

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 27 September 2012

ITEM 15

Title: Questions by
Members of the Council

Notice has been received of the following questions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting:

1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M A Finlay

When will the Mayor bring forward proposals for a full joint customer service centre in Wallsend, as detailed in Council policy, and will she organise for the current provision to be open on Saturday for the convenience of the public and encourage greater footfall in the centre of Wallsend?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M A Finlay

Would the Mayor inform us of the number of apprenticeships generated in North Tyneside since 2010?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M A Finlay

Following the recent flash floods in various areas in North Tyneside, I have been contacted by a number of residents about the proposed housing developments on green areas of Wallsend. What steps has the Council taken to estimate and manage the increase of water run off and drainage from those parts of the town affected by planning proposals?

4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M A Finlay

How many retail units have closed in Wallsend in the last two years?

5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P Oliver

At the Council meeting in July it was reported that the gullies at the top of Coach Lane, a main road were blocked with soil and had grass growing from them. On Monday 17th September the situation has not changed. Can the Mayor or Cabinet member guarantee a date by which the gullies will be cleared?

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor S Hill

Flooding in Rocket Way has been a problem for many years, caused by water running off inadequately drained fields owned by the Council and street gullies not being kept unblocked through regular attention. Will the Mayor specify a date when she will meet residents at one of their regular Tuesday evening meetings?

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor A Austin

Can the Elected Mayor update members on the exam results from the Borough's schools this summer?

8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor K Barrie

Could the Elected Mayor give the Council an update on the progress of the building of Council housing and on the Quality Homes for the Future, and her commitment to both these projects? Can she also tell members what consultation she has had with ward members?

9. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer

Could the Elected Mayor confirm when Jules Rutherford, Labour member for Wallsend ward, last attended a Council meeting, a committee meeting or a ward surgery and whether or not she is still in receipt of her taxpayer funded members' allowance? If the Elected Mayor does not have all the information, could she write to the leader of the Labour group to obtain information and release the answer into the public domain?

10. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord

Would the Mayor inform us of her considerations on the effect of charging for brown bin collections on the poorest residents who would previously have received Council Tax Benefit on the cost as it was included in the Council Tax?

11. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord

Would the Mayor inform us of the reasoning for a minimum charge of 20% of the full Council Tax on people with low wages as part of the change to Council Tax Benefit?