

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

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Questions

Answers

Question of Councillor Penny Baker to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

Sheffield City Council's website has recently been amended to state "It is intended to publish a draft of the Sheffield Plan in 2019". Can you confirm that this is still the case, and when the plan will be published?

The Local Development Scheme will be published shortly. This will outline full details of the timetable for the Local Plan.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

1. When do you anticipate holding the referendum on the change to the committee system?

This will be considered as part of the review we have announced.

2. What question is proposed to be put to the people of Sheffield in the referendum?

The question and full procedures for a referendum are outlined in the relevant sections of the petitions regulations. This is something that the Council has to follow and would not have discretion over.

3. Do you support a renewed model for running the Council?

I believe that this represents a positive opportunity to improve how the Council works and I support the opportunity to make change and improvements.

As we announced last week, I also want to broaden this beyond formal governance arrangements and look at how we as a Council engage with and serve the people of Sheffield.

We are keen to listen to the views of the public and external expertise from outside the city before drawing any conclusions about what the right

model would be and are open minded about the conclusions.

4. At September's Council meeting, there were no less than 13 instances where Cabinet Members promised to provide a written response to questions and publish them on the Council's website. Not a single one of those promises has been kept. What action do you intend to take?

The majority of responses have now been provided and any outstanding questions will be answered.

Questions of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families)

Following the “Good” Ofsted rating on Children’s Services, and recognising the fact that most of the issues identified were already being actioned by officers, what key initiatives are being identified as the steps towards achieving an “Outstanding” rating at the next inspection? Does this include a review of Children’s Centres, where Ofsted stated in their recent report on Leeds City Council (which was rated “Outstanding”) that “The local authority has maintained a network of children’s centres across the city. This helps to ensure that families are offered support when needs are first identified”?

We are always monitoring and reviewing our services and are willing to learn from others to improve our services. We will then change them if we feel that it would mean a better service for the children, young people and families in our City.

As you know, the Council Family Centres and Children’s Health Services across our city achieved a gold award from UNICEF. Also our Breastfeeding Support Services received a gold award from UNICEF for best friendly city. And most recently, Sheffield City Council became the first local authority in the country to receive a gold award from UNICEF in the baby friendly council category.

Questions of Councillor Colin Ross to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families)

1. The recent BBC investigation highlighted very unsatisfactory placements of young people. Are there any Sheffield young people who are placed in unregulated care homes?

No, there are not any Sheffield young people placed in unregulated care homes, in the city or outside of Sheffield. The Council commissions supported living accommodation for young people aged 16 and above from local providers. These providers are not regulated or inspected by Ofsted but Sheffield City Council undertake safeguarding and monitoring inspections on all of these contracts and providers.

There are currently 36 Sheffield looked after young people placed in supported living accommodation placements. All of these young people are aged 16 or over. Of the 36, seven are aged 16, and 29 are aged 17. All of these provisions provide semi-independent placements for young people aged 16 plus. They are used in a planned way as a stepping stone

and preparation for young people to move to full independence at age 18, in line with the young person's care plan, and in Sheffield they are most commonly used for 17 year old young people. The 28 young people placed in Sheffield are placed with eight different providers.

These post 16 semi-independent providers are set up and commissioned to provide 'support' to young people living semi independently, not to formally provide 'care'. Given that post 16 provision is not regulated or inspected, Sheffield undertake contract monitoring activity which involves at least annual on-site quality assurance visits, quarterly social work feedback questionnaires on placement performance, desk top monitoring (incident logs, complaints, occupancy levels, missing incidents and unauthorised absences etc.) and feedback from the young people themselves.

Monitoring checks are completed by Assistant Contracts Officers (ACO) in the Children's Placements Team. Where issues / concerns are noted and relate to the provision of the service, potentially affecting the young person(s), a service expert / manager would be instructed to undertake a monitoring visit; the findings of which are conveyed to the Service Manager and Assistant Director of Provider Services for any relevant action.

The on-site monitoring is where we evaluate and evidence that the providers are providing the service specified within the service specification.

We have undertaken on site quality assurance visits and annual reviews in the last 12 months with all Sheffield based post 16 providers who have our

young people placed with them. No major concerns were raised, although we did challenge one provider on their staffing ratios. This was resolved. While the out-of-city placements have not had contract monitoring visits, the young people have all been regularly visited at the provision by allocated social workers and independent reviewing officers.

The report completed by the Assistant Contract Officers of their quality assurance visit records observations and positive issues noted during the visit. Any areas of non-compliance in respect of the contractual requirements or underperformance are addressed with the provider by way of an action plan, detailing the actions required to rectify the situation within a given timescale, and a follow-up visit by the Assistant Contract Officer is arranged to ensure these tasks have been completed.

Annual Review meetings include but are not limited to the following:-

- Activity Information, including Service User Outcomes, Operational Procedures, Staffing information
- Compliance Monitoring
- Community liaison/Community Liaison Issues
- Financial Monitoring
- Areas of concern

We regularly and systematically consult social workers on the quality of provision. Collation of social worker feedback reports on the quality of provision for the young person they are responsible for, has not raised any significant concerns, and in the vast majority of cases, feedback about the provision has been positive.

Young people are encouraged to

contribute at their looked after children reviews and comment on the placement. Assistant Contract Officers will speak to young people on their monitoring visits if they are available and willing to discuss the provision.

As of 30th September, 2019, no serious concerns have been noted.

In all placements made, Individual Placement Agreements (a contract) have been completed setting out the expectations and requirements for the provider.

