

**Committee – Cabinet – 9 March 2023**

**Written question from Steve Cowley to the Leader**

The current administration seems proud of its record of consulting the Community on many issues.

In March 2020 (PQ14/21) IWC wrote that **'it would want to work with all stakeholders to look at how the site could be best utilised once the school has relocated.'**

Will the current administration indicate when this consultation will take place with the stakeholders?

***Response***

The council is preparing to market the site. The current timetable under consideration would require bids to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. A meeting is to be arranged between the relevant officers and stakeholders to discuss any potential options.

The timetable for a decision after that depends very much on any additional time needed to clarify bids, and then time needed by both officers and members to consider the bids and then submit a proposal to the DfE.

In assessing any bids for the site the council will consider the economic, environmental and social benefits of all bids, agreement by the DfE is also required which is outside of IWC's control. It will be for the council to demonstrate the best value case to the DfE when seeking consent to dispose of the site.