

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JULY 2026
QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 4.8.15

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
1/26	Mr Mark Parker	Councillor Gavigan	Middlesbrough has committed to ambitious environmental targets, including biodiversity restoration, expanded tree and meadow planting, and progress toward the 2029/2039 net-zero goals. Given the scale of these commitments and the capacity challenges faced by councils nationally, would the Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability be open to exploring a collaboration model where independent organisations — working alongside Teesside University students — can help design, deliver, and monitor blue-green infrastructure projects that accelerate progress toward these targets?
2/26	Mr Gary King	The Mayor	What safeguards and audit trails does the Council have in place within its incident reporting systems to ensure that health and safety records cannot be deleted or altered after they have been submitted and can you confirm if the Council has identified any instances in the last 5 years where health and safety incident reports were deleted or removed from the official reporting system before their legal retention period expired?
3/26	Ms Lisa Nelson	The Mayor	Can you confirm when the Council's Whistleblowing Policy was last reviewed to ensure it aligns with the latest best practices for protecting those who speak up in the public interest and What specific mental health and legal support mechanisms does the Council provide to whistleblowers during and after an investigation to prevent victimisation or 'detriment' as defined under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998?