

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022

COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

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

Q. Has the city council undertaken any review of trading over Christmas in light of decisions made by the Council to close Pinstone Street and stop free parking? If so what were the results

A. It was agreed by the Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, Councillor Douglas Johnson, that we would not offer any free parking on Sunday's as per previous years. This was not a decision I took, nor was I consulted.

Instead, a public transport incentive was pursued as an alternative. Unfortunately, this did not materialise despite a significant push from the Council including the offer of funding to SYPTE in support. The only offer presented by SYPTE was free parking at their P&R sites but not free or discounted ride which wasn't deemed as suitable. The Council did however provide direct financial support so that Boxing Day and New Year's Day bus services could operate.

The 2021 Christmas period was one of the biggest in terms of activity and attractions in the past decade in an attempt to draw visitors in against a backdrop of Plan B measures. For the Christmas period footfall was still strong with December 31.4% higher than the previous year and 6.2% higher than November.

Despite this, some retailers were disappointed that the Council did not incentivise people back into the city centre by offering free parking in the run up to Christmas, and that there were no park and ride incentives. Mixed response on trade with some members of the retail group reporting better than last year but still down against pre covid levels but the majority reported low sales. The BID reported that Plan B measures had a significant impact on trade of their members.

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

Q. 1 How many consultants, locums and agency staff are employed by the Council?

A.1 The way that spend data is currently categorised means that there is no way that we can report on 'consultants' or 'locums', these definitions have a wide range of interpretation. However, the Council does publish all expenditure over £250 so the information is freely available here;

<https://datamillnorth.org/dataset/sheffieldcitycouncil-spend-over-f250>

We do hold the data relating to agency workers, who are engaged via a contract we have with Reed. The substantial increase in spend from 2020 is mainly due to additional staffing needs in the Social Care, Admin & Clerical, Legal and Technical categories and is directly related to issues raised by the pandemic. There is a national shortage of candidates of the right calibre particularly in social care and trades. Our Agency Temporary Staffing Contract with Reed has been instrumental in finding solutions and working to fill these posts.

The growth is largely down to social care and that's because we are unable to recruit permanently. It's basic demand and supply – there are not enough people in the market and that pushes the price up. Experienced social workers are able to work on their terms, which, in some cases, is to work through an agency and demand higher wages that we pay to permanent staff.

This is coupled with pandemic impact and re-focussing of Council services over the last 18 months has led to an increased reliance on our temporary staffing base as we have reacted to new pressures and stretched to maintain key services to the citizens of Sheffield.

The impact of both the Covid pandemic and current financial challenges have led to a period of uncertainty when assessing our future temporary staffing resource requirement and the last 18 months spend on Agency staffing is atypical. There are also a number of other organisational interventions underway including an organisation wide VER/VS scheme to support workforce planning. In addition, resource controls have been introduced, requiring all new or extensions to resourcing requests, including agency to be approved at Portfolio leadership team. The impact of these controls is being monitored and will support the assessment of our future temporary staffing needs.

It is essential that we do everything we can to reduce expenditure in agency and temporary staffing contracts. As such, we have been in conversations with Reed about our contract arrangement extension opportunity to explore savings to the Council.

Discussions with Reed Talent Solutions have identified significant indicative savings over a 24-month period. This would be achievable through a number of measures including cashable savings, overtime caps, Contract Day rate changes, Clients Supplied rates and free temp to perm.

HR was already assessing prior to this extension period being granted how valid and palatable each of the measures may be to determine a course of action to help realise these savings. This has resulted in work being carried out to realise some of these savings now, to ensure maximum benefit can be achieved during the remaining months of the contract.

There are also some costs in Place resulting because we are using some agency staff to support the COVID Hub. It is expected that the costs for this will come back down significantly on where there were last year.

Number of agency workers engaged in the council by month and Portfolio

Candidate Count of Agency Staff by Month Nov 2020 to Oct 2021

(Please note this is the number of individuals who have worked at least on day in each of these months)

Month	Chief Executives Office	People	Place	Resources	Grand Total
Nov-20	3	187	215	31	436
Dec-20	4	189	208	30	431
Jan-21	4	193	213	30	440
Feb-21	2	195	221	48	466
Mar-21	2	242	251	49	544
Apr-21	4	253	239	57	553
May-21	5	259	266	44	574
Jun-21	5	273	272	36	586
Jul-21	5	286	265	32	588
Aug-21	5	292	249	35	581
Sep-21	5	313	272	33	623
Oct-21	4	281	254	33	572

Total spend by Quarter and Portfolio

Quarter	Chief Executives Office	People	Place	Resources	Grand Total
Q3 2020/21	£38,949.26	£1,553,430.50	£1,158,704.27	£446,226.34	£3,197,310.37
Q4 2020/21	£27,349.48	£1,774,475.18	£1,333,605.00	£623,370.26	£3,758,799.92

Q1 2021/22	£36,002.40	£2,040,292.8 0	£1,545,582.1 2	£645,379.60	£4,267,256.92
Q2 2021/22	£34,351.90	£2,322,855.8 6	£1,511,261.3 3	£489,423.82	£4,357,892.91
Grand Total	£136,653.04	£7,691,054.3 4	£5,549,152.7 2	£2,204,400.0 2	£15,581,260.12

**Total spend by
year and Portfolio**

Year	Chief Executive Office	People Portfolio	Place Portfolio	Resources Portfolio	Grand Total
2017/18	£115,809.64	£5,779,286.5 2	£3,374,926.8 8	£892,935.66	£10,162,958.70
2018/19	£91,641.49	£6,332,593.7 0	£3,164,569.4 6	£896,969.73	£10,485,774.38
2019/20	£49,370.36	£5,213,906.3 1	£3,851,921.6 5	£819,095.87	£9,934,294.19
2020/21	£127,777.78	£6,146,810.7 8	£4,384,047.0 6	£1,734,998.4 8	£12,393,634.10

Q.2 How many consultants, locums and agency staff are employed in each Council department?

