

Public Questions for Council 24 January 2024

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	12/01/24
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2024 North Bridge Street		
To	Leader of the Council		
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Sarah Newton, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“There is so much regeneration going on around the city, however North Bridge Street is the heart of the city, the main road leading into the city centre / Wearmouth Bridge. Concert goers, football fans and the residents of Sunderland all access this road and comment on the dire state it is in. With the city centre / Sheepfolds regeneration, do you think North Bridge Street should also be looked at and landlords / tenants / derelict sites be reviewed to try and regenerate this major street?”

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2024 Road Safety Hollycarrside		
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Helen Glancy, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“How is the council ensuring the road safety of the children of Hollycarrside?”

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2024 Chipchase, Washington		
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Brandon Feeley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Can Sunderland Council provide an update on the Road Surface in Chipchase, Washington?”

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Stephen Cuthbert, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Having failed to get central government funding to cover the costs of the Sheepfolds footbridge and understanding that a number of physical modifications to the foundations have already been carried out adding to the advertised costs. There is no money in the city's budget going forward?

Can the taxpayers expect the leader to go cap in hand to L&G for a loan and add further burden to the city's already escalating debts for this white elephant project?”

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Mavis Owen, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Why do we not have a defibrillator on the platform on the new central rail station? By the time someone finds one on the City Centre someone could lose their lives. I have experienced, in 2021 or 2022 , someone having a heart attack on a train which is very life threatening. Please consider this request”

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Andy Stafford, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“What impact has the recent regeneration in Seaburn, including the new Tram Shelter and other developments, had on jobs and the local economy?”

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Raymond Lathan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Why does SCC not hold information about the number of people on Gentoo’s Housing Waiting List, or how many immigrants have been found housing by the Council and Gentoo since Sunderland became a Sanctuary City? It is surely in the public interest and to enable planning for future housing requirements to have such information available.?”

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	16/01/24
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2024 – SCAS		
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Kim Inglis, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“As an employee of SCAS I regularly work 50-hour weeks to achieve a living wage for the work I do, do all Councillors appreciate I have less time with my children and parents as a consequence, because I'm not paid appropriately, and what do you suggest I do to get a fair wage.?”

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Krystal Small, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“As a result of being paid less than my male counterpart in Sunderland Council, for the equal work we do, I've not been able to take my 6 year old on holiday for 3 years. How do you suggest I explain that to my Billy, and why should I wait another year to get an answer from the Council?”

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Mark Wilson, on behalf of organisation GMB, has submitted the following question.

“What is Sunderland Council's position regarding a group of predominantly female workers still being paid less than their male comparators every day?”

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Stephen Thompkins, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Is the Councils position that SCAS are still a separate organisation, or do you now concede that they are part of and managed by Sunderland City Council?”

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Miquel Smith, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“When does the council plan to repair the fountain roundabout in Seaburn, which was damaged in a crash in January last year?”

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Susan Graves, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Will Sunderland council please confirm that they will keep all safe spaces for female staff members and visitors. Giving that of other councils abolishing these spaces?”

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William Armstrong, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Hello , can you please tell me why Sunderland has recently had an influx of Africans? I contacted Julie Elliot and her secretary said that the people in question are Nigerians and that 'Whitehall' dictate where these people are situated , so as Sunderland council , can you please state if the people in question are students or asylum seekers ? Thank you”

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