

Sunderland City Council

Questions for Council 20 March 2024

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Memo

From	Cllr Catherine Hunter	Date	10.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024 New Crown Works Studio		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Catherine Hunter		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Could the leader explain the implications of the proposals for the new Crown Works studio development for the citizens of Sunderland, and whether Cllr Mullen was right in opposing the funding they were seeking from Government?

Councillor Catherine Hunter

My ref DMcD/SF
 Your ref

Memo

From	Cllr Dominic McDonough	Date	13.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 30th March 2024		
	Crown Works Studio		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Dominic McDonough		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Does the Leader of the Council agree that the Conservative government's unprecedented investment in the Crown Works Studios site is a game changer for the city and will he outline what plans the Council has to ensure it is a success, including its strategy to ensure this investment is a catalyst for further investment in the surrounding area?

Councillor Dominic McDonough

My ref PE/SF
 Your ref

Memo

From	Cllr Paul Edgeworth	Date	12.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 30th March 2024		
	Traffic volumes and speeding along the B1405		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Paul Edgeworth		
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What assessment has the Council made of the increase in traffic volumes and speeding along the B1405 (Springwell Road, Holborn Road, Front Road, European Way) since the opening of the Northern Spire Bridge; and what steps will be taken to improve (i) crossing facilities for pedestrians (ii) school crossing patrol provision and (iii) air quality along this route?

Councillor Paul Edgeworth

Memo

My ref JB/SF
 Your ref

From	Cllr James Blackburn	Date	10.03.2024
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024		
	Climate Change Commitments		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor James Blackburn		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Could the leader comment on the climate change commitments made by this council and why it is so important to become carbon neutral as a city. Could he comment on the deliberate decision, by both main opposition parties to seek withdrawal of council funding to achieve these commitments?

Councillor James Blackburn

Memo

My ref GP/SF
 Your ref

From	Cllr Greg Peacock	Date	13.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024		
Subject	Northumbrian Water		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Greg Peacock		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Northumbrian Water have a sewage pumping station in St Anne's located alongside the River Wear below the A19 bridge, ref: NZ 34920 56743. Northumbrian Water have advised me '*Bacteria is not tested for in non-bathing waters, and there are no designated bathing waters along the River Wear*'. Will the portfolio holder commit to working with ward Councillors in wards along the riverside to apply for suitable sections of the river to be included under the Bathing Waters Directive, in order to monitor and improve water quality for those entering the water for recreational purposes?

Councillor Greg Peacock

My ref PG/SF
 Your ref

Memo

From	Cllr Paul Gibson	Date	12.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024		
	Reducing noise complaints from road surfaces		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
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Residents who live near busy main roads such as Doxford Park Way often ask if roads could be resurfaced with a low noise road surface, in order to lessen the impact of traffic. However, the Council to date has not been willing to consider this. Could the Council commit to investigating using low noise road surface and look at the cost versus normal resurfacing in order to improve the quality of life for residents where appropriate?

Councillor Paul Gibson

Memo

My ref SL/SF
 Your ref

From	Cllr Sean Laws	Date	10.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024		
	Motorbike Unit		

To	Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Sean Laws
	Chief Officers' Group
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The recent development by Northumbria Police of a dedicated Motorbike Unit was a key Pledge of the Labour Party. What impact can residents expect in the years ahead in addressing this anti-social behaviour through the delivery of this pledge?

Councillor Sean Laws

My ref LV/SF
 Your ref

Memo

From	Cllr Lynn Vera	Date	13.03.2024
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024 Construction Works at the Sea front		

To	Leader of the Council
Copied to	The Mayor
	Councillor Lynn Vera
	Chief Officers' Group
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance
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The construction works at the sea front have caused a number of near misses, tailbacks and difficulties for motorists turning into, or exiting, side streets off Roker Terrace. Is the Council monitoring the progress of this construction work and can the Cabinet Member set out a timetable for its completion?

Councillor Lynn Vera

Memo

My ref MH/SF
 Your ref

From	Cllr Martin Haswell	Date	12.03.2024
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 20th March 2024		
	Coat of Arms at former City Library, Fawcett Street		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Martin Haswell		
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Can the portfolio holder update Council on plans to relocate the Sunderland Coat of Arms which sits on the front of the former City Library on Fawcett Street, and can they give assurances that it will be restored and cited in a prominent location on a civic building in the city?

Councillor Martin Haswell