

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 27 June 2013

ITEM 11

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.

Questions 1 and 7 will be taken together.

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1. **Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord**

At the Council AGM we were told that the Mayor had already implemented her promise to have wardens in place in all sheltered housing. Could the Mayor inform us of how many there are, how she recruited these people so quickly and which budget did she use to pay them?

2. **Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord**

Before the election the Mayor pledged to go through the Council's finances line-by-line. Can the Mayor inform us if the current administration now understands the real financial position of the Authority and what it is?

3. **Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor NJ Huscroft**

The agreement that the first meeting of a scrutiny committee would be held at 6-00 pm to ascertain the best timing for members so that they could attend and make their contribution to scrutiny in the future. This appears not to have been done, despite agreement by the full council. Could the Mayor give us her opinion on the necessity of Chairs of committees keeping to Council Decisions.

4. **Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor MJ Huscroft**

Has the contract for Wallsend joint service centre been signed off and when?

5. **Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor MJ Huscroft**

Has the Mayor opened the books and gone through them line by line as she had promised in her election campaign? What did she find and were there any surprises?

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M Finlay

What is the position regarding Wallsend Park and Hall Grounds; how far behind schedule is the project, what is being done about it and when can we expect completion?

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P Mason

What will be the total costs of the new wardens in the sheltered accommodation, the posts for which have recently been advertised, and how will those costs be funded?

8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

Has the Mayor reduced her allowance by £10,000 pa, this being the sum by which the Labour Group proposed that the previous Mayor should reduce her allowance?