We have now established monthly meetings with providers of unregulated post 16 provision in the City. Provider Managers attend the monthly meeting which is jointly chaired by the Assistant Director for Provider Services in Children's Services and a senior officer of South Yorkshire Police. This is a forum to communicate with the providers and has included discussion about missing incidents, criminal and gang activity in the city, and engagement of young people in positive activities. This is seen by the service, the Police and providers, as a very positive partnership development.

2. If there are any, are these unregulated care homes in the City or outside of Sheffield?

No, as mentioned above, no young people are placed in unregulated care homes in the city or outside of Sheffield. Eight young people are in out of city placements, and these are in Rotherham, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Bradford, Nottingham, Cumbria, Merseyside, and London. Young people are often placed in supported living accommodation, or semi-independent accommodation outside of Sheffield if their previous care placement has been in that area and it is seen by the service and the young person as in their best interests to stay within the area and community

they have become used to.

Please see my answer to question 1 for our monitoring arrangements of all unregulated services.

3. If there are any Sheffield young people in this category, what measures are in place to inspect these homes and ensure our young people are properly safeguarded?

Please my answer to question 1 for our monitoring arrangements and safeguarding measures for all unregulated services.

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families)

1. You stated that Sheffield Futures' role in managing missing children was now under review after the recent Ofsted report highlighted failings. You mentioned that this role may come back to the Council. You also mentioned that there had been no problems when the Council was performing this function. Why did the responsibility for missing children become outsourced when there were no problems previously?

The recent Ofsted report highlighted the Missing Children's Service, delivered by an external provider, 'requires improvement to be good'. Our self-assessment report sent to the inspectors prior to their arrival also noted that this was an area we were working with the provider to improve.

Sheffield Futures are commissioned to deliver just one aspect of the overall Sheffield response to young people who go missing, which is the 'return interview'. This involves a dedicated support worker (who cannot be an existing young person's social worker) visiting the young person within 72 hours of the police notifying them they have returned home safely. The aim of the return home interview is to explore the reasons the young person went missing and identify any further support the young person might need to avoid them going missing again. Originally, the Council organised the return home interview process in-house, but we wanted to increase capacity, make the service more independent and improve performance, so we commissioned Sheffield Futures to do this element of the service.

As I stated at the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee, we are continuing to work with and support the provider to ensure the Service gets better and we fulfil our action plans. At the same time, we will be reflecting on the comments made by the inspectors during their visit, reviewing the service and considering whether using an external provider is the best way to deliver the service. I also stated we will be exploring all the options, including bringing the service back in-house.

2. What are the current arrangements for teenage / young women (under 21) who are pregnant and become homeless? Where are they being housed?

When a Young Person is 16/17 years old a joint assessment is undertaken with children's services and housing. The outcome of this assessment may be provision of housing or accommodation in accordance with Section 20 of the Children Act 1989. The Section 20 accommodation which may be offered by the Local Authority includes foster care and residential care, for example.

In relation to the accommodation offered by housing, there are a number of options for young women who are homeless depending on their circumstances for example dependant on their support needs.

There are supported accommodation providers that accept pregnant young women and some that support women through their pregnancy and through the birth of the baby. De Paul have a number of beds for young parents specifically for that purpose. There are also some young women who can manage in their own tenancy with floating support, but for every young person we find the best suitable accommodation for them and put in a package of support.

Housing also has access to two

family supported accommodation projects, in an emergency or temporary accommodation, but this will be for a very short period of time until the right option is found.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

1. In the last year, what was the total value of Business Rate Relief granted by the Council under each of the following schemes, how many applications were received and how many of those applications were successful?

- a. Hardship Rate Relief
- b. Discretionary Rate Relief
- c. Rural Rate Relief
- d. Living Wage Relief

In the last year, there were 20 applications for Hardship Relief, two of which were successful. There is no single relief called discretionary relief, but if Councillor Smith is referring to Not for Profit Relief and Discretionary Top Up relief to Mandatory Charity Relief, then the number of applications received was 24, of which 11 were successful.

There were no applications for Rural Rate Relief or Living Wage Relief. Since the Rateable Value limit for full Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR) was increased to £12,000, the demand for Rural Rate Relief has almost disappeared due to the fact that SBRR will cover the rate liability.

The total amount of relief granted amounted to £96,784.83. However, it should be noted that when all business rates relief is taken into account, over 11,000 of the 19,000 properties liable for business rate in the City, receive some form of business rates relief, which annually, amounts to over £45m.

2. If a business is placed under severe financial hardship through the direct action or inaction of the City Council, does this make them eligible for discretionary or hardship rate relief under the existing Council policy? If not, why not?

All applications for hardship relief are considered on their merits, with all relevant factors being considered when deciding if the granting of Hardship Relief is warranted. However, it is not the purpose of the relief to support businesses who otherwise would be trading insolvent. Rather, the relief is more often used to support businesses, in particular sole traders, who have a ceased liability and who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to repay the outstanding amounts and it would be uneconomic or against the Council's business rates recovery policy, on the grounds of vulnerability, to pursue

recovery.

3. How many apprentices are directly employed by the City Council?

I am pleased to report that we currently have 186 individuals on apprentice contracts within the Council, three times higher than when we developed our workforce apprenticeship strategy in 2017. Since this time, we have also employed 71% of those who have successfully completed their apprenticeship in accordance with our strategy of sustaining employment and supporting the development of our workforce profile in line with that of the City. Our apprenticeship intake is split between both new starters to our organisation and the development of our existing workforce.

Question of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

As a percentage of Council Tax and Business Rates income in 2018/19, what was the spending on interest on debt last year?

9.27% financing costs to net revenue.

Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

1. What has been the selection process for people of Sheffield to sit on the Citizens Assembly?
2. When is the date for the commencement of the Citizens Assembly that is to bring forward plans on tackling the Climate Emergency?
3. What is the timeframe for the Citizens Assembly to report back to the City Council with its plan of action?

