

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling:

1. Please can the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Recycling give an update on the Council's investigation which was launched earlier this year into the foul odours that are believed to be coming from the Walley's Quarry Landfill at Cemetery Road.

Cllr Andy Fear
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To the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing:

2. Can the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing update this Council on current and proposed plans to ensure good quality and safe private rented accommodation in the Borough?

Cllr Tony Kearon
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To the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling:

3. Could the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling confirm if the landfill site at Walleys Quarry is producing hydrogen sulphite? If so, in what quantities and have the Council sought a guarantee from the Environmental agency that this is not harmful to residents living near to the site?.

Cllr Dave Jones
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To the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth:

4. Can the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth please explain to the Council and residents why the next phase of the Joint Local Plan has been delayed yet again, to February 2020, despite previous assurances at Full Council on 3 April 2019 that the draft Local Plan would 'be done by the Autumn' of this year?

Cllr Kyle Robinson
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To the Leader of the Council:

5. In a recent newspaper article titled 'Landlady was forced to shut for six weeks as this North Staffordshire pub is flooded four times since July', Staffordshire County Council stated that Newcastle Borough Council is responsible for the clearance of the culvert face at Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove. Can the Leader of the Council inform me precisely what Newcastle Borough Council is doing to resolve this issue in order to prevent a repeat of the misery and devastation that The Canal Tavern pub, its customers and local residents have faced every time there is heavy rainfall?

Cllr Kyle Robinson
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To the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency:

- 6. Can the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency assure Council that this administration is confident that civil contingencies and emergency planning for the borough are adequately financed, supported and fit for purpose, and are there any plans to review these plans.

Cllr Andrew Fox-Hewitt

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To the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency:

- 7. Following the success of the themed markets in the town centre can the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency outline some of his future plans to continue the revitalisation of our historic market?

Cllr Andrew Parker

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To the Leader of the Council:

- 8. Can the Leader of the Council outline the latest position regarding the Ministerial Direction relating to air quality in the borough?

Cllr Jenny Cooper

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To the Leader of the Council:

- 9. The RSPCA is lobbying councils to do more to raise awareness about the negative impact fireworks can have on wild animals and pets. The RSPCA are not calling for a blanket ban on fireworks, but the organisation is asking councils to consider writing to the government to ask for tougher regulation around the private use of fireworks. Will the Council consider supporting the RSPCA on this matter?

Cllr Sylvia Dymond

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