

Council

12 December 2017

Public Questions (2 total)

1.	Question from Fiona Wild to the Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment, Councillor Chris Coleman
	Has the enormous response of 2,436 signatures, gathered in only 3 weeks, on the petition to retain the current style of planting in keeping with the surrounding formal buildings, in Imperial Gardens & the Long Gardens, been fully taken into account by the Cabinet to influence their final decision on the future appearance of these areas?
	Response from Cabinet Member
	<p>In response to the petition and the council debate, I requested that officers further consider options for the 2 locations which raised public concern.</p> <p>The business case considering all options including a new option to retain the current planting regime in the Long Gardens and Imperial Gardens and move to perennial planting in all other locations was considered by the council's overview and scrutiny committee on 27th November 2017. Members of overview and scrutiny committee were supportive of this new option (option 2); the recommendation to be considered by the Cabinet tonight.</p>
2.	Question from Fiona Wild to the Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment, Councillor Chris Coleman
	Has the possibility that visitors may be less encouraged to return to the town if herbaceous or wild planting lacks colour or looks untidy in the winter, been properly considered by members of this Cabinet in the light of the detrimental effect this might have on the local economy?
	Response from Cabinet Member
	<p>Any changes to planting style would take into account the local setting. A herbaceous or perennial scheme in the Long gardens and Imperial Gardens is likely to have been formal and there were no plans for wild planting.</p> <p>With careful choice of perennial plants and bulbs winter and spring schemes can be just as colourful and tidy as annual bedding.</p> <p>I do not believe there to be any evidence to suggest that a change in planting style is likely to impact on the local economy.</p> <p>.</p>