To be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

See above

See above

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| 1. What work has been done on a proposal for a new committee system that can be put to the people of Sheffield in a referendum? | We are undertaking a review on governance model options, as agreed at the July Full Council meeting. This review will work with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and will therefore be on a cross party basis as well as having external input. |
| 2. You said you would write to me in response to my oral question at September's meeting on whether you thought the public interest was well served by Councillor Blake's decision to withhold details of the £1 million bail-out to Sheffield City Trust from the public. When do you intend to provide this answer? | A report on the loan decision will be taken to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting on 22 nd October. The report will set out the background to the loan and the work that is ongoing to ensure a sustainable future for sport, leisure and entertainment in Sheffield. |

Question of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| The success of the "It's Our City" petition has resulted in an impending referendum. What process will you use to determine who will participate in the work of creating a suitable committee system for Sheffield City Council? What organisations have you or will you consult with to gain advice and expertise about changing to and designing a committee system most suitable for Sheffield? | We are undertaking a review on governance model options, as agreed at the July Full Council meeting. This review will work with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and will therefore be on a cross party basis as well as having external input. |
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Questions of Councillor Martin Phipps to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| 1. How many applications for committal to prison have Sheffield City Council made for non-payment of Council Tax over the last financial year (2018/19), and how many have been made by the Council on a yearly basis since 2011 (including 2011)? | I will provide a written response to this question and publish the answer on the Council's website |
| 2. How many people out of the above were, or are being, committed to prison? | See above |

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| 3. | How many times were bailiffs instructed in the above periods for reclamation of non-payment of Council Tax? | See above |
| 4. | How many times out of the above was the option taken by the Council to “levy distress on goods” (taking of the debtor's property for debt recovery - as per the “Council Tax and Business Rates Recovery Policy”)? | See above |
| 5. | How many applications for bankruptcy have Sheffield City Council made for non-payment of Council Tax each year since 2011 (including 2011)? | See above |
| 6. | How many bankruptcy orders from the above were granted in each of those years? | See above |
| 7. | How has the debt recovery for Council Tax arrears and Business tax arrears policy and other debt recovery policies been influenced on a general level by suicide prevention work? | See above |

Questions of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment) - to be answered by Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| 1. | Can you tell me if we use bailiffs to collect unpaid business rates from local businesses? | Yes. |
| 2. | What support do we offer to local businesses encountering financial difficulties? | The Council offers a range of support, for example, the business rates team can help businesses minimise their liability by ensuring they have applied for any relevant relief (e.g. small business rates relief) and will encourage them to contact them as soon as possible to enter into payment arrangements if a business gets into financial difficulty. |
| 3. | What recovery rate do the bailiffs achieve, against the cost of employing them? | Bailiff companies do not come at a charge to the Council as their source of income comes from the statutory fee they collect from the debtor. |

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) - to be answered by Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| 7. Has the Council finalised a contract for sale for this land [at Owlthorpe]? | Phase 1 (Site E) has been sold subject to contract to Avant Homes and is conditional upon them obtaining satisfactory planning permission. |
| 8. Who is the purchaser? | Avant Homes. |

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

1. Have you received detailed proposals from Fargate Evolve on the removal of scaffolding from Fargate and Chapel Walk and, if so, when did you receive this information and what have they proposed?

Fargate Evolve Ltd has been in the process of refinancing the project following issues with the management arrangements that were in place to manage the project.

The timescales and deadlines given to the Developer / Investor through notices served have been exceeded.

We are expecting to receive detailed proposals shortly.

As you are aware, we have served notice and we are carrying out our own surveys.

We have insisted that the developer / investor meets every single occupier to explain what is going on and agree matters between them. The Freeholder and other long leaseholders need to make arrangements with Fargate Evolve in terms of any issues with their tenants.

2. Will the scaffolding on Fargate and Chapel Walk be removed in time for the peak Christmas trading season this year?

This has been answered above.

3. With regards to the HOC2 project:-

- (a) how much interest has been paid or accrued to date on the money the Council is borrowing to fund the project?

HoC finances are intended to be covered within the project. Hence there are NO costs for HoC in the general fund budget and no impact on council tax this year or planned for next year.

As has been well documented, there is significant upfront investment into the project from the Council, an element of which is interest. However, as stated above, overall all costs are intended to be recovered within the project from eventual sale

of the assets and/or rental income.

In order to provide a full picture, a detailed briefing is needed, highlighting the overall income generated from sales as well as rental income, to be considered against interest charges. Elements of this information are commercially sensitive, which makes it more complicated to provide an answer and I am seeking advice about how this can be put into the public domain. Please accept my apologies that this means you are not getting the answer now, however, you will receive this information.

- (b) what was the predicted spend on interest payments in the original business case approved by the Council at the beginning of the project? See answer above
4. With regards to the 40 year lease with Legal & General on 100,000 sq.ft office space in the proposed West Bar development:-
- (a) how much did the Council spend on legal & due diligence work before entering into this agreement? Nothing. The Council's legal costs are recovered from the developer.
- (b) what does the Council intend to use this office space for? To let as commercial office space.

Questions of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

1. Can you tell me if we use bailiffs to collect unpaid business rates from local businesses? To be answered by Councillor Terry Fox
2. What support do we offer to local businesses encountering financial difficulties? As above.
3. What recovery rate do the bailiffs achieve, against the cost of employing As above.

