

## CITY OF SHEFFIELD

### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

##### COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

###### Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)

**Following your decision to end the agreement with Extreme Leisure for the development of the former Ski Village site**

**Q.1 Did you consult with any other elected Councillors before you made your announcement, if yes could you please provide details?**

A.1 The decision not to renew the Agreement for Lease with Extreme was taken by Executive Director, Place, Michael Crofts, in consultation with the Leader of the Council Terry Fox and Co-operative Executive Members’.

A report was prepared for EMT. The decision report was circulated to Co-operative Executive Members and additional briefings offered. The Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, and Chief Executive were briefed by officers. Councillor Douglas Johnson asked a number of questions to which officers responded. An additional briefing was offered by officers but was not required.

**Q.2 What was the rationale for ending the deal with Extreme?**

A.2 Parkwood is a very complex site in terms of development, and the Covid pandemic has meant some work could not be undertaken as quickly as originally planned. In recognition of this, the Council twice extended the timeframes within its agreement for lease with Extreme but they were unable to meet the revised timescales. When the most recent agreement with Extreme came to an end, we chose not to extend it. We will now look at all options for the future development of the site.

**Q.3 What has been the cost to the Council for developing plans for this site, in particular survey and design work?**

A.3 The Council stepped in and commissioned survey and design work for development of an access road in order to keep the project on track. The cost of this work is being finalised, but is likely to be between £400k and £500k This was undertaken using external funding. This work remains available to inform the future redevelopment of the site

**Q.4 Does your decision to withdraw from this deal with Extreme expose the Council to any potential legal action, if so, what are the financial risks and will they be added to the “Risk Register”?**

A.4 As Extreme were unable to meet the timescales in the Agreement for Lease the risk of legal challenge is low. The notice has now been served formally ending the Agreement for Lease and it is now a matter for Extreme to decide how they wish to respond, if at all. There are no financial implications at this point in time.

**Q.5 How does your decision to end this deal with Extreme fit in with our aim to market us as the Outdoor City?**

A.5 Sheffield has many outdoor spaces and places and Parkwood is just one element of Sheffield’s Outdoor City offer. The ski village site remains important as a potential regional leisure destination and the work we’ve done so far has already raised its profile as a key location for outdoor recreation and extreme sports. British Cycling has recently announced funding for new cycling infrastructure at Parkwood which will provide much needed investment on the site, enabling local people to enjoy more safe, green spaces on their doorstep.

**Q.6 At the last Council meeting, you indicated you wished to reopen Pinstone Street to buses. Could you please update Council on any progress?**

A.6 I can confirm that I have had an initial discussion about the reintroduction of buses on Pinstone Street with my Co-operative Executive colleague Councillor Douglas Johnson who holds the portfolio for Transport and Climate Change.

We have agreed that given there are proposals for a transformational scheme that will significantly change Pinstone Street and these are planned to follow on from the current temporary arrangements, further detailed discussions with officers is needed to consider the full implications arising from any decision to reintroduce buses onto Pinstone Street. These discussions will be held over the coming weeks. This issue will also be going to the council’s cross-party Scrutiny Committee for members to examine.

**Following the decision to close the leisure pool at Ponds Forge just before the summer holiday period**

**Q.7 When were you informed about the decision to close the leisure pool?**

A.7 Andrew Snelling was made aware by Coops EMBS (Building Maintenance Contractor) on 16<sup>th</sup> July that there were corroded bolts and that the flumes would need to be closed but the pool could stay open. It was then verbally reported by Andrew Snelling at the SCT board meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July (with Tammy Barrass (Head of Sport, Leisure and Health) and Councillor Cate McDonald in attendance). The decision to close the pool was made on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and I was informed of the reasons at this time. The decision was taken to protect health and safety.

**Q.8 Were Sheffield City Council consulted by SCT before the closure, if so, who was consulted**

A.8 Yes, Sheffield City Council Officers, Mick Crofts (Executive Director, Place), Tammy Barrass (Head of Sport, Leisure and Health) and Sean McClean (Head of Capital Delivery Services) were consulted.

**Q.9 Since the closure of the leisure pool, what contact have you and other elected Councillors/officers had with SCT?**

A.9 Mick Crofts and myself met with SCT on site at Ponds Forge on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Sean McLean visited site on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Councillors Teal and Holmshaw visited Ponds Forge as part of a wider familiarisation tour on 10<sup>th</sup> August. Sean McLean has continued to visit the site since including meeting Coops EMBS and Andrew Snelling on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Lisa Firth (Director of Culture) has met with Andrew Snelling on 9<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Q.10 Since January, 2021 how many SCT board meetings have been held, who has attended these meetings on behalf of Sheffield City Council?**

A.10 **This answer has been provided by SCT.**

SCT Board Meetings were held on the following dates with SCC attendance as listed:-

- 27 January 2021 – Michael Crofts (for items 1-11) and Lisa Firth
- 24 February 2021 – Lisa Firth
- 31 March 2021 – Lisa Firth
- 28 April 2021 – Lisa Firth
- 26 May 2021 – Lisa Firth (for items 1 – 10.3) and Tammy Barrass
- 30 June 2021 – Lisa Firth & Tammy Barrass
- 21 July 2021 – Cllr Cate McDonald (for items 1-9) and Tammy Barrass (for items 1 – 12.1).

**Q.11 What were the estimated number of people expected to use the leisure pool at Ponds Forge over the summer period?**

**A.11 This answer has been provided by SCT**

Due to Covid requirements, we are currently operating a booking system that closely manages capacities and attendances across all our leisure pools. The scheduling for the leisure pool at Ponds Forge over the Summer period allowed for 14,790 spaces to be booked. To provide a comparison, Hillsborough Leisure Pool has so far welcomed 30,482 visitors over the Summer holiday period (19<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> September). Hillsborough Leisure Pool is running at around 98% capacity however, this is likely to be slightly higher than usual due to customers transferring to Hillsborough from Ponds Forge because of the enforced closure of Ponds Forge. Our expectation would be that Ponds Forge would have seen around 13,000 visits over the Summer period, with around 2,000 visits transferred to Hillsborough Leisure Centre and therefore an estimated 11,000 net visits lost this Summer.

**Q.12 How many complaints have Sheffield Council and SCT received from Sheffield residents following the decision to closure the leisure pool?**

A.12 Sheffield City Council has not received any complaints.

**The question regarding SCT has been answered by SCT:**

Our Contact Centre has received the following numbers of direct complaints:

- Complaints regarding closure of Ponds Forge leisure pool: 8
- Complaints regarding enforced transfer of swimming lessons to alternative venue: 3

**Q.13 How much is the current work been undertaken at leisure pool costing, how is this being funded?**

A.13 The total work is estimated to be in the region of £500k, however this includes additional maintenance work and improvements to the look of the leisure pool that will be brought forward whilst the pool is drained. All the work will be funded from the existing SCT maintenance budget.

**Q.14 Were Sheffield City Council consulted by SCT before their announcement to cancel the Roy “Chubby” Brown Show from the City Hall programme, if so who was consulted?**

A.14 Sheffield City Council (SCC) was not consulted on the decision. SCC was

asked to support SCT's decision to withdraw this show from the City Hall and we gave that support. We issued a statement at the time explaining our reasons for that support.

To reiterate; the decision to remove Roy Chubby Brown's show from the schedule at Sheffield City Hall was made by Sheffield City Trust, an independent charity that is not controlled by Sheffield City Council. We continue to support their position because, as we said at the time, we don't feel that the nature of the show reflects our city's values. However, we do recognise the strength of feeling that this has stirred up and we knew that some people would be disappointed with SCT's decision and with the Council for supporting it.

Having said that, we stand by our position in supporting SCT. As a diverse city, a City of Sanctuary, with multicultural, accepting and welcoming communities, we do not feel that a show containing homophobic, racist and sexist 'humour' has any place in a publicly funded venue in Sheffield.

We are not suggesting that Roy Chubby Brown, or similar events should be banned from Sheffield, but the crucial thing here is that the City Hall is supported by Council funding, therefore public money and we support and stand by the Trust's decision. If, however, the show was to go ahead at another venue in Sheffield that wasn't supported by Council funding, that would be for the independent venue to balance with their own values.

We understand from Sheffield City Trust that this was a historic booking made before the pandemic and subsequently re-scheduled. As we stand here today in 2021, tolerance for discrimination of any kind is not acceptable. Going forward, Sheffield City Trust has assured us that they will consider whether acts are appropriate before bookings are taken, and we encourage them to review their policies on bookings that may present views that contradict their charitable objectives; ultimately the decision lies with the Trust and the SCT Board of Trustees.

**Q.15 Do you still have confidence in SCT to deliver leisure services in Sheffield?**

A.15 Yes

**Questions of Councillor Barbara Masters to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)**

**Q.1 Much of The Moor is now owned by property company NewRiver. Debenhams remains empty and the future of the John Lewis site is unknown. The Local Plan which should set out a strategic vision for Sheffield has yet to be finalised and the City Centre Plan is still to be**

revealed. NewRiver which admits to snapping up the 28-acre premier shopping site for just £41m and which has unveiled radical redevelopment plans.

**Who is now best placed to decide on the future direction of The Moor given the powerful position NewRiver has in pushing forward its own plans for this strategic part of our city?**

- A.1 New River Retail hold a lease of the 28-acre site from Sheffield City Council. When they need to discuss the detail of development, they will do that in conjunction with the Council as landowner and then deal with the Council in its role as Planning Authority. The Debenhams Building is held via a long lease by another company and we await their plans for that building.

