

Public Questions for Council 22 March 2023

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Memo

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	15.03.23
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 March 2023 – Christmas Trees in City Hall		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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David Sinclair, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Given the current financial situation, what was the justification on spending over 7K on Christmas Trees for the reception area of City Hall, especially when the money could have been spent better elsewhere.?”

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James Saunders, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Hetton Lyons Country Park is a great asset for the City, there are some great events held yearly but what would be great is something like the Colour Obstacle Rush events or Race for Life to be held around the park.

Could you take the park into account for 2023 and 2024 for larger events that will bring even more people into the area?”

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 22 March 2023 – Affordable Housing		
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Lindsey Leornard, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Please could the Leader inform me what arrangements are being made by Sunderland Council to deliver more affordable housing to residents within the City?”

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David Sloan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“There is a general litter problem in Sunderland. Away from the city centre there has been a reduction in street sweeping and manual litter picking. Durham County Council is running an initiative for a community voluntary spring cleanup. Can the council consider a similar scheme in Sunderland?”

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Rebecca Maw, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“The council have installed traffic calming speed activated lights on Newcastle Road but cars continue to speed up and down the road at frightening speeds for the families who live here. What more can the council do to combat speeding on Newcastle Road?”

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Dr Hunt, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Can the Council leader categorically rule out the prospect of Sunderland becoming a so-called "15 minute City" with regards to Climate Change measures?”

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Barry Johnstone, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Since the Council declared Sunderland a "sanctuary City" for asylum seekers in 2022, can I enquire as to how many asylum seekers have been moved to Sunderland in the last 9 months since that announcement?”

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David Newey, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

“Residents of St Peter’s have been concerned about anti-social behaviour in several areas of the ward. What preventative measures is the council taking to help stop this, and how is it working with the police and other bodies to ensure it is dealt with, leaving residents to enjoy the ward safely?”

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Peter Noble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question.

"In 2017, Chipchase in Oxclose was resurfaced by Colas, however the surface was beginning to lift by 2021.

Cllr Farthing gave advice to residents to ask a public question of council, reporting that "bringing it to the Council means it will get more attention by the Chief Officer group".

Can you explain why the ward councillor would not have been able to pursue the matter with Council officers and why the Council have not yet resolved the issue with the contractor?"

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