

REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	19 OCTOBER 2020	5
QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

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

If any further questions are received before the constitutional deadline, as outlined above, they will be circulated prior to the meeting for members' information, under separate cover.

Any questions will be heard during the Council meeting on 19 October 2020 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or any other member nominated by her.

Question 1 – From Councillor Gill - received 5 October 2020

"I would like to ask a question surrounding one of the fallouts of the lockdown and then the easing of restrictions. The subject is public toilets. Park View playing fields are used by many, from mothers with toddlers, to park runners trying to improve their fitness. What they all have in common, is, that when they are away from home they sometimes get caught short and require public toilet facilities.

Prior to lockdown the public used the on site cafe toilets which were accessible from the outside. Post lockdown and the easing of restrictions, the cafe, with new proprietors and social distancing in force took the view together with, I am informed, council advice, to restrict access to those using the cafe. This of cause led to much consternation as the nearest public toilets are in Pleasant street which I understand are temporarily closed for refurbishment.

I raised the issue with local ward councillors and the council representative on Park 4 View, Cllr Sayward. The answer I got was that adequate toilet facilities were available in Lytham for Park View, even though it could take up-to 20 minutes to walk to them. I approached the Leader of the council for support and was told to raise my concerns with Cllr Sayward even though informing the leader I had already approached Cllr Sayward.

So I bring my question to council. Can we have some public toilet facilities, similar to those at the splash area in St Annes at Park View playing fields in line with other major parks in the Borough such as Lowther, Ashton gardens and Fairhaven which all have dedicated public toilet facilities."