

## Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 8 September 2022

1.	Questioner: CC Matthew Salter	Respondent: CC Charles Edwards
	<p>Item 12 - Knott End to Fleetwood Ferry</p> <p>With regards to the item on the Knott End Ferry, does the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport share my view that this form of public transport provides an immensely valuable service to residents of Knott End, Over-Wyre and Fleetwood, complimenting other forms of public transport, substantially reducing journey times between Knott End and Fleetwood, providing an environmentally friendly option and boosting the local economy?</p>	<p>Dear County Councillor Salter. I certainly share your views about the value of the Knott End to Fleetwood Ferry service and of the benefits it offers to the local communities, proving a much faster link than driving between the two towns and cutting local travel times greatly. It also boosts the local economy and additionally supports the local staycation tourism market in the area.</p> <p>That is why we, and Wyre Borough Council, are continuing to support the ferry service for the next 4 years, understanding that the Covid-19 pandemic hit the ferry service hard and it was unable to become sustainable, as was our original intention when we stepped in to fund its continued operation back in 2018, when it was at risk of withdrawal.</p> <p>I am really looking forward to working with Wyre Borough Council and Wyre Marine Services Ltd to ensure the ferry service continues to grow and provides that vital link between the two towns.</p>

