

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment:

1. Leaving out a waste bin on the pavement days after a collection has been made is a practice which the Borough Council would want to discourage. Bins left out in this way block pavements with the result that passers by are often obliged to walk in the road. I understand that as a last resort local authorities can issue a fixed penalty if a bin is persistently left on a pavement. The issuing of a fixed penalty must be a last resort which is only applied when persuasion has failed. Can the Portfolio Holder outline the action or actions the Borough Council proposes to take to encourage householders to be good neighbours and not leave their bins out on pavements days after a collection has taken place?

Cllr Richard Gorton

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To the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centres and Growth

2. Capital & Centric's business model based on 'Driving value through ownership' has clearly been successful for them, and will hopefully be successful for Newcastle. It is accepted that the projects and their costs and benefits will be put through consultation and scrutiny. With 'ownership' comes responsibility - and at the moment we still own these sites. Selling them, and others, off to relieve ourselves of debt may or may not be appropriate in future-proofing ourselves financially. To make these decisions, can we be assured that the progression of the projects will be offered for scrutiny with full disclosure of any changes and modifications which arise in the course of realisation?

Cllr Wendy Brockie

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