A.2 As above.

Q.3 What is the cost of consultants, locums, and agency staff in each Council department in each of the last four quarters?

A.3 As above.

Q.4 What is the cost of consultants, locums, and agency staff in each Council department in each of the last four years?

A.4 As above.

**Questions of Councillor Colin Ross to the Leader of the Council
(Councillor Terry Fox)**

Q.1 At the December Council meeting there were a number of public questions. There were no members of the Cooperative Executive

present to answer them. As Chair of that meeting, I requested that they were responded to in writing by the appropriate member of the Cooperative Executive. Has this happened in all cases?

A.1 Yes.

Q.2 Can copies of these responses be published on the Council website or in the minutes of this meeting as part of the written answer to this question?

A.2 Yes, and we will consult with Democratic Services as to the most appropriate method to publish these

Question of Councillor Martin Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox)

Q. Did you request a delay to the Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCA) decision on whether to begin the statutory investigation into bus franchising and, if so, for how long?

A. No. I have made it known, repeatedly, that I want franchising to be looked into further once the full financial implications are known. At the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) meeting in January, it was agreed that all Local Authority partners would consider their position on whether SYMCA should progress the statutory process to take forward work on Franchising and the first part of this work would be to undertake a Franchising Assessment.

This first stage assessment would take approximately a year to undertake, with the full period to introduce Franchising expected to take a minimum of five years to introduce. At the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) meeting in March, we will understand the results of the current public consultation on the Enhanced Partnership and be able to make a decision on taking forward Franchising.

At the MCA meeting in January, I made it clear that I am supportive of exploring the case for Franchising and have not called for this to be delayed, but in Sheffield we have had significant contraction of bus services over a number of years to the detriment of people travelling in Sheffield and therefore we need to use all of the opportunities and levers available to us now in order to maintain and improve bus services in Sheffield. We cannot wait five years for improvements to come forward.

There are some significant risks ahead given that Government have indicated that they will be removing covid recovery funding support from local bus and tram services. We will need to work with operators now and

in the future to ensure that wherever possible we are collectively doing everything we can to provide the bus service that people across Sheffield need.

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

The Director of Housing's Report to the Co-operative Executive of the 19 January 2022 states 'Initial work has indicated that investment will be required in our 130 district and community heating networks – many which are old and show signs of being obsolete. A further piece of work is needed to consider the challenge of reaching zero carbon emissions as the majority of these are gas and lower carbon alternatives need to be identified.'

You may remember that the Notice of Motion agreed in the October Full Council included these resolutions:

- (v) the Council should investigate innovative and sustainable forms of powering small scale and district heating systems that use the infrastructure already present in Sheffield; this includes exploring heat recovery from mine water which is being promoted by the Coal Authority working with academics, local authorities, central government, and others, to help realise the potential of mine water heat, and which is already being used to heat homes in the Northeast of England;
- (iv) building on the existing district heating system would allow us to reduce Sheffield's carbon footprint and has the potential for a clean source of heat and power;
- y) requests that the requirement for new developments to link into a district heating system where this is the most sustainable option, be incorporated into future planning policy

Q. As an ex miner familiar with the extensive underground network of flooded mine workings within our city boundaries acting as a huge heat source will you take steps to ask the Coal Authority for a briefing on whether heat recovery is a potential power source for Sheffield as a matter of urgency, not only to help address the climate emergency but also to address the escalating fuel crisis which will impact most heavily on our most vulnerable residents?

A. I fully agree that we need to look fully at sustainable ways of generating and storing energy in the city and this is a key action arising from our Pathways to Zero report and also a commitment in our draft 10 Point Plan for Climate

Action. As part of the overall approach to looking at solutions to the challenge of decarbonising our energy in the city, I am keen to explore the potential benefits of heat recovery from mine water and I am pleased that this is already being investigated. The opportunities for this in South Yorkshire are being considered in a project coordinated through SYMCA and I have asked officers to provide me with a full briefing on the current status of the project.

Perhaps also of note, on Tuesday I visited a housing development which looks to go even beyond net zero, and I want to look further into this and similar developments.

Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration)

Q.1 How many hospitality and leisure businesses have to date received the governments Omicron business support grant via the Council?

A.1 To be answered by Councillor Paul Turpin.

Q.1 How much money has been allocated out of the original Omicron Business Support Grant to businesses so far?

A.1 To be answered by Councillor Paul Turpin.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration)

Q.1 What is the current occupancy rate for business units in the city centre?

A.1 **From December. Excludes HOTC2**

Total ground floor units	894
Vacant units	108
Vacancy rate	12.08%
Independent units - 373 = 41.72%	

Q.2 Is the Council in full possession of the John Lewis building?

A.2 Yes

Q.3 Has the Council received an estimate for the cost of removing asbestos from the John Lewis building and, if so, how much is it?

A.3 Yes, the Council has received a high level estimate for asbestos removal works to the former John Lewis store. This indicates an asbestos removal contract cost of circa £2.5m. With fees, directs and contingencies added the anticipated project cost is circa £3.3m. An Outline Business Case for this amount is currently progressing through Gateway 2 for approval to proceed with tendering the removal contract.

Q.4 How many pre-planning enquiries did the Council receive during 2021 and what was the total fee income from these?

A.4 The Planning Service dealt with 640 formal pre-application enquiries across 2021 and received income totalling £167,787 (including VAT) for this work.

In addition to this, the Service also provides informal pre-application advice to support members of the public and businesses through what can be a complicated process.

Charging for this service is aligned with the approach taken by a number of other authorities, and it ensures we are able to reinvest in services and front load problem solving.

