

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Council

### Date: 13 March 2014

#### 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. The Chair of Council has agreed to group together questions 2 and 3, to which a combined response will be given.

1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

Can the Elected Mayor confirm the PFI repayment in respect of the John Willie Sams Centre?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor A Austin

Can the Elected Mayor confirm that staff at Marden Bridge Sports Centre will be re-located without any jobs being lost?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor G Westwater

Can the Elected Mayor tell me what will happen to Marden Bridge Sports Centre if Marden Bridge Middle School cannot take over total responsibility from the Council for running the Centre?

4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor L Miller

This winter the south of England and Wales have been subjected to major storms and devastating flooding and this Borough has suffered similarly in the recent past as well. What steps is the Elected Mayor taking to upgrade flood prevention plans?

5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J McLaughlin

The Council has, in the past, expressed interest in becoming a bulk purchaser of energy – on behalf of the Borough- and passing on the economy of scale savings to residents and businesses. What progress has the Elected Mayor made to introduce such a scheme?

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor E Hodson

Could the Elected Mayor explain how she will represent the Borough in the new Combined Authority when it discusses transport?

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor E Hodson

The Elected Mayor is the Council's representative on the Newcastle Airport Board. Could she let us know her ambitions for the Airport and the earnings expected to flow, to the Council, in the near future.

8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P McIntyre

The Council has responsibility for reducing carbon emissions across the whole Borough – as a duty set out in the Mayors' Covenant to which the Council is a signatory.

The Council has, in the past, expressed support for the supply of geothermal heating of factories and residences in the Borough. What progress has the Elected Mayor made to fast track this important carbon saving project?

9. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P Mason

Can the Elected Mayor tell us what independent valuations were obtained for the Wallsend Town Hall and the former Police station in Wallsend prior to the sale of the former and purchase of the latter?

10. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor P Mason

Would the Elected Mayor clarify whether council house tenants are paying for a full time trade union representative from the Housing Revenue Account?

11. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M Finlay

We have previously agreed that training, education and research would be fundamental to supporting the new technologies we want to see establishing themselves on the riverside. There is no reference to the hoped for "Learning Village" in the Jupiter Park site. Can the Mayor explain what support is going to be offered for education and training at levels 3 to 5 and beyond in the Swans site (Jupiter Park)?