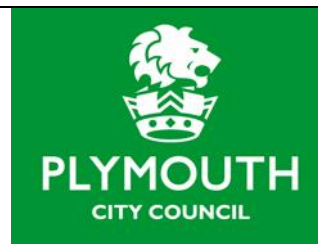


# QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Democracy and Governance



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Question submitted by: Arthur Watson

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Finance - Councillor Lowry

To be asked at the next Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

## Question

Regarding the sale of green public open spaces by PCC since 2012:-

- 1 How many acres were sold?
- 2 Which councillors were consulted?  
When?
- 3 Were local residents consulted?  
When?
- 4 How much money was raised by each land sale?  
(and specifically for the Yardley Gardens/Dover Road plots?)
- 5 Why was Pyrus cordata destroyed?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Not sure

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

1) 1.251 acres.

2) If there is an intention to declare land surplus to the Council's requirements and dispose of it the relevant Ward Councillors are consulted. Relevant Cabinet Members are also consulted.

3) Public / local residents' consultation in relation to the disposal of Public Open Space takes the form of the Council's statutory notice of its intention to dispose of Public Open Space (which is placed for two consecutive weeks in the Plymouth Herald newspaper & website and on the Council's website).

4) The total combined proceeds from Public Open Space sales that have completed to date is £271,502 (two hundred and seventy one thousand five hundred and two pounds) for 5 sites, including £99,000 (ninety nine thousand pounds) for the plot at Yardley Gardens.

The Dover Road plot which was not green public open space but part of the Estover Community College site sold for £231,000 (two hundred and thirty one thousand pounds)

5) The Council has a digital mapping overlay on which the location of known Plymouth Pear Trees is recorded, and no known examples of *Pyrus Cordata* have been destroyed.

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Councillor Mark Lowry

7 December 2015