

Questions for Council 14 June 2023

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Memo

My ref JB/SF
Your ref

Q1

From	Cllr James Blackburn	Date	07.06.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 14th June 2023		
	Free 5G Internet Provision		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor James Blackburn		
	Chief Officers' Group		
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance		
	File		

Could the Leader inform Council when will we see free 5g Internet provision being rolled out to public buildings and places in Sunderland, Washington and the Coalfields?

Councillor James Blackburn

Memo

My ref MC/SF
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Q2

From	Cllr Margaret Crosby	Date	07.06.2023
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	PFI Palace		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Margaret Crosby		
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Can the Leader tell us if the new office of the Police and Crime Commissioner opening in City Hall / PFI Palace will benefit the coffers of the city council by bringing in a market rate rental income?

Councillor Margaret Crosby

Memo

My ref MH/SF
Your ref

Q3

From	Cllr Michael Hartnack	Date	07.06.2023
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	Catering for Meetings		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Hartnack		
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Could the Leader of the Council justify the hundreds of pounds a year, revealed through a recent FOI request, that the Council spends on providing catering for meetings, including the joint meeting of the Cabinet and Chief Officers, many of whom are on salaries of over £100,000?

Councillor Michael Hartnack

Memo

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Q4

From	Cllr Michael Walker	Date	07.06.2023
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 14th June 2023		
	Manifesto Pledges		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Walker		
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Could the Leader inform Council how many residents have benefited from Labour delivering on its manifesto pledges to introduce Free Bulky Waste Removal, Free Pest Control and Free Bins if stolen.

Councillor Michael Walker

Memo

My ref MB/SF
Your ref

From	Cllr Malcolm Bond	Date	07.06.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			Q5
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 14th June 2023		
	Sewage Dumping		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Malcolm Bond		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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The motion passed by Council on 12th November 2022 asked the Chief Executive to write to Northumbrian Water to urge them to reduce sewage outflows locally and commission an independent survey of the sewerage system in Sunderland. Can the Leader inform us of the dates and details of letters sent and any replies received?

Councillor Malcolm Bond

Memo

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Your ref

Q6

From	Cllr Dominic McDonough	Date	07.06.2023
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 14th June 2023 Free Hospitality at Concerts		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Dominic McDonough		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the cabinet member confirm if any members of the cabinet, chief officers or other councillors or staff members have accepted free hospitality at concerts held at the Stadium of Light this year, including the recent Beyonce and Pink concerts?

Councillor Dominic McDonough

Memo

My ref SL/SF
Your ref

Q7

From	Cllr Sean Laws	Date	07.06.2023
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 14th June 2023 Washington will be 60 next year		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Sean Laws		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Washington will be 60 next Year. Could the leader inform Council what we might expect as part of the celebrations?

Councillor Sean Laws

Memo

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Your ref

Q8

From	Cllr Andrew Wood	Date	07.06.2023
Title		Ext	
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	Burn Park		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Andrew Wood		
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There has been an investment in restoring a water fountain in Burn Park. Yet, it does not serve water. The pipes were cleaned and tested in February and again re-chlorinated and retested in March yet still have not passed Northumbria Water inspection. Why is the Council not holding third party contractors to account for services that residents pay for?

Councillor Andrew Wood

Memo

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Q9

From	Cllr Anthony Mullen	Date	07.06.2023
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	Fixed Speed Cameras		
To	Leader of the Council		
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Can the Leader outline what representations the Council has made to Northumbria Police, in light of new evidence that none of the fixed speed cameras in the city work, and outline how the Council will pursue the police until they deliver on their commitment to roll out new digital speed cameras?

Councillor Anthony Mullen