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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL – 11 December 2025

Please find attached public question for consideration under Rule 9 item 14 at the above meeting.

Please place with agenda papers already circulated.

Yours faithfully



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Public questions for Council

11 December 2025

1.	<p>From: Mr Tom Casey</p> <p>To: Chair of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services</p>
	<p>Question</p> <p>With respect to the TV ERF contract, why are Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) costs not included in the contract gate fee price when we know that incinerators will be included in the UK ETS from 2028?</p> <p>Also, The market rate for incineration seems set to fall due to overcapacity and greater diversion of material away from incineration and the associated freeing up of existing capacity. In stark contrast, the cost per tonne agreed for the TV ERF contract is only expected to rise, e.g. due to inflation, as the agreed gate fee is index-linked to protect Viridor from inflationary risk. This means that entering into a long-term waste disposal contract that features a minimum tonnage guarantee and an exclusivity clause can be expected to benefit the incinerator operator at the expense of local taxpayers. What is the Council doing to minimise exposure to such risks associated with minimum tonnage guarantees and an exclusivity arrangements?</p>