

REPRESENTATIONS

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RESOURCES DIRECTORATE COUNCIL	19 APRIL 2021	6a

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

A question has been received from a member of the public before the requisite deadline, as outlined in Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, but after the statutory deadline for publication of the agenda.

The question received is reproduced below.

Any questions will be heard during the Council meeting on 19 April 2021 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or any other member nominated by her.

Question received from Mr T Raynor (13 April 2021)

Thank you for the opportunity to ask a question of Councillors at this meeting. I remain respectful and appreciative of the good work performed by Members and Officers. Most Members will be aware of my altruistic interest in seeing improved regeneration effort. Can I ask what holding statement of intent can be given regarding the 10 ideas that I forwarded from public opinion to help fill empty premises in St Annes?

I am aware of the ARG Empty Property Grant or the future arrival of a Town Centres Manager so a response orientated towards the 10 ideas from the public would be welcome.

Ideas ranked by popularity;

- 1. Act as an honest broker with empty property landlords
- 2. Reduce rates payable or lobby for rates valuations
- 3. Attract retailers with a strong preference towards markets (Altrincham style)
- 4. Free Parking via disk system (a la Keswick)
- 5. Buy local campaign
- 6. Multiple off-season events to extend the season
- 7. Late Night opening
- 8. Out of town promotion effort (by existing comms officers)
- 9. Improve empty shop appearance (charge-back to landlords)
- 10. Relaxation of planning department (for business)