

Public Questions for Council Wednesday 29 January 2020

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	23.01.20
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 29 January 2020 – Boats abandoned in River Wear		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Head of Financial Resources		
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Alan Liddle, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“I was hoping that you can give some positive news/answers about the old trawler and other boats that have been abandoned in the River Wear over the last two or so years what is the intentions about their removals?”

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Raymond Boyle, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“Will the interior of Hylton Castle be open to the general public in 2020? According to the local press this project was supposed to be open to the public in 2019 but it wasn't. Will it actually open this year and if so approximately when?”

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Emma Robson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“Please could someone prevent people from falling on Fawcett Street? I have now witnessed 2 falls in different places, one on the road and one on the path.”

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Ian Welford, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“Has the Council any thoughts on the issue of perhaps having the Transport Hub moved from Park Lane to a position nearer the main area of employment in the City Centre?”

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Julie Maven, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“I am a resident in the Hendon Ward, I’d like to know what the three local ward councillors have done in the Hendon ward over the last few years?”

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Mary Boddy, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“Giving the recent news that the house of Lords will be relocated up north, should the council look into using our council chamber as the new upper house?”

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Amy June Humble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“It was recently reported that Sunderland has 737 empty business premises in the city, meaning that council misses out on thousands of lost business rates each year. I believe the council has a director of city development, earning a huge £170k a year. Does the council leader think this huge salary is value for money?”

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Linda Wood, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“The council gave £50,000 to the Stadium of Light to host the Spice Girls concert. No other council in the country did this. Apart from the free concert tickets enjoyed by the Leader and the Deputy Leader of the council, what direct benefit did the council get from their investment?”

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Laura Murrell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 29 January 2020.

“There have been recent reports in the Guardian (19th January) and the Sunderland Echo (22nd January) concerning bed shortages at Sunderland Royal Hospital which have resulted in patients being left to sleep in the Accident and Emergency department overnight. Since the merger of Sunderland and South Tyneside hospital trusts in April 2019, there has been a consistent increase in the number of patients having to wait more than 4 hours for a bed with almost 700 waiting in October 2019. Yet South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust assured the public that cuts imposed under Phase 1 of the Path to Excellence programme and the Urgent Care Review would not downgrade services but would improve them and they are now about to embark on Phase 2 of the Path to Excellence which contains proposals for a further net loss of about 60 beds.

This situation cannot be acceptable for the people of Sunderland. What is the Council doing to safeguard Sunderland residents?”

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