

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Leader of the Council:

1. I welcome the decision to set up of a Cabinet Inquiry Panel to hold Labour's forced local government reorganisation plans to account. People across Newcastle Borough expect full transparency and a proper public debate, and this panel is a vital step in ensuring our Borough's voice is heard and defended.

Can the Leader of the Council confirm whether Newcastle's MP, Adam Joge, will be invited to attend, contribute and answer questions at the first meeting?

Residents still don't know his stance on the future of our Borough, and it's time we heard clearly where he stands.

Cllr. Joan Whieldon

To the Leader of the Council:

2. Several local residents have contacted me regarding the recent departure of the charity 'Friends of the Guildhall' from the Guildhall building. Given that this charity was established specifically to maintain the Guildhall as a public asset and ensure its long-term viability, could the Leader please:
 - Clarify the specific reasons why the Friends of the Guildhall have had to vacate the premises?
 - Confirm what steps are being taken to ensure the Guildhall remains a public building that is both open to and accessible for use by the local community?

Cllr. Phil Reece
