

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR
SESSIONS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

The Street Market trial appears to have been very successful during the first three months of operation, drawing in a greater number of shoppers than might otherwise be expected on a Saturday.

The increase in shopper numbers seems to be benefitting not just the stallholders, but the more established 'bricks and mortar' retailers also.

With the increase of footfall in the Town on market day, this presents the question as to whether Market Day would provide a better opportunity for Members of this Council to engage with the public, with our 'Meet Your Councillor' sessions.

There are a couple of points that should be understood before making any decision on changing the day on which these sessions take place. Firstly, the market is currently half way through a six-month trial period, although it seems likely that the market will continue to operate in the future. Secondly that the market may not be held every month of the year, although there could be a clear argument for this to happen.

Saltash Town Council has previously purchased a marquee, with the 'Meet Your Councillor' sessions in mind, whilst not always used. The marquee would clearly blend in with neighbouring stalls if used as originally planned.

I would ask that Members consider this change of day, for which I would personally be in favour.

End of report.

Cllr Pete Samuels