

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question(s) have been received from members of the public before the deadline, as outlined in the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution but after the statutory deadline for publication of the agenda.

The question(s) will be read out during the Council meeting on 6 July 2015 to the Leader of the Council.

**Question 1:** from Kevin Eastham.

### THE BLACKPOOL AIRPORT GREEN BELT

*"A proposal has been put forward by Lancashire Enterprise Partnership on behalf of Balfour Beatty, and CBRE the landowners, to create an Enterprise Zone at Blackpool Airport.*

*Fylde's Green Belt land up to approximately 150 yards north of the main runway has been included within the Enterprise Zone and is likely to be built upon in due course.*

*Lancashire Enterprise Partnership say the Green Belt will remain, but have chosen to include it within their plan? The reason can only be because Airport Authorities and Undertakings have extensive permitted development rights to carry out 'operational development' within their site boundaries. This loophole is not widely understood, but Balfour Beatty is clearly aware of it and considers terminal buildings, hangars and car parks to be classed 'operational'.*

*If therefore the development and taxation advantages associate within an Enterprise Zone are being brought into being the existing operational uses north of the Airport are likely to be sold and developed for commercial and retail uses. As and when this happens the 'operational development' displaced will gradually be transferred onto the Green Belt land without the need for planning permission, provided it does not exceed prescribed size limitations at any one time.*

*I understand from Mr Martin Kelly, the Chief Executive of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, that local MPs and Fylde Council are supportive of this Enterprise Zone designation. Assuming that what I have said is correct - and I feel sure I will be told if this not so – my question is could Fylde's position on this issue be explained especially regarding development in the Green Belt and whatever the Council considers development upon the Green belt will become more likely than it is now, if an Enterprise Zone is approved."*

**Question 2:** from Mr Moor, St Annes.

*"Fylde's current Constitution empowers the Full Council to set the terms of reference for Committees. It has done so and, most of those committees may now "establish any Working Group to consider, and make recommendations, on any issues within the remit of the committee's terms of reference."*

*And my question is: To whom may a Working Group make such recommendations - to the full Council, or only to the Committee from which they were formed?"*