

# Sunderland City Council

## Questions for Council

19 June 2024

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## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Brandon Feeley	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Knife Angel</b>		

<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor
	Councillor Brandon Feeley
	Chief Officers' Group
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance
	File

Can the Leader of the Council comment on the significance of the knife angel being in Sunderland for the month of June?

Councillor Brandon Feeley

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Stephen O'Brien	<b>Date</b>	11.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>North East Mayor</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Stephen O'Brien		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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When did the Leader last meet the North East Mayor and what issues of concern to the people of Sunderland were discussed?

Councillor Stephen O'Brien

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Lyall Reed	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Special Measures</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Lyall Reed		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Can the new Leader of the Council explain why the majority group is in 'special measures', what this means for Council service delivery and what precisely went wrong under the previous leadership of the Council to cause this to happen?

Councillor Lyall Reed

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr David Newey	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>D-Day Commemorations</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor David Newey		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Does the Leader of the Council agree with the outrage shown at the Prime Minister's disrespect to veterans, with him choosing not to stay in Normandy for the international D-Day commemorations?

Councillor David Newey

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Margaret Crosby	<b>Date</b>	11.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Safety in the city centre</b>		

<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Margaret Crosby
	Chief Officers' Group
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance
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Police data shows that Derwent Street is the place where more physical and sexual assaults were reported than anywhere else in the North East in 2023. What is the Council proposing to do to improve safety and policing to make people feel safe in the city centre, and will they ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to come to a Council meeting to comment on it?

Councillor Margaret Crosby

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Michael Hartnack	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Flooding Seaburn Camp</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Michael Hartnack		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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In light of the Council's failure to explain the flooding of Seaburn Camp on 30 May 2024, could the Portfolio Holder please provide the results of the floodwater tests undertaken at Seaburn Camp on 30 May 2024 and outline what investigations have been undertaken by the Council with Northumbrian Water and other agencies to determine the extent to which the illegal connection (namely manhole number 5609) was a contributory factor to the flooding?

Councillor Michael Hartnack

## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Malcolm Bond	<b>Date</b>	11.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Seaburn Camp</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Malcolm Bond		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Following the flooding in Seaburn Camp and several vehicles and caravans being damaged, is the Council carrying out an investigation to ascertain if a) the retention tank in the new Miller Homes development was overwhelmed by the volume of water and b) whether the culvert has sufficient capacity and wasn't itself overwhelmed?

Councillor Malcolm Bond



## Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Lynne Dagg	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>North East Combined Authority</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Lynne Dagg		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Can the Leader of the Council update council on the plans being developed by the new North East Combined Authority and how Sunderland residents will benefit under the new leadership across the region?

Councillor Lynne Dagg

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Dominic McDonough	<b>Date</b>	12.06.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>Middle Herrington Park</b>		

<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Dominic McDonough
	Chief Officers' Group
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The play area at Middle Herrington Park is in a terrible state and works last year to improve the surface have only made things worse. The play area is now inaccessible to buggies and wheelchair users due to the surface and the equipment is tired, old and often broken. Will the cabinet member responsible agree to meet with me and local parents to discuss the problems and will they work together with me to look at funding for a full refurbishment of the play area, giving local children a safe and accessible place to play?

Councillor Dominic McDonough