**Ponds Forge now requires £500,000 spent on repairs to the leisure pool and improvements. Sheffield City Trust (SCT) which runs the facility states the damage occurred during the time the building was closed for Covid-19.**

**The Trust has received millions of pounds from the Council over years. It has been described as “haemorrhaging cash” by Council officers. The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Economic, reviewed the confidential interim audit report in October 2019 and raised concerns regarding alleged financial mismanagement. Liberal Democrat Members of the Committee asked for these to be addressed, and that the appropriate controls and measures to be put in place. The EEWB Scrutiny committee was decommissioned in May this year.**

- Q.2 Can you confirm which Scrutiny Committee is now responsible for scrutinising SCT?**

- A.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is now the relevant Committee.

- Q.3 Who was responsible for undertaking a building and amenities condition survey during lockdown and were these carried out prior to the reopening of the facility to the general public?**

- A.3 SCT are responsible for undertaking condition surveys and for the general upkeep of the building as per the terms of their lease. The most recent full survey of Ponds Forge was 2017. Additionally, there was a further condition survey undertaken in 2019 by SCC, the results of which were used to inform joint plans of SCT and SCC for essential maintenance throughout the estate, funded by SCC. The Flumes were not identified as an issue at this time. Ponds Forge was closed March to September 2020, reopened in

October and December and then closed again in January 2021. Visual surveys, from the ground, were undertaken in all venues prior to reopening in the summer 2021. Ponds Forge flumes were inspected at this time, deemed a problem, surveyed properly and the pool closed.

**Q.4 The cost will be funded through existing maintenance budgets made available by the Council. Which budgets will be accessed and will maintenance for other facilities now be cut?**

A.4 The work will be funded from the existing allocation of SCT Maintenance budget. This budget includes a level of contingency for unforeseen urgent repairs as well as planned maintenance. Maintenance for other facilities will not be cut.

**Q.5 Will this matter now be scrutinised by the appropriate Committee given the previous concerns over the alleged mismanagement of Sheffield's leisure facilities by SCT.**

A.5 It is a decision for the Chair and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to determine whether they wish to prioritise scrutiny of SCT in their work programme.

**Q.6 SCT seems incapable of fulfilling its obligations to run leisure facilities in our city. What actions will Sheffield City Council be taking to ensure it complies with its obligation?**

A.6 As I have already stated, I understand that a prolonged closure of the leisure pool will be disappointing for some people, but it's really important that as many improvements and maintenance works as possible are completed now, to prevent further disruption and closures in the future and to make sure we're investing efficiently in Sheffield's leisure facilities. We recognise the need for facilities that are fit for purpose, well maintained and provide quality health and leisure experiences for everyone in Sheffield. Ponds Forge has a significant role to play in that and will support our plans for a future leisure strategy for Sheffield. We look forward to reopening the new look family pool early next year and to sharing more details about city wide future leisure plans in the autumn.

**Question of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)**

**It has been noted that Leeds and Wakefield have been marketing/advertising their respective cities in our City Centre. Clearly very confident in their offer.**

**Q. Can I ask when did Sheffield, in the last five years, have a marketing campaign on its City Centre/City offer outside the City. Where was this targeted.**

A. We do market / promote the City in different ways and with differing levels of activity as necessary and linked to budgets available for such activity.

For example, @VisitSheffield and our websites and all the content on them ([www.welcometoSheffield.co.uk](http://www.welcometoSheffield.co.uk); [www.whatmakesSheffield.co.uk](http://www.whatmakesSheffield.co.uk), [www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk)) are arguably non-stop campaigns for the city, especially when those not from the city interact with them (and we know from analytics data that across the board, for example, one third of our audience is from London).

In terms of specific, paid media advertising campaigns, the Outdoor City campaign had one in 2018/19 which was funded by the Discover England Fund, targeting Netherlands and German markets only (based on insights and VisitBritain modelling). In the past three years Marketing Sheffield has also:

- worked with the Sheffield Property Association at MIPIM to promote the city (targeting property developers), and with Estates Gazette (a major real estate journal), culminating in us being shortlisted for City of the Year.
- done paid advertising around Phlegm's 'Mausoleum of the Giants' exhibition (Guardian print ad, social media boosted ads for profiles with interests that would align)
- used [www.whatmakesSheffield.com](http://www.whatmakesSheffield.com) on World Snooker collateral (visible to TV audiences around the world)
- promoted the city via Doc/Fest which goes globally
- promoted our Make Yourself At Home campaign to regional audiences (Manchester, Leeds, Rotherham, etc) via print ads, digital ads and social media promotion – this was funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It also included bus stop and billboard advertising around Sheffield in November/December and then again for the re-opening in April/May/June.
- Produced the Sheffield video featuring Shauna Coxsey which was shared extremely widely on social media and is used by city partners and stakeholders to their respective audiences.



We are also currently spearheading the celebrations around the 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' premiere in partnership with Amazon Prime Video and Warp Films, as well as the ongoing 'Summer in the Outdoor City' campaign which is being advertised both locally, regionally and nationally (to select audiences where geo targeting and interests/demographics align). The Summer in the Outdoor City campaign is also ERDF funded.

The placement of the Leeds and Wakefield ads in Sheffield City Centre are also European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funded activity (they have the EU logos on them). Clearly Visit Leeds and Visit Wakefield have chosen to use the ERDF funding in this way, whereas we opted for our Summer in the Outdoor City campaign that would both support existing event infrastructure and market it to local audiences (thereby promoting more pride of place and connection to one's own city) coupled with PR activity (we have press and influencer trips planned for September) and digital advertising – which we believe can be a much more effective use of our budgets by getting others to write more authentic content about us (via press and influencers) and also be more targeted to audiences we know will be likely to come (the audiences that people write to, and simultaneously targeting them on digital and social channels). The adverts might have been noticed for Leeds and Wakefield, but has it led to anyone going shopping there? Attached are two images showing footfall data comparisons in Sheffield, Leeds and Nottingham city centres (via Google) which demonstrate how our *Make Yourself at Home* campaign had an impact in driving up numbers of people who came into the city centre.

### **Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)**

**Q.1 Has the Council reached an agreement with John Lewis on the financial payment required for John Lewis to surrender the lease of the building in Barkers' Pool and, if so, what is the value of that payment?**

A.1 Officers are close to concluding negotiations on the payment from John Lewis for wishing to terminate their lease early.

**Q.2 If an agreement has not been reached with John Lewis on the surrender of their lease, how much rent are they currently paying the Council?**

A.2 The lease is based on a turnover rent following refurbishment of the building. As that has not been taken forward, they are due to pay rent at £100,000 p.a. from 2022.

**Q.3 Including officer time, legal and consultancy fees and other costs, how much has the Council spent this year on developing the Sheffield Local Plan and how much does it expect to spend on future work to secure its adoption?**

A.3 The Council has spent £17,750 on legal, consultancy and miscellaneous fees associated with producing the Local Plan in this Financial Year.

The future spend forecast in relation to similar work leading to adoption of the Local Plan is currently £541,436. This forecast is of course subject to change. Overall, the figures reflect the many reports and inputs needed to support the evidence base associated with this complex and vital piece of work.

Staff Costs - Please see below. This is for financial year 2021.

<b><u>Task Name</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Recharge Cost</u></b>
Local Plan Policy Development and Proposals Map	6327.6	£414,160
Local Plan - Sheffield City Region	50.25	£3,554
Local Plan Project Management	543.51	£38,877
Local Plan - Public Consultation	1437.2	£88,167
Local Plan - Duty to Co-operate	132.83	£8,709
	<b>8491.39</b>	<b>£553,468</b>

**Q.4 When will the Council announce its decision on whether to sell or retain its interest in the HSBC Cavendish building as part of the Heart of the City 2 project?**

A.4 Officers are currently engaged in analysing the various options for a sale of the Grosvenor House. Options will be presented to the Executive Co-operative later this year.

**Questions of Councillor Ben Miskell to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)**

**Q.1 The whole city was saddened to hear of the tragic death of five-year-old Mohammed Munib Majeedi, which I know you have spoken and been assisting with.**

**In light of the tragic events in Afghanistan and the bungled withdrawal of US and UK forces from the country. Would you re-affirm our commitment as a City of Sanctuary for those fleeing the tyranny of the**

**Taliban? Thousands of local Afghans bravely supported UK troops, diplomats and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) over the past twenty years. Many face death at the hands of the Taliban. What steps has Sheffield City Council taken to provide a safe haven for these individuals and their families?**

A.1 Sheffields have shown incredible compassion and generosity in recent weeks, stepping up and wanting to find out more about how they can help people fleeing Afghanistan. I am proud of Sheffield's role as a City of Sanctuary, and we are committed to providing support to those in need, and we're working with local charities to ensure that people who would like to donate are able to do so.

As a Council, we have pledged to take our fair share of those fleeing Afghanistan but we need Government to step up and provide real support to us in our endeavours. Currently there are two schemes that have been announced by Government: the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS). The ARAP scheme is to support Locally Employed Staff (LES) and their families. LES are Afghan's who have worked for the UK forces in Afghanistan. The Council pledged in July 2021 to relocate 26 individuals on this scheme in line with an expected UK arrival of 3,000 individuals. 19 individuals have been relocated and supported so far. The Council is working closely with the Home Office and Migration Yorkshire on future support that may be required.

