

COUNTY COUNCIL – 2 MAY 2018

ITEM 12 ON THE AGENDA – QUESTIONS to be put to the Business Chair, a member of the Cabinet or the Chair of any Committee or Sub-Committee

Question 1 from Councillor G. Hill to Councillor G. Sanderson

Since May 1st 2017, how many fixed notice penalties have been issued by this authority for dog fouling and what is the total amount received through fines during this period? How do these figures compare to the previous twelve months from May 1st 2016 ? Could you also provide a complete written breakdown of fines issued for offences within each electoral division since May 1st 2016?

Question 2 from Councillor G. Hill to Councillor W. Daley

In light of the recent damning Ofsted report regarding Berwick Academy, which gave the lowest grading in every category, placed the school in to special measures and found that pupils had been put at “risk” through serious disciplinary and safeguarding failings what steps is this authority now taking?.

Question 3 from Councillor G. Davey to Councillor J. Riddle

Since the announcement from Secretary of State Sajid Javid that the Council is now free from the fear of intervention over its removal of the core strategy from Government Inspection and that NCC have promised to complete a new local plan in record time using the costly Planning Advisory Service. (Communications press release 23 /03/2018).

On behalf of communities County-wide we need to know how the current proposals; which include a reduction in housing numbers which will see a decline in economic growth; by the Administration will:

- 1 Deliver growth in the economy of the county and new jobs and increase the working age population
- 2 Deliver on the Governments priorities for increased Housing Growth.
- 3 Deliver on the prime objectives of the North of Tyne Combined Authority.
- 4 Deliver the maximum amount of affordable homes to help younger people onto the housing ladder.
- 5 Enthuse developers to invest in properties suitable for our aging population to reside in to free up current under occupied family homes.

6 Assist both housing associations and the Council develop much needed social homes.

7 Re-invigorate our run down high streets.

8 Develop more homes in rural areas free from the blight of second home ownership that will contribute towards additional children living in better environments and keeping local services, education and health system they rely on viable.