

# REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	10 FEBRUARY 2020	5
<b>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL</b>			

## 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 questions 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 10 February 2020 and a response will be given by the Leader of the Council or any other member nominated by her.

### Question (1) received from Councillor Brian Gill (12 November 2019)

*"I'm not sure if council are aware, but over recent years the development and upkeep of Lytham has seen some worrying trends. As a lay man it would appear that the planning committee has a policy of developing industrial looking and overbearing buildings in Lytham. I cite three examples to my knowledge, on Ballam Road, next to the old coach house on Church Drive as well as Islay road.*

*This is happening whilst heritage buildings like Lytham Institute are not being maintained. Council officers have even had to instruct a private company to conduct a structural survey on the building due to its lack of care.*

*Can the council reassure the Lytham community that the trend of building these type of buildings is not a policy, that it supports the continuing upkeep of the way Lytham is seen which is as an example of Victorian splendour and explain why some of the four hundred thousand pounds of the Lytham regeneration fund is not allocated in bringing the Institute back to its former glory, overcoming the distinct lack of investment by the council over recent years."*

### Question (2) received from Councillor Roger Lloyd (27 January 2020)

*"Lytham Institute has recently been registered as a charity, with Fylde Borough Council as the sole trustee.*

*There was widespread community concern in Lytham at the closure of the Library including as we all know a great deal of public mistrust at the apparent lack of openness and transparency at the time. We as councillors can help change that public perception.*

*This transparency is what local people expect and need. It would be helpful if we as councillors ensure that future decisions on the Institute will only be considered at council or committee level, similar I believe as to how the planning committee operates today.*

*So I ask the council in the spirit of this transparency that councillors should urgently consider introducing a process to temporarily suspend the delegation of decision making over the Institute to officers, at least until the process to conclude a new governance document is completed.*

*This would not prevent officers from preparing reports and giving advice to members. The temporary suspension would demonstrate the councils intention to deal openly with the Institute. It is this very openness and transparency that is needed to gain the support of the community again in Lytham.*

*Therefore I would ask that a separate meeting of the full council be held to determine how the council should proceed with the Institute in its new charitable role. Its role should include.*

*a) Gathering of the evidence needed to inform the Councils future debates regarding the Institute.*

*b) Considering and identifying the circumstances that make it necessary to alter the present purposes of the Institute*

*c) Ensuring that the council meet the criteria for making a scheme*

*d) Considering what similar purposes that the charity and property should have in the future.”*