There have been many individuals, community groups and organisations across the city who have responded quickly, and we'd like to thank everyone involved.

Sheffield City Council is working with two charities in particular, [City of Sanctuary](#) and [ASSIST](#) to help facilitate donations to support refugees. We will continue doing everything we can to make Sheffield a safe haven for asylum and an inclusive city.

**Q.2 Sheffield has some wonderful street art that attracts visitors into our city and makes our streets more vibrant. Given reports in the Star of the obscuring of some of Pete McKee's famous work in different parts of the city, which has caused frustration amongst many citizens, will you affirm your support for street art in this city? What measure can be taken to safeguard our existing street art by Sheffield City Council and would you consider asking officers to investigate whether a register of street art should be created, in order to catalogue and preserve some of this work?**

A.2 Sheffield's street art is one of the features which sets it apart from other cities and includes a wide range of images by artists beloved by both Sheffields and visitors.

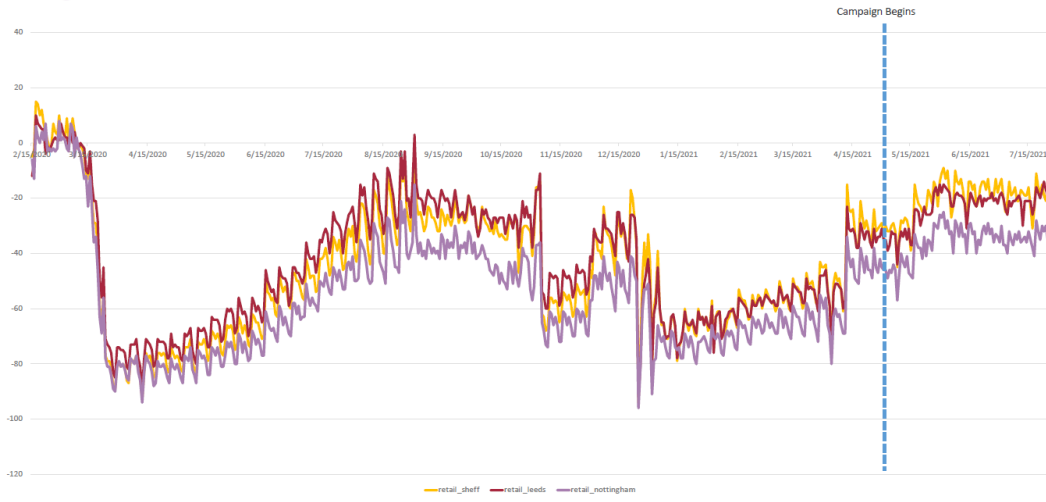
Where street art is created on buildings in private ownership, it falls under the responsibility of the owners to protect and maintain the works. The City Council can advise on cleaning methods and protective glazes where appropriate.

Sheffield Hallam University holds the most complete listing of Sheffield street art, but given that this is an ever-evolving range of work, this listing is not up to date. The Sheffield Visual Art Group has been in discussion with Council officers and Sheffield Hallam University on updating the listing, to reflect this important aspect of Sheffield's visual identity.

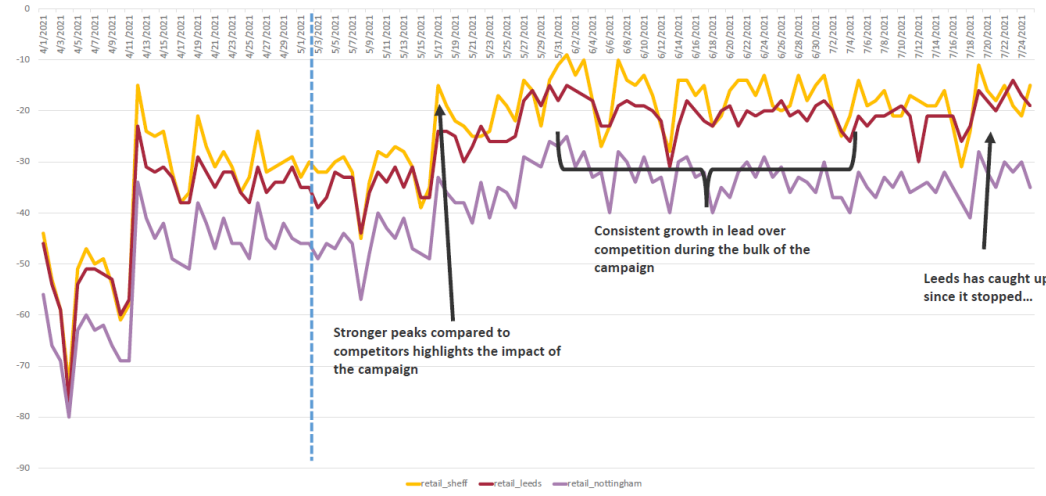
**Question of Councillor Lewis Chinchen to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Executive Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration) to be answered by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)**

- Q. The Local Development Scheme for Sheffield's new Local Plan states that "Consultation on Publication (Pre-submission) Draft Plan (Under Regulation 19\*\*)" is scheduled to take place in July, August and September 2021. However, it appears that this consultation has not commenced. Given the urgency of drafting a Local Plan to protect unsuitable sites from development, please could you confirm when this consultation will commence and what the reason for the delay is?**
- A. We are discussing the timetable with the new Administration with a view to publishing a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) shortly (the LDS is the official name for the Local Plan timetable). It is noted that the Sheffield Plan Issues and Options consultation carried out in autumn 2020 took place later than was scheduled in the current LDS (published in November 2019) because of the pandemic. In addition, there is a requirement to consider our response to the 35% uplift in Sheffield's housing targets imposed by Government in late 2020, which could threaten our green spaces. These matters have will have a knock-on effect on subsequent dates set out in the LDS.

Comparing Footfall to Retail and Recreational Outlets in **Sheffield**, **Leeds** and **Nottingham**



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**Question of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills)**

**Q. What is the occupational breakdown for Sheffield in 2021 compared to 2000?**

A. The best occupational data is from the census which is publicly available for 2001 and 2011. The results of the 2021 census should be available next year. Outside of the census, there are estimates based on surveys run by the Office of National Statistics, of which the Annual Population Survey is the most reliable at local authority level. It is important to note therefore, that comparisons are of actual population numbers versus estimates based on samples.

Sheffield occupation data from UK Census 2001 and 2011						
Occupation	2001		2011		Number change	% change
	Number	%	Number	%		
All categories: Occupation	218,493	100	245,255	100	26,762	12.2
1. Managers and senior officials	25,836	11.8	20,589	8.4	-5,247	-20.3
2. Professional occupations	26,592	12.2	47,949	19.6	21,357	80.3
3. Associate professional and technical occupations	27,731	12.7	27,850	11.4	119	0.4
4. Administrative and secretarial occupations	27,612	12.6	27,387	11.2	-225	-0.8
5. Skilled trades occupations	26,545	12.1	26,409	10.8	-136	-0.5
6. Personal service occupations	15,969	7.3	23,291	9.5	7,322	45.9
7. Sales and customer service occupations	19,529	8.9	23,992	9.8	4,463	22.9
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	20,207	9.2	18,291	7.5	-1,916	-9.5
9. Elementary occupations	28,472	13.0	29,497	12.0	1,025	3.6

Sheffield occupation data from annual population survey 2019 and 2020								
Variable	Jan 2019-Dec 2019			Jan 2020-Dec 2020			Number change	% change
	numerator	denominator	%	numerator	denominator	%		
1: managers, directors and senior officials	31,600	289,000	10.9	31,000	280,500	11.0	-600	-1.9
2: professional occupations	77,900	289,000	27.0	84,600	280,500	30.2	6,700	8.6
3: associate prof & tech occupations	40,300	289,000	13.9	35,900	280,500	12.8	-4,400	-10.9
4: administrative and secretarial occupations	27,200	289,000	9.4	23,400	280,500	8.3	-3,800	-14.0
5: skilled trades occupations	19,100	289,000	6.6	23,100	280,500	8.2	4,000	20.9
6: caring, leisure and other service occupations	21,500	289,000	7.5	22,200	280,500	7.9	700	3.3
7: sales and customer service occupations	25,000	289,000	8.7	14,100	280,500	5.0	-10,900	-43.6
8: process, plant and machine operatives	16,000	289,000	5.5	19,700	280,500	7.0	3,700	23.1
9: elementary occupations	30,000	289,000	10.4	26,600	280,500	9.5	-3,400	-11.3

**Questions of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills)**

**Q.1 What is the current progress in the allocation of the £2m fund for the Sheffield COVID Business Recovery Plan?**

A.1 All of the funds for the Economic Recovery Fund (part of the Business Recovery Plan) have been allocated either fully or in principle, pending further approvals or development.

We have kept an empty seat for you in the Economic Recovery Fund Steering Group should you change your mind on working for the best outcome for Sheffield businesses and join us.

**Q.2 Has the scoring process been completed for the small and large scheme submissions?**

A.2 All of the scoring processes are complete for applications submitted up to the end of August 2021.

**Q.3 How many large schemes have progressed from the scoring phase to full funding approval, and has the £1m allocation been fully utilised?**

A.3 Steering Group have approved 11 large schemes in total and the full allocation has been committed. The large projects are at different stages, as follows:

- 3 large projects have been approved, contracted and begun delivery.
- 4 large projects have been approved and are moving into contracting currently.
- 3 large projects have been asked to develop full application forms, which are due at the end of the month for consideration and approval.
- 1 large scheme passed scoring but is being held in reserve pending any funding not being fully utilised.

