

## Council

23 July 2018

### Public Questions (2 total)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Question from Peter Sayers to the Cabinet Member Development and Safety, Councillor Andrew McKinlay</b>
	The Independent newspaper headline (30th June 2018) states 'Air Pollution causes 15,000 new diabetes cases a year'. In light of this new evidence redirecting over 75 thousand vehicles a week into residential streets, by closing Boots Corner, is perhaps dangerous to ratepayers' health. On the website justifying the closure, it states 'reducing pollution' as a justification for this closure. Will the Council please amend this statement, with immediate effect, in light of the risk to residents?
	<b>Response from Cabinet Member</b>
	I am not sure that a newspaper headline should be read as evidence. The Cheltenham Air Quality Management Area has an associated action plan which has relied on the wider Cheltenham Transport Plan to help deliver some key targets especially the modal shift away from private vehicles in a town that is conducive to walking and cycling. Our ambition remains to reduce air pollution overall.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Question from Peter Sayers to the Cabinet Member Development and Safety, Councillor Andrew McKinlay</b>
	The closure of Boots Corner is a risk to ratepayers (and their children's) health and wellbeing. Is this justified by the gains to Council income by the intended leasing of the Municipal Offices?
	<b>Response from Cabinet Member</b>
	I do not accept that a trial to restrict access to Boots Corner is a risk to ratepayers (and their children's) health and well-being.