**Question of Councillor Bernard Little to Councillor Mazher Iqbal
(Cabinet Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and
Regeneration)**

Q. Sheffield City Council in February 2019, in its response to the Climate Emergency, has committed itself to a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030. On November 30th 2021, just weeks after the Glasgow COP26 Climate Conference, SCC Planning and Highways Committee approved, by a 10 to 2 majority, a 9 deck high multi-storey car park for 470 car park spaces with spaces for 5 cycles (21/04263/REM). The application used a Sustainability Statement (prepared by Manier Associates) that used the Sheffield Sustainability Toolkit to make the case for multi-storey car park based on a 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 from 1990. Is Sheffield's Planning Department committed to achieving Sheffield's target of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, or 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050?

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A. The application referred to was what's known as a reserved matters submission and the principle of a multi-storey car park had already been established as part of the wider outline planning permission for the West Bar development in 2016. These reserved matters submission was essentially seeking approval for the final appearance of the car park and not the already established principle of the car park.

Sustainability was covered at outline stage with three conditions relating to matters such as achieving 10% of energy via renewable energy or a fabric first approach.

The sustainability report referenced covered relevant national and local legislation and plans, as well as going through the Sustainability Toolkit on our own website in detail, answering all the questions that are posed in the Toolkit.

In direct response to the 2030 net zero agenda, the Planning Service will be introducing new policies in the Local Plan that will require all new development to be net zero carbon by 2030. This is also an important consideration when choosing the overall spatial approach in the emerging Local Plan because the scale and pattern of development impacts on travel choices and, therefore, carbon emissions. The Local Plan spatial options are the subject of a report on today's Council agenda.

As the new Local Plan is not expected to be adopted until 2024, the Planning Service are also intending to produce Interim Planning Guidance (IPG) to raise standards in relation to sustainable design in advance of the Local Plan being adopted. Public consultation on the IPG will take place later this year.

In addition, in response to the recently passed Council Motion, the Planning Service is refreshing the content of Sustainability Statements required to support applications over a certain scale in order to encourage higher standards from Spring this year and to reinforce our collective desire to reach net zero by 2030.

**Questions of Councillor Martin Phipps to Councillor Mazher Iqbal
(Cabinet Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and
Regeneration)**

Q.1 What information does the Council hold around the recent sale of the Old Town Hall?

A.1 We don't hold any information around the recent sale. We are aware of the recent press report that states that the building has been sold.

Q.2 Does the Council know the identity of the purchaser of the Old Town Hall or their agent?

A.2 No.

Q.3 Who is the new owner of the Old Town Hall?

A.3 We are not aware who the new owner is.

Q.4 Will the Council facilitate talks between the Friends of the Old Town Hall with the new owner?

A.4 The Council is meeting with the Friends of the Old Town Hall but we do not know who the new owner is.

**Questions of Councillor Lewis Chichen to Councillor Mazher Iqbal
(Cabinet Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and
Regeneration)**

- Q. How much of the £100,000 John Lewis covering/hoarding will be spent using Heart of the City funds?**
- A. None. The work to cover/hoard the John Lewis Building is being funded through Central Government Funds.**

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

Q.1 Has the bid to fund the freebie bus being through the Zero Emissions Buses for Regional Areas (ZEBRA) fund been submitted to the Department for Transport?

A.1 The proposal for an electric city centre shuttle bus has been included within the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's (SYMCA) ZEBRA submission. SYMCA sent the business case to the DfT on the 31 January 2022.

Q.2 Can we please be updated on your plans for this bus to be provided? Including timescale and if it will be included in this year's upcoming budget?

A.2 Assuming we are successful with the ZEBRA bid, the current programme from SYMCA shows an electric city centre shuttle bus operational by September 2023. The bid has been prepared and submitted by SYMCA.

Question of Councillor Richard Williams to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)

At the Full Council meeting held on 1st December 2021, agenda item 9, "Notice of motion regarding "Better Buses for Sheffield" – given by Councillor Ian Auckland and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker and amended as moved by Councillor Richard Shaw and seconded by Councillor Mike Levery was resolved and passed.

Q. Can the Executive Members responsible for Transport please provide an update on what steps have been taken to progress the key action points contained within the resolution, in particular but not limited to points i), l), m), n) and o) which relate to the current issues with staffing on Sheffield busses and trams?

A. The Motion, as referred to in the question, highlights a number of specific concerns related to the commercial operation of the public transport network. Buses and Trams are facing unprecedented pressure, from staff shortages and low usage, and it is expected that Government are planning to remove Covid recovery funding for bus and tram services. These are major issues that I am working closely with the SYMCA on finding a solution. The discussions I am having regarding the recently published Bus Service Improvement Plan, supported by the Enhanced Partnership, as well as the SYMCA's progression to explore Bus Franchising are all avenues being explored.

Through the investment proposals outlined by Connecting Sheffield, it's clear that we understand our duty to improve the parts of the public transport system that we are responsible for. Collectively, as a Co-Op Executive, we are using this as a platform to discuss with bus operators and SYMCA how those organisations can enhance their offer for the people of Sheffield.

Questions of Councillor Richard Shaw to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)

Q.1 How many road traffic collisions at the junction of Greenhill Avenue and Greenhill Main Road have been recorded by the council for each year since 2018?

A.1 The data is taken from the South Yorkshire Police recorded personal injuries database. These figures refer to the number of accidents at the junction of Greenhill Main Road and Greenhill Avenue.

Between 1st January 2018 and 26th December 2021 (48 months), there have been a total of 11 accidents, equating to three per year in 2018, 2019, 2020 and two in 2021.

Additional Information

Of these 11;

- none have been fatal. 4 have been "serious" and 7 being "slight."
- 2 have been pedestrian (both serious), 1 has been cycle (slight) and 8 have been motor vehicle (2 serious and 6 slight).
- 2 OAP (one serious and one slight), 2 Child (one serious and one slight).
- This location is currently 29th in priority locations across the city.

Q.2 How many cycle stands are provided for use:

a. the public?

**b. members of staff at each Council Housing or Neighbourhood Office?
Please provide numbers for each office.**

A.2 a. There are 1324 stands most of which will accommodate two bikes. This figure does not include any visitor stands placed on private development for the public use – Businesses, Retail parks, supermarkets etc. It includes rail station parking, and parking we help to fund at Meadowhall Shopping Centre.

