QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing:

1. I'm pleased that Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has been recognised with the Employer Recognition Scheme Bronze Award for its support of Armed Forces veterans. This reflects the council's commitment to supporting veterans, reservists, service families, and cadet volunteers.

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether the Council intends to build on this success by working towards silver and gold level recognition, further strengthening its support for the Armed Forces community in the Borough?

Cllr. Nick Cr	risp			

To the Leader of the Council:

2. Following last week's announcement that Newcastle Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) has successfully secured its re-ballot, alongside the Town Centre's outstanding achievements in the Heart of England and National Britain in Bloom awards, Will the Leader join me in congratulating the BID team and council staff on these successes, and outline how the council intends to build on this and work with the BID to further enhance the vitality and attractiveness of our town centre for businesses, residents, and visitors?

Cllr. Andrew Parker	