on the effectiveness of the service and on the suitability of existing policies enforced by the service, namely inert and bulky waste charges. Both white paper motions flagged up valid concerns and also highlighted genuine disagreement amongst Councillors as to the effectiveness of the service and its policies.

Given the difficulties again experienced with refuse collections across a number of wards in Leeds in recent months we believe it is appropriate for a further scrutiny inquiry to take place. This, in our view, should focus on the reasons for continued problems with collections, the issue of fly tipping, and continued delays to the route rationalisation process, data and information management and the overall effectiveness of leadership and management structures within the service.

We hope you will give this matter due consideration at the meeting scheduled for 17 October 2019.

Yours sincerely



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Guiseley & Rawdon Ward



Councillor Matthew Robinson
Harewood Ward



Councillor Simon Seary
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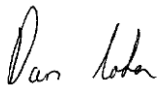
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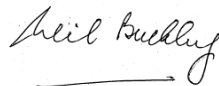
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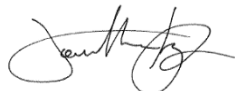
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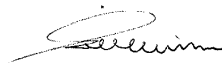
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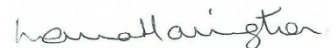
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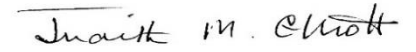
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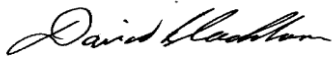
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