

Public Questions for Council 22 June 2022

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	16.03.22
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Bishop Wearmouth Cemetery		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Judith A Porter, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“ I would like to ask for some details around the purpose of spending a large amount to restore the Bishopwearmouth chapel, including whether there has been a public demand for this. I think the cost of £600,000 seems excessive, especially when there are other derelict buildings and closure of shops. Is the funding out of public budget or heritage funds?”

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Twitter Statement		
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Chris Eynon, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“ Does the Leader of the Council agree with the Deputy Cabinet Member for Health City’s statement on Twitter that senior Council officers should all be sacked and cabinet members should run the Council?”

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	17.03.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Live Streaming of Meetings		
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Donna Thomas, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“Is the technology in the new City Hall capable of allowing the public to clearly hear the meeting if present at the meeting. Is live streaming or recording ALL public meetings and making them easily available to the public possible? For transparency is this something that should/will happen in the near future?”

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	17.03.22
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – 5G Masts		
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Ciera Hudspith, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“ The Leader failed to give a direct answer to a question two meetings ago. Quite simply, was Cllr Phil Tye wrong to say there are negative health implications caused by 5G masts?”

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	24.03.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Promotion of Outdoor Bowling		
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Alison Smithson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“ Public parks seem to be getting looked at, including Hetton Park for ideas for renovation. A lot of them have bowling greens that over the years have become a less pastime.

Has the Council given any thought into trying to promote outdoor bowling to the younger generation? In turn they could help look after the parks and the bowling greens and any huts that remain

Also hetton park it would be ideal to link in with the local Everyone Active gym to offer outdoor sessions?”

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	12.05.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Metal Detecting in Council Parks		
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Alan Robinson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“Some councils in this country allow metal detecting in council parks for an annual permit. Is this something you can consider?”

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	7.06.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Use of Pesticides		
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Richard Bradley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

“ A year ago the council passed a motion on eliminating the use of pesticides. Please can you give an update on progress towards the action plan and what measures have been taken to minimise toxic glyphosate usage in Sunderland now?”

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	7.06.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Declaration of Climate Emergency		
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Auburn Langley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

‘It is 3 years since SCC passed a Declaration of Climate Emergency but there is no noticeable change in house building standards in Sunderland. Please clarify what weight the declaration has in determining planning applications and what guidance regarding the Climate Emergency is given to councillors on the planning committees?’

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	12.06.22
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Review of Activities that negatively impact on Ecosystems		
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Rachel Featherstone, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

‘The UK is facing an ecological crisis that is inextricably combined with the climate crisis. The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. More than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction and more than 40% are in decline. The council owns and maintains large amounts of land. Will the council commit to a review of all services to ensure cessation of any activities that negatively impact on ecosystems and seek to bring about a net gain in biodiversity?’

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	14.06.22
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – Farringdon Police Station		
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Chris Crozier, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

‘The old Farringdon Police Station is an eyesore, a magnet for anti-social behaviour and a health and safety risk. Will the council take action to force the landholders to demolish the building and make the site safe before there is a tragedy?’

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	15.06.22
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 June 2022 – North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (NENC ICS)		
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Laura Murrell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 22 June 2022.

‘The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System’ (NENC ICS) will be responsible for commissioning all healthcare for Sunderland from the 1st July 2022.

I believe it will result in a much-reduced involvement by councillors and the public in decision-making regarding our future health services.

However, private companies can be members of the ICS Board and its other bodies, so they will be able to participate in decisions about how the ICS budget is spent and what services will be delivered to whom and by whom, increasing their influence and making it more likely that they will provide NHS services.

Please could you explain what Sunderland City Council is doing to promote local participation and scrutiny regarding decision-making by the ICS; to ensure that the ICS does not permit private sector representatives to participate in decision making

on its board, committees or other bodies with delegated powers; and what it can do to encourage the ICS to end the outsourcing and privatisation of NHS services?”

Assistant Director of Law and Governance