

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 1ST FEBRUARY, 2017

COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

Questions

Answers

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

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| 1. When did you find out that the election for the City Region Mayor would be postponed? | The decision to postpone the election was taken at a meeting held on 11 th January, 2017. |
| 2. Were you aware of the press statement co-signed by Sir Steve Houghton and the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones before it was issued? | The Leaders all outlined their position at the meeting on the 11 th , the press statement was made the following day. |
| 3. If so, when? | See above. |
| 4. Since the press statement was released, what correspondence have you had with them on this issue? | I am in regular contact with all Sheffield City Region Leaders and have spoken to them since, including at the Combined Authority meeting on Monday. |
| 5. Did West Yorkshire approach you, either personally or through Sheffield City Region (SCR) about a Yorkshire Wide devolution deal? | West Yorkshire made contract with Sheffield City Region, which was passed on to Leaders prior to their meeting on 11 th January. |
| 6. The local Sheffield MPs have come out against a full Yorkshire deal. You have remained silent. Can you please clarify your own position on whether you support Labour's National Policy Chief, John Trickett MP, on a Yorkshire-wide devolution deal with a Yorkshire mayor, or local Sheffield MPs? | As I have consistently stated and as set out in our amendment, I fully support the Sheffield City Region and the devolution deal which is the only deal on the table, I fully support the statement made by Sheffield MPs. |
| 7. As a result of the postponement of the Mayoral Elections this year and the delay of £30m of Government funding, could you please tell me what specific projects due to start in 2017/2018 will | It is impossible to be specific about the impact on individual projects of postponing the first Mayoral Elections at this stage, as the Government has not yet outlined to us what the |

now be held up?

financial implications to the city region might be.

8. What action have you taken as the Sheffield City Council representative on the SCR Combined Authority due to that Authority being issued with a qualified concern over its statement of accounts about value for money?

The auditor gives two opinions. One is on the finances of the SCR, which are based on Sheffield City Council providing its own systems and staff (including the S151 officer), and these were given a completely clean bill of health. The second is on the SCR's governance and the qualified opinion here reflects the fact that the SCR's governance is relatively new and still maturing. The SCR Leaders have given their support to a revised Governance and Assurance Framework to be submitted to Government in February and was signed off at Monday's meeting.

9. In response to a public question at the meeting of full Council on 7th December, 2016, you stated that you had never said "that the decision in respect of Rustlings Road had been taken out of the Council's hands". Do you still stand by these words?

The Council has apologised for our involvement in the incident on Rustlings Road in November. We know that we got it wrong and have committed to work differently in the future.

10. Do you still stand by your words said on Radio Sheffield with regards to the operation on Rustlings Road "that decision which was taken out of our hands because it was public disorder by someone else" replayed on the Toby Foster programme on Thursday 8th December?

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

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| 2. Do you have access to a full, unredacted copy of the Veolia contract? | See answer above. |
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Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

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| 1. It has been noted in the media that senior Councillors have not read the Highways PFI contract. Can you please tell me which senior Councillors have read the contract? | <p>The Streets Ahead Contract was drawn up following the decision of Cabinet Members. Cabinet determine what should be in the Contract, and then this is encapsulated in the Contract. The process of drawing up this Contract happened over many years, under both Labour and Liberal Democrat Administrations.</p> <p>I have had a full range of detailed briefings from Council lawyers about the Contract.</p> <p>I see that you have asked the question to other 'senior Councillors' to answer themselves, therefore I have only answered for myself.</p> |
| 2. Can you please explain how you can be confident about what is and is not possible with respect to renegotiating the contract if you have not read it? | <p>I am confident of being able to renegotiate the Contract if need be, however, we are not currently looking at this.</p> |

Questions of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

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Questions of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

