

Public Questions for Council 17 November 2021

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From	Assistant Director of Law and Governance	Date	10.11.21
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 17 November 2021 – Chipchase Resurfacing		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Margaret Bell, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“When will the road way at the top of Chipchase be resurfaced?”

Brandon Feeley, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Chipchase in Oxclose, Washington South. Chipchase received treatment in 2018 which I understand was expected to enhance the road surface for up to ten years. By 2020 deep ruts had started to appear from Berwick to Ayton road.

It seems to me that the contractor who undertook this work did a very shoddy job, who was it and are they intending to come back and make good the poor workmanship?”

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 17 November 2021 – Emergency Accommodation for Homeless		

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Dawn Gibson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“What resources have the council in place for homeless people requiring emergency accommodation?”

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Donna Johnston, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Given the green agenda, and current concerns regarding energy supply, can the Council advise why the City Hall has almost all of the lights on during the evening, without visible activity? Notwithstanding the financial implications this does not appear to commit to the green agenda.”

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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 17 November 2021 – 5G		
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Ciera Hudspith, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Can the Leader of the Council explain what the health risks of 5G are and will he tell us if Cllr Tye’s concerns about the proposed Tunstall 5G mast have led him to revise his announcement that he is rolling 5G out across the city?”

Michael Anderson, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Can the leader tell me if the council's policy now is to become mired in conspiracy theories about 5G telephone masts campaigning against them for so-called medical reasons.

Would he agree with me in and any scientist that there is no scientific basis to the claim 5g mast cause harm.

Or will he support his irrational colleague over some so-called fear which stems from conspiracy theory and the far right?"

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Carlton West, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Crime is rife in areas of Washington. Calling 999 after a hit & run incident on my parked car, Police in their current state could not respond appropriately, the perpetrator then committed a domestic violence attack & I now understand he is dead. My neighbour lost a finger in a vicious dog attack whilst walking her own dog, again, no Police action. Do you think we are getting the service we pay for & deserve from the Police? Can the council do more to protect us? Should PCC be scrapped ASAP.”

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Lynn Vera, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Will the funding allocated to 2021 Airshow be rolled over to 2022, negating the need for a Council Tax increase of the maximum legal amount ?”

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Margaret Sloan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“On 8th November, BBC news aired a moving piece about forced adoptions in the 1960s, including the experiences of a Sunderland resident. The video was among the top 5 most watched videos on the BBC News website the following day. Can I please ask for the Council’s full support for the upcoming Parliamentary inquiry, and for the calls for a government apology to the women involved?”

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Peter Noble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“Sunderland City Council places 2 Labour councillors on the board of Gentoo, each attracting a salary of around £10,000.

Homeowners in Oxclose, Albany and Fatfield are currently being held to ransom by Gentoo with demands of £3000 to replace pipework and radiators as part of the district heating system replacement.

Can you explain the relationship between Sunderland City Council and Gentoo and how this relationship is being used to influence Gentoo to treat these homeowners fairly?”

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Steven Donkin, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“The Financial Conduct Authority requires of not-for-profit Societies, such as Gentoo, that: " in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large". In the matter of the replacement of the Washington District Heating System does the Council Leader believe Gentoo are being fair to residents and does he believe that Gentoo is fully complying with the word and spirit of its FCA obligations?”

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Gerard Joseph, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 17 November 2021.

“How do the Council intend to support vulnerable homeowners impacted by the closure of the District Heating Scheme. Gentoo intends to hand back pipework and radiators that date back to the 1970s and have not been maintained to a good standard as per the Restrictive Covenants which were written by Sunderland Councils legal team?”

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