

# Agenda Item 6

## CITY OF SHEFFIELD

### MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE POLICY COMMITTEE – 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

#### COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

##### *Questions of Councillor Dianne Hurst to the Chair of the Finance and Performance Policy Committee (Councillor Zahira Nas)*

**Q1. In the light of the autumn budget and the NI increase can you tell me how that may exacerbate the budgetary overspend and pressures for SCC.**

A1. There will be a direct cost for staff employed by SCC, for which a detailed estimate is being prepared by payroll. Our expectation is that this will be matched by additional funding outside of the £1.3bn announced for Local Government. There will be a secondary impact throughout our supply chain as suppliers and providers increase prices to cover their rising costs. We are working on calculating the potential maximum additional pressure for social care, if we were to cover the costs across the board, as this is where the biggest immediate impact would be felt. It will be more difficult to estimate other potential cost increases (and when they might emerge) as it will be dependent on contracts, individual supplier circumstances and market forces.

**Q2. What analysis has been done or is intended alongside our delivery partners with especial reference to the care sector, the effect it will have on delivery in this sector and the important service it delivers.**

A2. Adult Care and Wellbeing are due to take the annual fee setting paper to Committee in Dec. At this point in time, the proposed fee will cover the National Living Wage increase on staffing costs and CPI on non-staffing costs. After this, consultation will begin with providers. We are expecting a clearer picture to emerge following the consultation, at which point SCC should have received confirmation of funding from the Local Government Finance Settlement.

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