

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 1ST NOVEMBER, 2017

COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

Questions

Answers

Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

1. Since the last City Region Leaders meeting, what communications have you or your officers had with a Minister or Civil Servants about the Sheffield City Region deal? Please list when and with whom?

I have not had contact with Government since the last City Region Leaders meeting which was on Monday, two days ago.
2. During September and October, 2017, what communications have you had with the Mayor of Doncaster Council, Ros Jones and the Leader of Barnsley Council, Sir Steve Houghton in relation to progressing the Sheffield City Region devolution deal?

As I answered last month I am in regular contact with all South Yorkshire Leaders. I do not hold a record of every single communication.
3. Since the October Full Council meeting, have you had any contact with leaders of Councils within the Yorkshire region in relation to a Yorkshire wide devolution deal?

The situation has not changed since I answered the same question last month.
4. Since the October Full Council meeting, have you had any meeting, phone or email contact with the Leader of Rotherham Council about continuing the Sheffield City Region devolution deal?

As I answered last month I am in regular contact with all South Yorkshire Leaders. I do not hold a record of every single communication.

As you are aware both Sheffield and Rotherham Councils want to continue the South Yorkshire devolution deal, this has always been the position.

Questions of Councillor Colin Ross to Councillor Ben Curran (Cabinet Member for Planning and Development)

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| 1. Following the collapse of the Sheffield City Region Deal, what impact will this have on a key proposal within the Deal; “Better alignment of planning across the Sheffield City Region and better use of publically owned land to enable more houses and more employment sites to be brought forward for development”? | We are still committed to working together on these issues through Sheffield City Region and also have requirements through existing legislation such as the duty to co-operate. |
| 2. The creation of a Housing Investment Fund to build more homes was another proposal within the Sheffield City Region Deal; what steps have been taken to plug the gap created by the collapse of the deal and loss of £900m over the lifetime of the deal? | The current Sheffield City Region arrangements are still in place. A fund has been established for Housing that has been planned for some time and launched. Sheffield City Council is preparing a submission to try and secure funding for the city. |
| 3. Will the collapse of the Sheffield City Region Deal and the consequent loss of regional cooperation on housing development have an impact upon the Sheffield Development Framework? | There is still regional co-operation on housing development within Sheffield City Region. In addition we will be using the Duty to Co-operate provisions. |

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Ben Curran (Cabinet Member for Planning and Development)

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| 1. How many planning applications were submitted to Sheffield City Council (SCC) in the last 12 months? | 5,065

This figure includes all classes of application – i.e. – planning applications; prior notification applications; advertisement applications etc.) |
| 2. How many planning applications were refused in the last 12 months? | 285 |
| 3. How many appeals against SCC planning decisions were lodged in the last 12 months? | 76 |
| 4. What proportion of appeals against SCC planning decisions were upheld? | 80% dismissed
20% allowed |

Question of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

With the night's drawing in fast, what plans are there to deal with the associated problems this brings, in particular relating to Bonfire night?

The Council, in partnership with South Yorkshire Police, the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS), key services, and local businesses and local communities, have been working on the dark nights programme for some months now for key areas affected. Plans are in place to mitigate risks. Additional resources, as always, will be deployed if incidents occur.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1. At September's meeting, you said you would provide data on how many high-rise blocks containing residential accommodation have been identified in City Ward. When do you intend to provide this data?

Please see the information attached. The database is still in development and numbers will change for many reasons – new blocks being planned, conversion of office accommodation to residential, validation of the database with SYFRS.

2. How many replies have been received from organisations that own or manage high rise residential properties in Sheffield, in response to letters from the Director of Housing?

Any information provided to the Director of Housing is commercially sensitive between the building owners, SYFRS and the Council as part of its regulatory responsibilities this cannot be disclosed without the permission from building owners. However, we can advise that further requests for information are being requested to keep the database updated.

Questions of Councillor Magid Magid to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1. Can you confirm whether the Council is in talks with Places For People regarding the future of Sunnybank Community Meeting Rooms? And if so, what are their intentions for the premises and will local residents be consulted regarding the matter?

