

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FULL COUNCIL**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: 1**

#### **Question 1**

I read somewhere that the planters and flower beds are going to be removed from Bowes Street. What are you going to do about the trees and rose bushes?

#### **Answer**

It is under consideration with the Local Transport Plan and will come back to the Environment Committee for further discussion.

#### **Question 2**

Can the rose bushes not be used elsewhere?

#### **Answer**

Members will feedback that question to the discussions they have with the Northumberland County Council representative. The trees, however, are too large to move elsewhere.

#### **Question 3**

You mentioned you are looking at moving offices. Would you consider moving back to the Civic Centre?

#### **Answer**

The Town Clerk reported back to Council and suggested they may wish to consider office accommodation again. A meeting will be called shortly and they will decide what they want to do. The lease for the current accommodation has another three years left to run.

#### **Question 4**

Will there be a decision before the next election and if so, could that decision change once the election has taken place.

#### **Answer**

Members have to consider further options and factor in any costs for available properties, available land, whether to build a completely new office, then investigations will take place.

**Question 5**

£65,000 is a lot of money for accommodation, there is Bridge House which could be used.

**Answer**

Where to lease or build is something that has to be decided. Everything would have to be in place for 3 year's time.

**Question 6**

NCC said they would look at modernising the toilets in the market place two years ago. Can BTC put pressure on?

**Answer**

We have regular meetings because of the market initiative and have put money into trying to get the market turned around. We still have these meetings and will raise that again with NCC. In future they may be coming back and asking if BTC want to take them over.

**Question 7**

Young people from Silx have been kicking a football on the roof of the toilets. Could someone speak to Silx?

**Answer**

A councillor did approach Silx about this and apparently it was some young people who were banned from Silx who were causing the problems.