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Questions of Councillor Angela Argenzio to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

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| 1. When did work on the Midland Station Masterplan first begin? | Late 2018 |
| 2. When is the Masterplan going to be made available? | Autumn 2019 |

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

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| 1. When will the scaffolding on Chapel Walk be removed? | <p>Fargate Evolve Ltd has been in the process of refinancing the project following issues with the management arrangements that were in place to manage the project.</p> <p>The timescales and deadlines given to the Developer / Investor through notices served have been exceeded.</p> <p>We are expecting to receive detailed proposals shortly.</p> <p>As you are aware, we have served notice and we are carrying out our own surveys.</p> <p>We have insisted that the developer / investor meets every single occupier to explain what is going on and agree matters between them. The Freeholder and other long leaseholders need to make arrangements with Fargate Evolve in terms of any issues with their tenants.</p> <p>I have asked Fargate Evolve to contact the local Councillors.</p> |
| 2. Will you guarantee to the independent small businesses on Chapel Walk that the scaffolding will be removed before the critical Christmas trading period? | As response above. |
| 3. Will the Council take a firm stance that the scaffolding can't be left up when no | As response above |

work is happening, and commit to building this into scaffolding permit conditions and reviews?

4. If the scaffolding stays up over the Christmas period, what compensation will the Council commit to provide to the businesses that will be facing their third Christmas under the scaffolding (noting how several businesses have since left the historic Walk)?

As response above.

Questions of Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

On 27th May I reported shrubbery that was obscuring vision at a dangerous road junction to Streets Ahead. By 8th September, this shrubbery had not been removed and there was another accident. When a hazard such as this is reported to Streets Ahead, with what urgency should they attend to it? Are there any service level agreements that are relevant to this? If not, why not?

To be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change).

Questions of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. Western Road footpaths are in a terrible state. Can I ask that this matter is given immediate attention and the work prioritised?

To be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change).

2. I have been made aware of a major issue around taxis. The issue being the introduction of regulations for vehicles which should be better than Euro 6 when the clean air zone is introduced. This will have an impact on taxis which are adapted for disability access. Apparently there are not enough taxis on the market and those that are have reliability issues. What is being done to help the situation and the drivers concerned?

Our consultation has been clear that our proposals are that taxis should be better than Euro 6 Diesel (Hackney Carriage – Electric or LPG conversion and PHV – Electric or better than Euro 4 Petrol-Hybrid). As part of the development of our Clean Air Zone proposals, we are looking at the market capacity and range of vehicles available. We are aware that there is currently only one vehicle that meets the CAZ electric standards and Hackney Carriage Licensing policy. Other vehicles will be coming onto the market and we are considering a range of ownership/operation options and associated financial support options. We are using information from the consultation to support this.

3. Will the Council consider introducing Hackney status to non-Black Cabs as has happened elsewhere, thereby making it easier for taxi drivers to comply with the new proposed regulations by purchasing cars and vehicles which are better for the environment and affordable, rather than having to buy replacement Black Cabs at a cost of around £50,000 plus?

Yes this is something that we will consider. Sheffield City Council Licensing Policy requires Hackney Carriage vehicles to be wheelchair compliant and our current Hackney Fleet meets this standard. Any proposed change to Licensing Policy to allow saloon type vehicles to operate as a Hackney Carriage will have an impact on the accessibility of the overall Hackney Carriage fleet. Accessibility for wheelchair users is being considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment for the CAZ proposals.

Questions of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. What steps are being taken to carry out a root and branch review of Sheffield's bus routes and timetables to re-address the imbalance caused by the ongoing annual route re-tendering and timetable adjustment, as agreed at the September Council? How will the review process be managed, and who will be involved? Is there an outline plan of when the outcomes of the review will be available?

Sheffield City Council does not control bus routes and timetables. We are not happy with the September changes, as expressed at September Council where the need to develop a Bus Charter for Sheffield was announced. There will be more work on this in the next couple of months.

The City Region Mayor has a review of the bus service across South Yorkshire underway. Sheffield City Council will be giving evidence this month.

2. Sheffield City Council's website has recently been amended to state "It is intended to publish a draft of the Sheffield Plan in 2019". Can you confirm that this is still the case, and when the plan will be published?

The new Local Development Scheme (LDS) will be published shortly. The LDS will set out the timetable for producing the Sheffield (Local) Plan documents.

Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. With respect to the Sheffield Plan, the webpage (at the time of writing) continues to say - "Consultation on the Draft Policies and Site Options

The new Local Development Scheme (LDS) will be published shortly The LDS will set out the timetable for producing the Sheffield (Local) Plan

document (under Regulation 18) will now take place in 2019. The overall timetable is currently being reviewed." - and in answer to Council Questions last month you said "A new Local Development Scheme (the timetable for the plan) will be published this autumn." Given autumn is here, are you able to provide a more detailed timetable?

2. Press comments seem to suggest that Mayor Dan Jarvis is concerned that bus franchising is unaffordable unless central government pays. What is your broad view of this affordability and how it might be structured?

documents.

As we have stated several times, we believe it is important that bus franchising is delivered. The City Region Mayor has powers to progress bus franchising as an operational model. We hope that, and will be pushing for, the Mayor's Bus Review to recommend a specific piece of work on the feasibility of franchising in South Yorkshire, similar to what has recently been progressed in Greater Manchester, including benefits and costs, and how these might be met.

Questions of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. When can we expect Meersbrook Park Road to be resurfaced? The surface is currently dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians.
2. What changes to the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) proposals are expected?

To be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change).

Officers are working on the development and refinement of the CAZ C+ proposals following consultation. At this time it is too early to confirm any changes but these will be reported in due course.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. Are you content with the decision of the Council not to co-operate with an offer from a British research engineering company of a free trial of a new product that retro-fits taxis to reduce NOx emissions?

