

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

19 September 2024

Title: Questions by Members of the Council

1. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor David Lilly

Who, decided to alter the configuration of the Farringdon Road, Mast Lane and Broadway roundabout, and for what purpose?

2. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Liam Bones

Does the Mayor agree with Cllr Kirwin that councillors currently have to 'jump through endless hoops to get jobs done' and what discussions has she had regarding setting up new committees to allow Councillors to better oversee the running of local services?

Source : x.com/JoeKirwin/status/1832338240675647819

3. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor John Johnsson

The single person council tax discount provides vital financial relief to individuals living alone by reducing their council tax by 25%. This helps ensure fairness, as council tax is usually based on the assumption of multiple contributors in a household. The discount is especially beneficial for those on low or fixed incomes, such as pensioners or single parents. Can the Mayor please reassure residents across North Tyneside that they will continue to receive their single person Council Tax discount in the next financial year?

4. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Liam Bones

What impact will new housing targets have on North Tyneside's existing local plan and how many additional houses will need to be built over the next ten years to meet the government's new targets?

5. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Ian McAlpine

In light of the new NPPF consultation can the Mayor assure my residents that greenbelt land to the North of St Mary's Ward will continue to be protected from development?

6. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Liam Bones

The new Mayor of the North East has committed to "think differently, work differently, and to start to build new ways of funding things" following the government's failure to commit to funding the Leamside line. What discussions have been had at a combined authority level with regards to a new way of funding the proposed cobalt link to the Metro System?

Source - <https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/metro-expansion-plans-questioned-after-29885466>

7. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Jay Bartoli

Please can the cabinet member provide an update on works on the coast road, updated timescales and when it is now envisaged the road will return to national speed limit?

8. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Claire McGinty

Nicole Jacobs, the domestic abuse commissioner, has raised serious concerns following the release of hundreds of domestic abuse perpetrators from prison before the end of their sentence. She said domestic abuse victims and survivors were particularly vulnerable because their perpetrators were more likely to have contact with them, know where they lived and work or know their family, compared with other criminals being freed.

What additional work is being done by the North Tyneside Domestic Abuse Partnership following the early release of hundreds of prisoners to ensure survivors of domestic abuse receive additional support and protection.