

## Questions for Council 24 January 2018

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# Memo

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Michael Dixon	<b>Date</b>	16.01.18
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Revenue from Gentoo</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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What revenue, if any, was received by the Council from Gentoo for the sale of small plots of land only when the handover of the housing stock took place? Did the Council include a sell-on clause for any land then subsequently sold by Gentoo for future development at a profit?

Councillor Michael Dixon

# Memo

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Iain Kay	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Liberal Democrats Record in Government</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Iain Kay		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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In recent months here in Sunderland the Lib Dems have tried to rewrite their record whilst in Government, as they try to position themselves as being on the side of ordinary voters.

Would the Deputy Leader care to comment on what their true record was; whilst they kept the Tories in power for five years between 2010 and 2015?

Councillor Iain Kay

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Niall Hodson	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Siglion's Accounts</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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Siglion's accounts list some £26 million in fixed assets. Given the liquidation of Carillion, can the Deputy Leader clarify whether assets held by Siglion will be vulnerable to Carillion's creditors?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Michael Dixon	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Future of the Civic Centre</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Could an update be given as to the progress and, if available, any early findings, of the feasibility study as to the future of the Civic Centre which the Council commissioned last year for £0.25m? Does the question of the building being listed have any bearing on the timing of a future sale were that to be considered?

Councillor Michael Dixon

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Jill Fletcher	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Increase in allowances</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Jill Fletcher		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Would the Deputy Leader inform council, of any elected member who has received an increase in their allowance in the last 12 months – for whatever reason?

Councillor Jill Fletcher

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Stephen O'Brien	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Siglion and Small Business Owners</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Stephen O'Brien		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Can the Deputy Leader clarify what the current situation at Siglion means for small business owners operating from Siglion-owned commercial premises; and will Siglion be pushing ahead with market rents in these premises?

Councillor Stephen O'Brien

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<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Disposal of Land for Residential Use</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Michael Dixon		
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Bearing in mind the Council is actively disposing of its land for residential use, is the Portfolio Holder noting any interest from house builders of all sizes, to create, for example, a small development of non-traditional housing, which is much quicker and less expensive to install and very suitable for those on lower incomes?

Councillor Michael Dixon

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Dave Allan	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Interim Staff within Children’s Services</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Dave Allan
	Chief Officers’ Group
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Will the Lead Member outline what the current position is with regards to interim staff within Children’s Services and what steps have been taken to improve the numbers of permanent staff?

Councillor Dave Allan

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Niall Hodson	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Cleaning of Streets and Removal of Flytipping</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Niall Hodson
	Chief Officers' Group
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Many residents in my ward are concerned that the Council's cleaning of streets and removal of flytipping is getting slower and slower. Can the Portfolio Holder for City Services reassure them that the proposed £1.5million boost to environmental services will address this problem?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Peter Wood	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Car Parking</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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A recent survey undertaken on behalf of the city's Civic Society found evidence of significant underuse of multi-storey car parks within the city, even on Saturdays.

What is the Council's strategy to increase use of the city's car parks?

Councillor Peter Wood

# Memo

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Dorothy Trueman	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Extra Resources for Local Services</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Dorothy Trueman		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Is the Portfolio Holder in a position to outline where the extra £1.5 million earmarked for local services in 2018/2019 is to be allocated?

Councillor Dorothy Trueman

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Stephen O'Brien	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Replacement Bins</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Stephen O'Brien		
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Lots of residents feel that the Council's policy of charging for replacement bins – even when they have been stolen, burnt, or fallen into the bin lorry – is unfair. It is undoubtedly contributing to the citywide problem of rubbish being left in lanes. Will the Cabinet look to reverse this policy?

Councillor Stephen O'Brien

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Peter Wood	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Sewage in the City</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Peter Wood		
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What plans exist to handle the increasing amount of sewage generated within the city?

How much and under what circumstances is untreated sewage currently being discharged into the North Sea?

Councillor Peter Wood

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Tony Taylor	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Public Sector Pay Cap</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Tony Taylor		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Can the Cabinet Secretary explain what the financial impact will be on Sunderland of the Government's policy of shifting the responsibility of lifting the Public Sector Pay Cap onto local authorities?

