

## **NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL: 26 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OR THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE SUBMITTED UNDER PART 4 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES, PARAGRAPH 10.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Question for the Leader from Councillor Bell**

“Plymouth and Leeds have both worked with key dental providers to open centrally located dental hubs to tackle the growing NHS dental care crisis. With North Devon experiencing some of the worst dental access issues in the country, far below the national average, can I ask you to champion a plan to explore how North Devon Council, Green Lanes and an appropriate provider could provide a similar Dental hub in conjunction with a dental provider or dental school? A centrally located hub would provide much-needed access to dental care for residents, particularly those using public transport, while making use of flexible commercial space in a high-footfall location. Plymouth’s and Leeds both provide potential templates, ensuring emergency and routine care is available to those who need it most. This would not only improve public health but also contribute to the revitalisation of Green Lanes. Will you please take this forward?”

#### **Councillor Clayton, Leader’s response**

“Green Lanes is managed on behalf of the Council by Praxis. We work closely with Praxis to identify appropriate uses of the centre some of which, such as the Council Hub and health services, are not traditional shopping centre uses. We will liaise with Praxis over the suggestion and report back through members in the normal way”.