

Council

4 April 2016

Public Questions (2)

1.	Question from Martin Tracey to Cabinet Member Development and Safety, Councillor Andrew McKinlay
	<p>The site of the former Post Office premises at 24 Carlton Street, Cheltenham has been an eyesore since planning permission was given for the redevelopment of the site.</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member responsible advise who is the landlord and how long does the Council expect the site to remain an eyesore?</p>
	Response from Cabinet Member Development and Safety
	<p>The landlord is a Jersey-based company, Trigger Holding Ltd and has advised that there is no timetable for implementing the extant planning consent which expires in August 2017.</p>
2.	Question from Martin Tracey to Cabinet Member Development and Safety, Councillor Andrew McKinlay
	<p>What powers does the Council have in relation to the site of the former Post Office premises at 24 Carlton Street, and when will they exercise these powers to enforce the current landlord to improve the repair and condition of their property?</p>
	Response from Cabinet Member Development and Safety
	<p>Officers from the Council have been monitoring this site for some time in response to complaints from local residents.</p> <p>The Council has a range of powers, including in particular Section 215 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990, which can compel owners to undertake remedial works where a site is assessed to be '<i>detrimental to the amenity of the locality</i>'.</p> <p>In this case, the site does not currently meet the appropriate policy criteria which need to be fulfilled before the authority could reasonably commence formal enforcement action.</p> <p>The site will continue to be monitored and action will be taken to resolve the situation, if the condition of the premises deteriorates to the extent that such action is likely to be upheld by the courts.</p>