Additional Info

Through the TCF/Connecting Sheffield programme, there are a series of step change improvements to cycling, which includes the wrap around features like cycle parking. This is and will continue to be a fundamental part of the investment programme going forwards.

- b. South East – 0
- City & West – 0
- Burngreave & Shiregreen (Sorby House) – 6
- Firth Park & Southey (Learning Zone) – approx. 15
- East - 0
- South West - 0
- North – 0

Q.3 When will the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed modal filter at the railway underbridge on Little London Road be made? What is the planned installation date of this modal filter?

A.3 The design for this element of the Sheaf Valley scheme is complete. The intention is to advertise the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order and install the modal filter by the end of April 2022.

This will align with the completion of Sheffield City Council's and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's (SYMCA) financial and commercial approval requirements.

Q.4 How many K- or A-frames or squeeze gates has the Council installed during the 2020/21 and the 2021/22 municipal years? Of which, how many have an Equality Impact Assessment on record?

A.4 The Public Rights of Way (PROW) Team have not installed any K frames / A Frames / Squeeze gates or any other kind of anti-vehicle barriers in 20/21 or 21/22.

Q.5 How many K- or A-frames or squeeze gates has the Council removed during the 2020/21 and the 2021/22 municipal years?

A.5 PROW removed three anti-vehicle barriers in 2020/21, but none so far in 2021/22

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

Q.1 The South Yorkshire Mayor has backed a Franchising Model for the buses in South Yorkshire. What steps are being taken to ensure that Sheffield's voice is being heard so that residents can look forward to a better bus service for Sheffield?

A.1 The Mayor has backed an exploratory investigation into Franchising arrangements and this is yet to be formally concluded. Sheffield is very much in that conversation, through our participation at regional governance meetings, like the Mayoral Combined Authority and its supporting Transport and Environment Board.

Going above and beyond this, the Council Leader, Councillor Fox and I have been holding specific meetings with the bus and tram operators, as well as SYMCA to understand in more detail the issues affecting operations and what their plans are to rectify the situation. As so many of our residents rely on public transport for all manner of trips, it remains absolutely critical that we make our voices heard on this matter.

Q.2 How many Electric Charging Points have been installed in Sheffield in the last 12 Months?

A.2 In 2021, Sheffield City Council installed 20 rapid (50kW DC / 43kW AC) electric vehicle chargers. 10 of these are reserved for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle drivers as a condition of their funding.

Seven additional (public) rapid electric vehicle chargers installed are to become operational soon.

Breakdown in the table below;

Site name	Postcode	Ward	No. Public chargers	No. Taxi / PHV chargers
Pond Hill (Old Queens Head)	S1 2BG	City	0	1
Clarence Lane	S2 4LN	Nether Edge & Sharrow	2	2
Eldon Street Carpark	S1 4GX	City	2	2
Prince of Wales Road Carpark	S9 4QB	Darnall	1	1
Parkers Lane Carpark	S10 2SR	Broomhill & Sharrowvale	1	1
Howard Lane	S1 2NT	City	0	2
Blyde Road Carpark	S5 7AF	Burngreave	1	1
Carver Lane Car Park	S1 4EP	City	3	0
Hale St (not yet operational)	S8 0YE	Nether Edge & Sharrowvale	2	0

Zion Lane Car Park (not yet operational)			3	0
Edward Street Car Park (not yet operational)			2	0
Total			17	10

Q.3 How many publicly accessible electric charging points that planned for the next 12 Months in Sheffield?

A.3 We are actively exploring options for expanding the availability of public EV charge points in Sheffield and hope to be able to expand our network, including with the addition of fast chargers. This is being pursued via the Get Britain Building Funds, administered by SYMCA.

The number of charge points deliverable in the next 12 months is dependent on funding and site approvals as well as for example the affordability of new or upgraded electricity supply connections.

Q.4 What plans are being formulated to help and assist residents in streets with predominantly terraced housing to access electric charging points?

A.4 Finding charging solutions for residents who do not have access to off-street parking, providing confidence to switch to electric, is very important and there are a few different solutions being trialled in the UK. We do however need to recognise that these solutions are not straightforward to implement at a large scale.

The mass deployment of on-street solutions would have significant financial implications. It is also important to note the technology is changing fast and that creating charging points can reduce parking spaces on residential streets.

Q.5 Are there any plans for a Public Consultation on any proposed Food Waste Collection service?

A.5 No decision has yet been taken on consultation. Local Authorities are awaiting detail of the implementation of statutory food waste collections from Government.

Questions of Councillor Martin Phipps to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)

Q.1 How many officers have completed the carbon literacy training?

A.1 64 officers have attended full-day training sessions.

Full-day training for officers in climate awareness, including how this aligns to procurement, strategic planning and retrofit has so far been provided to Executive Directors, Directors, Heads of Service and targeted officers in City Growth.

Further training is planned for March, with the aim that all Heads of Service will have received a full or half day climate awareness session.

Q.2 How many Councillors have completed the carbon literacy training, by party?

A.2 Carbon literacy training refers to training which is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project and is an eight hour learning package. A range of training has been provided for Councillors so far including;

- full day carbon literacy training
- two hour training for councillors as part of the Local Area Committee induction programme
- self-led online and learning resources.

Attendance figures for SCC carbon literacy sessions are as follows:

	Full training completed	Partial training completed
Labour	6	8
Lib Dem	4	5
Green	6	2

Further training is planned for March with the aim that all Councillors will have received carbon literacy training. Further training will be provided following the new intake of Councillors.

Question of Councillor Lewis Chinchon to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport)

Q. Regional disparities are now evident in relation to electric vehicle infrastructure, with the Yorkshire and Humber region lagging behind other parts of the country. Has Sheffield Council made any applications to the Government's On-Street Residential Charge point Scheme to develop on-street charging infrastructure?