Council officers have met and advised various companies, including research ones, about how their retrofit product/s can be assessed and accredited for suitability and use within a CAZ. For the companies that came to us, they have not been

accredited.

We have advised companies that a good way forward would be for research companies to approach taxi companies for access to vehicles that they can trial their product/s on, and then accredit these via the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS) process managed by the Energy Savings Trust (EST) on behalf of Government. When successful, the companies can then advise the Council about their products for verification and possible recommendation.

Further, as set out as part of Sheffield's CAZ consultation, taxis should be better than Euro 6 Diesel (Hackney Carriage – Electric or LPG conversion and PHV – Electric or better than Euro 4 Petrol-Hybrid).

2. Do you consider it appropriate to rule out the possibility of a £459 retro-fitting device - that officers inform us "looks to achieve the Council's aims and objectives (cleaner air and a reduction in NOx and CO2 from tailpipes)" - and instead to insist that taxi drivers "will not be allowed to use diesel vehicles, that they must either be fully electric, LPG or a minimum of Euro 4 petrol hybrid" at a typical cost of £58,000?

Officers are not aware of an accredited £459 retro-fitting device that "looks to achieve the Council's aims and objectives (cleaner air and a reduction in NOx and CO2 from tailpipes)".

3. Do you consider it appropriate that taxi drivers are to be denied the option of retro-fitting existing vehicles with new technology when the larger bus companies are receiving grants of millions of pounds for retro-fitting?

We are allowing retrofitting but this will be accredited LPG conversions for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

4. Do you regret that the Council did not invest in a workplace parking levy in previous years, which might have helped avoid the need for a Clean Air Zone?

We do not believe that a workplace parking levy would have avoided the need for a Clean Air Zone in the city.

5. What assessment has been made of

An appraisal of the potential number

the likely impact of the Clean Air Zone on Duchess Road in Highfield?

of trips that re-route as a result of CAZ proposals has been assessed through the feasibility study. This indicates that, for our Preferred Option of a CAZ C+ proposal, approximately 3,500 trips may re-route and that for a CAZ D zone (of the same boundary) approximately 17,000 trips may re-route. All trips are numbers per day.

All locations in our preferred option achieve compliance with the air quality levels we have been directed to achieve.

6. Given that the Council marketed land at Owlthorpe specifically to developers for housing on a greenfield site, what steps will the Administration take to ensure the Planning and Highways Committee makes a decision that is free from apparent bias?

The Unitary Development Plan was approved in 1998. This site, therefore, has been earmarked for housing for many years, and more recently, in 2009 (Lib Dem administration at the time) the City Council reaffirmed that houses would be built on these sites as part of its Core Strategy.

The full and proper process will take place when considering this application, as is the case for all applications considered by the Committee.

Planning applications have to be assessed on how they meet approved planning policies and other relevant considerations such as the local effect of the proposal. Current advice from the Government, previous planning decisions (including those made by the Government or Planning Inspectors) and pronouncements made on planning matters by judges and the Law Lords must also be taken into account. The Council's planning officers who are working on this case will be providing their advice to the Planning Committee in due course and Committee members will have to take careful account of this advice in

reaching their decision on this application.

7. Has the Council finalised a contract for sale for this land?
To be answered by Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance).
8. Who is the purchaser?
To be answered by Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance).
9. Has the Administration reported to the Information Commissioner the data protection breach of emails on Friday 13th September, when it released personal e-mail contacts and identities of objectors to Spearmint Rhino staff?
The Council sincerely regrets the error in releasing the email addresses of consultees in the Spearmint Rhino licence application. An apology to all individuals affected was issued requesting the deletion of the email, and its deletion from their deleted items. Subsequently, the Council's Data Protection Officer responded to 14 complaints about the personal data breach. He highlighted Section 170 of the Data Protection Act 2018 which makes it a criminal offence to retain personal data once a data controller (Sheffield City Council) has asked an individual to delete it. No notification to the Information Commissioner was made because it was unlikely that any individual was at risk. Supporters and objectors to the Spearmint Rhino application were all victims of our breach. Everyone has a mutual interest in acting responsibly. All parties were invited to tell the Council if they had any concerns now, or in the future, that their email address has been used maliciously, either directly or by reason of increased spam.

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) - to be answered by Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

5. The decision to exclude private cars from the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is likely to result in continued unnecessary emissions that could be significantly
The approach to undertaking the CAZ feasibility study was defined by DEFRA and the direction that we have been mandated with requires us

reduced if private cars had been included. What is the Council's rationale for allowing motorists to access the city centre without sharing responsibility for emissions, and how does the Council intend to encourage motorists to use alternative travel options like buses/trams and walking and cycling?

to meet the EU threshold limits for NO₂ of 40µg/m³ in the shortest possible time.

We have been required to undertake a detailed HM Treasury Green Book compliant appraisal of options that meet the above requirements and this appraisal indicated that the best performing option across a range of criteria was a Class C CAZ with wider measures. This is our C+ CAZ Preferred Option.

We are committed to encouraging and enabling the use of alternatives to the private car and for car drivers to consider cleaner options to older Internal Combustion Engine fossil fuel vehicles.

This will be achieved through Clean Air Zone-related activity to accelerate behaviour change, and through wider infrastructure programmes to deliver improved corridors for cycling, walking and bus travel, including those opportunities such as the upcoming Transforming Cities Fund bid.

6. A group of local parents - Sheffield Green Parents – met with the previous Cabinet Member to discuss their concerns. Has the Council agreed to any plans or changes in response to what the Group were asking for, and if yes, what was agreed, and if no, why not?

Officers are currently finalising a report on the approach to School Streets and Play Streets, two of the areas that were raised, and this will be considered in the near future.

