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3. What lessons have been learned from the Tram project? And from the failed Care and Support tendering exercise?
4. Will complaining about a service to councillors have any effect on the behaviour of the contractor?
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7. How will the companies ensure equal access to services regardless of age, disability, race or gender?
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