

## REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	5 JULY 2021	6a
<b>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

### SUMMARY

Two further questions have been received from members 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 questions received are reproduced below.

Questions will be heard during the Council meeting on 5 July 2021 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or by any other member nominated by her.

#### **Question 3 received from Mr T Lake (28 June 2021)**

In relation to Agenda Item 10 - Fully Funded Addition to the Capital Programme - Fairhaven Kiosk/Ice Cream Bar - Stanner Bank

*"My question is to raise concerns over the financial wisdom & Viability of this scheme. For many years I was a Bank Manager at a large branch of HSBC in Preston assessing the viability & risks of business ventures.*

*This is a big project. Selling ice cream sandwiches and alcohol is not a Council function. There will be an outcry at locating this building at Granny's Bay. A bit like a similar outcry would be heard at the Green at Wrea Green, in the lawn in front of Lytham Hall or on Lytham Green.*

*Many older Councillors will remember the Scruples fiasco some years ago. No one could make it work and the Council and the Civic Society had to demolish the building.*

*The existing kiosk operators are good and successful and could be allowed to extend their premises on both seaward side and the landward side both by a significant distance.*

*The proposed rent if £25k represents a return of nearly 7% before maintenance costs – not an attractive return for the risks involved.*

*Concerning viability and risks. Takings will be low for many months, maybe nil for some months and there is an added risk if there is a poor summer.*

*It seems to me that FBC are taking on 100% of the risks with little or no risks to the Dalmasso family.*

*It is surprising that they are not required to take on a full repairing lease on this exposed site. If this enlarged business is run as a limited company, should it fail then the Dalmasso family can just walk away.*

*There is a pub nearby and the Lake Café is only 500 yards away. Drinks & ice cream are now being provided at the café on the site nearer the St Annes end of the Lake.*

*Finally I ask Councillors, would you invest your own money in this venture?"*

#### **Question 4 received from W Fell (29 June 2021)**

*"The NHS White Paper will erode our NHS in multiple ways and will as follows:*

- ***Introduce the American model into our NHS*** where unaccountable decision making bodies prioritise profit margins and making savings over caring for people's health. This model is likely to lead to ***cuts and closures***

**of NHS Hospitals and A&E.**

- **Push more people to go private** as cuts are made. Patients have already been promised greater rights to choose private treatment and have it paid for by the NHS.
- Open the door to yet more contracts being given to companies like Serco, as we've seen in the pandemic, but without any competition.
- **Encourage private companies to take the NHS to court** if they're unhappy.

*Please can you Fylde County Council consider the impact of a privatised NHS on our community and urge Mark Menzies to oppose the NHS White Paper. Thank you for your time."*