

Meeting of Wyre Council on Thursday 28 October 2021

Agenda Item 6 – Questions “On Notice” from councillors, under Part 4.01, Paragraph 12 of the Council’s Constitution.

Question from Councillor Fail to the Resources Portfolio Holder:

“In March 2019 the Cabinet made a decision to re-designate the land owned by Wyre Council at Bourne Hill for development, concluding that the land was no longer required for the use as a cemetery, burial ground or crematorium.

At the 27 March 2019 Cabinet meeting I asked whether a forward plan was in place showing that Wyre had the stipulated 10-year supply of grave space. Although it appeared that forward plan didn’t exist the report to Cabinet suggested that Fleetwood had a 10.4-year capacity, Poulton 27.2 years capacity, and Preesall 16.7 years.

In July this year, Cabinet agreed to declare the land at Bourne Hill, Thornton surplus to requirements, and for it to be sold off, with expressions of interest expected to be considered by Cabinet in due course.

Once the land is sold there is no going back so could the Resources Portfolio Holder, please provide up to date projections on the current capacity at Wyre’s cemeteries along with details of the Council’s plans for new cemeteries once the current cemeteries have no more capacity”.