A. We have not made any applications for this grant so far. Please note the grants do not cover all the costs but do impose long-term obligations.

Question of Councillor Sophie Thornton to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care)

Q.1 How long is the current average waiting time for payment of 'Direct Payments' for people with disabilities? And can this be broken down into age groups?

A.1 For new adult direct payments, the median number of days between the start date of the direct payment and the date the first payment hits the person's bank account is around 18 days.

That is because direct payments are authorised/approved, on average, 14 days after they are due to start. The package is then processed for payment within 24 hours and then typically lands in the person's account three days later. 14 +1 +3 = 18 days.

The breakdown by age band of the time between start date and authorisation as as November 2021, in median days is as below:

18-34	= 17 days
35-54	= 14 days
55-74	= 13 days
75+	= 10 days
Total	= 14 days

To each of these timescales we can assume that the payment will land in the person's bank account four days afterwards (to take into account one day processing and three days banking clearance).

Questions of Councillor Steve Ayriss to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care)

In December, BBC Panorama presented an investigation into the use by care homes owned by international investors of fees to service debt, featuring Four Seasons, HC-Care and Care UK.

Q.1 How many and which Care Homes in Sheffield are run by these providers?

A.1 **Four Seasons**

Balmoral

Henleigh Hall (this is a Brighterkind home which is part of the wider Four Seasons Group.

HC One

Alexander Court (currently on the market)

Ascot Lodge

Holmwood

Care UK

Q.2 In commissioning care home provision what monitoring is done by the Council or by the CQC on the fee levels providers charge?

A.2 For older people's care homes such as the one above, the Council pays a standard rate which is agreed each year following a fees consultation for people eligible for Council funding. Historically, minimal monitoring has been done of rates charged to private fee payers as the Council has had no legal powers to influence these. As part of the current fees consultation (ongoing), Care Home providers have been asked what their private fee rate is and what percentage of self-funders they have. This will enable a better picture of the market for when self-funders will be entitled to ask the Council to contract on their behalf as part of the package of measures associated with the care cost cap and health and social care levy. When these changes come into effect, we will be able to influence what providers charge who would otherwise have been self-funders.

Q.3 What advice can or does the Council provide to service users or their relatives on fee levels in their choice of care homes?

A.3 Advice is provided through a variety of sources for people funded through the Council, including advice from social workers and financial assessors as part of the assessment process. There is also written guidance on the website and in a booklet handed out to people seeking residential or nursing care. Self-funders often choose a care home without coming to the Council for advice, but the information is still available online and advice can be given by social workers or financial assessors if we are approached.

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

Q.1 Based on current data, how many businesses in Sheffield are eligible for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant scheme?

A.1 Based on the number of businesses that received a Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant in 2021, 1,301 potentially eligible businesses have been identified for this grant. However, the actual number of eligible businesses may differ to this figure due to two factors :

- A change in the definition of what constitutes a leisure business for the purpose of this grant in relation to that used for previous grants, and;
- Natural changes in the City's businesses rates property base since the previous RHL grants were awarded last year.

Q.2 Has the Council contacted these businesses directly and, if so, when?

A.2 Yes. Since the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant scheme went live in the City on 17th January, 2022, the Council has employed a variety of methods to communicate with businesses in the City as set out below:

- The provision of an online application form and extensive information to allow businesses to determine eligibility and apply for assistance on sheffield.gov.uk/coronavirus-business
- Issuing of one general gov delivery bulletin on launch day (17/01/22022) which was sent to around 8,000 businesses who are signed up for Covid business updates.
- One direct mail bulletin to 1,301 contacts who have been identified as potentially eligible for support . This was followed up four days later with a reminder email to all. We know over 1,000 people opened this communication.
- Social Media posts on Business Sheffield and Sheffield City Council Social Media channels
- Press team press release and sheffnews story : [Applications open for Omicron business grants | SheffNews.](#)
- Radio advertising on Hallam FM comprising of 94 adverts to be aired across two weeks. These started 19th January 2022.
- Radio Sheffield interview with Councillor Turpin (facilitated by the press team)
- In person information has been provided to high street businesses by Business Information Officer visiting High Streets across the City
- We have also ensured that partner bodies such as Sheffield Business Improvement District, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Local Area Committee's network have shared the communications we have developed across their appropriate media channels.

Q.3 What is the Council's target for the time it will take to respond to an application?

A.3 The team processing the applications aim to respond to each applicant within 10 working days of receipt of the application for a grant. This response will either advise the business if their application has been successful, declined or if any further information or evidence is required. Many businesses will be contacted within these timescales. This time frame allows the team to undertake pre-payment assurance checks designed to combat fraudulent claims for support which Government have put in place. There may be limited times, in complex cases, when these timescales may not always be met.

The automated response businesses receive when submitting their applications advises business to wait four weeks before making any follow up enquiries as to the status of their application. This has been put in place in order to ensure that the team dealing with these applications can devote as much of their time as possible to processing claims and passing successful claims for payment. Businesses requiring support with their application, or eligibility advice are also supported through Business Sheffield.

Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing Parks and Leisure)

Q.1 Can you give an update on what steps have been taken in light of this Council declaring a 'Nature Emergency' last year

A.1 We are in the process of drafting a Nature Emergency Action Plan which will outline how Parks and Countryside can support Nature's Recovery – this needs to be set in the wider strategic context of the new requirements under the Environment Act, which became law in November, 2021. The act sets out ambitions and targets for supporting Nature's Recovery. Most notably this will include a Nature Recovery Network and new Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – this strategic work will set the foundations for appropriate policies for planning, development and land management. Sheffield City Council Officers have been attending South Yorkshire wide Steering Group sessions on the LNRS to ensure a 'joined up approach'.

Linked to this wider agenda, an internal Environment Act Implementation Group has been set up with senior attendance from across all areas of the Council that will have new and greater levels of responsibility and statutory duty.