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| 1. How much income would a £20 replacement charge for black bins raise for Sheffield City Council assuming there is no drop in demand? | Based on January–December 2016 - £63,300 |
| 2. How many black bins have needed replacement over the last year in each of the 28 wards? | Information is not held in Ward data. |
| 3. Under exactly what legal powers were vehicles towed on Rustlings Road on 17th November, 2016? | Referred to Mazher Iqbal. |
| 4. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) relating to Rustlings Road provided in response to a question from Councillor Ian Auckland at December's Council meeting contains a condition that: "The restriction specified will only have effect at such times and to such extent as indicated by the display of notices." Can you explain why any actions taken under this TTRO were legal when such notices were deliberately not displayed? | Referred to Mazher Iqbal. |

5. Which neighbourhoods have been identified as possible areas for the introduction of smaller or larger communal bins, as specified in the Cabinet paper of 18th January, 2017 on a new potential waste management service - para 2.4 to 2.4.5?

6. Will the criteria for the granting of the number of bins or size of a bin capacity change from existing policy and criteria, as laid down in paras 2.5 to 2.5.3 of the Cabinet paper of 18th January, 2017 on a new potential waste management contract. If so, state how?

7. As part of a potential new contract for the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), the paper to Cabinet of 18th January, 2017 states "The business drivers are to minimise risk and maximise income over the life of the asset" Does this mean extending the range of potential customers who could use the ERF if so who and what geographic area would this be extended to?

The report explains the characteristics of neighbourhoods where shared bins may be beneficial. We are clear there will need to be local consultation before any such scheme is trialled.

Section 2.5 sets out the new capacity allocation that will be provided once the new recycling service has been introduced and the blue box has been replaced with a 240 litre brown bin. The standard allocation will be based on the 1-5 resident level, with larger households able to apply for additional capacity as set out in section 1.3.11 of the [Waste Management Policy](#) document.

The changes will mean that large households will receive additional recycling capacity and not just general waste capacity, therefore helping to increase recycling performance.

As per the Waste Services Review report, the successful tenderer to operate and maintain the Energy Recovery Facility will be responsible for sourcing waste for the plant. It will be for the tenderer to assess if they would seek to change the existing permissions for the Energy Recovery Facility.

Questions of Councillor Adam Hanrahan to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1. What actions have (a) you, (b) Sheffield City Council and (c) Amey, undertaken with regard to the memorial trees since the last full Council meeting?

All parties have been involved in highlighting a "new year new start" approach to trees that you will have seen in the media. This will mean working in a clear, transparent and collaborative way, and working to regain the trust of people in Sheffield. We have set up a Cross Party Member Working Group to look

at the Western Road First World War Memorial. This Group will work with War Memorials Trust and the local community to make fitting and long-lasting tributes to those who gave their lives for this country. We have also extended their remit to include other tree memorial streets at Frecheville, Crookesmoor, Meersbrook and Springvale Road.

2. When do you expect the Independent Tree Panel (ITP) report for Western Road being made available to yourself and Sheffield City Council?

As the Panel is independent of the Council, I am unable to say when they will provide any advice to us, but when we receive it, we will publish it on our web site.

3. Will you agree to share that report with me as soon as it becomes available to you?

Yes.

4. Have you undertaken a site visit to the trees on Western Road?

I have visited Western Road on a number of occasions and am aware of the trees, their commemoration of WW1, the plaque and the street itself.

5. Did you approve the initial plans to fell trees on Western Road?

The initial plans were drafted up by tree and highway experts to ensure that the Council complies with its legal duties. I have committed myself and the Council to working with interested parties to find a solution that is acceptable to all.

6. What impact will ending the Veolia Waste Management contract have on the annual red sack scheme carried out in the summer?

None.
Veolia will continue to be instructed under current arrangements.
Any new service specification will include the option for additional resource deployment, such as the red sack scheme.

Questions of Councillor Paul Scriven to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1. What information will be collected and held by using RFID chips in bins under any new contracts?

The RFID chips, when combined with weighing equipment on the vehicles will record the location of the bin and the weight of material collected.
RFID chips will be fitted to shared

bins (flats and maisonettes) only.