It will set out those schools where we will roll out additional street closures at morning and afternoon outside schools, and how we will enable people that are interested in closing their streets for local residents activities on a regular basis (e.g. once a month play activities).

Questions of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. How many Household Waste Recycling Permits have been issued in each of the past three years up to and including 2018/19?

Date	HWRC Permits Applications
2016/17	537
2017/18	525
2018/19	501

2. How many one-off visits have been made to recycling centres in each of the past three years?

Date	HWRC One off Visits
2016/17	5840
2017/18	5412
2018/19	5396

3. How many fly tipping incidents have been recorded for each of the last three years?

Date	Fly tipping
2016/17	12,026
2017/18	12,616
2018/19	15,254

4. 2018/19 saw a 27% increase in fly tipping incidents against target. What steps are being taken to reduce the number of fly tipping incidents?

Our drive is for excellence in service from Amey – and we require all removals to be completed promptly and effectively within two business days, with an obligation on Amey to seek evidence for prosecutions and make referrals and witness statements wherever possible.

We are exploring additional measures to deter criminal and environmental crime, including surveillance and site ‘hardening’.

Questions of Councillor Ruth Mersereau to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. What practical steps has the Council taken to cut carbon emissions since the last full Council meeting, in order to get closer to meeting its target of being carbon neutral by 2030?

The Council is continuing to explore the opportunities to reduce its own direct carbon emissions, as well as generate low or zero carbon energy. It will be using the Climate Citizens Assembly to work with people from across the city to develop approaches to reduce city-wide emissions, as the Tyndall Centre report noted that reductions are required from across all sectors of our city in order to achieve our 2030 zero carbon city goal.

2. What opportunities to reduce its carbon emissions has the Council explored since the September 2019 Council meeting?

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This will include how better we insulate current and future buildings and incorporate renewable energy production, via solar panels which are increasingly demonstrating greater power outputs and increased longevity/lower than expected output drop-offs.

3. When is the Climate Citizens Assembly going to start its work?

The Council is considering the most effective approach and is exploring how other local authorities are progressing assemblies, which are helping inform the development of our approach. A start date for the first assembly has not been confirmed, but this is expected in due course. The Council wants to ensure that the process is fair and equitable

and considers the evidence in a full and comprehensive manner.

4. Do you think that Sheffield's public litter bins are emptied frequently enough?

Yes.

All highway litter bins are managed on a basis of never being more than 75% full. The exact cycle depends on footfall within the area, and any special events, or notable heatwaves getting more people out and about eating food - but Amey are broadly contractually compliant in delivering this aim.

Though bins should never be overflowing we must strike a balance between emptying cycles and incurring excessive journeys and wasted mileage emptying bins where unnecessary.

We are in the process of installing bin sensors to all highway litter bins to provide live monitoring data of fill levels and improve the reactive service as well as utilising this data to develop a more effective proactive emptying cycle and note any specific trends in areas and fill levels.

5. Do you think that the reduction in street cleaning, coupled with regularly overflowing bins, is contributing to poor perceptions of Sheffield?

No.

Sheffield has recently passed an independent street cleansing audit from Defra, as well as consistently achieving exceptional street cleansing scores against the NI 195 monitoring system.

There has been no recorded drop in street cleansing standards in our auditing since the reduction in street cleansing input levels was implemented.

This is because the shift was to mechanical cleaning rather than manual cleaning, meaning that larger areas can be cleansed to a higher standard with fewer operatives, in less time, so the changes and cost

savings were more around operational efficiencies, without compromising standards on-street.

Questions of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. Do you agree that using plastic as feedstock for the incinerator is severely damaging to the environment and a significant contributor to the climate crisis?

The feedstock for the energy recovery facility is mixed household and commercial waste. The Council's investment in increasing recycling and the Energy Recovery Facility means we recover value from 98% of household waste produced in Sheffield, which is amongst the best performance in the UK and Europe.
2. What moves will you make as Cabinet Member to prevent the burning of plastics?

The brown bin recycling collection from households provides the opportunity for plastic bottle recycling. However, it is important to note that plastic is not recycled, it is repurposed. The gradual degradation of plastics sent to recycle is not a circular economy.
To remove plastic from our supply chain is the best and only long-term option for tackling plastic waste. Not more recycling.
The Council has already acted to minimise single use plastics in Council catering supplies.
We will look to learn from 'Go Plastic Free' movements and look to influence Government on economic measures to reduce the use of plastics wherever practical.
3. What moves will you make to prevent compostable matter from entering the incinerator?

Through the contract with the Council, Veolia provide a chargeable garden waste collection service. This is not subsidised by the Council and therefore ensures that households/flats in the city, that do not have gardens/compostable waste, are not subsidising services to households with gardens.

The Council is part of the get composting scheme - whereby home

composting bins are available for less than £20.

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/sheffield/reducing-waste/home-composting>
<https://getcomposting.com/>

The Council is awaiting the Government's new waste strategy before any further investment is made in food waste collections. The Government has indicated additional funding will be made available for this. Obviously, without additional funding, investing in a new collection service will mean diverting Council budget from other essential front-line services such as adult social care.

However, we should be clear and honest about what we can do with compostable materials. As a future energy source, composting has been proposed as a source for methane and other materials. These products are often burnt. Composting still results in greenhouse gas production.

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. Part of the StreetsAhead PFI contract includes care and maintenance of saplings. The saplings now have signs attached asking for residents to water them. Why is Amey being permitted to ignore its contractual duties?

Amey are not being allowed to reduce their watering programme, this obligation still exists, and Amey are still actively watering across all newly replanted trees. This scheme is designed to provide additional opportunities for communities to engage with the tree replacement work and maximise the chances of the new trees establishing in their community. It is a widespread practice across other local authorities in the country.

