

Questions for Council 22 June 2022

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| From | Cllr Melanie Thornton | Date | 15.06.2022 |
| Title | Ext | | |
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| Subject | Question for Council – Wednesday 22nd June 2022 | | |
| | Electric Vehicles Ownership in City | | |
| To | Leader of the Council | | |
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| | Councillor Melanie Thornton | | |
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Following the recent decision of this Tory Government to scrap the plug-in subsidy when buying an electric vehicle, could the Leader outline what our Labour Council are planning to encourage wider EV ownership in the City as part of our plans to ensure we meet our goal of becoming carbon neutral City?

Councillor Melanie Thornton

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| From | Cllr Dominic McDonough | Date | 04.06.2022 |
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| | Roadworks Silksworth Road | | |
| To | Leader of the Council | | |
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| | Councillor Dominic McDonough | | |
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Residents in my community are very worried about the prospect of significant roadworks taking place on Silksworth Road which will cause severe disruption over a 3 month period. With this in mind will the Council please look to complete the roadworks on City Way as quickly as possible to help alleviate disruption in the community and ensure that a full traffic management plan is in place on surrounding roads?

Councillor Dominic McDonough

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| From | Cllr Andrew Wood | Date | 15.06.2022 |
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| | Lamplight Festival | | |
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What costs have been incurred as a result of the Lamplight Festival being cancelled again this year?

Councillor Andrew Wood

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| From | Cllr Stephen Foster | Date | 15.06.2022 |
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| | Cost of Living Crisis | | |
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Considering the impact that the cost-of-living crisis created by this Tory Government is having on residents, can the Leader inform us what our Labour Council will be doing to support those most in need in the coming months?

Councillor Stephen Foster

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| From | Cllr Greg Peacock | Date | 08.06.2022 |
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| | Motorcycle Thefts/Antisocial Behaviour | | |
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We are currently seeing a rise in motorcycle thefts across the city, as well as regular anti-social behaviour by unlicensed and dangerous motorcycles and quads being ridden unchecked around our parks and public areas. Will the Leader of the Council write to the Police Crime Commissioner Kim McGuiness to demand action by Northumbria Police to tackle this issue before there is another fatal accident in our city?

Councillor Greg Peacock

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| From | Cllr Heather Fagan | Date | 15.06.2022 |
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| | Bulky Waste Collections | | |
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When will the Leader be introducing a free bulky waste collection service and will this be universally available or on a means tested basis?

Councillor Heather Fagan

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| From | Cllr John Usher | Date | 15.06.2022 |
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| | Free Bulky Waste Collection | | |
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Could the Leader provide details of his plans to introduce a free bulky waste collection service for residents as outlined in the recent labour Party Manifesto?

Councillor John Usher

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| From | Cllr Pam Mann | Date | 09.06.2022 |
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| | Play Equipment in our Parks | | |
| To | Leader of the Council | | |
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Recently many episodes of vandalism including fire setting, has left some of our play areas bereft of usable and popular pieces of equipment. Whilst we acknowledge that anti-social behaviour is not the fault of the Council, neither is it the fault of our residents and Communities. General maintenance and the safety of our parks and play equipment, however, 'is' the responsibility of the Council. Therefore we ask the portfolio holder to clarify the current policy regarding the replacement of damaged or destroyed play equipment in our parks?

Councillor Pam Mann

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| From | Cllr Margaret Crosby | Date | 15.06.2022 |
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| | Side Waste Collection Policy | | |
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Seeing as the Assistant Director of Housing has acknowledged that the system for requesting more or larger bins "is not working as it should", will the Cabinet delay the implementation of changes to side waste collections until there is a new and better policy on access to bigger wheelie bins for larger households?

Councillor Margaret Crosby