**Q.4 How many small schemes have been funded, and has the £1m allocation been fully utilised?**

A.4 Steering Group have approved 10 small schemes in total, which have all moved into contracting. 10 small projects remain in development and we expect to have applications back by the end of October for all of these. The funding has therefore been committed in principle, but pending the decisions relating to these applications, some may still be available after the next round of scoring.

**Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to Councillor Paul Wood  
(Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

**Many Sheffield residents have been appalled by the news that a 72 year old resident, Alan Guite, has been trying for over six months to get Sheffield City Council to fix a water leak in his kitchen and living room**

**Q.1 When did Sheffield City Council become aware of problems at Mr Guite's home?**

A.1 A job to repair the roof was originally raised on 29/12/20.

I would like to publicly apologise to Mr. Guite, and we will be investigating this, and all the recent failings that have come to our attention.

The Council conducts over 10,000 repair jobs a month, under increasing pressures but this is no excuse, and we must endeavour to do better – one failing is one failing too many.

**Q.2 How many times have staff from Sheffield City Council visited Mr Guite's home since December, 2020?**

A.2 A repairs team leader visited Mr. Guite on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

**Q.3 How many times have staff from Sheffield City Council visited Mr Guite's home since December, 2020?**

A.3 Duplicate question – see above.

**Q.4 What contact and support has Sheffield City Council provided Mr Guite since December, 2020?**

A.4 Housing have attempted to make contact with Mr. Guite on four occasions to arrange the annual Housing Plus visit but have been unsuccessful in making contact with him. Details of this attempted contact shown below.

Attempt 1 – Phoned, not able to leave a voice message, 03/12/20

Attempt 2 – Letter sent offering a phone call, 03/12/20

Attempt 3 – Phoned, left a voice message, 21/12/20

Attempt 4 – Phoned, no response and call closed 07/01/21

**Footnote:** All repairs have now been completed with the exception of the following:

Reconnect the kitchen light.



Carry out minor repairs to the living room, bedroom and kitchen ceilings.  
Redecorate kitchen ceiling and wall.

**Question of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

- Q. When will a household food waste collection trial commence? When are the details of the scheme expected to come before the Executive or a Committee to examine the proposals?**
- A. The Environment Bill is expected in Parliament this autumn. Current drafting includes the requirement for weekly food waste collections from households from 2023. Council officers are working with Veolia in preparation for this. As a council we are clear we need the additional, new burdens, funding from government to implement this service. Council's already providing food waste collections prior to 2023 will not stand to benefit from this additional funding and that is why we do not have any plans to introduce the service any earlier than the date prescribed from Government.

**Question of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management) to be answered by Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

- Q. What is the total road mileage available for car use in Sheffield in 2021 compared to 2000?**
- A.

**Question of Councillor Sophie Thornton to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

- Q.1 What is the current number of outstanding or incomplete council house repairs?**
- A.1 There are currently 5532 Repairs overdue which include
- 458 Routine Repairs
  - 1984 Working at Height Repairs
  - 2104 Planned Repairs
  - 618 Fire Safety Repairs (Mainly due to no access)
  - 368 Disrepair Repairs

In addition we have 531 Voids Overdue.

**Q.2 What was the average waiting time on the council house repairs phone line before answering?**

A.2 June – 15 mins 37 secs  
July – 23 mins 9 secs  
August – 29 mins 35 secs

**Q.3 What was the longest wait?**

A.3 June – 15 mins 37 secs  
July – 23 mins 9 secs  
August – 29 mins 35 secs

**Q.4 How many waits have been above 15 minutes?**

A.4 The data isn't available as a standard report after talking to Paul Taylor it would take significant resource to collate but this isn't possible in the timescale to respond to.

**Q.5 How are tenants vetted before being placed in age restricted blocks?**

A.5 Applicants are not able to place bids for properties which are age restricted unless one of the applicants is over 60. Before we match a property, we carry out a number of checks, these checks include current and previous tenancies in which we look at rent accounts for debt, and any other breaches of tenancy such as anti-social behaviour.

**Q.6 Many residents are reporting issues of tenants with addiction issues being placed in their blocks without any additional support. What agencies does the Council work with to support vulnerable people with addiction issues and is there a plan to improve this?**

A.6 The Council works closely with a number of external organisations and services to support tenants who may need support. This includes services commissioned by the Council delivered by Shelter, which will help people to engage in treatment services, build their recovery, live independently and sustain their home in the community. The service works across Sheffield with drug and alcohol treatment services and recovery groups. Shelter will also assist people in accessing training, education and employment and increase their independent living skills.

More recently, the Sheffield Drug and Alcohol and Domestic Abuse

Commissioning Team (DACT) has just commissioned a new service called HALT (Homeless Action Liaison Team). They are an outreach service for people who are or have rough slept and offer support around drug alcohol misuse and resettle into the community and sustain their tenancy. The Council also works closely with the Fitzwilliam Centre who support to people with drug and alcohol addiction including a prescribing service and harm reduction including needle exchange.

Housing First in Sheffield is a scheme where we provide support for rough sleepers into their own homes and maintain their tenancy. Specialist workers provide support for people with complex and multiple needs.

**Q.7 Could you provide a brief update on the progress of new council homes being built in Arbourthorne at both the Berners Road and Daresbury View sites? Further to this, could you outline what plans may be in place to build council housing on the Algar Place and Algar Drive site in Arbourthorne, in order to replace the council housing that was demolished on the site some years ago?**

A.7 Berners Road is progressing well following some initial delay, we are now experiencing labour shortages and materials delays, which is an issue across the country, and as a result, the completion date may be extended to July 2022. The contractor is currently working hard to mitigate these delays and it is hoped that some of the properties will be completed before this date  
The start date at Daresbury View has been delayed and we have been working with local agencies. The construction site has now been set up within the last month and works commenced. The completion date is July 2022, but this will be brought forward if possible.  
The Algar site is within the SCC Stock Increase Programme to deliver general needs housing. An Initial Business Case was approved in July 21 to carry out initial site surveys and masterplan options for this site. Following the outcome of this work in November/December 2021, options will be presented to decide on the type and tenure of properties required for this site. Following a decision, we will need to identify funding. It is currently anticipated that construction works will commence in April 2023 and the whole site will be complete by April 2025.

**Questions of Councillor Christina Gilligan Kubo to Councillor Paul Wood  
(Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

**Q.1 How many Afghan refugees is Sheffield expecting to take and what arrangements are there for housing them?**

A.1 There are two schemes that have been announced. The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS). The ARAP scheme is to support Locally Employed Staff (LES) and their families. LES are Afghan's who have worked for the UK forces in Afghanistan. The Council pledged in July 2021 to relocate 26 individuals on this scheme in line with an expected UK arrival of 3000 individuals. 19 individuals

have been relocated and supported so far. The Council is working closely with the Home Office and Migration Yorkshire on future support that may be required.

**Q.2 Do we have enough properties or will they be housed in hotels?**

- A.2 The Council has to date not required to use hotel accommodation for its own placements. We are working with landlords in the city to increase the type and range of homes to support any new arrivals. The Council is working with the Home Office on future plans.  
We have always maintained that hotels are not appropriate for housing refugees, but the Home Office have on occasions thought otherwise.

Approved Council Communication:

***"We welcome the news of further Government funding to help Afghan refugees and as a council we have pledged to do as much as we can to provide support to those fleeing Afghanistan.***

***"We are already supporting the Home Office's Relocation Scheme and we are awaiting further guidance from the Government on Operation Warm Welcome, including the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme announced today. We will continue to work with the Home Office, Migration Yorkshire and other councils in the region to ensure that we have a coordinated response in place to deliver the right help to those who need it.***

***"As a city we will not simply stand by, and we have also seen an overwhelming response from people in Sheffield who have been looking for ways that they can help refugees. There have been many individuals, community groups and organisations who have responded quickly.***

***"Sheffield City Council is working with two charities in particular, City of Sanctuary and ASSIST to help facilitate donations to support refugees. If you want to support, donations can be made at***

***[www.sheffield.cityofsanctuary.org/donate/](http://www.sheffield.cityofsanctuary.org/donate/)  
<https://www.assistsheffield.org.uk/donate-assist>***

**Q.3 Will the funds supplied by the Government to support Afghan refugees cover the costs that Sheffield will incur?**

- A.3 A funding package is in place for the ARAP scheme which will cover housing and education costs with national funding recently announced for health. Further dialogue is taking place with Government on the full package of support for any additional new arrivals.

**Questions of Councillor Sophie Thornton to Councillor Cate McDonald (Executive Member for Finance and Resources) (to be answered by Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

- Q.1 Following reports that the Council has spent over £1m fighting claims on**

**housing disrepair, do you believe this is an effective use of public money, or could it have been spent doing the repairs?**

A.1 In 2020-2021 we received a total of 297 disrepair cases, this was an increase of 166 cases from the previous year 2019-2020. In total in 2020 -2021 we incurred costs of £573,413 to manage and respond to these cases.

Our caseloads for the disrepair have steadily increased since 2018 and are expected to rise above 2020- 2021 levels. Our assessment of the rise in disrepair cases is not only due to a pause of non-urgent repair work in 2020 due to COVID19, but also due to changes in legislation. We are supported by SCC Legal Team and they have confirmed this is a national trend across the country.

