

Questions for Council 23rd November 2016

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Note: The order in which questions will be asked will be determined by the Mayor.

Unless an extension of time is agreed, question time will last 30 minutes. Any question which is not dealt with because of lack of time will be dealt with by a written answer.

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – General Waste and Recycling		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for City Services whether the Council is planning to reduce the frequency of i) general waste and ii) recycling wheelie bins in the next 12 months?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref MD/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Michael Dixon	Date	17.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Community Parking Management Scheme		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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Due to the success of the Community Parking Management Scheme in the immediate locality, the Gorse Road car park is being used much more. With added revenue now being obtained, would the Portfolio Holder consider bringing this car park, which is situated close to the city centre, up to acceptable standards, after many years of neglect?

Councillor Michael Dixon

Memo

My ref MB/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Margaret Beck	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – 2016 Sunderland Illuminations		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Margaret Beck		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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Would the Leader of the Council comment on the success of this year's Sunderland Illuminations?

Councillor Margaret Beck

Memo

My ref MD/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Michael Dixon	Date	17.11.06
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Key Cities		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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What are the main economic benefits for Sunderland being part of the Group of Key Cities?

Councillor Michael Dixon

Memo

My ref DD/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Darryl Dixon	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Hospital “Alliance”		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Darryl Dixon		
	Executive Management Team		
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A lot of people in Sunderland are concerned about the impact on services that the new alliance between Sunderland and South Tyneside NHS trusts could have.

What assessments has the Leader of the Council made on the merits of such an alliance and on the quality of the public consultation?

Councillor Darryl Dixon

Memo

My ref RF/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor R Francis	Date	18.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Collection of Household Waste		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor R Francis		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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Can the Leader inform the council of any considerations that are being given to changes in the collection of household waste?

Councillor R Francis

Memo

My ref ME/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Michael Essl	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Christmas 2016 in Sunderland		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Essl		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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Would the Leader of the Council be able to inform Council as to the programme of events and activities that is being provided this Christmas in Sunderland by the City Council and our partners?

Councillor Michael Essl

Memo

My ref MD/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Michael Dixon	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Litter and Fly Tipping		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Michael Dixon		
	Executive Management Team		
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In order to assist with the workload of current staff, would the Portfolio Holder consider the Council engaging the services of any suitable, specialist private firm in an attempt to increase the numbers of those fined/prosecuted for dropping litter and fly tipping?

Councillor Michael Dixon

Memo

My ref JJ/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Julia Jackson	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Public Space Protection Orders		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Julia Jackson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Would the Leader of the Council comment on the process so far on the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders?

Councillor Julia Jackson

Memo

My ref PW/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Peter Wood	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Future of NECA		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Peter Wood		
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Bearing in mind reports that Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside Councils are currently seeking an exit strategy from the North East Combined Authority, what future does that body have under your chairmanship?

Councillor Peter Wood

Memo

My ref BMcC/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Barbara McClennan	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Empty Properties in Hendon Ward		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Barbara McClennan		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Like some other areas of the City, Hendon Ward has a high number of empty properties.

What further can the Council do to help protect communities like the ones I represent from the negative impacts of having so many empty properties?

Councillor Barbara McClennan

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Collection of Litter Bins and Dog Waste Bins		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for City Services if the Council has any plans to reduce
a) the number of, and b) the frequency of, collections of i) litter bins and ii) dog waste
bins across the city?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref PW/AG
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From	Councillor Peter Wood	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Rail Services		
To	Leader of the Council		
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It is rumoured the new Northern *Direct* rail service between Middlesbrough, Newcastle and Carlisle will be routed via Durham rather than Sunderland.

What discussions has the Council had with Northern Rail about the development of services for the city during the current rail franchise?

Councillor Peter Wood

Memo

My ref AT/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Tony Taylor	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – “Facebook Fly-tippers”		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Tony Taylor		
	Executive Management Team		
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Some areas across the City are becoming targets for professional fly-tippers or as they are called on social media “Facebook Fly-tippers”.

Would the portfolio holder responsible comment on what is being done to end this anti-social practice?

Councillor Tony Taylor

Memo

My ref PW/AG
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From	Councillor Peter Wood	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Sunniside Car Park		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Peter Wood		
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When will *all* of the ticket machines at the Sunniside multi-storey car park be in *full* working order?

How long is it since they were all *fully* operational?

Councillor Peter Wood

Memo

My ref DT/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Dorothy Trueman	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Winter Maintenance		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Dorothy Trueman		
	Executive Management Team		
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Press reports have again warned of a severe winter ahead this year. What assurance can the Leader of the Council give the residents of Sunderland that the City is prepared for any such occurrence?

Councillor Dorothy Trueman

Memo

My ref RO/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Robert Oliver	Date	21.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Football Club Concerts		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Robert Oliver		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
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Could the Leader of the Council state how many grants, and of what value, have been made to the football club in respect of concerts in the last four years?

Councillor Robert Oliver

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Review of Advisory Disabled Parking Bays		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
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To ask the Leader of the Council, if he will update the Council on the review of advisory disabled parking bays?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Stolen Wheelie Bins		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for City Services, if he will review the Council's policy of charging residents to replace a stolen wheelie bin unless they have a crime number?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Increased Parking Enforcement		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for City Services, if increased parking enforcement will include hotspots at i) junctions with Chester and Hylton Roads ii) streets around Sunderland University's city campus?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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My ref NH/AG
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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Network Rail		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
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To ask the Leader of the Council, what discussions the council has had with Network Rail regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the Monkwearmouth Railway Bridge?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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My ref NH/AG
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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Monkwearmouth Station Museum		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellness and Culture, if he will update the council about the future of Monkwearmouth Station Museum?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Leamside Line		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
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To ask the Leader of the Council, what recent representations the Council has made to the Department for Transport about reopening the Leamside Line?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref NH/AG
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From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – 2021 City of Culture Bid		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellness and Culture, what lessons the Council is learning from Hull as we prepare our 2021 City of Culture bid?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Sustainability and Transformation Plan for NHS Services in Sunderland		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Services, what discussions they have had with health authorities regarding the Sustainability and Transformation plan for NHS services in Sunderland?

Councillor Niall Hodson

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My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
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Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Devolution Deal		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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To ask the Leader of the Council, what assessment he had made of the prospects of a devolution deal for Sunderland following reports that Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland Councils are looking to negotiate their own their own deal with the government?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Large National Retailers		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
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	Head of Law and Governance		
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To ask the Leader of the Council, what steps he is taking to encourage large national retailers to come to – and stay in – Sunderland City Centre?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – 20mph – Millfield and Thornholme Ward		
To	Leader of the Council		
Copied to	The Mayor		
	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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To ask the Portfolio Holder for City Services if the council has any proposals to introduce 20 miles per hour zones in the Millfield and Thornholme Ward?

Councillor Niall Hodson

Memo

My ref NH/AG
Your ref

From	Councillor Niall Hodson	Date	15.11.16
Title		Ext	
Service			
Subject	Question for Council – Wednesday 23 November 2016 – Green Garden Waste		
To	Leader of the Council		
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	Councillor Niall Hodson		
	Executive Management Team		
	Head of Financial Resources		
	Head of Law and Governance		
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To ask the portfolio holder for City Services, will there be an increase in the cost of green garden waste collections, and if so, by how much?

Councillor Niall Hodson