North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 29 November 2012

ITEM 16

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 K Barrie

"Can the Mayor give an update on the developments at Wallsend Parks?"

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor A Austin

"Could the Mayor give an update on the works at Foxhunters football facilities?"

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Sarin

"How will the outsourcing of the roads maintenance budget benefit the Borough's residents?"

4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P McIntyre

"What progress is the council making in reducing energy consumption and reducing its carbon footprint?"

5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor S Mortimer

"North Tyneside Council has recently been judged to have the best maintained environment in England and Wales for a borough with between 100,000 and 200,000 residents. How was this achieved?"

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J McLaughlin

"The Borough's waste management is widely appreciated by residents. Can these high standards be maintained within a programme of cost reduction?"

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor S Mortimer

"What action is the council taking to safeguard the borough's ash trees?"

Note: The Chair of Council has agreed to group together Questions 8 and 9, to enable a single response to be given."

8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M Finlay

"Can the Mayor explain to the Council why the redevelopment of Wallsend Park and Hall Grounds is so far behind schedule and why they will be closed for an extended period and has she been able to act upon my suggestion that at least the children's playground should be left open during the school holidays when there will be little or no heavy work going on?"

9. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor N J Huscroft

"Will the Mayor agree to investigate keeping Richardson Dees Park at least partially open while works continue in the Park?

Many residents have asked that access is maintained. While acknowledging that safety is of paramount importance, can the Mayor agree to look into maintaining safe pathways in the Park and keeping the Play Area open, perhaps by using strategically placed fencing?"

10. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor B Burdis

"Can the Mayor confirm that, from the date of the handover to Capita Symonds, Highways section vehicles spent two days in the depot being washed and polished because no-one had thought to apply for the necessary operators' license to enable them to go onto the roads?"

11. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor N J Huscroft

"Will the Mayor agree to arrange a briefing for elected members of Wallsend Wards to give an update on the current position with regard to the regeneration of Wallsend Town Centre and the North Banks of the Tyne?"