

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 25 September 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.

1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor S Day

Can the Elected Mayor confirm, that following the reintroduction of street theatre and the Jazz tent at this year's Mouth of the Tyne Festival, that this will continue at future Mouth of Tyne Events?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Pickard

Can the Elected Mayor inform the Council what extra events she plans for the run up to Christmas?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor S Day

Can the Elected Mayor confirm that she intends to scrap the ease Extra Library Premier Membership Scheme?

4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J O'Shea

Does the Elected Mayor welcome, as do the Monkseaton South and Whitley Bay Councillors, the proposal contained in the Education Review that the current three tier system be retained in the Whitley Bay and Monkseaton area?

5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord

How many children have been permanently moved between schools in the borough under the Managed Move and Fair Access protocols?

6. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Ord

Can the Mayor confirm that it is Council Policy not to remove any healthy trees irrespective of the health and safety risk implications of the height and density of any tree populated area?

7. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor E Hodson

Recently it has been reported that some schools in Birmingham have been persuaded to educate children in Islamic rather than the British culture and some schools have been closed as a result.

Can the Elected Mayor assure the British people of North Tyneside that none of the Borough's schools are seeking to educate children other than within the British culture buttressed by democracy, the English language and English law?

8. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor E Hodson

It has been reported that 80% of tanning studios in North Tyneside are exposing clients to greater than the safe level of cancer-causing ultra violet radiation.

What action is the Elected Mayor taking to remedy this situation, expeditiously?

9. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Wallace

What plans are there to replace promptly the attraction of the Board Walk café?

10. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

Can the Elected Mayor tell me why there was no consultation about the closure of the Board Walk café?

11. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

In the light of the appalling revelations in Rotherham and the ongoing local investigation into child abuse, what reassurance can the Elected Mayor give the residents of North Tyneside, a Local Authority without a designated Head of Safeguarding, that their young people are, and will continue to be, properly looked after?

12. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor D Lilly

Can the Elected Mayor confirm that all staff previously placed at Marden Bridge Sports Centre are still employed by the Local Authority and can she indicate where they are deployed?

13. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Wallace

The Government has provided over a third of a million pounds for pothole repairs to North Tyneside.

Can the Elected Mayor tell me what criteria have been used to distribute this money equitably amongst all wards in the Borough?

14. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Wallace

If there is a 'Yes' vote in the Scottish referendum what plans has the Elected Mayor in place to attract businesses to come to the North East since many have indicated their intention to relocate to England; if there is a 'No' vote what plans has the Mayor in place to attract businesses to move to North Tyneside since the SNP has indicated it will seek a further referendum which will cause continued uncertainty in Scotland?

15. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J McLaughlin

We recognise that there is a balance to be struck between the need of highway users and that of businesses to promote themselves, so can the Elected Mayor confirm what the Council's policy is with regard to what appears to be the proliferation of A boards on pavements in our main towns?

16. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor J McLaughlin

EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, reported recently that three quarters of manufacturing firms were struggling to find staff with the right skills. Research commissioned by the LGA contrasts the 94,000 people trained in hair and beauty for just 18,000 new jobs in that sector in 2012, with the 123,000 people trained for around 275,000 advertised construction jobs, more than two jobs for every qualified person.

Basic skills were also a concern, weaknesses in employees' literacy, numeracy and ICT skills were reported by half of employers surveyed by the CBI in 2012, alongside high dissatisfaction with the self-management, social and customer service skills of school and college leavers.

Can the Elected Mayor explain what she is doing to tackle local growth and the skills system in order to understand the barriers that local businesses, the LEP and the Authority face in bringing employers and skills providers together and matching provision with need?