

**To receive an updated report on Meet Your Councillor Sessions and consider any actions and associated expenditure**

July 2025 saw the monthly Meet Your Councillor session changed from the second Saturday of the month, to the third Saturday, this to coincide with Market Day.

With the greater footfall in and around Fore Street on Market Day, it was possible to engage with a larger number of residents and visitors than might otherwise have been possible.

Whilst the amount of recorded feedback was roughly the same, Members were able to interact with the public in a more proactive way, on this occasion imparting useful information with regard to the appointment procedure changes at Port View Surgery, with a substantial number of information sheets being distributed from the gazebo, which had been positioned as part of the Market.

As the Meet Your Councillor session is for a duration of only two hours, whereas the Market is open from 10.00 – 3.00, it might, however, be prudent to consider returning to the original location, outside the former Blooms in Fore Street. With the street itself being busier than on a normal Saturday, this would still afford greater opportunity for engagement.

It should be noted that future dates for the Market are still to be confirmed, although I am given to understand that it will still be on the third Saturday, therefore STC sessions should still coincide.

**End of report**

**Cllr Pete Samuels**