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1. How comfortable are you with the current use of confidentiality in meetings within your Councils? reasonably comfortable
2. How could the need for confidentiality be better balanced with the requirement for Council decisions to be reported transparently? a verbal notice at the start of these sessions where it is needed
3. What have been the barriers and enablers to your council having a culture that makes councillors and council staff feel safe to 'speak up' when they identify fraud or corruption (both internally and formally through Public Interest Disclosures)?
Barriers I believe to be the one who is outspoken and identified as a whistle blower , enablers ,, to be comfortable , transparent and honest . also the knowledge , confidence that anything to discuss with the CEO (Fiona) and Mayor anything that arises that it be treated with confidentiality .
4. Do you feel confident that integrity agencies are willing and able to investigate suspected fraud and corruption incidents in an appropriate and timely manner?Not sure as i have only held the role of a Councilor for under 12 months but would expect that this be the case .

Yours

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