Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council 1 July 2021

1 Councillor E W Fitzgerald

In relation to Minute 21 - Councillors Questions - Question 8

Asked for further details of the likely level of amounts of financial support that could be provided to groups.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement & Infrastructure Management

The Authority facilitates financial support for Sweet Pickings through Crowdfunding and has also directly contributed £4,340. To date £10,425K has been generated through Crowdfunding for Sweet Pickings, with many of the contributors also being Ward Councillors.

In terms of permission to pick fruit on Council land, the Council is fully supportive of fruit picking on Council land, as long as it is undertaken safely and sympathetically to the health of the trees. Permission should be initially sought from the Council's Property Team.