

APPENDIX A

QUESTION FROM MR. PETER CORKE TO COUNCILLOR BLAMIRE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

In the event of the Council deciding to close Lancaster Indoor Market, can I have your assurance that the Market Traders will be assisted and supported in protecting their businesses and will be compensated fairly for loss of trade/disruption/relocation?

Councillor Blamire responded that she gave her personal assurance and was sure that the other group leaders proposing to put the motion would give their assurances too. She went on to say that, if Council voted in favour of the proposition, officers would be requested to undertake negotiations with traders to seek early surrender of trader tenancy agreements, offering assistance with relocation and/or suitable compensation, as appropriate.

By way of a supplementary question Mr. Corke asked whether the projected figure quoted for compensation/relocation/redundancy on Page 28 of the agenda for Option F was correct or if it had a zero missing. Councillor Blamire responded that the figures would be checked.