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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FOR THE DCC MEETING 28th SEPTEMBER 2020.

To The General Manager ,Mayor and Councillors Devonport City Council

Transparency issues at Providore place

QUESTION 1.

It was reported in The Advocate of 14 Sept 2020 that Mr Hussein Tas, the owner of Ola the new food and bar venue at Devonport's Providore Place, said the venue "has had some rocky beginnings and it has been on everyone's tongue **as far as deals** and all things that happened" .Will Council assure ratepayers, in particular those with similar businesses, that he will be competing against, that no commercial in confidence (secret) "**deal**" or agreement has been done with Mr. Tas?

Q2. - Will Council confirm that from the outset there will be no subsidisation, in any way whatsoever, in regard to fit outs, rent, rates and services at Ola Food and Bar because the lease agreement complies in all respects with the requirements of the National Competition Policy, COAG and The State Economic Regulator?

Q3.- If Council and Mr Hussein Tas (Ola Food and Bar) have a **commercial in confidence** lease agreement who insisted that it was indeed necessary or required ?

Q4. -So as to prove that council is making an effort to show transparency and prevent a repeat of the shemozzle, rumours and innuendo that has plagued Providore place since its inception will council ,if the lease agreement with Mr Tas is not a secret "**deal** ", allow it to be viewed by business owners with whom he will be in competition?

Q5.- Will council please inform as to whether or not the current Southern Wild Distillery lease agreement is classified as being commercial in confidence?

Q6. Are there, in connection with Providore Place any outstanding issue, with past or existing tenants, in regard to payment of rent rates and services?

Q7. Would you Mayor, Councillors and Senior Management consider it a fair and reasonable notion that ratepayers expect Council should **not**, as a matter of principle be entering into lease agreements which are commercial in confidence?

Please Include all of above and the responses in the Agenda for the DCC meeting scheduled for the 28th September 2020

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