Yes the Council is in talks with Places for People so the community can benefit from these premises. However, in the end, this is a privately owned building.

2. Regarding the Hanover Tower Block, are you planning to hold any further

A Project Group has been established with Hanover tenants and

meetings to summarise what has happened before the end of the **calendar year**, as well as send a full report of the enquiry to all the tenants?

residents to develop proposals for the replacement of the cladding now that the cladding has been fully removed, and to discuss outcomes from the review. Once this has been completed, we will make this review publicly available. A further meeting of the Hanover Project Group is planned for November.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

1. With regards to the New Retail Quarter:-

(a) What progress has been made in the last 6 months in securing the anchor tenant?

We continue to be in detailed dialogue with the anchor tenant.

(b) How much has the Council spent thus far on consultancy & legal fees for the New Retail Quarter project (including project Cavendish)?

I will write to you with a response to this question.

(c) What is the total forecast for spend on consultancy & legal fees to the end of both projects?

I will write to you with a response to this question.

2. With regards to the Sichuan Guodong investment deal:-

(a) In September you informed me that you have not attended any meetings with the Sichuan Guodong Group this year. If this is such an important inward investment for the city, why not?

Former Councillor, Leigh Bramall, attended meetings with Guodong earlier in the year. Since then, officers have been working with Guodong.

(b) In September you informed me that a number schemes were being developed as part of the '£220 million in 3 years' deal. How many schemes are in development?

As has been reported previously, Guodong asked to pause other projects whilst they focused on investigating whether a 5* hotel in the Central Library building, Surrey Street, was viable. This is still the current position.

(c) How much did the Council spend in total on negotiating and administering the investment deal with the Sichuan Guodong Construction Company Limited?

I will write to you with a response to this question.

(d) How much has the Council spent in total thus far on negotiating and administering the investment deal with the Sichuan Guodong Construction Group?

I will write to you with a response to this question.

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| (e) Have you read the due diligence reports relating to the Sichuan Guodong investment deals? | Yes. |
| (f) Are you satisfied that the due diligence exercise complied with national and local government guidelines? | The Council's financial procedure rules and contract standing orders incorporate legislative and good practice requirements. In addition when dealing with land, the Council assesses each transaction based on its merits to determine the appropriate level of due diligence required. |
| (g) Does Sheffield City Council have a policy on due diligence for high value agreements? | See above. |
| (h) When does the 12 month exclusivity agreement for the Central Library building end? | The Exclusivity Agreement for the potential library development has not been signed. We continue to work closely with Sichuan Guodong Group to develop the project. |
| 3. Have you written to the Department for Trade and Industry to express your concern at the escalating trade dispute between Boeing and Bombardier (and by extension the UK and US Governments) and the long-term risks this may pose for inward investment in the Sheffield City Region? | At this stage, we understand that the investment you are referring to is unaffected. |

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

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| 1. What is the current status of the exclusivity deal with any investor interested in the Central Library building? | The Exclusivity Agreement for the potential library development has not been signed. We continue to work closely with Sichuan Guodong Group to develop the project. |
| 2. What meetings have been held with potential investors in the Central Library building since 1st November 2016 and who has been present at each of these meetings? | The only commercial party that has expressed interest in investing in the Central Library building is Guodong. |
| 3. What individuals or organisations have | None. |

(a) entered into and (b) signed deals with Sheffield City Council in respect of the Central Library building?

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| 4. Please provide a summary of each of these deals? | Not applicable. |
| 5. When will these deals be made public? | Not applicable. |
| 6. If any information in these deals is considered "commercially confidential", what is the nature of the element that is so considered? | Not applicable. |
| 7. Have any further investment proposals been received in respect of the Central Library building since 1st November 2016? | No. |

Questions of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure)

1. There has been a a wonderful boost to the Arts in Sheffield with the massive Arts Council Grant. The Cultural Consortium that is looking after the distribution of the money needs to be open and transparent about what outcomes it expects. Therefore:-

(a) could you inform the Council where the money is distributed?

The Culture Consortium works together to develop applications to Arts Council England that are for the benefit of the whole sector.

