



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 23

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

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Question asked by: Mr M Calò

Member to reply: Cabinet Member for Customer Services

Question

I refer to my questions number 17 of 24 September 2009 and question number 24 of 30th June 2008.

According to my calculations on the data provided by your answers and those found in paragraph 3.20 of the Mayor and Cabinet waste management proposals dated 9th April 2009, if the South East London Combined Heat & Power would swap Lewisham's compostable waste with dry waste from some other Borough there would be an increase of energy production at SELCHP worth just under £3m.

Also, as the Council pays about £1.2m in gate fees at SELCHP there is a potential ready budget of about £4m available for composting if the Borough's compostable waste was indeed composted instead of incinerated.

Does the Council accept these figures as correct?

Reply

No, the council does not accept that a 'ready budget of about £4m would be available' for composting' if the method proposed in the question were to be implemented. There are a number of assumptions made that are very unlikely to be deliverable, either contractually or practically.

Officers would be happy to meet with Mr. Calo to discuss his proposals further.