

COUNCIL – 18 MARCH 2026 MEMBER QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Member Question submitted by Cllr Nathan Gale:-

“Could the Cabinet Member outline what actions Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is currently taking—and plans to take—to increase the uptake of Supported Internships for young people with special educational needs and disabilities, including how the Council is working with local employers, education providers and support organisations to expand opportunities and improve outcomes?”

Received 6 March 2026 16:00

QUESTION 2

Member Question submitted by Cllr Barbara Inman:-

“In light of the Government’s Best Start in Life Strategy which sets ambitious targets for all local authorities to significantly increase the proportion of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) by 2028, what are Stockton Council’s planned measures to improve GLD outcomes for children and how will these initiatives support early years settings, families and communities across the Borough?”

Received 6 March 2026 18:01

QUESTION 3

Member Question submitted by Cllr Sufi Mubeen:-

“The Home Office developed Clear, Hold, Build, as a framework for tackling serious and organised crime at a neighbourhood level, involving partners and the community in delivering and sustaining reductions in serious organised crime, related crime, and Anti-Social Behaviour.

In 2023 this Labour led council adopted this strategy in the Stockton Town Centre and Ropner Ward’s. Moving forward the strategy was headlined under the Project Harmony and Operation Nightfall banners.

Can the Cabinet Member please update members as to the progression of these initiatives?”

Received 8 March 2026 17:22

QUESTION 4

Member Question submitted by Cllr Marcus Vickers:-

“Many residents enjoy doing their part to recycle household waste; however, the current recycling system of bags and boxes is often cited as a point of frustration for a lot of residents, particularly our elderly folk who are sometimes physically challenged with the handling of them.

Given the decision to transition to fortnightly waste collections, will the Cabinet Member agree with me, and a great number of our residents, that a standard recycling wheelie bin, like the ones used by our Neighbouring Authorities, would remove the frustration and physical challenges for our residents and make it easier for them to take part in the recycling initiative?”

Received 8 March 2026 17:22

QUESTION 5

Member Question submitted by Cllr Jack Miller:-

“Given the council's decision to move to fortnightly residual waste collections, what specific provisions will be put in place to support households that produce unavoidable sanitary and incontinence waste, particularly those with disabled or vulnerable children and adults, to ensure they are not disproportionately affected by the change?”

Received 8 March 2026 17:22

QUESTION 6

Member Question submitted by Cllr Barry Woodhouse:-

“As the Chair of the Audit Committee. I would like to ask the leader of the council about her ability to comment on the finances of the council?”

Received 8 March 2026 22:55

QUESTION 7

Member Question submitted by Cllr Carol Clark:-

“How many children benefited from the HAF scheme this half term?”

Received 8 March 2026 22:55

QUESTION 8

Member Question submitted by Cllr Marc Besford:-

“Why did the minister for innovation recently visit?

Received 8 March 2026 22:55

QUESTION 9

Member Question submitted by Cllr Eileen Johnson:-

“Can I ask Cllr Richard Eglington about the recent public consultation into the Yarm Levelling up funding?”

Received 8 March 2026 23:07