

**COUNCIL MEETING – 15 MARCH 2019
QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.40**

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
26/2018	Mr D Murdoch	Executive Member for Environment and Commercial Services	In 2008 over 800 trees were cut down on Site 44 (Long Ridge Wood) Marton, bearing in mind it is a Middlesbrough Council policy to replace the same number of trees that are removed. Can Councillor Denise Rooney please advise me when, where and how many trees were re- planted in the same ward.
27/2018	Mr A Walker	Executive Member for Finance and Governance	<p>My question is addressed to Councillor Nicky Walker the Executive Member for Finance and Governance and relates to the culture of openness and transparency at Middlesbrough Council including but not limited to Freedom Of Information and Environmental Information Requests.</p> <p>I have been advised by Middlesbrough Council that the Service Area responsible for Transport Planning, Highways and Road Infrastructure in 2018 responded to 65 Freedom of Information/Environmental Information requests outside of the 20 day period. I have also been advised that Middlesbrough Council is responsible collectively for ensuring that it complies with the letter and spirit of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>It is my own experience that some but not all requests have been delayed beyond the maximum of 20 days and these have been escalated to Internal Review and in some instances referred to the ICO where they are under investigation or being monitored.</p> <p>Please can Councillor Walker explain why Middlesbrough Council believes that it is being open and transparent with regard to its handling of Information and Environmental requests yet from my own perspective backed up by recent data provided by the council this does not appear to be the case.</p>
28/2018	Mr J Kabuye	Executive Member for Culture and Communities	““The Stronger Communities " initiative remains one of the cornerstones of Middlesbrough Council in its work to bring communities in Middlesbrough together. In light of national and local events, particularly regarding Brexit and other tensions, Could Councillor Thompson give some detail about what work the team has been doing, particularly in Newport?”

29/2018	Mrs J Slater	Executive Member for Education and Skills	<p>As the number of admissions to each primary school are recorded each year one would expect that the total applications for secondary placements would be anticipated and provisions met. Why then, with these available figures, did the local authority fall so short that they notified 100 children, and their parents, that there were No places available for them at ANY Middlesbrough school.</p> <p>In accordance with this failure to provide will the council now undertake to ensure that proper infrastructure will be prioritised during the formulation of any local plans.</p>
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