The Director of Housing has arranged for the Head of Service for Housing Investment (Jill Hurst) in the Housing and Neighbourhood Service to establish a performance improvement group to tackle the issue of rising number of claims, rising costs and the management of these cases. The Repairs and Maintenance Service are working with Housing to put additional management and resources in place to tackle the backlog of repairs and support the disrepair caseload.

We have an excellent track record as a landlord and have very rarely breached the Homes Act 2018.

**I note that in February, the Council spent £5k on a market research company Viewpoint Research, specialising in customer satisfaction surveys in the housing sector.**

**Q.2 What work did Viewpoint undertake for the Council?**

A.2 Viewpoint is a social enterprise based in Sheffield who specialise in undertaking independent customer satisfaction surveys within the housing sector. They provide employment opportunities for a diverse range of people who have previously faced barriers to work because of, for example, their background or disability. Sheffield City Council Housing and Neighbourhoods Service has a contract with Viewpoint to undertake a range of telephone-based customer satisfaction surveys with our tenants and customers including:

- General neighbourhood perception
- Housing visits
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Rehousing
- Heating
- Capital improvements
- Rents
- Complaints
- Adaptations

Viewpoint also work on behalf of the Repairs and Maintenance Service and undertake a range of surveys covering:

- Responsive repairs

- Standby
- Handyperson
- Gas Servicing
- Lift Servicing
- Electrical
- Domestic Heating
- District Heating

**Q.3 Did they carry out any resident satisfaction surveys, if so could you please share the results with us?**

A.3 As discussed in the response to question 2, Viewpoint do undertake a range of tenant and customer satisfaction work for the Council. The headline results for the three largest surveys are provided below, but more detailed results can be provided on request and are included in our performance monitoring reports and reports to customers:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/council-housing/customer-engagement>

**Neighbourhood Survey:Viewpoint**

Question number	Question	20/21	Total responses
01	Taking everything into account I am satisfied with the overall service provided by Sheffield Council housing	7.5	2,854
02	I am satisfied with the overall quality of my home	7.6	2,857
03	I am satisfied that my rent provides value for money	8.3	2,816
04	Housing staff are courteous and respectful when I have to contact them	Question not used	
05	I am satisfied that Sheffield council housing listens to my views and acts upon them	7.2	2,551
06	I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as a place to live in	7.8	2,850
07	The staircases and landings in my block are clean	Question not used	
08	The areas around my home are kept free of litter and graffiti	Question not used	
09	The shared green areas around my home are well maintained	7.9	2,705
10	I am likely to recommend Sheffield council housing to family and friends	8.3	2,767
11	Where do you want to live in 5 years' time	N/A	2,858
12	Are you happy for us to contact you about the contents of this survey?	N/A	2,856
13	I am satisfied that Sheffield Council housing provides a home that is safe and secure	8.3	2,636
14	I am satisfied that Sheffield Council housing is easy to deal with	7.7	2,581
15	The shared staircases, landings and areas around my home are kept clean	7.3	1,345

**Housing+ Visit Survey**

Question number	Question	20/21	Total responses
01	How did the Neighbourhood Officer contact you about the visit	N/A	76
02	The neighbourhood officer fully explained to me what the purpose of the Housing+ ( annual) visit was about	9.2	498
03	The officer was professional and polite	9.6	502
04	It was helpful to talk to the Neighbourhood Officer	9.3	498
05	The advice I was given was helpful and that I was able to be directed to other appropriate services	9.3	442
06	I felt comfortable having a conversation with my Neighbourhood Officer about a variety of issues	9.6	500
07	I was satisfied with what was agreed from the visit	9.4	483
08	Any support needs I have were identified and addressed	9.2	338
09	I feel happier ( less anxious/less stressed) in my tenancy as a result of the visit	9.1	490

## Repairs and Maintenance

<b>Customer Satisfaction</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Team</b>						
Responsive Repairs	84.81%	84.00%	85.16%	85.11%	81.67%	80.61%
Out of Hours	96.97%	88.64%	92.16%	96.77%	96.97%	91.18%
Handyperson	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	100%	100%
<b>Responsive Total</b>	<b>87.58%</b>	<b>84.75%</b>	<b>86.32%</b>	<b>86.98%</b>	<b>84.44%</b>	<b>83.43%</b>
Gas Servicing	98.82%	96.63%	100%	100%	96.43%	100%

### **Q.4 Since February, has the Council commissioned any further work from Viewpoint, if so, what work and at what cost?**

A.4 Viewpoint undertake the range of customer satisfaction survey's listed in Question 2 on a monthly basis for both Housing and Neighbourhoods and Repairs and Maintenance Services. They were awarded this contract as part of a competitive procurement exercise in 2019 for a period of four years (two years initial plus a two year extension). The cost to the Council each month is similar to that quoted in the question but can vary as the Council only pay for the completion of successful telephone calls to customers.

We use this information to help us understand what customers think about our services and to plan for service improvements. It is also important information to allow us to benchmark our services against other housing providers – something that will be crucial to meet the changing regulatory environment brought about by the government's White Paper on the Charter for Social Housing Residents.

**Questions of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Jayne Dunn  
(Executive Member for Education, Children and Families)**

**Q.1 It has been noticed that many schools have no school crossing patrols.**

**(a) How many Schools are affected by these difficulties?**

**(b) What are we doing to address this situation?**

**A.1** Not all schools meet the criteria to have a school crossing patrol warden. Of those Schools that have requested a School Crossing Patrol Warden, and meet the criteria, there are 18 vacancies at the present time.

The vacancies are advertised on the Sheffield City Council website, on banners placed outside the schools and on advertisements in the schools.

The criteria are set by national guidelines for school crossing patrols prepared jointly by ROSPA and Road Safety GB.



**Question of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance)**

**Q.1 Further to your answer to my question in July regarding ventilation in the Town Hall, at a number of Licensing Sub-Committee meetings in the Council Chamber subsequently I've had to request windows are opened. What is the explanation for this and is it indicative of a wider non-compliance with the guidance on ventilation you provided in July?**

A.1 The windows in the Town Hall do get opened on a regular basis, but we do not open some of them all the time and look to open them during the set up for a space or just prior to a meeting starting.

We do have issues with some of the window being left open all the time. If this is done, at times pigeons can access the rooms and we then have to remove them or clean up.

There may also be time when previous occupants close windows because of temperature or noise issue.

We hope the meeting users can assist with this by opening themselves or notifying us so we can open.

The daily set up procedures for the staff in the Town Hall include the requirement for the windows to be opened when the room is set up and the Site Supervisors to monitor to see if staff undertake this activity.

The site manager has also been asked to undertake enhanced monitoring of the team to ensure the windows where appropriate are opened as required. I hope we can ensure that the window issue can be resolved.

**Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to Councillor Douglas Johnson  
(Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Following the recent decision by Sheffield City Council to end the agreement with Extreme Leisure for the development of the former Ski Village site**

**Q.1 When were you informed about the decision to end the deal with Extreme?**

A.1 A copy of the draft report was circulated to the Co-operative Executive on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

**Q.2 Were you involved in the decision to end this deal?**

A.2 The decision was a non-Key Officer decision taken by the Executive Director, Place. Co-operative Executive Members were sent a copy of the draft report and officers responded to questions raised by Members prior to the decision being taken.

**Q.3 What are your views for the site now going forward, what would you like to see the site used for?**

A.3 The ski village site remains important as a potential regional leisure destination for outdoor recreation as well as an important open space enabling local people to enjoy more safe, green spaces on their doorstep.

**Q.4 Do you still have confidence in Sheffield City Trust (SCT) to deliver leisure services in Sheffield?**

A.4 As you will know, I was the first to question the emergency bail-out of Sheffield City Trust and to call for an urgent improvement plan in July 2019.

I am aware that officers of the Council have been working with SCT to secure the best possible deal available for the city's leisure facilities for the future.

**Q.5 Since the closure of Pinstone Street to buses, what benefits have been obtained for local businesses?**

A.5 Given the significant changes to the local economy as a result of the pandemic, consumer behaviour and the absence of a significant customer base like city centre students and office workers, it is almost impossible to isolate these changes and relate anything to the removal of buses on Pinstone Street. In short, there are lots more things happening in the city centre than the buses. Feedback

from traders has been mixed. When set in the context of the planned Connecting Sheffield City Centre scheme and Future High Street Fund most recognised the major benefits of this type of intervention.

The Centre for Cities has been undertaking research into the health of the recovery of city centres, and on their metrics, Sheffield is faring marginally better than the UK average for recovery and certainly better than our Core City neighbours in Nottingham, Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham.

Additional Information;

Footfall figures taken across four locations (Fargate, Moor and Division Street Glossop Road)

<b>Month</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Jan	1,819,385	2,193,744	604,922
Feb	2,110,426	2,286,211	674,752
Mar	2,792,051	1,776,770	1,061,353
Apr	2,191,960	376,971	1,570,660
May	2,142,050	456,274	1,519,344
Jun	2,637,413	912,043	2,027,197
Jul	2,258,285	1,179,055	1,620,772
Aug	2,256,315	1,411,535	1,686,624
Sep	3,060,073	1,855,005	
Oct	2,665,473	1,344,936	
Nov	2,527,001	849,063	
Dec	3,205,233	1,644,788	

**Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Douglas Johnson  
(Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q.1 What is the criteria for the priority of implementation of 20Mph zones across the 84 zones previously identified across the city?**

A.1 The criteria are based on judgement around the number of road traffic collisions where serious or fatal injuries were recorded. The methodology also recognises the importance of vulnerable road users and therefore has a weighting towards the number of road traffic collisions involving injuries to pedestrians and cyclists.

