

**Item 8 - Question Time**Response to Mr A Baxter

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) funds a number of activities in adopted communal and public areas held on the HRA. The work is carried out by TECS under the overall arrangements for grounds maintenance and includes grass cutting on grassed areas around houses, gritting of footpaths on housing estates, maintenance of roads and footpaths on housing estates, repairs to drainage, litter removal on open spaces in housing estates, maintenance of play areas. TECS have a schedule of activities which includes the frequency for each activity.

Unadopted communal areas are maintained directly by the Service, generally on an ad hoc basis, and funded directly through the HRA.

A budget of £689, 581 is held within the HRA as a contribution to the overall grounds maintenance budget, with a budget of £19,239 for the ad hoc un-adopted areas.