2. Many of the saplings planted on streets are being forced to compete for nutrients with weeds growing in the tree pit. Why are the saplings not receiving necessary care and attention?

Amey have a young tree maintenance programme that works in tandem with the watering programme, as well as a weed control programme. Bark and mulch

is often applied to the bases of trees to assist in providing a weed suppressant without the need for Herbicides, however this is not a complete cure.

3. Rundle Road is in very poor condition and it is damaged and dangerous to cyclists in particular. When will it be resurfaced?

Rundle Road has been delayed from the resurfacing programme primarily because any pre-requisite highway repairs requiring tree replacements have been reconsidered as part of the pause. Work is continuing as part of the 'new approach' to identify a practical alternative and, when ready, this will be shared with residents prior to a final decision. The highway surfacing will follow. Make safe repairs will continue to be carried out in the intervening period.

4. The Labour Group submitted a motion in February to call a Climate Emergency (as the Green Group did also). At the time, the lead Cabinet Member stated that he would need 6 months to formulate an action plan to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030. It is now 8 months since this declaration. Can you tell me when the carbon emissions reduction plan will be available to read? How many officers have been involved in writing the plan? Have any external companies been involved, and who are they? What work, if any, has been done so far?

A report from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change was presented back to Full Council in July.

This report set out a Carbon Budget for the city, and set a clear recommendation to reduce carbon emissions by a minimum of 14% year on year in order to remain within a carbon budget of 16 million tonnes.

5. The decision to exclude private cars from the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is likely to result in continued unnecessary emissions that could be significantly reduced if private cars had been included. What is the Council's rationale for allowing motorists to access the city centre without sharing responsibility for emissions, and how does the Council intend to encourage motorists to use alternative travel options like buses/trams and walking and cycling?

To be answered by Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development).

6. A group of local parents - Sheffield

To be answered by Councillor Bob

Green Parents – met with the previous Cabinet Member to discuss their concerns. Has the Council agreed to any plans or changes in response to what the Group were asking for, and if yes, what was agreed, and if no, why not?

Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development).

Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance) - to be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. What has been the selection process for people of Sheffield to sit on the Citizens Assembly?

The Council is currently developing the approach it will take to hold a Citizens Assembly. The selection process it employs will ensure that the assembly members are representative of the city's diversity.

2. When is the date for the commencement of the Citizens Assembly that is to bring forward plans on tackling the Climate Emergency?

The Council is considering the most effective approach and is exploring how other local authorities are progressing assemblies, which is helping inform the development of our approach. A start date for the first assembly has not been confirmed, but this is expected in due course.

3. What is the timeframe for the Citizens Assembly to report back to the City Council with its plan of action?

The Council wants to ensure that the process is fair and equitable and considers the evidence in a full and comprehensive manner.

Questions of Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) - to be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

On 27th May I reported shrubbery that was obscuring vision at a dangerous road junction to Streets Ahead. By 8th September, this shrubbery had not been removed and there was another accident. When a hazard such as this is reported to Streets Ahead, with what urgency should they attend to it? Are there any service level agreements that are relevant to this? If not, why not?

The report was investigated following a road traffic collision and it was found that the shrubs were not deemed to be obscuring visibility and were not a contributing factor in the collision. The shrubs are located in an adjacent property and not on the highway network.

The site will be re-examined and, if necessary, the land owner will be contacted to reduce the shrubs.

Reports of potential hazards are categorised into likely risk to network users and Amey have response times to meet, depending on the type of incident. These are published on the Council website by searching for Streets Ahead Documents, then selecting Schedule 2 Service Standards.

Question of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) - to be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. Western Road footpaths are in a terrible state. Can I ask that this matter is given immediate attention and the work prioritised?
The remedial works to the carriageway and footways of Western Road are currently under development to ensure the tree stock is preserved in accordance with previous commitments. Make safe repairs will continue to be carried out in the intervening period.

Question of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) - to be answered by Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

1. When can we expect Meersbrook Park Road to be resurfaced? The surface is currently dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians.
As above, with my answer to Councillor Mohammed Mahroof's question regarding Western Road, the matter is currently under review. Make safe repairs will continue to be carried out in the intervening period.

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

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| 1. When is the date for the start and completion of a new pavilion at Bolehills | Completion is scheduled for May 2020. |
| 2. Is there a timeframe to consult the wider community on the plans for the building at Bolehills? | The planning application has gone in and once the outcome is known we will consult with stakeholders, including local councillors. |
| 3. Do the plans include making the new building at Bolehills sustainable and carbon neutral? | The new building will meet current building regulations but will not be carbon neutral. To make the building carbon neutral would involve design measures that cannot be met by the budget available. |
| 4. How is the BMX track at Bolehills managed and what input does Sheffield City Council have into decisions made and plans taken in respect of the track? | Parks, Woodlands and Countryside manage the track with the BMX group who have raised funding over many years to repair and maintain. The group has been around for 30 plus years, ever since the track was built in the early 1980's. They work in partnership with the Council to maintain and refurbish the track. |

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

What progress has been made with regard to the Millhouses Mill building (the one that the Friends of Millhouses Park obtained a lottery grant for) in deciding its immediate future?

Condition surveys have now been completed for the estate, including the Mill buildings at Millhouses. The Council is now considering how it will prioritise the considerable backlog maintenance required across the estate as well as the future use of a number of buildings, including those at Millhouses. The Head of Property Services is happy to meet with the Friends of Millhouses Park and Councillors when we know more, but at the moment we have no clear answer as yet.

