

REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	14 OCTOBER 2019	5
QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Two questions have been received from Members 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.

The question are reproduced below.

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 14 October 2019 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or any other member nominated by her.

Question (1) received from Councillor Tim Armit (Tuesday 9 July 2019)

"The town centre of St Annes has been on the decline for over 5 years now. JR Taylors, Mooch, the Oliver Tree, B&M Bargains, Prezzo and others stand empty and abandoned. The choice for a shopper is so limited few make it a destination of choice. The market is on a Thursday and thus not available to most people that work. Can the council confirm what plans they have to improve St Annes footfall, encourage business and save our town centre and can they confirm which Councillor has the lead on town regeneration?"

Question (2) received from Councillor Brian Gill (Tuesday 2 October 2019)

"The Corporate Plan states that it contains objectives and actions to achieve and deliver excellent services and achieve the outcomes that our communities want and need. Whilst this is laudable, it is only as good as the measures that are put in place to show demonstrable progress and improvement.

The Corporate Plan states as a priority under Clean and Green that it will 'Deliver high quality parks and open spaces' with two actions PM 020 'Maintain and increase Green Flag Status for parks and open spaces' and PM77 'Percentage Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces', these are monitored by the Tourism and Leisure Committee. The goal of 6 for Green Flag Status has been achieved. This, in itself, is a great success. The other measure is at 96%, which on the face of it looks exceptional. However, it is based on only one question in the customer satisfaction survey to which only 431 people responded. Less than 1 % of Fylde residents. Hardly a compelling number. With no way of knowing if this survey was filled in by residents who actually use the children's parks, I motion that it is meaningless.

Whilst the parks team endeavour to keep on top of the maintenance, this is limited by the budget constraints placed upon them and is therefore driven by a priority process. No noticeable updates to the parks have been made for some time, unless you count the proposed Galleon to be installed in Ashton Gardens.

South Park, Blackpool Road North and Waddington Road are just some of our local parks that are in need of urgent attention. I am sure other members could add to the list.

Can council please confirm that a plan is to be presented for approval that achieves the goals set out in the Corporate Plan for all the children's parks in the Lytham St Annes area?"