

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT, REGENERATION AND CLIMATE POLICY COMMITTEE – 13th March 2024

COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

Questions of Councillor Richard Shaw to the Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee (Councillor Ben Miskell)

Q.1 Has the investigation relating to the demolition of the Market Tavern been completed? If not, when will it be completed?

A.1 Investigations are ongoing. The incident review has been completed but the workforce investigation has now commenced under the HR process so it would not be appropriate to discuss outcomes at this time. However, the Council will work with associated heritage groups linked to the Heritage Strategy to consider next steps now that this has been adopted.

Q.2 When will the report on the findings be published and which committee or committees will it be presented to?

A.2 I am afraid that I am unable to confirm at this time due to the HR/workforce investigation.

Q.3 What has been done with the old tramway tracks that were unearthed and removed during recent works on Fargate and Pinstone street?

A.3 The tram tracks are being stored in the contractor's compound. They are to be moved to a Council depot in the near future.

Q.4 Over the past two years, there have been a number of mass cycle ride events in Sheffield, including ones by DJ Dom Whiting and by "Kidical Mass Sheffield", which have attracted thousands of attendees of all ages and from diverse backgrounds, riding a wide variety of standard and non-standard or disability-adapted cycles.

a) While Chair of this committee, have you attended any of these mass cycle ride events?

A.4 I attended the Sheffield Grand Prix Cycle Race in June last year and I am due to join the Big Ride 2024 event on 27th April.

I was invited to attend the Sheffield Kidical Mass 3 December 2023 and confirmed my planned attendance, however due to the weather this event was cancelled by the organisers.

Q.4 b) Would you agree that these events demonstrate that there is growing public demand for safe and inclusive cycle infrastructure in Sheffield?

A.4 Yes I would agree, and I am very much aware of the popularity and success of mass cycle events whether they be organised by the council or 3rd parties. This is clearly demonstrated in recent music related cycle events and in the recent past by the mass participation Lets Ride events that the Council organised in partnership with British Cycling, initially known as the Sky Ride and more latterly the HSBC Lets Ride Festival. These particular events increased in popularity year on year to the pinnacle of being the most successful (in terms attendance levels) Lets Ride event in the country (2019) outside of London. The partnership work undertaken by the Council, HSBC and British Cycling to run this event and another smaller event held in the city were recognised by the British Cycling Board with an award in 2019. Subsequently we are now investing significant sums of funding into developing safer and inclusive cycle infrastructure, clearly demonstrated by our Transforming Cities Funded schemes, that will be followed by a further round of schemes to 2032 funded from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

Q.5 Please provide the full prioritised list of areas within Sheffield which are considered suitable for inclusion in future 20mph zones, including ones that have not yet been programmed in for delivery.

A.5 The rollout of 20 mph zones throughout Sheffield has been a great success over many years. We would like to see further rollouts as quickly as possible but budgetary constraints have been considerable given fourteen years of austerity. However, I am hopeful that the new Clean Air Investment Fund will help us to fund even more 20 mph zones, as well as providing other road safety interventions.

As requested, the City-wide 20mph priority list is attached. The priority list is based on a calculation of the number of killed and seriously injured (KSI) of pedestrians and cyclists. This calculated figure is in the end column and is coloured orange. The zones marked in a darker grey are the schemes that are either installed or currently being worked on using the annual funding that is allocated to these schemes (LTP/RSF). The zones in green are ones that were installed out of sequence by other funding sources (for instance Heeley was funded by CIL). I will be looking to have some information about this online, as well as some of the FAQs that we discussed in the Feb TRC.