

## Questions for Council 16 November 2022

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Stephen Foster	<b>Date</b>	08.11.2022
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>Real Living Wage City</b>		

  

<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council
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	Councillor Stephen Foster
	Chief Officers' Group
	Assistant Director of Law and Governance
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Could the Leader update members on our joint working with anchor institutions and local employers to make Sunderland a Real Living Wage City?

Councillor Stephen Foster

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<b>From</b>	Cllr James Doyle	<b>Date</b>	08.11.2022
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>Environmental Impact of Council Events</b>		
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How does the Portfolio Holder propose to measure the environmental impact of Council events going forward, given the recent decision to use this as a decision criterion for cancelling the Sunderland Airshow?

Councillor James Doyle

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Niall Hodson	<b>Date</b>	09.11.2022
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>International Students in Sunderland</b>		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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The Leader will presumably have seen the concerning news reports in October of international students coming to Sunderland to study and finding a severe shortage of available housing. This has led to students going door-to-door in Millfield asking about spare rooms, and local churches stepping in to help students without anywhere to live. What conversations has the Council had with the University about this problem, and what steps are being taken to avoid it happening again?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Michael Butler	<b>Date</b>	08.11.2022
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>		
	<b>Domestic Abuse</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Michael Butler		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Could the Leader update members on what impact both Covid and the current cost of living crisis is having on domestic abuse cases in Sunderland and what we are doing to address this concern? How confident are we that our support meets the needs of our most vulnerable victims, including those with protected characteristics as well as those experiencing wider inequalities?

Councillor Michael Butler

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Sam Johnston	<b>Date</b>	08.11.2022
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>Free Parking after 3pm</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Sam Johnston		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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Can the Portfolio Holder explain why parking is free in the city centre after 3pm but not along the seafront, given that businesses here would also benefit from this support?

Councillor Sam Johnston

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Heather Fagan	<b>Date</b>	09.11.2022
<b>Title</b>	<b>Ext</b>		
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>Inspirational Women in Sunderland</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Heather Fagan		
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The Council's 'Sunderland 30 Years As A City' campaign included a list of 30 people who shaped our great city – but it only contained two women. Why doesn't the Council recognise and celebrate more women who have shaped Sunderland?

Councillor Heather Fagan

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Juliana Heron	<b>Date</b>	08.11.2022
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<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>		
	<b>Northumbria Police Service</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Juliana Heron		
	Chief Officers' Group		
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I note that recent figures on the number of police officers within the Northumbria region show we are still 485 officers less than 2010 due to the ongoing severe funding cuts introduced by this government. Could the Leader inform members how many additional officers Sunderland could receive if the Government fully funded the police service and how they could support our local communities?

Councillor Juliana Heron

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Stephen O'Brien	<b>Date</b>	09.11.2022
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>Impact of Rising Inflation in Sunderland</b>		
<b>To</b>	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Stephen O'Brien		
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Will the cost impact of rising inflation affect plans to build a new pedestrian footbridge over the River Wear?

Councillor Stephen O'Brien

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<b>From</b>	Cllr Greg Peacock	<b>Date</b>	09.10.2022
<b>Title</b>		<b>Ext</b>	
<b>Service</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question for Council – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>		
	<b>Damaged Road Surfaces</b>		
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'As we head once more from Autumn to Winter, we can already see the effect the weather is having on the road surfaces around the city. With heavy rain and imminent frost penetrating the surfaces and creating potholes and loose material, which creates a hazard to all road users, can the portfolio holder confirm the following:

1. Damaged road surfaces across the city will be prioritised for repair over the winter period to keep road users safe.
2. The council has a fully costed plan to ensure road surfacing repairs will be carried out in a timely manner in the future.'

Councillor Greg Peacock