

COUNCIL 23rd MARCH 2017

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

P 01	Question from:	Duncan Hounsell
What was the reasoning behind B&NES Council's decision not to monitor particulate matter (PM10) on the A4 at Saltford when collecting evidence for the Saltford Air Quality Action Plan ?		
Answer from:		Councillor Anthony Clarke
<p>Monitoring concentrations of PM10 in Bath do not exceed the Government's Air Quality Objectives in any location. Based on the monitoring in Bath and potential sources of PM10 in the area, concentrations in Saltford were expected to meet the Objectives, (as in Bath, the main source of PM10 in Saltford is traffic pollution and as there are no further localised sources of pollution in Saltford (e.g. a large industrial site) therefore it was not expected that the Objectives would be exceeded).</p> <p>In addition, the siting of any monitor may have been limited due to the pavement width required and the need for a power supply.</p>		
P 02	Question from:	Andy Halliday
<p>The Exhibition Space at The Podium has been unavailable since November 2016, originally I was then advised this was to enable building work to be done starting Jan 2017, because library was moving. Subsequently, I have been informed it is in use to store archives prior to move to Guildhall, and items from stack - due to it being broken.</p> <p>QUESTION--As the stack has been broken and remained un-repaired since 2014, what moves are in place for its ultimate repair or removal - freeing up valuable space, and at what stage do you envisage the Exhibition Room being made available for income generating hire? and commission sales income?</p>		
Answer from:		Councillor Martin Veal
<p>The Rolling Stack has become more unstable and as a hazard to staff working in the area. We are currently reviewing the best way forward for this item so we cannot yet say when the exhibition room will be reopened. However, the Children's Activity Room and the Meeting Room have been allocated for public use from 1 April.</p>		
P 03	Question from:	Andy Halliday
<p>Please can you advise if the terms of leasing the Podium now has been changed to allow any sub letting. As Former Library Manager, I was advised by Banes Property Legal Adviser -following a new lease agreed with Waitrose/John Lewis team, at the time the Bath Volunteer Bureau agreeing terms to locate to main Library floor they could not be charged</p>		

rental QUESTION 2-Please advise if lease conditions at Bath Central Library now permit sub letting agreements

Answer from:

Councillor Martin Veal

The provisions of the lease of the premises remain unchanged and permits underletting of the whole or part of the premises.