

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

22 July 2021

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 from Mr G Spedding of North Shields

What will the Mayor do to develop wards that currently suffer extreme poverty and feel left behind by North Tyneside Council - such as Chirton Ward and Preston Ward - and if there will be any further funding allocation to help alleviate poverty in the borough?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor from Mr J Christie of Wallsend

Within the roles and portfolios assigned to Cabinet members, one of those roles is that of a Cycling Champion.

As a Council organisation, there is a lot of publicity generated about the role of Bikeability for school children, and the occasional advertisement of Bikeability courses for adults too.

Whilst this publicity is welcome, there still appears to be a disconnect between what the Council perceive what cyclists experience, and the actual reality.

A full, practical, understanding of Bikeability would be of great benefit to any Cycling Champion of the Cabinet. This would supplement any regular cycling that individual undertakes in, and around, the Borough.

It would also highlight how seriously the Mayor, and the Cabinet, view Cycling in the Borough, strengthening the integrity of how the role is viewed by its citizens, and the cycling community.

Putting to one side the ongoing cycling consultation, please can the Mayor and Cabinet commit to any current, and future, Cycling Champion to undertake the full, practical, Bikeability course to Level 3 standard?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor from Ms P Remfry of Wallsend

Given the Council's commitment, contained in its Local Plan, to building a further 5,000+ homes in the borough over the next 10 years, what plans are in place to ensure that the carbon emissions from these new homes support the Council's net zero carbon target for the borough for 2030? Does the Council have plans to ensure that houses currently being built have higher energy standards than originally planned by the developers?