**Q.2 If there is a criteria, can we have an open list of the order that schemes are to be implemented and the expected date for implementation of 20MPH zones in each area?**

A.2 have asked officers to provide you, and your Local Area Committee Chair colleagues, with a copy of the list. The city has been broken down into neighbourhood areas which are a suitable size for a 20mph limit. I have also asked for this information to be made available on the Council website.

**Q.3 Parents of schoolchildren across the city have been asking about ‘School streets’ zones for their school. When is an evaluation of the progress of school streets trials to be published and before which committee is that report likely to go?**

A.3 The first four school streets schemes are being launched this September at Carfield, Nether Edge, Porter Croft and Greystones Primaries. Evaluation will follow in six months’ time as per the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order being used. This will report to the most appropriate decision-maker when available. We will share this information with members in due course.

If schools are interested and want further details of how to get a school street set up, they can email [schoolstreets@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@sheffield.gov.uk). I think this is a great initiative and really helps demonstrate the importance of helping parents and children to keep active, whilst also highlighting the steps we can take to improve the air quality and road safety near schools, and contribute towards taking action on climate change

**Q.4 The frequency of the 51 Bus to and from Crosspool is now only hourly in the evenings, the motion passed on buses by full Council made it clear that we need a quality bus contract for the city, when are we to expect a progress report?**

A.4 Powers to franchise bus services (previously known as quality contracts) rest with the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA). Following the release of the National Bus Strategy (‘Bus Back Better’), the MCA Board at its meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, decided to pursue a Statutory Enhanced Partnership (EP) but to also evaluate alternative delivery models in the future.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has informed local transport authorities (i.e. the MCA/SCR) that it must produce a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) to support future funding beyond March 2022, whether it opts for an EP or franchising.

Guidance issued by the DfT states: “The BSIP will need to be developed in collaboration with bus operators; and other stakeholders such as bus user, service provider and local business groups should also be consulted.”

At the SCR Transport and Environment Board I have stressed the need for details of the emerging BSIP to be made available to Local Authorities and that details on the engagement on the plan to be confirmed by SCR. I expect that this will be forthcoming soon as the BSIP must be submitted by 31 October, 2021.

**Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Douglas Johnson  
(Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q.1 What is the status of the Sheffield Parking Strategy? One of the declared objectives is to implement a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). What progress has been made with identification of a potential CPZ? (If a district centre, Woodseats perhaps?)**

A.1 The Parking Strategy was approved in 2018 as an Individual Cabinet Member Decision by the then Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability, to sit alongside the Transport Vision, City Centre Masterplan and Local Plan.

The actions, reviews and projects included developing and implementing a programme of CPZs, with a number of areas mentioned as likely priorities, mainly around the city centre. Some of these are in development. In relation to district centres specifically, the possibility of pay and display schemes in district shopping centres is mentioned but following the implementation of the restrictions in Banner Cross District Centre our focus is currently on areas around the City Centre including Kelham Island and Neepsend, and Park Hill.

**Q.2 (a) Is a Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan current?**

The plan has not been updated recently, due to lack of officer resource. This is being addressed and following recent recruitment, new officers should be in place in the next month or so. A key priority for the team is updating the PROW Improvement Plan.

**(b) Are public rights of way improvements in abeyance?**

The lack of staff resource has meant a temporary halt on improvements. Resource has been concentrated on making sure that the existing network continues to be maintained to a reasonable standard.

**(c) Are meetings of the Local Access Forum taking place?**

The Forum have been provided with quarterly updates via email on the PROW situation and they have held virtual meetings. Now that restrictions on group meetings have been lifted and additional resource is imminent, full meetings will resume.

**(d) Do you intend to give greater priority to this area of service?**

I am aware that the PROW network forms an important integral part of our wider Transport network and needs to be incorporated into future planning. It provides Active Travel opportunities that need to be part of our wider strategy for addressing the Climate Emergency and health. It also provides an essential leisure resource in the city and is an integral part of promoting Sheffield as the Outdoor City. I will be working with officers to understand the future demands on, and opportunities, for our public rights of way.

**Questions of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Douglas Johnson  
(Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q.1 Norton contains, I understand, Sheffield first designated Conservation Area.**

**It is not listed at all online. Will you rectify this omission? Please indicate a timescale.**

- A.1 Norton Conservation Area was designated in 1969. However, there appears to be no copy of the appraisal from that era. Officers are currently in the process of updating the relevant Conservation Area Appraisal. The next stage of this work will be public engagement before the document is finalised and published by the end of this financial year.

**Q.2 Only 32 of 38 Conservation Areas are listed with online access to the appraisal document. Which ones are missing from the online listing?**

- A.2 It is correct to say that some of the existing Conservation Area Appraisals are not currently online. These are:

1. Bradfield
2. Langsett
3. Moss Valley
4. Norton
5. Oakes Park
6. Wadsley

I will make further enquiries as to what is known about these appraisals

**Q.3 How does the Council discharge its duty to periodically review Conservation Areas? When was Norton Conservation area last subject to review (to publish proposals for their future preservation and enhancement)?**

- A.3 Norton Conservation Area was reviewed last year and the aim was to upload the updated Conservation Area Appraisal by the end of this financial year after public engagement.

More generally, officers come together on a regular basis to decide priorities around what conservation areas are in need of a review/updates.

**Questions of Councillor Lewis Chinchen to Councillor Douglas Johnson  
(Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q.1 What efforts are being made to further expand the network of on-street electric car charging points in Sheffield?**

- A.1 We recognise that there is a role for the Council in developing, and guiding the development, of a network of electric vehicle charging points city-wide. There have been a number of pilots across the country trying out various on-street

technologies and we are following the results of these with the Local Authorities involved. On-street charging is likely to be one of a number of ways forward. To that end, we will shortly be commissioning work to help plan for a future where potentially all cars are electric, so looking at both longer-term and shorter-term measures.

We are currently working with colleagues in Sheffield City Region on the further roll out of public charge points using funding that has been secured from the national Get Building Fund. We are developing these proposals and we will of course announce details of this in due course.

**Q.2 Are there plans to consider any further residential areas suitable for 20mph zones, in addition to those announced earlier this year?**

A.2 Yes, there certainly are. I have plans for further 20mph limits across the whole city, with these being implemented on a 'needs first approach'. A list of all the future 20mph limits has been collated, including implementation dates (where known) and will be circulated to the LAC Chairs.

In addition to this, I would like to add that I am very keen to work with officers to seek the opportunities to deliver these types of schemes in conjunction with larger schemes. For example, the Sheaf Valley Cycle Route will be looking to deliver a 20mph in the Highfield area as part of its implementation. This is my way of looking at the bigger picture and providing additional benefit to local communities.

**Questions of Councillor Ben Miskell to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q.1 It is clear that Sheffield's current Hackney Carriage fleet is old and dirty, contributing to vehicle emissions in the city. Could you outline the following:**

- **The number of Hackney Carriage licenses currently issued in Sheffield.**
- **The maximum age of a vehicle that can be licensed as a Hackney Carriage in Sheffield.**
- **The number of vehicles that may have been given an exemption to this maximum age.**
- **The average age of Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed by Sheffield.**
- **The age of the oldest Hackney Carriage vehicle licensed by Sheffield.**

A.1 There are currently 609 licensed hackney carriage vehicles licensed by Sheffield City Council.

A.2 Hackney carriage vehicles can be licensed up until 15 years of age.

A.3 According to records, there is one vehicle that has been granted an exemption to

the upper age limit.

A.4 The average age of a hackney carriage vehicle is 11 years.

A.5 The oldest licensed vehicle is 24 years.

**Q.2 Residents across Gleadless Valley and Arbourthorne have complained to local Councillors about speeding motorists on Myrtle Road that crosses both Wards. In response, local Councillors from both the Labour and Green Parties have met jointly with Council officers from the Highways Department to discuss possible solutions. Would you pledge to work with local Elected Members to find a solution to the traffic issues on Myrtle Road and could you ask officers what work has already commenced to investigate solutions?**

A.2 I am pleased to say that I have worked with local Elected Members to identify an appropriate solution to address residents' concerns about traffic issues on Myrtle Road.

At the present time, officers are considering a number of options on Myrtle Road/Heeley Bank Road/Cross Myrtle Road junction. The ambition is to find a balance between discouraging through traffic, supporting local access for residents and managing displaced traffic flows away from other residential streets in the area.

This is clearly an important local issue to Local Members and I am pleased that they are committed to finding a solution. I have asked officers to arrange a follow up meeting with you on this matter.

**Q.3 Sheffield City Council has made progress to reducing the emissions of its own fleet of vehicles. At present, how many electric vehicles does Sheffield City Council operate and what plans exist to increase this over the coming years?**

A.3 There are 67 EV's including 5 equipped with hydrogen range extender technology.

A six-year vehicle replacement programme started in 2019, with aim of making the fleet CAZ compliant by the commencement of the CAZ.

For each vehicle that needs replacing a hierarchical approach is used.

