COUNCIL – 18 NOVEMBER 2026
PUBLIC QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Public Question submitted by Joe Layton:-

"With Stockton Carrying over a 6.7m deficit from last year to a now to a 5.8m overspend with only 5.3 to plug the gap. You now have a 7.2 Million deficit looming, whilst the council gets multiple grants for vanity projects all over, multiple interest pots being allocated elsewhere, shows/events/displays. There is little in the way of cutbacks to save the council some money.

- How do you intend to remove the deficit?"

Received 3 November 2026 19:40

QUESTION 2

Public Question submitted by Joe Layton:-

“Do you have a fully costed and formulated plan for reducing our deficit and debt without further increases to council taxes or borrowing?”

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QUESTION 3

Public Question submitted by Adrian Clarkson:-

“Please could you explain why there are two security camera poles installed in Bishopton Park, but only one currently has a camera fitted?

The two poles in question are situated close to the cycle path, on either side of the wooded area near the recreational facilities. On several occasions, I have noticed that both poles have had security cameras fitted. However, this never appears to last very long before one of the cameras disappears again.”

Received 4 November 2026 11:55

QUESTION 4

Public Question submitted by Adrian Clarkson:-

“Given that these cameras are presumably intended to improve security and deter antisocial behaviour in the park, it would be helpful to understand why this situation keeps occurring and what is being done to resolve it.”

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QUESTION 5

Public Question submitted by Terry Chapman:-

“There is little doubt that Preston Park is one of many jewels within the Borough. This expanse of green space is enjoyed by many, including dog walkers.

I was surprised to learn dogs aren't allowed to be present in the external seated area of the museum extension.

Will the Council commit to making the necessary arrangements to allow dog owners to make use of the external seating area adjacent to the museum extension and to do so with their beloved Fido, Bella or (in my case) Charlie?”

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QUESTION 6

Public Question submitted by Sandra Clarkson:-

“Given that Stockton-on-Tees already has the third highest number of people receiving asylum support in the North East, and that local services, including NHS hospitals, GP surgeries and dental practices, are already struggling to meet existing demand, what assessment has the council made of the potential impact of the Government's new refugee sponsorship schemes on local services and infrastructure?”

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QUESTION 7

Public Question submitted by Sandra Clarkson for response by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport (Cllr Richard Eglington):-

“Does the Leader of the Council intend to make representations to the Government opposing any further refugee sponsorship placements in Stockton-on-Tees until sufficient capacity is available to accommodate them without placing additional pressure on already stretched local services?”

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QUESTION 8

Public Question submitted by Vin Hammill:-

“After Stockton council have spent vast amounts of money in its attempt to attract more people to the high street. The continued problem of large numbers of addicts, congregating around the high street is a problem that has went on for years. I for one don’t take my family to the high street for this reason. Are the council doing anything to reduce or deter the number of addicts in Stockton high street?”

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QUESTION 9

Public Question submitted by Vin Hammill:-

“If the council do have a plan in place to reduce or deter addicts being in the high street. Are there any numbers or stats that have been recorded whilst it's been in place?”

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QUESTION 10

Public Question submitted by Ewan Culwich:-

“Special Educational Needs in Stockton is suffering at the secondary school level. Does the council have any plans for opening up more placements at the secondary school level to rectify this?”

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QUESTION 11

Public Question submitted by Ewan Culwich:-

“Young people and their families in Stockton are opting to go out of town, and attend SEND placements in Darlington and Middlesbrough due to the poor availability of special education for those aged 16+ in the area. Are members of the Council forming any plans to develop on the SEND facilities in Stockton?”

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