

Questions for Council 15 September 2021

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My ref JB/SF
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Memo

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From	Cllr James Blackburn	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Improving the lives of residents		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor James Blackburn		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Could the Leader update members on the impact our Council has had on improving the lives of residents in local communities, for example Hetton?

Councillor James Blackburn

My ref UA/SF
Your ref

Memo

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From	Cllr Usman Ali	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Afghan Refugees		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Usman Ali		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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As Sunderland prepares to take in Afghan refugees, can the Leader outline the Council's plan for how and where they will be housed, cared for and integrated into the city's way of life?

Councillor Usman Ali

My ref MH/SF
Your ref

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From	Cllr Martin Haswell	Date	08.09.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Changes to Bin Collections		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Martin Haswell		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Can the Leader assure residents that the Council will continue to empty resident waste bins where the lid is not completely closed and collect single refuse bags of waste left beside the bin as is done currently?

Councillor Martin Haswell

My ref MS/SF
Your ref

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From	Cllr Mel Speding	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Recent Ofsted		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Mel Speding		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Could the leader explain how the recent successful Ofsted by TfC was achieved and what role our council played in that extraordinary judgement?

Councillor Mel Speding

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From	Cllr Paul Donaghy	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Crime Rate in Ayton		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Paul Donaghy		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Contrary to the Leader's previous public statements, an FOI request revealed the crime rate in Ayton has almost doubled this year. Does the Leader wish to correct the record and will he outline his plan to cut crime in the area, addressing what he is doing in relation to Durham County Council's use of the Holiday Inn?

Councillor Paul Donaghy

My ref HF/SF
Your ref

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From	Cllr Heather Fagan	Date	08.09.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Councillor expenses claims		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Heather Fagan		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Can the Leader clarify under what circumstances information about expenses claimed by a councillor under the Members Allowances Scheme might not be made available to the public?

Councillor Heather Fagan

My ref TD/SF
Your ref

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From	Cllr Tracy Dodds	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Adopt Roads in the City		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Tracy Dodds		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Could the leader update members on attempts to obtain funding from Government to adopt roads in the city currently unadopted and his thoughts on whether these requests will be supported?

Councillor Tracy Dodds

My ref GP/SF
Your ref

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From	Cllr Gregory Peacock	Date	07.09.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	Environmental Services		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Gregory Peacock		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
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Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport confirm that the Council's Environmental Services department is now fully staffed, with all furloughed staff back in position?

Councillor Gregory Peacock

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From	Cllr Margaret Crosby	Date	08.09.21
Title	Ext		
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 15th September 2021		
	The rat problem in this city		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Margaret Crosby		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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When did the Leader have a change of heart and realise that the Liberal Democrats were right in January 2018 when we proposed action to tackle the rat problem in this city, including helping residents with the cost of domestic vermin control call outs?

Councillor Margaret Crosby