The applications are always led by one of the Culture Consortium partners, as the Culture Consortium itself is not an accountable body and can't receive Arts Council Funds directly.

(b) what are the outcomes the Consortium expects from each area receiving investment?

Over the last two years, two applications were made and were successful.

The first to the Ambition for Excellence fund. The leading body for this application is Museums Sheffield. The application was successful to the amount of £500,000 over a three year period. We are about to go into Year 2 of this project.

“Making Ways is an ambitious three-year project that will demonstrate, celebrate and develop exceptional contemporary visual art produced in Sheffield, between 2016 and 2019.

Making Ways will stimulate and support the development of artistic talent and leadership by building the profile of the artistic community, brokering relationships with business and industry and developing a living economy that will stimulate and support growth.”

The second is Cultural Destinations 2.

The application was successful to the amount of £150,000. The accountable body is Sheffield Theatres Trust, the project is being managed by the University of Sheffield Engagement Team in partnership with Our Favourite Places and Marketing Sheffield.

(c) in what way has work in progress been put in the public domain?

Arts Council England has awarded £150,000 in a bid to drive tourists to the vibrant city. The grant will be used to run campaigns and highlight Sheffield as a destination for regional, national and international cultural consumers.

2. What is the income from car parking fees in the Parks over the last three years? Please list each of the parks where parking is permitted and the breakdown of the income from each one over the said period.

Data (3 years) is:

FY Outturn	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
GRAVES PARK	£46,693	£45,507	£46,011
HILLSBOROUGH PARK	£41,799	£37,062	£36,003
MILLHOUSES PARK	£29,350	£24,758	£22,993
Grand Total	£117,842	£107,328	£105,006

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure)

1. 50% of Sheffield libraries are now run by volunteers. How much is the total budget spent on libraries now, compared to when they were staffed by professional librarians 2013/14?

The 2017/18 budget for Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information Service is £4.211 million. In 2013/14 it was £6.429 million.

2. What monitoring returns does the Council hold in respect to each volunteer run library?

The volunteer-run libraries that are in receipt of a grant are required to submit a quarterly monitoring report as part of the grant arrangements. The co-delivered libraries that are not in receipt of a grant are also asked to complete a quarterly monitoring return.

3. Salford Labour Council announced this month they will be maintaining their 16 existing libraries and staff will not be replaced by volunteers. They also intend to expand service to seven new locations. Will Sheffield council seek to

We are always keen to learn from other Library Services and will make contact with Salford. Each local authority has had to look at its library service provision dependant on its local budgetary challenges and

gather more information from Salford council on the success or otherwise of their approach?

4. How many hours per week are volunteer libraries currently opening and what are the corresponding hours compared to 2013/14?

needs. Sheffield looked at many models across the country during the Library Review. The model Sheffield adopted means all libraries in Sheffield remain open, and other local authorities are contacting Sheffield to discuss how we achieved this.

All volunteer groups submitted business plans when taking over the library which required the groups to open a minimum of 15 hours. The opening hours vary from library to library as all Associate and Co-delivered libraries are responsible for their opening hours. All are open for 15 hours or more. The opening hours in 2013/14 for the SCC Libraries that transferred to the voluntary sector in 2014 were 387 per week compared to the same libraries now run by the voluntary sector in 2017 which is 408.5 per week.

Question of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure)

How many members of staff does the Council library service employ (both in total numbers and in FTE)?

The number of full time equivalent posts in the Libraries Archives and Information Service is 117 FTE

The number of people employed by the service currently is 160.

Question of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for the Environment and Streetscene)

Given recent news that West Street Live has “a bit of a reputation” for picking fights with its customers, are you satisfied that licensing procedures are rigorous?

The Licensing Service has ongoing discussions with South Yorkshire Police about the licensing procedure and are confident that it is satisfactory. The Licensing Service are not aware of any problems with these premises.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for the Environment and Streetscene)

With regards to the StreetsAhead contract, Councillors were informed recently that a number of roads have been removed from the planned resurfacing programme in the core investment period (CIP) as their present condition is better than the original survey report.

(a) How many such streets are there?

68, of which 46 are full streets and 22 are sections of a street.

