

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JANUARY 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Tony Riordan for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“This month, January 2023, The Globe Theatre are not putting on any shows. In fact no shows have been advertised between 22nd December last year, and next month, the 7th of February, a gap of 45 days. The local taxpayer, was told by this Council, ‘Stockton Globe will pull in visitors from far and wide and generate millions of pounds of additional spending in the local economy’. The next show, Six, The Musical, as part of a national tour, are also playing shows in the region at Newcastle, Leeds and York, attracting audiences from the same regional catchment area. Do you think this a good return for the vast amount of money that is gifted to the company, by this council, each year, for promoting and attracting acts to the venue, and are we really going to see the promised £18 million boost to the local economy if no shows are taking place?”