

**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**  
**(ORDINARY)**  
**TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016**  
**LATE QUESTION**

**1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI**

Can the leader update members on the recent tragic case of pensioner and council tenant, Kingsley Idahosa, who was found to have been dead in his home for over a month, despite several calls from neighbours to the council?

**RESPONSE**

I am sure that all members will want to pass on their condolences to the family and friends of Mr Idahosa who sadly passed away recently.

We have reviewed the actions of officers at the time and are reassured that the right steps were taken to locate Mr Idahosa as soon as concerns were raised about his whereabouts.

At the beginning of December Mr Idahosa's neighbour contacted the Area Housing team to raise concerns. The team responded within 24 hours, by visiting the address and then conducting a further follow up visit.

Mr Idahosa's neighbour was present at both visits, and there were no signs of an emergency on either visit. The neighbour advised the team that Mr Idahosa's car was missing so it was highly likely that he was therefore away with family or friends for the Christmas period.

A friend of Mr Idahosa's reported him missing to the police after he did not show up to a pre-arranged visit at Christmas. We therefore conducted a welfare visit with the police on 7 January 2016 when Mr Idahosa was discovered.

As a responsible landlord, we take the welfare of our residents very seriously and do our best to balance engagement with local people, particularly the most vulnerable, without intruding on their private lives.