

Public Questions for Council 23 March 2022

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Memo

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	16.03.22
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 23 March 2022 – War Memorials – Civic Centre Foyer		

To	Leader of the Council
Copied to	The Mayor
	Chief Officers' Group
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David Sloan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“The two war memorials from the Civic Centre foyer have been relocated to NELSAM at Washington. This museum has an entry charge. Could they not be on public display in City hall or City museum. The public could then give them the respect they deserve?”

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Peter Middleton, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF6) is, so far, the gas with the strongest known greenhouse effect. Its contribution to the greenhouse effect is about 23,000 times that of CO2.

As its widely welcomed across the City that Sunderland is becoming a "Green City". Will the Council confirm that no electrical switchgear in the new City Hall contains SF6 and all future developments will also only use an environmentally safe alternative and if not why?”

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Peter Noble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Sunderland City Council have made considerable effort to tell residents to test regularly and isolate when required to by law. What were the Covid isolation rules covering Sunderland on 10th Feb 2022 and if somebody tested positive on that date, when is the earliest opportunity that their isolation could end?”

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Lynn Vera, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Roker Park’s bandstand is supposed to be a stunning centrepiece but is currently in a state of disrepair and has had to be cordoned off for public safety.

Can the Leader explain why this has been allowed to happen when we can expect the repairs and if they will impact the plans to open a cafe in the Roker Park lodge?”

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Judith Porter, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“On behalf of Barnes, Pallion and Millfield Residents Association, I wish to ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing to make publicly available a register of landlords across the city so that residents, councillors and community groups with concerns about housing issues or the state of a property can identify who owns the premises?”

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Yvonne Gray, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Labour’s recent manifesto leaflet states that residents will get “free bin replacements” with no caveats or qualifications, but under the actual policy, is it right that only a fraction of people will be eligible to receive a free replacement? Will the Environmental Services Cabinet Member please confirm that the policy contained within the 2022 budget does not apply to all residents of the city equally?”

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Debra Waller, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Could the leader of the council please advise me when was there a council meeting to discuss the closure of the subway next Aldi? What party was the councillors from that voted against this closure? And what organisation was paying for the subway to be removed? As the liberal councillors Crosby, O'Brien and Edgeworth have stated in a letter to the community of Sandhill that it was the Labour councillors that stopped the closure of the subway even though they had funding in place to remove it.”

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Ray Bell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“The bowling greens in Roker Park are an important community asset and are enjoyed by two resident bowling clubs, visiting teams, individual bowlers, and also spectators.. As far as I am aware, the bowling greens in Roker Park are the only two in the city where dogs on leads are prohibited by the PSPO.

This has led to fines being handed out to spectators who knew no better.

The bowling clubs have worked with ward councillors on a petition calling on dogs on leads to be allowed to enter, as is standard in the city. This has had over 200 signatories.

We appreciate that there are legal processes to follow but can the Leader of the Council explain why it is taking so long to secure such a simple and popular change?”

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Sharon McCarthy, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

"Between April 20 and July 21, Durham Council spent under 10% of what Sunderland Council did at the Holiday Inn Washington to house council placements. The leader previously blamed Durham's placements as being the cause of huge rise in anti-social behaviour including drug dealing and sexual offences. What learnings has the leader and his Council taken from the chaos caused to my community?"

A Lawton, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

"It's been reported that Sunderland council have opposed government plans to house refugees at a hotel on Wessington Way. Why did Sunderland council not oppose housing sex offenders at the Holiday Inn in Washington south when Cllr Miller has continually told residents that his council was instructed to do so by the government?"

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Samantha Cosgrove, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

“Following a lack of communication from Cllr James Warne the leader of the council promised me I would receive a call from Cllr Warne. I’ve yet to receive any correspondence from either Councillor on behalf of the residence association I chair. Can the leader of the council please explain why I have I not received the phone call he promised? The residents are concerned about the ASB and lack of support from the councillors.”

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Kevin Clarke, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

"My question is that why neighbourhood enforcement office patrol during the day while on a night time in Leaders own ward Washington South innocent people live in fear because of feral yobs? Can I ask what the PCC stance on this as you did state that you were going to reopen Washington police station which is more important than daft vanity To be honest there should be a vote of no confidence in the leader & his cabinet."

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