# North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 24 October 2013

**ITEM 12** 

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 4 and 5 will be taken together.

## 1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor E Hodson

'Could the Elected Mayor clarify her policy concerning the future use of the camera car, the class of offences it will survey and the revenues it will be expected to generate in fines?'

## 2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P McIntyre

'After extensive public consultation, Gateshead Council has implemented a voluntary scheme on a "stand alone" basis to some libraries, using their strapline "reduce choice, maintain access", and after similar public consultation, Sunderland Council is using a "hub and spoke" system after closing 9 libraries; which system does the Elected Mayor prefer for North Tyneside, and will residents be given the same level of consultation about the choices before any final decisions are made?'

# 3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P McIntyre

'What consultation will the Elected Mayor have with residents and relevant organisations about the planned increases in fees and charges for facilities and services, and the introduction of new charges for things which are currently free of charge?'

#### 4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P McIntyre

'As the Elected Mayor will be aware, the Wallsend Memorial Hall/Wallsend Hall Enterprises Ltd has gone into voluntary liquidation; she will also be aware that the Council is guarantor for that organisation's pension scheme. What impact does she think that this will have on the Council's budget?'

#### 5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor A Austin

'Has the Elected Mayor or the Council been in any talks with the former staff or trustees of the Wallsend People's Centre with regard to the charity continuing to operate the building using volunteers?'

#### 6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P Mason

'Does the Elected Mayor agree that the Housing Revenue Account selffinancing, put into place in 2012, was a good investment for North Tyneside Council?'

# 7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor K Barrie

'In the light of the problems experienced by residents of Cullercoats in getting to North Tyneside General Hospital at Rake Lane by public transport, what proposals does the Elected Mayor have to remedy the situation?'

# 8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

'Can the Elected Mayor tell us what plans there are, physical or financial, for changing the parking arrangements in Tynemouth Village?'

#### 9. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Wallace

'Will the Elected Mayor agree that it is unsatisfactory and undemocratic for the Labour Group to prevent questions being raised about reports to council by curtailing any discussion by moving immediately to the vote?'

## 10. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord

'As the leader of the opposition Ed Miliband MP, has promised to force developers to build on every available site, can the Mayor inform us of the impact this will have on North Tyneside Planning Policy?'