In November, the Council passed the Green Group's Developers Climate Change Declaration that from March will require all new planning applications to submit, among other things, details of what developers are doing to promote biodiversity as part of their proposed development. This will encourage biodiversity measures above and beyond the minimum required under existing building regulations.

Q.2 Can you give an update on what has been done to reduce the use of glyphosate since July 2021?

A.2 (Answer to be provided by Councillor Paul Wood, Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management)

Q.3 What is your view on giving larger groups access to our parks and open spaces for activities? Especially as we are still in the midst of this pandemic?

A.3 We have recently reviewed the activity booking process to enable us to accommodate larger group bookings. We are working hard to ensure an appropriate balance between encouraging and enabling commercial operators to use spaces within our parks, and ensuring public space is available for all to enjoy. From April 2022, we will be increasing the maximum class size from 10 to 15 in smaller parks and up to 30 in larger parks, after discussions with operators.

Q.4 With CCTV cameras at sites including the Botanical Gardens, Claywells Depot, Graves Park and Tinsley Gardens being off-line for a and variety of

reasons; what are your plans to get them back online and working as they should to protect residents?

- A.4 Work is underway to review issues on these systems and to get them operational as soon as possible.

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

- Q. Following the recent news that the knife amnesty box by Jordanthorpe Shops was broken into, will that portfolio holder reconsider her position on installing updated CCTV on Jordanthorpe Housing Office?**

- A. The majority of cameras at Jordanthorpe Housing Office are internal and were installed many years ago when the Jordanthorpe housing office had a customer access point where tenants could pay rent and council tax. This facility no longer exists and therefore there is no requirement to update the CCTV system.

The current CCTV still operates but runs on an outdated dialogue system which are fixed cameras that unfortunately only capture a limited grainy image. There are two outside cameras which point out on to the car park, but do not capture any wider angles so are limited in their capability. They do not cover the parade of shops unfortunately.

There is no requirement for the Jordanthorpe Housing office to upgrade the CCTV system. If there is a request to install cameras that would cover any ASB activity on the parade of shops, then this should be looked at separately to ensure that the cameras capture the areas of concern and are of a quality that will be helpful in identifying any perpetrators of crime and ASB.

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

- Q. Can the portfolio holder please update us on plan to reopen the Library Theatre for use by community theatre groups?**

- A. The Library Theatre Manager is working with the theatre groups and Council property services to improve the ventilation system of the Library Theatre in accordance with HSE requirements, to enable the reopening of the theatre at Easter.

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

Earlier this month councillors were informed that Parks and Countryside are looking at ways of ensuring activities and concessions are environmentally friendly as possible, it is looking at installing electric outlets within its site and this move towards electric power in parks has already begun with the children's rides in Endcliffe Park and Graves Park already being in place. In July you stated there is no specific programme to provide power for events across the city. In November you stated 'We are investigation options for providing electrical power for events and traders and when there is specific proposals I will inform the council.'

Q.1 When were these electric power sources for the children's rides in these two parks installed?

A.1 Electric Power supplies have been in place for a minimum of 10 years in Graves and Endcliffe Park, exact installation dates are not immediately available but can be sought if required.

Q.2 Are there now any specific proposals you can inform us of?

A.2 We are in the process of developing the plans and determining the phasing of sites. We'll provide an update when we have this.

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

Q.1 Electric Power points for licensed concessions in public parks, what are the plans for installing electric power points for concessions in public parks across Sheffield?

A.1 The Parks and Countryside service are currently exploring the feasibility of installing electric power points for concessions in Public Parks in Sheffield in the short and longer term. The team is exploring the costs of installation, identifying priority sites and understanding timescales for installation. No decisions have yet been made regarding the approach.

Q.2 In Particular, what are the plans for installation of electric power point(s) for concessions in Bolehills?

A.2 At present, Bolehills isn't one of the sites being identified as a priority for an electric

power point as there is not currently a permanent concession within the park. We are however considering this as a phased approach over the next few years, therefore if there is a need identified, this could be considered at a later date.

Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Executive Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration) – to be answered by Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills)

Q.1 How many hospitality and leisure businesses have to date received the governments Omicron business support grant via the Council?

A.1 As at close of business 27/01/2022 - 252 claims have been sent for payment. The total amount passed for payment in respect of these awards is £840,041.00.

Q.2 How much money has been allocated out of the original Omicron Business Support Grant to businesses so far?

A.2 The amount of money allocated to the Council for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG) by Central Government (£4,476,204), is an indicative amount based on Government's broad understanding of the potential number of eligible businesses in the City, and will be subject to a reconciliation exercise following the closing date for payments to be made under the OHLG scheme. All of this allocation has been set aside for distribution to those businesses who successfully apply for the grant and will not be used for any other purpose. Awards of support to businesses will be made in line with the amounts set by Government.

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

Q.1 In relation to leaseholders of former Council properties citywide; in which document does it say in the official Sheffield City Council Housing Services Policy, approved by local councillors that the Council will not enter a leaseholder's home to provide a quote, conduct a site visit or carry out internal repairs, such as the supply and fit of a boiler?

A.1 This is not an issue of Council policy. The rights and obligations between leaseholder and freeholder (Sheffield City Council) are set out in the clauses of the Lease. The legal contract signed by the leaseholder when purchasing their flat under Right to Buy legislation, internal repairs, including the replacement of the heating system, are the responsibility of the leaseholder. It is for the leaseholder to carry out internal repairs to the flat as set out in the Lease. For information the relevant Lease clauses are set out below

Clause 3(3) requires the leaseholder

To keep the demised premises and every part thereof (except those parts of the demised premises which the Council are by virtue of the covenant implied by paragraph 14(2)(a) of Schedule 6 to the 1985 Act liable to keep in repair) and all fixtures and fittings therein and all additions thereto and all (if any) sewers drains cables pipes wires ducts radiators tanks cisterns and valves and channels within and serving the demised premises alone and all doors and windows (including the glass and frames thereof) floors ceilings internal walls and surfaces and skirtings therein in good repair AND where necessary to renew or replace all worn or damaged parts of the demised premises which the Lessee is liable as hereinbefore provided to repair

Clause 38(v)

To prevent any loss or leaking of water from the heating and domestic hot water systems of the demised premises AND to keep the same in good and substantial repair and water-tight at all times.