1. Is a suitable ULEV vehicle available, is it affordable, does it suit the duty cycle of the vehicle, can it be charged easily.?
2. If a ULEV vehicle cannot be found to match the criteria or there is no such



vehicle on the market, then a petrol vehicle is sourced

3. If a ULEV or petrol vehicle cannot be found to match the criteria or there is no such vehicle on the market then a diesel vehicle is sourced but this must have the highest emissions standards available, currently this is Euro 6.2

The replacement programme is a rolling programme that enables us to take advantage of any future developments in vehicle clean air technology, meet the changing needs of council services and contribute towards the city's air quality agenda.

**Question of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management) to be answered by Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)**

**Q. What is the total road mileage available for car use in Sheffield in 2021 compared to 2000?**

**A. Written answer to be supplied.**

**Questions of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care) (to be answered by Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**There has been a raised awareness for defibrillators since Euro 2020. Defibrillators save lives, every life is important. Can you please confirm the following.**

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**Questions of Councillor Martin Phipps to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care)**

**Q.1 When was the last time an independent cost of residential care review was done for Sheffield?**

A.1 Local authorities are responsible for assessing the Local Care Market including demand (current and forecast), cost pressures and quality to inform the setting of fees and meet the Care Act duty to maintain a quality, sustainable and diverse care market that meets the needs of people in the city.

Sheffield Council undertook a full cost of care exercise in 2017/18 using the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountability (CIPFA) approach to assessing the cost of commissioned care which was agreed with the care home market at the time. This was undertaken by the Council's commissioning team with input from Sheffield University. The output of this exercise was used to set the care home fee rates for 2018/19 for care homes.

In subsequent years, the Council has engaged in consultation with care providers to understand their costs and provide the opportunity for care providers to submit their costings on an open book basis to evidence costs and pressures.

**Q.2 Will the Council commit to doing an independent cost of care review in Sheffield?**

A.2 While there is no requirement for Councils to conduct independently commissioned cost of care exercise, the Council acknowledges that some Care Providers feel that this would overcome any concerns that Care Home proprietors might have about submitting their costs to commissioners.

There is always a risk, however, that independent consultants that are paid to undertake these exercises can be limited in their knowledge and insight of local factors. In any event, a cost of care exercise does not determine the fee rates set by the Council as this is a Member decision.

The Council recently commissioned a Strategic Review of the Care Home Market in Sheffield to enable the Council to set out our Strategic intentions based on an assessment of the Local Market. The outcome of the Strategic Review has now been shared with Sheffield Care Association (SCA) and other Care Home Providers.

The Strategic Review highlights the need for change in the Care Home market to address over provision and ensure that the market is fit for the future needs of our Sheffield population, which are expected to reflect the trend for people to remain independent at home for longer and enter a care home later in life, for a shorter length of stay and with higher acuity/complexity of need.

The Council has committed to a focused meeting with the SCA to consider current cost pressures and provide the opportunity for the Sheffield Care Association to share examples and case studies of how costs have changed over recent years. The Council is committed to ensuring a robust analysis informs our understanding of the market and fee rates for next year and beyond as well as how we procure care in the future.

On balance, the Council feels the approach it has taken so far is a fair and reasonable one.

**Q.3 Why did Sheffield City Council not attend the meeting organised by the Sheffield Care Association on supporting the formation and potential funding of the Association? Noting that representatives from the Kent Care Association were going to attend to discuss their experiences and knowledge.**

A.3 Unfortunately, due to operational pressures with the pandemic it has meant that some meetings with Sheffield Care Association had to be postponed or cancelled.

To support a way forward and work in partnership with the Sheffield Care

Association (SCA), the Director of Health and Social Care along with the Head of Commissioning have now committed to meeting monthly with the SCA. The Council is keen to support the SCA in developing its role in the city and is happy to meet with the SCA and representatives from other care associations to explore good practice.

**Q.4 Will the Council look into how we can fund an association, including using the discretionary funding in the government grants for infection control, as done in Kent?**

A.4 The Strategic Review report, noted in question A.2, that has been shared with Sheffield Care Association and other providers in the City includes the recommendation that a representative association is supported to develop an active role in the market.

The Council has agreed to discuss this with the SCA at one of the forthcoming monthly meetings and with other providers. Our ambition is to work in partnership with Care Home Providers in the City to take forward this recommendation.

**Questions of Councillor Sophie Thornton to Councillor Cate McDonald  
(Executive Member for Finance and Resources) to be answered by Councillor  
Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)**

**Q.1 Following reports that the Council has spent over £1m fighting claims on housing disrepair, do you believe this is an effective use of public money, or could it have been spent doing the repairs?**

A.1 To be answered by Councillor Paul Wood.

**I note that in February, the Council spent £5k on a market research company Viewpoint Research, specialising in customer satisfaction surveys in the housing sector.**

**Q.2 What work did Viewpoint undertake for the Council?**

A.2 To be answered by Councillor Paul Wood.

**Q.3 Did they carry out any resident satisfaction surveys, if so could you please share the results with us?**

A.3 To be answered by Councillor Paul Wood.

**Q.4 Since February, has the Council commissioned any further work from Viewpoint, if so, what work and at what cost?**

A.4 To be answered by Councillor Paul Wood.

**Question of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Cate McDonald (Executive  
Member for Finance and Resources)**

**Q. With regards to Section 106 funding agreements across the whole city, how much funding remains unspent and how many funding agreements remain fully or partially unspent?**

A. £19.4m unspent of which £14.7m is committed to identified projects and programmes of work.  
This funding relates to 234 agreements which are wholly or partially unspent.

**Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q.1 What is the new expected date for the completion and opening of the pavilion at Bolehills?**

A.1 The current programme has a completion date of February 2022.

**Q.2 What is the estimated carbon footprint of the new design of the pavilion at Bolehills? If it is not zero or negative, what offsetting carbon offsetting work is to be done to achieve this?**

A.2 **Written response to follow after council**

**Questions of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q.1 Will Sheffield compete again for the City of Bloom ?**

A.1 Sheffield has not entered City in Bloom for a number of years and it is certainly an aspiration for the future to showcase our wonderful parks and greenspaces. Currently, the focus is on reducing the use of chemical weedkillers within our green spaces and assessing the impact of this on standards within parks.

**Q.2 If the new Cricket 100 becomes a success, what plans, if any, are being considered for Sheffield to be involved in any franchise ?**

A.2 The impact of The 100 and the BBC's huge following of cricket this past month, will hopefully see a huge uptake in cricket from a previously untapped young population. Officers meet periodically with representatives from the regional and national governing bodies for cricket and are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Yorkshire Cricket Board to discuss all opportunities for cricket in the city.

**Questions of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

The Sheffield Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for 2015/16 – 2020/21 was published in November 2015. Section 11, Assessment of Transit and Stopping Places Provision, states “there is a need for some form of transit provision or temporary stopping places in the city. The Multi

Agency Group said that that transit provision or stopping places with basic facilities should be available at key times of year, such as during the Appleby Horse Fair.” This provision was put in place in Leeds a number of years ago, and a protocol for this provision in Sheffield was proposed in 2012.

For the last three years, travellers have visited High Green, in 2019 at the car parks for the Thorncliffe Leisure Centre and St Georges Park which saw the facilities closed on two occasions with site hardening using height restriction barriers put in place. In 2020 and 2021 travellers occupied Angram Bank Park in August, with in excess of 40 caravans in the latest visit

**Q.1 What actions have taken place since 2015 to examine where transit provision should be located, and what progress has been made to bring it into operation?**

A.1 I am aware of some of the details from this survey where locations were identified however, further work undertaken indicated that these sites were not suitable to create a transit site for Travellers passing through the City.

**Q.2 When will work commence on securing transit provision site(s)?**

A.2 This is being reviewed presently but no plans at this stage.

**Q.3 Will site hardening take place at Angram Bank Park and the nearby Housing Services green space to prevent any future occupations, and if so, will it be completed before the anticipated return of the travellers next summer?**

A.3 The Area Manager from the Parks Service has met with Parish Councillors and Steel Valley Project to assess what can be done and all associated costs. The desire of all parties is to create something attractive that also prevents further illegal trespass issues. The view is that in addition to preventing access to the site for future occupations, there is the potential to make improvements on site and increase biodiversity. Our partners are currently looking at funding opportunities for this site.

**Question of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q. Will you please provide an update on the phasing out of the use of Glyphosate?**

A. The proposed decision around reviewing and reducing the use of glyphosate was

published on the Council's website on 24<sup>th</sup> August in advance of the Co-operative Executive meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Work is currently ongoing to assess what changes can be made very quickly and where further work is required.

**Questions of Councillor Barbara Masters to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q.1 In July's Full Council, I commented on Placemaking specialists, Fourth Street remit to review and recommend development options for Sheffield Central Library and the Graves Gallery. Fourth Street's website states its recommended option for both the building and its tenant library and gallery services is now being considered in greater detail by the Council.**

- (i) How long have the recommendations been with the Administration?**
- (ii) What conclusions has the Administration reached on the recommendations?**
- (iii) Where can the report be found?**

A.1 Written response to follow after Council.

**Q.2 It was widely reported on 5<sup>th</sup> July that the Council had put out a tender to make sure all opportunities are explored in defining a vision for the regeneration of the John Lewis site and that Fourth Street was successful in its bid**

- (i) How and where was the tendering process was advertised?**
- (ii) Which were the other bidders?**
- (iii) Will the Administration confirm that Fourth Street is now acting on this and state when the findings will be made public?**

A.2 Three firms, known for this specialist kind of work, were selected by the Director of City Centre Development to bid for the John Lewis building review: Hassell / FreeState, Urban Kind and Fourth Street.