(b) Please provide a list of the street names and the wards within which they are located.

See attached spreadsheet.

(c) When were the original assessments carried out?

Streets to be included in CIP were surveyed some years ago and based on estimated deterioration were included in the overall CIP programme. When the detailed design was started for these roads in 2016, updated survey information was available and these roads had not deteriorated to the point where resurfacing was required at this time. These roads will still be resurfaced but at a more appropriate time to get the best life from the resurfacing work.

(d) When will the road resurfacing core investment programme be completed in all zones?

The programme suffered a delay when Amey changed surfacing contractor. Despite this, Amey are confident that (subject to final survey analysis) the milestone targets for the

improvement in carriageway condition at the end of CIP will be met. The catch up work will be completed as soon as practical taking account of the weather risk to surfacing works over winter. All roads will be maintained in a safe condition until the resurfacing work is completed.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for the Environment and Streetscene)

1. Under the Streets Ahead programme:-

I will write to you with the answers to these questions

 - (a) How many miles of roads have been resurfaced (not including remedial resurfacing)?
 - (b) How many miles of pavements have been resurfaced (not including remedial resurfacing)?
 - (c) How many streetlights have been replaced?
 - (d) How many traffic signals have been replaced?
 - (e) How many new litter bins have been provided?
 - (f) How many trees have been (i) removed, (ii) planted?
2. How many leaf blowers does the Council and/ or its contractors possess?

According to the Council's machinery inventory, there are 108 owned by the Council itself, across multiple departments.

Amey operate 38 leaf blowers.
3. What estimate of fuel is used on leaf blowers annually?

Usage varies by department and by season and therefore it is not possible to come up with an estimate with any degree of certainty.
4. What plans are there to end the use of leafblowers?

There are no plans to end the use of leafblowers.

Response to Councillor Otten's Question (b)**List of the street names and the wards within which they are located.**

No	Road Name	Ward
1	Blackstock Road	Gleadless Valley
2	Constable Road	Gleadless Valley
3	Daresbury Road	Arbourthorne
4	East Bank Road	Arbourthorne
5	East Road	Arbourthorne
6	Myrtle Road	Central
7	Park Grange Road	Arbourthorne
8	Ridgeway Road	Richmond
9	White Lane	Birley
10	Beighton Road	Woodhouse
11	Tannery Street	Woodhouse
12	Market Street	Woodhouse
13	Retford Road	Woodhouse
14	Highfield Lane	Woodhouse
15	Aldfield Way	Burngreave
16	Bishopsholme Close	Burngreave
17	Bishopsholme Road	Burngreave
18	Cannon Hall Road	Burngreave
19	Firshill Crescent	Burngreave
20	Goddard Hall Road	Burngreave
21	Hampton Road	Burngreave
22	Norwood Drive	Burngreave
23	Bressingham Close	Burngreave
24	Burngreave Bank	Burngreave
25	Carwood Green	Burngreave
26	Carwood Grove	Burngreave
27	Carwood Road	Burngreave
28	College Close	Burngreave
29	Devon Road	Burngreave
30	Ditchingham Street	Burngreave
31	Earldom Drive	Burngreave
32	Earldom Street	Burngreave
33	Hunsley Street	Burngreave
34	Margate Street	Burngreave
35	Normanton Gardens	Burngreave
36	Osgathorpe Drive	Burngreave
37	Passhouses Road	Burngreave
38	Torbay Road	Burngreave
39	Wood Spring Court	Burngreave

40	Aldred Road	Crookes
41	Springvale Road	Crookes
42	Hartley Street	Gleadless Valley
43	Audrey Road	Richmond
44	Carpenter Gardens	Richmond
45	Dominoe Grove	Richmond
46	Glenholme Road	Richmond
47	Haxby Street	Richmond
48	Holbrook Drive	Richmond
49	Little Lane	Richmond
50	Masefield Road	Richmond
51	Pleasant Road	Richmond
52	Ravenscroft Court	Richmond
53	Ravenscroft Road	Richmond
54	Wadsworth Avenue	Richmond
55	Wadsworth Close	Richmond
56	Wadsworth Drive	Richmond
57	Wadsworth Road	Richmond
58	Woodrove Avenue	Richmond
59	Eckington Road	Mosborough
60	Hall Meadow Drive	Mosborough
61	Holbrook Green	Mosborough
62	Holbrook Rise	Mosborough
63	Long Acre Way	Mosborough
64	Meadowbrook Park	Mosborough
65	Old Lane	Mosborough
66	Oxclose Park Road	Mosborough
67	Rotherham Road North	Mosborough
68	Rotherham Road	Mosborough

