

COUNCIL – 23 JULY 2025
MEMBER QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Member Question submitted by Cllr Niall Innes for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

“To ask the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing for a progress update on the investment works to Billingham following a recent press statement stating works have been further delayed.”

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QUESTION 2

Member Question submitted Councillor Jason French for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

“At full Council on the 21st of May 2025 the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing, following a question by a member seeking a comprehensive update regarding the programme of works, about demolition of the Golden Eagle, provided an update on the Golden Eagle at Thornaby, detailing that the demolition work would begin in June. On the 29th of June it was reported in the local media that the demolition process had been delayed until August.

Does the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing think it appropriate for members to discover the further delay for the start of the demolition works to the Golden Eagle via the local media”

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QUESTION 3

Member Question submitted Councillor Tony Riordan for response by the Leader of the Council.

“Stockton Borough Council is in receipt of the Asylum Dispersal Grant from Central Government. Can the Leader detail,

- How many Asylum Seekers are presently housed in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees?
- How many of the Asylum Seekers are male, and how many are female?
- What were the numbers of Asylum Seekers housed in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the years, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024?
- What was the amount of Government grant made payable to Stockton Borough Council, for the years, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?
- Does Stockton Borough Council financially contribute to the support of Asylum Seekers in the Borough, and if so, what is the value, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?”

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QUESTION 4

Member Question submitted Councillor Niall Innes for response by the Leader of the Council.

“Stockton Borough Council has recently sought to recruit 2 x Support and Integration (Migration Support) Officers on a salary range of £31,067 - £32,654 per annum, and 1 x Service Development (Migration Support) Officer on a salary of £37,035 - £39,513 per annum. A Freedom of Information Request, and response, showed that the 3 roles are new.

Why does the Leader of the Council deem it necessary to recruit these roles?”

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QUESTION 5

Member Question submitted Councillor Jack Miller for response by the Leader of the Council.

“At full Council on the 21st May the Council Leader responded to a question regarding a previously resolved motion (That the Leader of the Council engages with local stakeholders and meets with them alongside other Group Leaders to discuss what this Council can do to robustly support and protect young people of this borough most at risk).

Following the publication of the Casey Report, and the humiliating U turn of the Labour Government to now undertake a National Inquiry into Grooming Gangs, will the leader reflect on her previous response and accept that dismissing concerns by members in the manner she did has eroded all confidence she may have had on leading on this most important of matters.”

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QUESTION 6

Member Question submitted Councillor Lynn Hall for response by the Leader of the Council.

“Recruiting and retaining social workers is a significant financial challenge for this Labour Led Council. Difficulties in recruitment, coupled with the high costs associated with agency social workers.

Can the leader provide an update on the work undertaken with the academy to reduce the number of agency workers employed by Stockton Borough Council and what financial savings have been made because of this work.”

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QUESTION 7

Member Question submitted Councillor Jason French for response by the Leader of the Council.

“On the 4th June 2025 Stockton Borough Council’s Planning Committee refused planning permission to demolish a lodge at the entrance to Preston Park and replace it with a steel/alloy sculpture.

Can the Leader provide an update as to the cost of bringing the application forward to the Planning Committee, and what costs were incurred for the design, and fabrication if undertaken, for the steel/alloy sculpture.”

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