

After the publication of the agenda for the 11 February 2019 Council meeting, but before the deadline for submission of questions, the following question was received from Councillor Goodman.

The question will be asked under agenda item 5.

"As Councillors, in Fylde Borough, we all have a particular affection for our Wards, and I am most fortunate in that Ashton Ward boasts many features of a seaside town. These include the north side of the Square, the Victorian buildings of Garden Street, Ashton Gardens, and of course, the beach area from the Pier toward Blackpool.

I receive most enquiries and concerns regarding the Sand Dunes, and I should like to read the following from the Spring 2019 National Trust Magazine.

'Efforts to save threatened sand dunes around England and Wales are getting a helping hand with £4.3 million of funding from the European Union LIFE programme. Sand dunes are one of Europe's most at risks habitats. Only 20,000 hectares (49,422 acres) remain in England and Wales – equivalent to around half the size of the Isle of White. DuneLIFE, run by Natural England, in partnership with the National Trust, Plantlife, the Wildlife Trusts and Natural Resources Wales will improve the condition of key sand dunes by tackling the root cause of decline'.

Are we to receive any part of the £4.3 million, and if so, how do we propose to best maintain and preserve this local heritage?"