48 are full roads
20 are part roads

Question of Councillor Magid Magid to Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability)

Could you please update me on what is happening regarding the old cut through on Broomspring Lane which was through a carpark the university owned but has now sold to a private developer. I have supplied you with a picture for the exact location. Councillor Cook, Councillor Dagnell and Councillor Iqbal are all aware about the cut through and the impact this has had on residents in the area. Councillor Cook and Councillor Dagnall have been involved in this case work with the potential of getting it re-open.

Please refer to the answer given in April.

Answer to Councillor Douglas Johnson's question to Councillor Jayne Dunn – Q.1

Building	Address1	Address2	Address3	Postcode	Type	Storeys	Ward	Constituency
Central Quay	33	Alma Street	City Centre	S3 8RA	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
165 West Street	165	West Street	City Centre	S1 4EW	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Anglo Works	25	Trippet Lane	City Centre	S1 4FG	Student Accommodation	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
Archways	18	Leadmill Road	City Centre	S1 4SG	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Aspect 3		Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7GB	Student Accommodation	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Cathedral Court	18	Campo Lane	City Centre	S1 2EF	Residential	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
Century Square	1	Radford Street	Century Square	S3 7AZ	Student Accommodation	8	Central	Sheffield Central
Charlotte Court	160	Charlotte Road	Highfield	S2 4EQ	Student Accommodation	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
Croft Buildings/Hawley St Flats	2-46	Hawley Street/Townhead Street	City Centre	S1 2EA	Rented/Owned	4	Central	Sheffield Central
Crown House (currently being built)		West Bar	City Centre	S3 8PH	Student Accommodation	9	Central	Sheffield Central
Derwent Students -Sheffield 2	53	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7BY	Student Accommodation	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Devonshire Courtyard		Wellington Street	City Centre	S1 4HG	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Devonshire Point	121	Fitzwilliam Street	City Centre	S1 4JP		7	Central	Sheffield Central
Don Valley House		Saville Street East	City Centre	S4 7UR			Central	Sheffield Central
Ecclesall Gate	112	Ecclesall Road	Ecclesall	S11 8JB	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Exchange Works		Arundel Street	City Centre	S1 4RE	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Fenton House	51	Wellington Street	City Centre	S1 4HG	Student Accommodation	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Gatecrasher Apartments Vivo Block	104	Arundel Street	City Centre	S1 4RE	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Gregory House	121-239 Leverton Gardens	Leverton/Lansdowne	Ecclesall	S11 8FD	Residential	16	Central	Sheffield Central & West
Hannah Court	90	Matilda Street	City Centre	S1 4QW	Student Accommodation	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
Headford Complex		Headford Mews	City Centre	S3 7XL	Residential	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
iQ Brocco	34	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7GB	Student Accommodation	7	Central	Sheffield Central
iQ Steel	19	Pitt Street	City Centre	S1 4DQ	Student Accommodation	9	Central	Sheffield Central
Keating House	1-119 Leverton Gardens	Leverton/Lansdowne	Ecclesall	S11 8FB	Residential	16	Central	Sheffield Central & West
Leadmill Point	26	Leadmill Road	City Centre	S1 4SD	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central

