

Questions for Council 24 March 2021

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Memo

My ref JB/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr James Blackburn	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Hetton Nursery School		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor James Blackburn		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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As the Leader knows because of my many discussions with him, there is much concern in Hetton about the proposed closure of Hetton Nursery School. Can the Leader tell me what steps have been taken to save this nursery and ensure its long-term viability and are there any unused council funding streams that can be used for this purpose?

Councillor James Blackburn

Memo

My ref MD/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Michael Dixon	Date	08.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Decision on Tender		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the Portfolio Holder give some background as to the decision to accept the tender of £900,000 for the construction of 5 proposed council-owned bungalows in Shiney Row, by answering the following questions?

Was this the only tender submitted?

If other tenders were submitted for consideration, were any of them lower than the one for £900,000 that was accepted, and, if so, by how much?

Councillor Michael Dixon

Memo

My ref SW/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Susan Watson	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Easter Holidays		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Susan Watson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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How are the Council and partners supporting disadvantaged families over the Easter holidays?’

Councillor Susan Watson

Memo

My ref AM/KH
Your ref

From	Cllr Antony Mullen	Date	09.03.2021
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Workplace hygiene and environment		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Antony Mullen		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Does the Leader of the Council believe that all Council employees have a right to work in a safe and hygienic environment?

Councillor Antony Mullen

Councillor

Memo

My ref DW/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Debra Waller	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Climate Change		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Debra Waller		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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I note with dismay the decision of the opposition parties at the recent budget meeting to support a Lib/Dem amendment that would have permanently removed the £1m annual funding set up by this Council to combat climate change. Could the Leader please outline the vision of this council and our partners that would have been jeopardised if such a reckless proposal had been agreed.

Councillor Debra Waller

Memo

My ref DM/KH
Your ref

From	Cllr Dominic McDonough	Date	09.03.2021
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 New City Hall Furniture		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Dominic McDonough		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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After it was revealed that the bill for the furniture for the new City Hall was going to reach over £3 million, would the leader of the Council please provide a cost breakdown and let us know if he believes the price tag represents value for money for city taxpayers?

Councillor Dominic McDonough

Councillor

Memo

My ref MM/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Michael Mordey	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Long Term Plans for Sunnyside		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Mordey		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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There are a many excellent regeneration projects currently underway across the City that once complete will transform the face of Sunderland. Could the Leader of the Council outline the long-term plans for the Sunnyside area of the City Centre; so, it too can reach its full potential.

Councillor Michael Mordey

Memo

My ref PW/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Peter Wood	Date	15.03.2021
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 School Streets Scheme		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Peter Wood		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Will the Council be introducing any pilot "school streets" schemes during the next financial year?

Councillor Peter Wood

Memo

My ref AL/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Anne Lawson	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Community Facilities at Herrington Country Park		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Anne Lawson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the Leader please provide an update on plans for the development of community facilities at Herrington Country Park?

Councillor Anne Lawson

Memo

My ref AM/KH
Your ref

From	Cllr Antony Mullen	Date	16.03.2021
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Royal Hospital CPMS		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Antony Mullen		
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Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that residents of Ettrick Grove and West Hill deserve a second vote on their streets' inclusion in the Royal Hospital CPMS and, if so, will he commit to a Council consultation taking place by the end of 2021?

Councillor Antony Mullen

Memo

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From	Cllr Patricia Smith	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Mental Health and Support Services		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Patricia Smith		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Can the Leader appraise Council of the mental health and support services, currently being provided to children and young people in school and the wider community and what plans there are to improve these?

Councillor Patricia Smith

Memo

My ref JMcK/KH
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From	Cllr Joshua McKeith	Date	17.03.2021
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Roker Park Caves		
To	Leader of the Council		
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Will the Portfolio Holder outline a roadmap for reopening the Roker Park caves?

Councillor Joshua McKeith

Memo

My ref DW/SF
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From	Cllr Denny Wilson	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Anti Social Behaviour		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Denny Wilson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the Leader comment on the efforts made by this council to combat anti-social behaviour in our city, such as fly tipping, littering and dog fouling in our streets.

Councillor Denny Wilson

Memo

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From	Cllr Joshua McKeith	Date	17.03.2021
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	The Old Pier in Roker		
To	Leader of the Council		
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The old pier in Roker is in a dangerous state and is not fit for visitors to enjoy. Will the Leader look into repairing it?

Councillor Joshua McKeith

Memo

My ref DD/SF
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From	Cllr Darryl Dixon	Date	15.03.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 24th March 2021		
	Community Wealth Building Programme		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Darryl Dixon		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Indicators of deprivation demonstrate that many people in Sunderland live in poverty and is the reason this council is pursuing a Community Wealth Building programme. Could the Leader provide an update on the work undertaken by the council to facilitate communities working together to improve their neighbourhoods and themselves?

Councillor Darryl Dixon