Questions of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Abtisam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills)

1. In regards to academies who are failing financially, what measures and due diligence do we have in place, apart from saying it is a central government problem?

Local authorities don't have any governance responsibilities for academies. Academies report directly to Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

Sheffield City Council are not made aware of the actual funding allocated to each academy or what their financial position is.

Headteachers representing academies are members of the School Forum, and they have made the membership of the Forum aware that some Sheffield academies are facing financial challenges.
2. How many applications do we have for free schools in the City? What due diligence is in place?

We are not aware of any current applications for free schools in the city. To date, Sheffield has only had one school approved through the usual free school route – Chapeltown Academy, which is solely a post-16 provider. In that case, the due diligence, in line with legal duties and responsibilities, was undertaken by the Department for Education.
3. How do we rank in relation to other cities for unauthorised absences from schools?

I will provide a written response to this question and publish it on the Council's website.
4. How many parents have been prosecuted in the last three years for their children's absence from school?

I will provide a written response to this question and publish it on the Council's website.

Questions of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Abtisam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills)

1. What progress has been made on the new school dinners contract?

The contract documents are being finalised now and are due for release in early November as part of the Invitation to Tender.

2. What steps have to be taken to include the Green Group's suggestions to tackle climate change by reducing meat consumption, allowing vegetarian days and providing a daily vegan option?

The current primary menus meet the national school food standards which include a prescribed amount of meat, fish and dairy produce. There is always a vegetarian option on the menu as well as a limited vegan option. Regarding the next approved cycle of menus (after October half term), one meat free day will be offered to schools as a 'theme day' so that there will be a meat free option and a vegetarian/vegan option together. Planning is underway for the next cycle of menus (April 2020) and in the new menu cycle, one of the vegetarian options each week is also suitable for vegans. Children who need a medical diet will still be catered for. Any new recipes will be tested by the pupils.

3. What steps have been taken to eliminate single-use plastics from the waste stream associated with the school meals contract?

Primary sector - any single use plastic used in the delivery of the meal, such as dessert cartons, are being phased out by October half term.

Secondary sector - reusable, washable items are being trialled in some Secondary schools in place of disposable-ware and other single use plastic reviewed with schools. Suppliers to the catering industry are actively looking at materials involved in the preparation or delivery of the service i.e. cling film, barrier aprons. One example of this is that the fruit and vegetable supplier to the Sheffield schools has removed plastic packaging, supplying produce loose and in cardboard boxes, which can be recycled.

Question of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

Knife crime is a major issue in many major cities and parents are quite rightly concerned. What measures and educational awareness is in place in Sheffield schools?

Briefings have taken place with Police and schools. I have requested a schedule.

Questions of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1. How many houses owned by the Authority have been vacant for longer than one year, as of 1st September, 2019?

27 properties, 18 of which are sundry properties.

2. How long has each of these properties been empty? Please list.

Details regarding the other 9 properties (which are not sundry properties) are set out below.

Property number	Date Void	Number of days void	Comment
66 Daresbury View	17/04/2017	896	held for major works
38 Lupton Walk	09/10/2017	721	Waiting for works to be completed and signed off
2 Buckenham Street	19/02/2018	588	
41 Wincobank Avenue	05/03/2018	574	
29 Spring Close View	19/03/2018	560	
116 Cliff Street	21/05/2018	497	
48 Ironside Road	18/06/2018	469	
44 Constable Place	23/07/2018	434	
415 Washington Road	20/08/2018	406	

Questions of Councillor Andrew Sangar to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1. What is the paper establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1st October 2019?

We are collating the information and working together to shape the future of neighbourhood policing across Sheffield.

2. What is the proposed paper establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1st October 2020?

As above.

3. What is the actual establishment, by

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rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1st October 2019?

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| 4. What was the paper establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1 st April 2019? | As above. |
| 5. What was the actual establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1 st April 2019? | As above. |
| 6. What was the paper establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1 st April 2018? | As above. |
| 7. What was the actual establishment, by rank and fte, of each Sheffield Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1 st April 2018? | As above. |

Question of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

Could I have the accounts of all the Ward pots?

I will provide a written response to this question and publish it on the Council's website.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

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| 1. When do you anticipate the report of the Council's investigation into the Hanover Tower cladding will be published? | Autumn. |
| 2. What information has the Council (a) requested and (b) received, from the main contractor, Lovell's, in respect of this investigation? | Will be included in the public report. |
| 3. How much compensation has been paid to tenants and leaseholders of Hanover Tower in consequence of the incorrect cladding being fitted? | We have funded the new cladding and have made a contribution to higher heating bills. |
| 4. What progress has been made towards installing sprinklers in Council-owned | Consultation planned for 4x single staircase Tower Blocks in early 2020. |

tower blocks?

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| 5. How many high-rise residential buildings in Sheffield are now considered to be, or have been, affected with flammable cladding where they are owned by (a) Sheffield City Council, (b) social landlords, (c) private sector owners? | SCC – 1 removed and replaced
Social Landlords – 0
Private – approx. 5 in process of being replaced. |
| 6. What progress has been made with the review of the outcome of the Page Hall Selective Licensing scheme? | A review of the management and enforcement of private landlords is underway post-Selective Licensing, and an additional resource being put in place from October 2019. |
| 7. When will the review be published? | This will be made available on the Council's website from November 2019. |

Question of Councillor Kaltum Rivers to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

The Council's Private Sector Housing Team made just two referrals to "statutory agencies" in the last 12 months. Which statutory agencies were these and what was the nature of the referrals?

Our focus is on property condition. Currently we have 4 referrals
1 to South Yorkshire Police
1 to Environmental Services
1 to Building Control
1 to DWP.

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