

Questions for Council 13 September 2023

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Memo

My ref UA/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Usman Ali	Date	04.09.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Extension to the Metro		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Usman Ali		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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In recognition of the huge benefits of extending the Metro link in Sunderland ranging from reducing our carbon footprint and traffic congestion, through to increasing our marketability for businesses, could the Leader inform Council of the timescales of any proposed extension to the Metro and if representations will be made for its extension to Ryhope Ward?

Councillor Usman Ali

Memo

My ref SO'B/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Stephen O'Brien	Date	06.09.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Free Parking for Councillors		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Stephen O'Brien		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Given that the Council intend to axe 'free after 3' car parking, will councillors in the majority group be leading by example and scrapping their own free parking?

Councillor Stephen O'Brien

Memo

 My ref RD/SF
 Your ref

From	Cllr Richard Dunn	Date	28.08.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Respite Care for Parents		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Richard Dunn		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Can the Children's Portfolio Holder outline plans to return proper respite care to parents with vulnerable children following the termination of its use of Grace House and can she say if she believes the Council's contact with parents over Grace House has been to her satisfaction?

Councillor Richard Dunn

Memo

My ref CM-G/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Catherine Mason-Gage	Date	04.09.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023 2025 Women’s Rugby World Cup		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Catherine Mason-Gage		
	Chief Officers’ Group		
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Could the Leader provide an update on the potential benefits for Sunderland in securing a place as co-host for the 2025 Women’s Rugby World Cup?

Councillor Catherine Mason-Gage

Memo

My ref MC/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Margaret Crosby	Date	06.09.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Future of Sunderland Leisure Centres		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Margaret Crosby		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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There has been a significant increase in running costs for our leisure centres. Are any at risk of imminent closure?

Councillor Margaret Crosby

Memo

My ref LR/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Lyall Reed	Date	28.08.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Closure of Cinema and Wilko		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Cllr Lyall Reed		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Following the closure of the cinema and the impending closure of Wilko, can the Vibrant City Cabinet Member outline what action he is taking, including contact with other retail and leisure providers, to ensure that these do not stand empty for years in our city centre?

Councillor Lyall Reed

Memo

My ref DS/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Dianne Snowdon	Date	04.09.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Suicide Prevention Day		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
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Last Sunday was world Suicide Prevention Day. Could the Leader therefore inform Council of the proactive work we undertake with partners relating to suicide prevention and the support provided to those individuals in crisis and at potential risk?

Councillor Dianne Snowdon

Memo

My ref PE/SF
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From	Cllr Paul Edgeworth	Date	06.09.2023
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023 Low Carbon Transport		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Paul Edgeworth		
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What steps are the Council taking to encourage local people to switch to more environmentally friendly modes of transport?

Councillor Paul Edgeworth

Memo

My ref AM/SF
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From	Cllr Antony Mullen	Date	28.08.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	West Area Committee		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Cllr Antony Mullen		
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Can the Vibrant City Portfolio Holder please specify the date upon which the West Area Committee held a vote to elect its Vice Chair?

Councillor Antony Mullen