

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

23 November 2017

ITEM 1

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 by Ms Skeldon of North Shields

I wanted to ask what the council is doing to tackle the increase of drug use in the borough. I live next to a Stonham supported housing scheme and the drug use here and in North Shields in general has visibly risen in the past 12 months.

I have witnessed on many occasions drug deals being done in the street and there seems to be little being done to curb or control this.

We have reported instances to the correct authorities but it would seem nothing is done about it, the exchange of drugs for money is so blatant, the dealers don't even try to hide what they are doing!

It concerns me greatly that the people that are seen hanging round the metro station and the centre of North Shields are stoned and/or drunk and I have witnessed anti social behaviour because of this on too many occasions to even list. It's now got to the stage where there seems little point in reporting incidents as nothing seems to ever be done about it.

2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Ms Quinn of Shiremoor

How many more green areas are to be lost to expensive unaffordable housing estates in North Tyneside? There are empty properties in the borough do we really need all these new estates with houses priced over £250,000. There are a number of brown sites and derelict buildings in North Shields and around North Tyneside that should be built on before green fields

3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr Curruthers of Earsdon

Given the go ahead for the developers to build on Murton Gap, what modelling of the increased volume of traffic has been carried out with regards of the bypass and additional roundabout on the A186.

This development headlines the area as a good place to live, this development is severely stretching resources of the infrastructure, why are planners allowing housing to be developed on road choke points, holystone, Backworth, Station Road all built adjacent to roundabouts which when fully populated will increase commuter misery. The current "road improvements" when eventually completed

will not be sufficient to manage this. Surely a better investment would be to build large free car parks at metro stations to relieve the roads.

4 Question to the Elected Mayor by Ms Baxter of Whitley Bay

I would like to ask whether anybody has been along The Broadway, namely from the football field at Links Road towards Tynemouth and seen how dark the pavements are. Lights only appear to be on one side and a long distance apart which means the pavements are extremely dark and frankly I wouldn't feel happy walking along them at night. The seafront at Beaconsfield is the same, very few lights very far apart. I can remember when it was policy to make sure pavements were well lit has the cost now taken over people's safety.

A lot of pavements are too dark as the lights are too high and too far apart. Just walk along the Broadway and see.

5 Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr Jarrett of North Shields

What is North Tyneside Council doing to prevent implementation of STPs and the CCG's planned closure of walk-in centres?

6 Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr & Mrs Whittle of Benton

Having suffered several 'near misses' at the junction of Station Road and Glebe Avenue in Benton and having received no response to my query of the Highways department, what measures can be put in place to reduce the speed of vehicles along Station Road and avoid a serious accident at the Glebe Avenue junction?