

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/MOTION

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<p>Public Question submitted by John McDermottroe for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing (Cllr Nigel Cooke):-</p> <p>“Is there a danger the £20M levelling up funding for Billingham Town Centre will be lost if part of it is to be used for housing that was not part of the plan?”</p>

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Public Question submitted by Chris Lipthorpe for response by the Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture (Cllr Steve Nelson):-

“The Department for Health and Social Care have opened a consultation ending on 17th June proposing the mass fluoridation of 1.6 million North East people including the residents Stockton-on-Tees. Their reasoning includes that the compulsory medication of our drinking water will reduce the gap in oral health between the most and least deprived regions.

Unlike other public health measures, such as vaccination, where individuals can opt-out, fluoridation allows no such choice. It affects everyone who relies on tap water for drinking, cooking, and daily hygiene. This one-size-fits-all approach disregards individual consent and medical history, where fluoride may not be advised for everyone.

Secondly, the potential health risks include dental fluorosis in children, bone problems, thyroid function, diabetes II. It is a neurotoxin and enzyme disruptor.

In light of these concerns, I urge the council to consider the precautionary principle. Let us not introduce a substance into our water supply when there is reasonable doubt about its safety and necessity.

Instead, let us invest in targeted dental health programs that educate and empower individuals to take charge of their dental health without compromising their right to choose what goes into their bodies?”