2. Who will hold the data that is collected and what purposes will it be used for?

The data will be held by the Contractor and will be available to the Council.

The information will enable checks to be carried out to ensure that all bins are emptied at a location and that none have gone missing/had a missed collection. Collecting the weights of both the general waste and recycling collected at a location will allow for targeted education and communications to take place, helping residents to get the most from their waste and recycling services.

3. Who will be the legal owner of data collected from RFID chips in bins?

Sheffield City Council.

4. What opt in or opt out arrangements will local residents have on the collection of data associated with their household via RFID chips in their bins?

Because no information will be attributable to a specific household (the data will relate to the group of households sharing the bins provided) and due to the benefits and efficiencies associated with using the chips in terms of allowing for targeted communications, and understanding if bins are missed and if bins have gone missing, there will be no opt out option available.

5. Why is emptying of a bin conditional on having a RFID chip inserted after a given date?

We require the use of RFID chips to realise the benefits and efficiencies associated with using the chips in terms of allowing for targeted communications, and understanding if bins are missed and if bins have gone missing.

6. What is the cost of retro fitting bins with a RFID chip?

This information will be provided as part of the re-procurement process, however, as this information will be commercially sensitive, we will be unable to make this information available.

Questions of Councillor Rob Murphy to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1. How much is the financial penalty of ending the Veolia waste contract early?

As discussed with the Shadow Cabinet when Officers presented the Waste Services Review report, the costs of ending the Veolia contract is currently commercially confidential. It is not in the public interest for Veolia to know our commercial strategy.
2. What, if any, are the long-term liabilities that the Council will retain after the end of the Veolia waste contract?

The Council has always retained the Duty of Care for the provision of waste services.
The sites provided to Veolia under the integrated waste contract, including the Energy Recovery Facility, will revert back to the Council.
3. What are the reasons for not bringing the whole service back in house?

The pros and cons together with the financial implications of the options to outsource, insource or alternative delivery model such as Teckal, are analysed within the Cabinet report: Waste Services Review.
4. Will the Administration ensure that any new contracts are open to public scrutiny?

As now, the contracts will be available, though some commercially confidential information may be redacted. The contracts will be awarded through the appropriate procurement methodology to uphold fairness in evaluation and award. The Council will continue to publish all expenditure over £250.

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

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I have read relevant sections of text in conjunction with advice from Council officers and lawyers.
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Questions of Councillor Bob Pullin to Councillor Cate McDonald (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care)

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| 1. What date were you made aware that the Council's Chief Executive was a planning member of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)? | I meet regularly with the Chief Executive and discuss a range of issues with him. |
| 2. How many meetings have you requested with the Chief Executive on the STP? Please also give dates? | See above. |
| 3. Has the local STP been developed fully in line with the guidance letters of December, 2015 and February, 2016, both of which were sent to the Council? | It is for those who issue guidance to decide if that guidance has been followed. |
| 4. What Governance framework has been discussed about the local STP and the Councils roles and responsibilities within that framework? | This is an NHS process. |

Questions of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Community Services and Libraries)

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| 1. The statement given at the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 20th October 2016, in response to the reported huge decline in usage at volunteer libraries since the staff left, was that "most volunteer run libraries had their own systems for loaning donated books so the full picture was not reflected in the FOI data requested". What figures does the Council hold on the number of loans of books donated to volunteer-run libraries? | None.

By definition, the books in question are not the Council's and so cannot be included in our system, which I explained to the Scrutiny Committee. |
| 2. What instructions have been issued to managers, staff and volunteers working in the library service in relation to responding to members of the public regarding the future plans for the central library building? | No instructions have been issued to volunteers.

I asked staff on 22 nd November, 2016 and 25 th January, 2017 to answer public questions as honestly and fully as possible.

Staff have also been asked to pass on my contact details to any members of the public who wish to express their views. |

To assist your understanding, I enclose an Appendix of quotes made by various staff members regarding Central Library.