There is a clause in the Lease 3(33) (set out below), about SCC right of access to the demised premises, but this does not mean that the Council will carry out repairs which are the responsibility of the Leaseholder under the terms of the Lease

Clause 3(33)

To permit the Council and their employees and agents with all necessary equipment and materials to enter upon the demised premises at all reasonable times in the daytime (except in the case of emergency when immediate entry shall be granted) to inspect the state and condition of the demised premises (including any services passing through the same) and the structure and exterior of the demised premises and the Building and to make repairs thereto.

A leaseholder needs to apply for permission to replace the boiler using a gas safe registered contractor which they must arrange to carry out the work. Permission will not be refused but we must ensure that any leaseholder carrying out work on a

gas appliance in their property does so safely and provides us with certification once the work has been completed.

Catherine Hill responded via email to Councillor Mohammed's enquiry on the 7th January, 2022 regarding replacement of boilers.

Q.2 On what date of the Council meeting where this policy was approved by local councillors?

A.2 See answer above.

Q.3 Who chaired and attended this Council meeting? Where are the minutes of this meeting and what is the report number?

A.3 See answer above.

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

Q.1 Can you give an update on what has been done to reduce the use of glyphosate since July 2021?

A.1 Within Parks and Countryside, the use of Glyphosate on permeable surfacing, including grass, soil, amenity borders, hedge rows, gravel or hardcourt paths was stopped in October 2021. Glyphosate is still in use as the active ingredient to spot treat weeds on footpaths to reduce damage and ensure health and safety requirements can be met as there are no suitable alternatives currently available. Trials will take place when appropriate alternatives become available. Glyphosate is used to treat invasive species and tree stumps using approved methods including Stem injection and Eco-plugs.

A trial will also take place Spring 2022 in the Brincliffe Edge area in conjunction with Streets Ahead with no Glyphosate being used on any surface including footpaths. This trial area includes Chelsea Park.

Within our cemeteries we have stopped using Glyphosate on permeable surfacing in Norton and Beighton Cemeteries as a trial to assess the visitor acceptance of the impact of these measures. The outcome of this trial will be understood at the end of the growing season which finishes around October. In 2022 we will continue to use Glyphosate in our other 14 cemeteries to manage the growth of weeds particularly around headstones and grave kerbs.

Council's Highways Maintenance Division (HMD) has already stopped using glyphosate in shrub beds, floral displays, rose beds, hedgerows and planted areas

as well as stopping mowing strip spraying in highways verges. By the end of 2022, HMD has also committed to:

- A review and trial of any new alternative products as they come to market and become licensed for hard surfaces.
- Switching to a single application of Flazasulfuron on soft surfaces (such as grass verges under street signs and around lamp columns) next year rather than our current practice of applying Glyphosate three or four times.
- Delivering “pesticide free” alternate methodologies such as wider use of our “weed ripper” machine and other mechanical sweepers.
- Encouraging residents to pull weeds out on their street to help further reduce usage on the highway.
- Trialling a ‘glyphosate free’ area in Brincliffe, Sheffield, where no chemical-based weed killers will be used during 2022 whilst consulting with residents via [Citizenspace](#) to assess and review impact and feedback.

**Questions 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 12,798 open repair jobs, of these 8,091 are overdue as of 23rd January, 2022. This increase is attributable to a significant number of operatives absent due to Covid-19 (an average of 50 operatives per day), coupled with introduction of the new IT system. We are undertaking validation of the data since going live on 30th November, 2021.

We know this isn't good enough, and this is why our Housing Revenue Account Business Plan we are investing heavily. We've committed to getting this right and delivering for tenants and as part of our 'better repairs project' we will tackle the backlog.

Q.2 What was the average waiting time for a council house repair issue to be resolved over the last 3 months? and what was the longest wait?

A.2 The average waiting time was 16.29 days (October and November 2021 data only). The oldest job is 961 days due to the Council not being able to gain access to complete the repair. This job has been referred to Legal Services.

Q.3 What was the average waiting time on the council house repairs phone line before answering in the last three months? and what was the longest wait?

A.3 The average waiting time for repair calls November 2021 to January 2022 was 44 minutes. Performance and waiting times were seriously impacted by the launch of the new repairs system Total Mobile at the end of November: training time and a high number of ongoing teething problems with this system and its new processes, resultant tenant chase calls (300 per day) about missed and rearranged appointments with no tenant contact, high sickness, vacancies and then training new starters during this time. In addition, extended call handling times as callers enquire about several new or existing repairs in most calls has impacted performance levels. Calls answered has increased from over 300 a day during the worst weeks of issues to over 650 a day this week as processes are refined, sickness reduces, and trainees become operational.

The longest wait was 2 hours and 46 minutes shortly after go-live of the new IT system.

Q.4 How many repair issues have been 'closed' in the last three months as a result of not being able to make contact with a resident?

A.4 3,692 repair orders have been closed in the last three months as a result of not being able to make contact with a resident.

Q.5 How many council housing residents are currently in temporary accommodation due to maintenance issues at their primary residence?

A.5 We have 29 homes where the tenant has been decanted on a temporary basis due to maintenance issues. The reasons for this are seven fire damaged, 15 dampness and leaks into properties, six legal disrepair cases, one car accident structural damage.

Q.6 How many council housing residents were in temporary accommodation due to maintenance issues at their primary residence over the Christmas period?

A.6 As above.

We have 29 homes where the tenant has been decanted on a temporary basis due to maintenance issues. The reasons for this are seven fire damaged, 15 dampness and leaks into properties, six legal disrepair cases, one car accident structural damage.