The tender process was managed by Turner & Townsend as part of the Delivery Partner Service to the Council. The bids were assessed by SCC Offices and Turner & Townsend. The most competitive bid and comprehensive response to the brief was from Fourth Street.

Findings will be made public later this year as has been stated previously.



Recently permission was granted to convert a family home into a House of Multiple Occupancy despite many members of the Planning Committee expressing their personal misgivings on the proposals. The Article 4 Direction, put in place to ensure that development, which might contribute to communities becoming unsustainable as a result of a concentration of shared housing, can be prevented came into force in 2011. In Sheffield the concentration of shared housing as a proportion of residential properties is set at a limit of 20%. or higher.

**Q.3 Are there plans to review the maximum density of 20% given the demand for family homes in the suburbs and the proliferation of accommodation for single householders in the city centre?**

A.3 We have commissioned a study to look at the future supply of, and demand for, student accommodation. That study is due to be completed later this month. We will be using the results of the study to inform any decisions about whether a change is needed to the 20% threshold for shared houses in the area covered by the Article 4 Direction.

**Question of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q. Following the decision to issue a license for another music festival in Hillsborough Park in addition to Tramlines, have you considered whether this might represent an undue loss of use of the park for Hillsborough residents over the summer months and whether it might be better for additional events to be held in other locations in Sheffield?**

A. Any additional event at Hillsborough Park would be planned to reduce the impact on the park and residents, for example potentially using only one area of the park over a very short period. Event are staged around the city annually. Hillsborough Park is clearly a popular park for events due to its size and connectivity.

**Questions of Councillor Ben Miskell to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q.1 As the long winter approaches and with food poverty a growing issue in our city, would you consider introducing food bank collection points in all directly managed libraries in the city, to make it even easier for people to be able to donate?**

A.1 Sheffield City Council run Libraries are keen to ensure they are at the heart of communities as they recover from the pandemic. During the crisis, Firth Park Library has been hosting a foodbank since mid-2020. The Council has always worked hard to eliminate the need for foodbanks through supporting communities with help and advice and signposting to organisations to help alleviate food and

financial poverty. Information is key to individuals and families in making changes in their lives and Libraries are places where anyone can come and get support with finding out about what services are available to help them.

**Q.2 This Council is a proud supporter of LGBT+ equality. Would you please provide assurances that our libraries in the city have a varied stock of children's books that cover LGBT+ themes and issues? In preparation for LGBT+ History Month next year, will you consider requesting that officers investigate holding a Drag Queen/King Story Time session in our libraries, as a means to break down barriers and promote inclusivity in the city?**

A.2 Sheffield libraries has always prided itself on the LGBTQ+ collections in its libraries and celebrated the contribution of this community to the city's life including Edward Carpenter, which the Central Libraries public event room 'The Carpenter Room' is named after. We are fortunate that one of our librarians has a PhD in this topic and has been able to advise us on our collections for all ages. We have promoted our collections at the last two Sheffield Pride events and have had good feedback and more recently worked with Lambeth Libraries to improve our offer through reading lists, see our blog page about the work with Lambeth and collections for young people [Libraries Sheffield: What's New in Queer Kidlit? More LGBTQ+ Book Recommendations for Children and Young People \(shefflibraries.blogspot.com\)](http://shefflibraries.blogspot.com)

We could investigate a Drag Queen/King story time in our libraries.

**Q.3 At the last full Council meeting, I asked you to do all that you could to help expedite the transfer of parkland and a playground to the rear of Myrtle Crescent in Arbourthorne from PPM (formally George Whimpey), after the developer left the site in 2007. At this meeting, you kindly provided a written update about the transfer of this land to Sheffield City Council. Could you please provide a further update on the progress of this work?**

A.3 This work is ongoing. The site will need to be brought up to an appropriate standard in order to be adopted.

**Q.4 Green burials are growing in popularity. They are often located in woodland and wildflower meadow settings. Given that Sheffield City Council is a significant landowner, would you consider asking officers to investigate whether there is scope for the authority to create its own green burial site in a countryside setting, in order to give citizens greater choice about their final resting place?**

A.4 Yes – this is an important matter that officers and I have begun to discuss. There are naturally many factors in looking at burials and a number of priorities including the desire to offer more choice to residents and to minimise the impact of burials

on our landscape.

**Questions of Councillor Ben Miskell to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management) to be answered by Councillor Alison Teal ((Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q.1 After the tragic multiple shootings in Plymouth, would you request that South Yorkshire Police review all current firearms licenses held in our city to urgently investigate whether any need to be revoked?**

A.1 Following the tragic events, I have been in contact with the Divisional Commander of Sheffield, Shelley Hemsley, who assures me that these matters are currently under review by the Home Office. All licensing is completed within Home Office guidelines and the police have submitted their response to the Home Office and awaiting any further guidance.

**Q.2 Would you also be willing to ask for assurances from South Yorkshire Police that the application process and ongoing monitoring of firearms licence holders is sufficiently robust, in order to safeguard against similar tragic incidents in our own city?**

A.2 I have received assurances from South Yorkshire Police that their processes are sufficiently robust as per current Home Office guidelines.

**Q.3 The Star recently reported on its front page (16/08/21) that ‘just 4% of hate crimes lead to a court case’. Does this figure concern you and what is the Council doing to help citizens combat hate crimes?**

A.3 The percentage of hate crime cases progressing to a court case remains relatively low across the country. There are many contributing factors, such as difficulties in identifying suspects in online abuse cases, or the impact of restorative justice which would take as an alternative to a court disposal.

The Council will continue to work with criminal justice colleagues to improve outcomes for all those who come forward to report incidents and encourage reporting. This includes improving victim-focussed services, such as improving the availability of third-party reporting centres and restorative justice outcomes.

Hate Crime is a priority for the statutory Crime and Disorder Partnership in Sheffield, Safer Sheffield. There is a hate crime priority theme group made up of statutory and voluntary agencies who meet on a regular basis. This group have produced a hate crime/incidents policy for the partnership and an action plan is in place which the partnership hate crime co-ordinator oversees and reports into the theme group. Governance is overseen by the Safer Sheffield Board of which I and Chief Superintendent Hemsley are co-chairs. Examples of ongoing actions

are:

- re-establishing and developing the 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting centres
- arranging face to face and online training from the National Hate Crime Centre, Leicester. Access to the online training will be provided to all members, front line staff and partners.

**Questions of Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management) to be answered by Councillor Alison Teal ((Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)**

**Q. Also, have any central points for volunteers to help out or donate clothing etc. been set up as I believe the people of Sheffield would like to help out where they can but do not know who to contact to offer their services?**

A. We have also seen an overwhelming response from people in Sheffield who have been looking for ways that they can help refugees – as a city we will not simply stand by. There have been many individuals, community groups and organisations who have responded quickly.

We have worked with our VCS Partners in the city and they have produced an information leaflet which has been made public and sets out how the people of Sheffield can donate.

Sheffield City Council is working with two charities in particular, City of Sanctuary and ASSIST to help facilitate donations to support refugees. If you want to support, donations can be made at [www.sheffield.cityofsanctuary.org/donate/](http://www.sheffield.cityofsanctuary.org/donate/) or <https://www.assistsheffield.org.uk/donate-assist>

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**SCT Leisure Venues (Ponds Forge, Hillsborough Leisure Centre, Concord**

**Sports Centre, Heeley Pool, Springs Leisure Centre, EISS, Ice Sheffield, Westfield Sports Centre)** – All venues have defibrillators situated within them.

**Leisure United Football Hub Venues (St George's – Westfield, St George's – Graves & St George's – Thorncliffe)** – All three venues have a defibrillators and all staff are trained in using them. Leisure United operator state staff will also attend any situations in the community where the use of the defibrillators is required.

**Upperthorpe Healthy Living Centre (ZEST)** – We have a defibrillators at the Zest Centre, reflecting the level of risk in running a leisure facility.

**Places Leisure Facilities (Graves Health & Sport Centre, Thorncliffe Leisure Centre & Wisewood Sports Centre)** - Graves has one at reception and one in the main gym, Thorncliffe and Wisewood each have one in reception. They are also made available for the community.

**SCT Golf Courses – Birley, Tinsley and Beauchief** – All have defibrillators fitted

**SCT City Hall & Arena** - All have defibrillators fitted.

**Comments / Suggestions from Operators:**

**ZEST** - Comments from Matt at ZEST - As a general point, if not already in place, a defibrillator map would be a good idea. I know, from experience of running a junior football club on a local school field, we know our nearest one is the local shopping centre (2 minute walk away). Where they aren't in place – it is most likely down to a combination of weighing up risk and funding/cost, ultimately comes down to risk assessment in more generic community venues but perhaps this should include a plan/reference to accessing the nearest defib as a minimum and the usual measures regarding first aiders.

**Q.2 Can we as a Local Authority introduce a policy that all public buildings, including work places, industrial and commercial, have defibrillators?**

A.2 We do have defibrillators on a number of Council key buildings where we have a larger workforces or higher risk activities. A number of these where appropriate are available 24/7 or during building operating hours for the public to access in an emergency.

**Q.3 Can we as a Local Authority, ensure all non-residential planning permissions have a defibrillator condition? If this means having a local by-law, then we should action it immediately**

A.3 We do not have an adopted planning policy on this so we cannot insist at present but could potentially encourage. It could be submitted as an idea to take forward as part of the new Local Plan as a possibility.

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