London Court		London Road	City Centre	S2 4LA	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Milau Student Apartments		Kelham Island	City Centre	S3 8RN	Student Accommodation	TBC	Central	Sheffield Central
One Britain Street	1	One Brittain Street	City Centre	S1 4RJ	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Park Hill	5 blocks	Park Hill	Park Hill	S2 5QD	Residential	Over 6	Central	Sheffield Central
Pearl Works	2	Howard Lane	City Centre	S1 2FT	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Phase 2 The Forge		Boston Street	Highfield	S2 4QG	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Portland Tower	8	Portland Lane	City Centre	S1 4DG		8	Central	Sheffield Central
Portobello Point	2	Portobello Street	City Centre	S1 4AA	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Prime Brass Founders Building (currently being built)		Scotland Street	City Centre	S3 7DD	Student	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Redvers Tower	49	Furnival Gate, Union Street	City Centre	S1 4QQ	Student Accommodation	14	Central	Sheffield Central
Rockingham House		Broad Lane	City Centre	S1 3PD	Student Accommodation	8	Central	Sheffield Central
Royal Plaza		Westfield Terrace	City Centre	S1 4EB	Student and residential properties	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Sharman Court		Broad Lane	City Centre	S1 4FA	Student Accommodation	11	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - Bolsover House	172	Solly Street	City Centre	S1 4BW	Student Accommodation	5	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - Brearly House	53	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7BP	Student Accommodation	7	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - Huntsman House	57	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7BU	Student Accommodation	5	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - Mary Page Block		Solly Street	City Centre	S1 4BB	Student Accommodation	5	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - Pickering House		Kenyon Street		S1 4LT	Student Accommodation	5	Central	Sheffield Central
Sheffield 2 - The Castle	61	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7GA	Student Accommodation	5	Central	Sheffield Central
Sovereign House	110	Queen Street	City Centre	S1 2DW	Student Accommodation	11	Central	Sheffield Central
Study Inn	3-7	Holuy Green	City Centre	S1 4JA	Student Accommodation	9	Central	Sheffield Central
Study Inn		The Moor	City Centre	S1 4JA	Student Accommodation	?	Central	Sheffield Central
Telephone House		Charter Row	City Centre	S1 4HF	Student Accommodation	17	Central	Sheffield Central
The Anvil		Clough Road	Norton Lees	S2 4TB	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
The Cornerhouse	36	Edward Street	Netherthorpe	S3 7HX	Student Accommodation	8	Central	Sheffield Central
The Cube	189	Shoreham Street		S1 4QU	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
The Forge		Boston Street	Highfield	S2 4QG	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central

The Trigon Building - Trigon B1/Annex	193	Shoreham Street		S1 4RA	Student	8	Central	Sheffield Central
The Trigon Building - Trigon B2	193	Shoreham Street		S1 4RA	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
The Trigon Building -Trigon C	193	Shoreham Street		S1 4RA	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
Victoria House	50-52	Victoria Street	City Centre	S3 7QL	Student Accommodation	Over 6	Central	Sheffield Central
Watson Chambers		Angel Street	City Centre	S1 2GH	Student Accommodation	6	Central	Sheffield Central
West One Central		Fitzwilliam Street/Cavendish Street	City Centre	S1 4JL	Student	8	Central	Sheffield Central
Wicker Riverside Development	2	North Bank, Wiley Street (off The Wicker)	City Centre	S3 8JT	Private Housing	10	Central	Sheffield Central

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST NOVEMBER 2017

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8.3 – MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS ON THE DISCHARGE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE JOINT AUTHORITIES FOR FIRE & RESCUE AND PENSIONS

Questions relating to the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority to be asked at the meeting by Councillor Douglas Johnson – to be answered at the meeting by Councillor Ian Saunders (Pensions Authority Spokesperson)

(provided in written form, in advance of being asked and answered at the meeting, for the benefit of attendees)

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson

1. How much in the way of funds does South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (SYPA) invest?
2. How much of this is invested in the local economy of South Yorkshire?

Answers of Councillor Ian Saunders

1. The latest valuation for SYPA is £7.9bn invested across a diversified range of investments.
2. SYPA does not have a specific policy on regional investment but does look for opportunities where it can find them. SYPA follow the principle of the administering authority having the fiduciary duty to use its power of investment for investment purposes and not for wider purposes. The Authority may obviously be influenced by wider social and environmental considerations but avoid risk of any material financial detriment to the fund. This means that local investment would not be excluded but must be considered against the returns that SYPA could achieve elsewhere.

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