

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

20 July 2023

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 J Wallace

"Healthy Start Grants are available to some pregnant women and some families with children under 4 years old, to enable them to buy additional healthy food such as milk, fruit and vegetables, and to get free vitamins, all of which contribute to a healthier life style with long term benefits.

The take up in England is around 66% but much higher in Scotland.

Can the Elected Mayor tell me what steps the Council has taken to encourage applications for these grants in North Tyneside?"

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor M Thirlaway

At least 100 people in North Tyneside were denied a vote during the local elections in North Tyneside with potentially many more put off from turning up to the polling stations in the first place. Does the Elected Mayor agree with me that central government should be making it easier for people to vote legally and that compulsory photographic identification at polling stations is unnecessary, undemocratic, and amounts to voter suppression, especially in more deprived area?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor L Bones

In September 2022 Council passed a motion asking the Mayor to invite the PCC to give an update on progress on her policing priorities annually to Full Council, and take questions from members on the update. This is the last meeting before a year will have passed without an annual update and opportunity to scrutinise the PCC. Can the Mayor confirm whether Ms McGuinness has been invited and declined or hasn't been invited in the first place?