

Appendix A

Questions to district centre business owners

Aim of the survey

We are seeking views of local business owners to inform work being undertaken by the Council on best practice in district centres and whether it could be replicated to support other district or local centres.

Type of establishment (tick as appropriate)

Financial and professional services e.g., a bank

Shop

Restaurant

Cafe

Hot food takeaway

Bar or public house

1. a) Have you noticed any positive changes or improvements to this district centre over the past couple of years?

Prompt: e.g., more events, more greenery/planting schemes, improved communication

b) What could be better?

2. Is there anything in particular that makes this district centre special/different to others?

Prompt: e.g., events/greening projects/markets/historic or other features.

3. Do you feel as though the cost-of-living crisis has impacted the district centre?

Prompt: e.g., footfall/shoplifting/people spending less/regulars visiting less regularly

4. Is there anything you have seen in other district or local centres in the borough or elsewhere that you would like to see replicated in this district centre?

(If so, find out which district or local centre they are referring to).

5. Do you know how to contact the council if you have an issue or question? If yes, please tell us how you would go about contacting the council.

End of questions.

Scope of the review for information

- To gain an understanding of best practice used to support the vibrancy of Stockport's district centres and assess how this could be applied to other district and local centres, with particular regard to how the council forges effective relationships between residents, businesses and the council, and assessing how the council can help to increase the benefits of the approach and extend it to our local centres.
- To understand how national policy can support the vibrancy of Stockport's district and local centres.
- To consider any other examples of best practice in this area that panel members are aware of to support learning and inform the panel's recommendations to Cabinet.