Q.7 How many evictions have there been from Council housing in the last three months? And can you give a breakdown of the reasons why these evictions have taken place?

A.7 Between 1st October 2021-31st December 2021, there has been one eviction (and one suspended possession order- suspended on terms) on the grounds of ASB/Breach of Tenancy Conditions.

For the same dates, there has been seven evictions carried out for rent arrears

Q.8 How many eviction notices have been served against Council housing residents in the last three months? And can you give a breakdown of the reasons why these notices have been served?

A.8 Between 1st October 2021-31st December 2021 there have been 23 Notice of Seeking Possession served for ASB/Breach of tenancy conditions.

For the same dates, there has been 728 Notice Seeking Possessions served for rent arrears.

To add context, and again for the dates shown above, 69 applications were made to Court to take possession proceedings.

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

Q. Over the last three years, how many incidents of fly-tipping have involved the illegal dumping of asbestos?

A. 12 incidents as reported to Defra.

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

Amey have advised a volunteer litter picker in Norton requiring some equipment: “Regarding your request for litter picking equipment. We are always delighted to hear from those who wish to explore opportunities to improve litter levels across the city, and you are able to collect the requested items directly from our Ecclesfield Depot, each Wednesday between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.”

Whist this situation has now been resolved with a local delivery, my constituent was advised (on 3rd contact chasing the enquiry) that litter picking supplies had to be collected. (From Ecclesfield)

Q. Please clarify the position, has there been a change of policy in this regard?

A. Since the first national lockdown in March 2020, we’ve had a massive – three-fold - increase, in the number of individuals, to over 3,000, actively and regularly taking part in litter picking. Amey are also typically supporting around 15-20 larger scale

community litter picking events every week.

This significant demand for litter picking resources has not been sustainable for Amey to continue to support with bespoke deliveries of equipment – and was leading to street cleansing teams becoming regularly diverted from front line cleansing to undertaking deliveries across the city. Perversely, this was distracting Amey from undertaking litter picking and litter bin emptying.

In addition – well over 1,000 litter picker tongues have not been returned - and are already out in circulation with various community groups. The decision was taken in agreement with Sheffield Litter Pickers organisation, that a fixed “click and collect” service would now be offered to those needing new or replacement equipment.

The Council and Amey continue to support events through provision of litter pickers, bags and other sundry items, as well as working with groups to pre-book collections of waste collected from an appropriate place after each litter pick has been completed.

This in person collection for items also helps to build that communication, reducing the risk of missed collections, allows key safety messages to be relayed to keep volunteers safe - and also ensures that these community and environmentally minded citizens can be thanked in person for the great contribution they make to improving the environmental quality of their neighbourhoods across the city.

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

Q. Will the plans for the introduction of a Food Waste Collection and its strategy come before the Council or any of its committees prior to its introduction?

A. Yes.

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

Q. Following the recent arsons (24/11/2021 and 24/01/2022) at the Callow Drive Tower Blocks, when will integrated fire alarm systems and CCTV - covering communal areas - be installed and operational across all Council tower blocks, with Callow Drive as the priority?

A. The recent two fires in the area are obviously of great concern to residents. The Fire Safety Manager has been on site and is liaising with SYFRS. Having looked into these incidents, they are satisfied the existing fire prevention work that has been undertaken on the blocks performed as it should have and was designed to,

and no immediate fire precaution work is needed to prevent the spread of fire.

Due to the concerns of residents, Housing and Neighbourhoods Services teams are working together and closely with the Police to take action to make the buildings more secure, increased police presence in the area and have more surveillance in the area. We encourage residents to come forward with information about the recent incidents that will help us reduce the ASB activity in the area.

We will be bringing forward plans to install new CCTV on all the Callow Tower blocks in April 2022. This will be part of a wider CCTV programme for all tower blocks. This will need to be approved by the Co-operative Executive Members before the work is tendered. Subject to a successful tender, work will then commence in the summer and the block at Callow Drive will be prioritised. The CCTV will not be linked to any fire alarms in the communal areas as this not good practice in a block with a Stay Put Fire Safety Policy, it would compromise fire safety evacuation.

Feasibility work has been commissioned to improve fire safety measures on a further 20 blocks in the city, this includes the blocks at Callow. The scope of this work will be block specific but is likely to include misting systems to protect flats and communal areas in the event of a fire, new fire doors and screens, fire stopping work, emergency signage and lighting, hard wired smoke alarms in flats and a fire alarm activation linked to the rescue services. This work as above will need approval by Corporate Executive members and will commence in 2023, the work will take two to three years to complete all the blocks. The rollout of the work to the 20 blocks will depend on risk assessment findings.

Questions of Councillor Simon Clement-Jones to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance)

Looking at the new Local Area Committees, some only have one or two neighbourhood officers. There are also variations in the management structure of the officers for each committee and the amount of hours officers are contracted for

Q.1 How many officers are there for each local area committee?

A.1 This depends on the LAC Area:

North – 3 Communities Staff;
North East – 4 Communities Staff;
South – 3 Communities Staff;
South East – 3 Communities Staff;
South West – 3 Communities Staff;
Central – 4 Communities Staff;
East – 4 Communities Staff.

These staff are also supported by Democratic Services, Communications, Legal, Community Safety and other Sheffield City Council staff.

Q.2 What grades are these officers employed at for each Local Area Committee?

A.2 North – G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer -1 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

North East - G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer – 2 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

South - G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer -1 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

South East - G11 Community Services Manager – 0.92FTE
G7 Community Services Officer – 1 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

South West - G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer -1 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

Central - North East - G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer – 2 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

East - North East - G11 Community Services Manager – 1 FTE
G7 Community Services Officer – 2 FTE
G5 Project Support Officer – 1 FTE

Q.3 How much full time equivalent officer time is available to each Local Area Committee?

A.3 Answer in number 2.

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