3. Does the Labour Group share the same vision for the future of libraries in the UK as the Libraries Taskforce setup by the Conservative Government (and which Sheffield Libraries has a Service Manager on secondment to), for example volunteer run libraries and co-location of services seen as best practice?

This question fundamentally misunderstands the nature of the Libraries Taskforce.

I would invite you to review the Taskforce's recent documents, such as "Libraries Deliver", which I understand were actually welcomed by the Green Party.

4. What external organisations were committed to provide reports on the Central Library since 2005? Will you provide a full copy of each report cited for the £30million quoted to refurbish the current library building?

No organisations were committed [sic] to provide reports on the Central Library Service.

I have already committed to publishing the reports, this will happen imminently

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Question Appendix

- “I think it’s a positive thing. If people saw the condition of the building as we do, they’d know it can’t survive for much longer” –**A Central Library Manager**
- “The ideal would be that this building would be ‘done up’ and we move back into it, but we know that can’t happen in this financial climate, so the next best thing is a purpose built library for Sheffield in the city centre” –**A Central Library Manager**
- “It’s a good thing. And what we need from a new building is the children’s library to be at the heart of it” – **Library Assistant**
- “So long as we get a new building to deliver the library service that people in Sheffield deserve from it will be a good thing” - **Library Officer**
- “I have a great deal of affection for the current Central Library building but ever since I started working here I have been aware that the building needed an awful lot of money spending on it. My priority is a building fit for the 21st century which can be an inspiring, accessible space from which to deliver the best library service we can for the people of Sheffield” – **Library Officer**
- “I love this building and would want to see it preserved. This seems the best option we have to preserve it, as the Council don’t have that kind of money. - **Library Assistant**
- “Sheffield deserves a new Central library. Every other city has one. I went to Liverpool and theirs was great” – **Library Assistant**

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Leigh Bramall (Cabinet Member for Business and Economy)

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| 1. How much does Sheffield City Council spend each year on supporting business start-ups in Sheffield? | The Council spends £250k per annum on dedicated business start-up programmes as part of wider investment in business growth and inward investment. |
| 2. How many business start-ups has the Council supported directly in the last 12 months? | In the last 12 months, the Council has supported 600 business start-ups via the "Business Sheffield" programme. |
| 3. Could you please indicate whether or not as part of the deal with Sichaun Goudong Construction Co. those discussions have shown they required an assurance that they would be able to develop a 5 star hotel and a fountain in Sheffield? | No assurances were sought or provided. |
| 4. What legally stops the Council from demanding only a leasehold deal right from the outset for any potential development by Sichaun Goudong Construction Co. on the potential Central Library development? | Nothing. We have said that the intention is for a leasehold deal. |

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| 1. How many FOI requests did the Council receive in the last 12 months? | In the calendar year 2016 – 1,912 FOI requests were received by the Council. |
| 2. How many of these were partially refused (for whatever reason)? | During the year, 291 FOI requests were partially refused.

During the year, 267 FOI requests were refused in full.

A breakdown of the reasons for refusal shows that Section 21 (accessible by other means) was used on 198 occasions, and Section 40 (personal information) was used on 200 occasions. This means that 398 refusals were either because the information was already in the public domain or it was to protect personal information. |
| 3. How many were refused completely (for whatever reason)? | See above |

Questions of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Housing)

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Question of Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport)

At the meeting of Full Council on 5th October, 2016, a petition regarding a crossing on Hangingwater Road was referred to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport to consider what can be done to add to the road safety measures in and around Hangingwater Road. What progress have you made on this?

Recent progress has included erecting school warning signs, lengthening times the street lighting is on in the area, as well as putting up a Speed Indication Device (which provides a visual reminder of speeds to a driver) on Hangingwater Road. Hangingwater Road is also included in the Greystones and Whirlow 20mph zone, the construction of which is due to start on site later in the year.

Larger crossing schemes are prioritised, then constructed with the Streets Ahead Programme (SAP), with the aim of benefitting from reduced disruption and costs. The core investment period of the SAP ends in December, 2017, but the programme will continue. No decision has yet been made on how best to link the delivery of schemes on the request list with the ongoing maintenance programme after 2017. Therefore, no further work has been undertaken on developing a crossing on Hangingwater Road.

Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport)

1. Does the Cabinet Member have any proposals to reduce the length of his list of outstanding highway requests?

The outstanding highway request list is made up of both smaller 'opportunity' schemes (such as a programme of dropped crossings, tactile paving and new handrails), and a programme of larger 'enhancement' schemes such as pedestrian crossings. Both programmes currently have approved budgets that are higher in 2017/18 than in 2016/17.

2. In the current financial year, with reference to the list of outstanding highway requests, please list the

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schemes actually delivered, or expected to be delivered?

Streets Ahead programme.

In the current financial year, Amey are working in around 20 zones. Each zone is inspected by Officers to ensure that works on the request lists compliment the work that Amey are already planning. If so, they are prioritised for construction. Although the numbers differ widely by zone, it is estimated that an average of six locations from the small scheme request list are implemented in each zone. This equates to around 120 locations in the year.

In terms of 'enhancement' schemes, the following are planned to have been delivered by the end of the financial year: Gleadless Road zebra crossing, two pedestrian crossing improvements on Wilkinson Street and new pedestrian islands on Southey Green Road. In addition, the following schemes (part funded in 2015/16) will have been completed – new pedestrian crossing facility at the Owler Lane/Barnsley Road traffic lights and an improved pedestrian crossing facility on Harcourt Road on the busy Crookes Valley Road walking route.

3. In the previous financial year, with reference to the list of outstanding highway requests, please list the schemes actually delivered?

Both smaller 'opportunity' and larger 'enhancement' schemes are constructed in parallel with the Streets Ahead programme.

In the last financial year, Amey worked in around 20 zones. Each zone was inspected by Officers to ensure that works on the request list complimented the work that Amey were already planning. If so, they were prioritised for construction. Although the numbers differed widely by zone, it is estimated that an average of six locations from the small scheme request list were implemented in each zone. This

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In terms of 'enhancement' schemes, the following schemes were delivered by the end of the last financial year: zebra crossing on Furniss Avenue, pedestrian refuge on Gower Street, pedestrian improvements on Johnson Street and Manchester Road, new pedestrian crossing facility at the Gleadless Road/Daresbury Road traffic lights, narrowing of Stumperlowe Lane at Fulwood Road, bus stop improvements in Wybourn and school entrance improvements at Jepson Road and Newman Road.

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| 4. How many 20 mph zones are currently planned for Sheffield? | 153 areas in total. |
| 5. To date, how many 20mph zones have been implemented? | By the end of 2016/17, we should have a total of 57 20mph areas. |
| 6. How much will the City Council charge Guodong for pre-planning application advice for the Central Library site? | If Guodong seek pre-planning application advice for any project, the City Council will charge in accordance with the published schedule of Pre Application Charges that can be found on the Council's website. |

Questions of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment) - to be answered by Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport)

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

1. What activities and services previously provided by Activity Sheffield will still be available now and after the next financial year?

The remaining small team (2.5 Officers) will focus in the main on facilitating city partnerships such as Move More, working with Sport England and governing bodies, advising on key community sports projects, commissioning of services, management of leases and funding agreements and drawing down funding to the city and local communities. The team was reduced in previous years and has not been directly involved in delivering activities.
2. What savings have been made by the closure of Activity Sheffield?

No savings have been made. The £400,000 Public Health funding will be redirected into the Parks Service. This will fund new capital projects in parks in areas of highest health inequalities.
3. What has happened to any capital equipment (such as the blow up 5 a side pitch) that was under the control of Activity Sheffield?

The team is currently reviewing options. This will include selling, transferring to partners or loaning. We will ensure this is done in an equitable way with a focus on best value for the Council and support to community organisations where possible.
4. Are there any outdoor events planned for this summer in the centre of Sheffield?

We are running a comprehensive calendar of events in the city centre this year.