

## Questions for Council 24 January 2024

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# Memo

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Michael Walker	<b>Date</b>	30.12.2023
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Cost of Living Payments and Household Support Fund</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Walker		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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We understand that the Government do not intend to continue with the Cost-of-Living Payments and the Household Support fund after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Can you outline how these programmes have supported local residents and how many residents have been supported. What is the likely impact on our residents with these Government policy changes?

Councillor Michael Walker

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Anthony Mullen	<b>Date</b>	10.11.2023
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Concert Tickets</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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Following his disclosure that members of the cabinet accepted free concert tickets only to report back how events in the city can be improved, can the Portfolio Holder inform us what form that reporting took and what changes will be implemented as a result of it?

Councillor Anthony Mullen

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Katherine Mason-Gage	<b>Date</b>	30.12.2023
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Living Wage City</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Katherine Mason-Gage		
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A year on from becoming a Living Wage City, how successful has our campaign been to get local employers to become accredited and pay the Real Living Wage. What else do we have planned in the future to continue our fight against working poverty?

Councillor Katherine Mason-Gage

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Sam Johnston	<b>Date</b>	10.11.2023
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Pedestrianisation of Marine Walk</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Sam Johnston		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Can the Deputy Leader update Council on plans for the pedestrianisation of Marine Walk?

Councillor Sam Johnston

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Ehtesham Haque	<b>Date</b>	30.12.2023
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<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
	<b>Development of Joint Venture</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Ehtesham Haque		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the Leader provide an update on the development of the joint venture, between global entertainment company Fulwell 73 and Cain International, to build the Crown Works Studios on land stretching up from Pallion Shipyard on the banks of the River Wear?

Councillor Ehtesham Haque

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Adele Graham-King	<b>Date</b>	10.11.2023
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<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
	<b>New Railway Station Entrance</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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The PR surrounding the opening of the new railway station entrance has led to widespread mockery because of how bare it is. Can the Deputy Leader tell us what works are left to complete and set out a timetable for the finishing touches?

Councillor Adele Graham-King

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Ciaran Morrissey	<b>Date</b>	17.01.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Problem Properties in Hendon</b>		
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A property on Marion Street in Hendon has had its back wall collapse and the site is unsanitary, unsightly, unsafe and attracting fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. Residents do not want a repeat of the Vilette Brook Street fiasco where a sinkhole and blocked pavement has taken years to resolve. What is the Council doing to sort it out?

Councillor Ciaran Morrissey



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<b>From</b>	Cllr Paul Edgeworth	<b>Date</b>	17.01.2024
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Helping our City Centre Survive and Thrive</b>		
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With Free After 3 parking axed in central car parks and an apparent policy of not replacing ticket machines that are broken or damaged in car parks like Tatham Street - meaning people can only pay for parking by QR code or apps - why are Labour bosses making it as difficult as possible for people to come and spend money in our city centre and will the Council (a) make sure people can pay in cash at a ticket machine in all car parks and (b) bring back Free After 3 to St Mary's and Sunnyside car parks?

Councillor Paul Edgeworth

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Peter Walton	<b>Date</b>	17.01.2024
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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
	<b>Educational Attainment in Sunderland</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee receives regular reports which detail a persistent attainment gap between young people in the North East compared with the rest of the UK, with Sunderland often lagging behind the rest of the North East. Will the Council develop more effective policies to address this problem, identify reasons for Sunderland's poorer performance compared to the rest of the region, and work collaboratively with other local authorities and organisations to develop best practice based on the latest research about what is effective?

Councillor Peter Walton