

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

23 January 2025

Title: Questions by Members of the Council

1. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Liam Bones

Will the Mayor commit to the replenishment of poverty intervention fund to the full total of £1million in the 25/26 budget?

2. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Dave Lilly

With the confirmed closure of Monkseaton High School what criteria will be applied to allocate future pupils to their High Schools.

3. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Dave Lilly

Will the Mayor guarantee the future of Monkseaton Middle School in light of the Labour Cabinet's decision to close Monkseaton High School?

4. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Liam Bones

Can the Mayor provide an update on the winter fuel voucher scheme, including how many people have now received vouchers, how many incorrect vouchers were issued, how many residents were unable to use the vouchers over Christmas as a result of the error and why no communications took place with local shops to explain the scheme, resulting in many not having enough cash on-site to pay out.

5. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Olly Scargill

In 2019 Cabinet agreed to the freehold sale of the eastern section of the Innisfree Allotments for the sum total of £1. How much was the land estimated to be worth and how much rental income has been foregone since the sale in 2019?

6. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor John Johnsson

At a recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny committee the Mayor said that water problems in Cullercoats bay, which date back to 2017, have “gone on long enough” - please can the mayor outline why it has taken her so long to come to this conclusion and when residents can expect the water quality rating to go up?

7. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Kristin Knott

As councillors, we all know how much of a priority repairing potholes is for our residents. Could the Mayor confirm how much additional funding the council has received from the Government following the announcement at the end of last year and update members on the progress of Capita coming back in house at the start of the month?

8. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Martin Murphy

Our outstanding Children's Services do a fantastic job preparing children for life after care. Is there any more we can do to increase the number of care leavers who attend university?

9. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Jim Montague

Child poverty in the North East has increased by 44% during the last Conservative Government. Last year, on taking office the Mayor of the North East, Kim McGuinness, made tackling child poverty her number one policy priority. How will the Elected Mayor work with Kim McGuinness and

the North East Combined Authority to tackle child poverty in North Tyneside?

10. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Charlie Gray

After 14 years of austerity, the NHS is really struggling while millions of people don't receive the care they need and deserve. The winter flu season has demonstrated the consequences of underfunding the NHS by successive Conservative governments, will the Elected Mayor explain what North Tyneside Council is doing to protect public health in North Tyneside?

11. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Matthew Thirlaway

Would the Elected Mayor tell us how many children in total have benefited from the work of the Poverty Intervention Fund since it was first established?

12. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Sarah Day

How can we work together with our regional Mayor Kim McGuinness and the Police and Crime Commissioner to create a situation where women and girls can have increased trust, confidence, and perceptions of safety when walking our streets?

13. Question to the elected Mayor from Tracey Hallway

As we welcome the regional government's commitment to deliver a zero-tolerance policy towards hate crime and harassment on public transport, what sorts of new measures can women in North Tyneside expect to see when they travel on bus and Metro?