

**Public Questions for Council
Wednesday 19 September 2018**

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Memo

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From	Head of Law and Governance	Date	13.09.18
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Subject	Public Question for Council – Wednesday 19 September 2018 – Holding Councillors accountable		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Chief Officers' Group		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Stephen Cuthbert, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

How do Sunderland City Council plan to react to accusations that a Council Member falsified evidence against a member of the public and presented it to police, surely there must be some disciplinary investigation or how can Council Members be held accountable for their actions in public office?

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Rod Hepplewhite, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

This is a two-part question:

What was the cost to the Council of the letters sent by Cllrs. Stephen O'Brien and Lynn Appleby in June this year to residents of Hastings Hill, the letters being printed on Council letterhead paper and posted in Council envelopes with postage paid via the Council's franking machine?

Will the Council be taking any action against Cllrs. Stephen O'Brien and Lynn Appleby to ensure no repeat of this?

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Nathan Davison, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

Could the Council please advise as to how many refuse wagons Sunderland City Council own and how often are they renewed?

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Richard Bradley and Helmut Izaks, residents of Sunderland, have submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

There is too much waste in Sunderland but pleading austerity as the reason for not being able to collect it doesn't make it go away. The previous Portfolio Holder took Sunderland into the bottom 10 Councils in England and Wales for reducing, reusing and recycling waste yet earned a promotion.

Will the new Portfolio Holder commit to reversing this trend and making Sunderland the best Council in the North East for waste reduction, reusing and recycling not the worst?

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Heather Fagan, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

I read with interest that the Council have increased the priority for grass cutting in the Doxford Ward due to it being a 'special case'.

This is great news for the residents of Doxford. However could the Council please explain exactly what this 'special case' is that means one ward had higher priority than others.

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June Humble, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

A survey on the condition of the civic centre was returned to the Council in May 2017, yet to date has still not been made public and it appears no decisions have been made as a result of the findings of this report.

Please explain what has been the reason for this long delay and provide a firm commitment (date) on when this report will actually be made public along with the decisions made from the findings.

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Dom Armstrong, a resident of Sunderland, has submitted the following question to be put to the Council meeting on 19 September 2018.

Under legislation introduced in 2010 councils are expected to perform a Community Governance Review every 10-15 years. I believe there is a good case for Washington to have its own Town Council and ask when Sunderland City Council plan to do their review so the residents of Washington can make clear how they wish to be governed?

Head of Law and Governance