

Public Questions for Council Wednesday 20 June 2018

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Memo

My ref MJ
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From	Head of Law and Governance	Date	14.06.18
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 20 June 2018 – Cost of Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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David Campbell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

Can the council investigate the costs of the FOI requests that are submitted? Is it possible that it could be breakdown into monthly/quarterly/annual costs so the public can see how much of the council budget is allocated for these requests? This would be in the public's interest as the council budget is already stretched due to government austerity.

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Stephen Cuthbert, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

A council member should be representative of their wards. Can the council please explain why and how many of its Labour members are allowed to represent areas they do not live in ?

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Barry Williams, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

What are the council going to do to restore faith for all the TFC foster carers who have put up with so many changes over the years, and not had a rise in fees.? especially after the damning story in the Sunderland Echo regarding them been the lowest paid in the NE. sunderland £200, Gateshead £300 & South Tyneside £400 per week.

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Graeme Arnott, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

In the interests of Council transparency, I would like to know why the minutes of Council, Committee and Area Fora are not published online as a matter of course.

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Linda Wood, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

Would the council consider a simple annual register of attendance at council meetings, available to the public, so it can be seen who attends and who does not. Many councils already do this.

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Heather Fagan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

Can you please confirm if councillors (and guests) will be partaking in free catering at this years air show? If so please confirm if this is from the councils budget and what the estimated costs will be?

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Amy June Humble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018.

Please confirm if the council have made any financial contribution (and how much) towards the clear up of the former Smiles scrap yard in connection with the recent fire? Please outline what involvement the council have had in the last 3 years to try and make this site safe?

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