

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 24 July 2014

ITEM 1

Title: Questions by
Members of the Public

Notice has been received of the following questions from members of the public to be put to the Council meeting.

1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Ms D Reay of Whitley Bay

The North Tyneside schools review - the council website information says that phased implementation of any changes will start in September 2015. Is this still the case or has this date changed?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr S Cowen of North Shields

Does the Mayor agree that streets in North Shields town centre, particularly William Street, Stanley Street, Saville Street West and Rudeyard Street have been neglected by the Council for a number of years and the condition of the roads and pavements, the amount of litter and weeds and the lack of trees seriously damages the image and reputation of the town, is an embarrassment to both the residents of North Shields and the Council and this neglect clearly demonstrates a complete disregard for the town by the Council compared to other areas within North Tyneside such as Cullercoats, Tynemouth, Whitley Bay and Monkseaton?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mrs M Hall of Whitley Bay

Is the Council liable to cut trees down, that they own, if they are causing light issues and television interference to a number of people on a residential site in North Tyneside?

4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mrs G Barrie of North Shields

Many people walk from the Fish Quay area into North Shields town centre. Does the Mayor agree that there are insufficient toilet facilities for the public following the closure of the public conveniences on Saville Street and would she consider re-opening these toilets in the future.

5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr D Owen of North Shields

As we have in the North East a fantastic car manufacturing industry which has brought thousands of jobs to our local area, does the Mayor agree with the comment made by Councillor Lott at the recent North East Combined Transport Meeting that “if we have a public enemy No 1 now, it is the motor car”?

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr A O'Brien of North Shields

As Northumberland Park in North Shields is due to re-open soon after work is completed with a £2.2 million Parks for People grant, I would like to ask the Elected Mayor are there any plans by the Council to put dog restrictions on the park to make this a better environment for children and families?

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr F Austin of Whitley Bay

A recent article in The News Guardian mentions a joint initiative between the Police and North Tyneside Council entitled “Operation Respect” with its aim being to target anti-social behaviour and crime that is having an adverse effect on residents.

A quote from a Council officer states:

“North Tyneside is a wonderful place to live, work and visit and we will not allow a minority to spoil it”.

At this point in time there are four separate locations within Whitley Bay where residents and business people alike are having their daily lives disrupted by extreme anti-social behaviour and crime related incidents, their complaints are being largely ignored, particularly by Council officers.

I would like to ask the Elected Mayor if she will agree to meet with those residents and business people that are being affected and listen to their concerns personally?