Councillor Tony Taylor

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Niall Hodson	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Agency Staff in Social Services</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Time and again the problem, and huge cost, of using so many agency staff in social services in Sunderland has been raised in the Council. Can the Deputy Leader clarify what steps the Council, and Together for Children, are taking at this time to reduce the service's reliance on agency staff?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Transport for the North</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Peter Wood		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Does the Deputy Leader welcome the establishment of Transport for the North?

How does the Council intend to use its involvement with TfN to campaign for improvements to the A19?

Councillor Peter Wood

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Linda Williams	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Social Care</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Linda Williams		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Is the Government's policy of passing on the cost of funding social care to local residents by increasing Council Tax by 2.99%, enough to adequately fund social care services within Sunderland?

Councillor Linda Williams

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Niall Hodson	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Beach Street</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor		
	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Can the Deputy Leader offer some clarification about the timeline for the closure of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Beach Street, and the plans for a Centre to replace it?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Bob Francis	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Carillion Collapse and Construction Projects</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Bob Francis		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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What effects has the collapse of Carillion had on Sunderland's proposed and active construction projects to date and what future effects have been forecast?

Councillor Bob Francis

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Gillian Galbraith	<b>Date</b>	17.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January – Winter Crisis in the NHS</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
<b>Copied to</b>	The Mayor
	Councillor Gillian Galbraith
	Chief Officers' Group
	Head of Financial Resources
	Head of Law and Governance
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Would the Deputy Leader inform council if he is aware of any operations that were cancelled at Sunderland Royal Hospital, due to the on-going winter crisis in the NHS?

Councillor Gillian Galbraith

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<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Forecast of Carillion's collapse</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Bob Francis
	Chief Officers' Group
	Head of Financial Resources
	Head of Law and Governance
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Carillion's collapse was forecast many months ago so what measures were put in place early to lessen the adverse effects of such a collapse?

Councillor Bob Francis

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<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Impact of Carillion’s Collapse on Jobs</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Bob Francis		
	Chief Officers’ Group		
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How many jobs have been affected to date by the collapse of Carillion and is there a forecast of how many more are likely to be affected in the foreseeable future?

Councillor Bob Francis

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Impact of Carillion’s Collapse on Siglion Tenants</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Bob Francis		
	Chief Officers’ Group		
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Siglion has control of the city’s publicly rented properties. Will the tenants of these properties be affected by Carillion’s collapse and if so how?

Councillor Bob Francis

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<b>From</b>	Councillor Robert Oliver	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Printing Savings</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Robert Oliver
	Chief Officers' Group
	Head of Financial Resources
	Head of Law and Governance
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How much has the council saved by reducing the amount of printed paper and what plans are there for further savings in this area?

Councillor Robert Oliver

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<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – North of Tyne Devolution Deal</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Robert Oliver
	Chief Officers' Group
	Head of Financial Resources
	Head of Law and Governance
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Does the Deputy Leader of the Council intend to consent to the North of the Tyne devolution deal and what assurances has he been able to gain as regards the impact on Sunderland?

Councillor Robert Oliver

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<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Tyne and Wear Pension Fund</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Robert Oliver		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Has the Deputy Leader of the Council had any discussions with the management of the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund with regards to divestment from its holdings in tobacco and fossil fuels?

Councillor Robert Oliver

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Replacement of Carillion</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Robert Oliver
	Chief Officers' Group
	Head of Financial Resources
	Head of Law and Governance
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As of today, does the Deputy Leader of the Council have a preferred option for replacing Carillion as the developer of sites in the city and can he give an assurance as to the financial implications of each option available?

Councillor Robert Oliver

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<b>From</b>	Councillor George Howe	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January – Seafront Development</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor George Howe		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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The recent collapse of Carillion has created serious doubts upon the Siglion consortium's, which includes Sunderland City Council, plans for the Seafront development, or as usual will they be put in a state of hiatus currently demonstrated on the Vaux site for the past 19 years?

Councillor George Howe

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<b>From</b>	Councillor George Howe	<b>Date</b>	18.01.18
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 24 January – Seaburn Centre</b>		
<b>To</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor George Howe		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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When will demolition of the Seaburn Centre now take place?

Councillor George Howe