

# Agenda Item 5

## CITY OF SHEFFIELD

### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

#### 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. | Will the Leader of the Council join me in congratulating Jeremy Corbyn on his re-election as Leader of the Labour Party? | Yes  |
| 2. | Does she or any of her Cabinet intend on writing to him to congratulate him on his victory?                              | When Labour Party members are at Conference, it is tradition to congratulate the Leader in person. |

Questions of Councillor Paul Scriven to Councillor Cate McDonald (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care)

*“Delivering the Forward View: NHS planning guidance 2016/17 – 2020/21” on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan states that “Producing a STP is not just about writing a document, nor is it a job that can be outsourced or delegated. Instead it involves five things: (i) local leaders coming together as a team; (ii) developing a shared vision with the local community, which also involves local government as appropriate; [.....]Success also depends on having an open, engaging, and iterative process that harnesses the energies of clinicians, patients, carers, citizens, and local community partners including the independent and voluntary sectors, and local government through health and wellbeing boards.”*

1. In light of this, why did the Cabinet Member state last month that “I have not received a copy of the initial SYB submission to the NHS Executive”?  
Because it is true.
  
2. You also stated, “There has been no request for Council support.”? Why has the Council not sought a more active role in the Sustainability and Transformation Plan?  
I have nothing further to add to last month’s response: the STP is an NHS led planning process.

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

1. With regards to the partnership board overseeing the deal with the Sichaun Guodong Group:-
  - (a) who represents the City Council on this board? An investor has committed to invest significant money in the City over a long period of time, the partnership board is an enabling structure to facilitate that happening. In essence, this is no different to the relationship we have with other investors, it is just on a bigger scale.
  - (b) Who represents the Sheffield business community? See above.
  - (c) How frequently will the board meet? See above.
  - (d) Will the minutes be published? See above.
  
2. Regarding the Sheffield Retail Quarter:-
  - (a) how big are the additional loans that will be taken out by the Council as developer/investor for the new retail quarter? Our development partner, Queensberry have only been with us for the last four months and are working on the master plan. Once we know what the final scheme will shape up to be, we will assess the final financing requirements and the options related to that. So at this stage it is too early to contemplate additional loans as this will be assessed on the basis of the final exit strategy/investment strategy for the project and the role of third party investors.
  - (b) how much interest is forecast to be paid on these loans? As stated above, this is not applicable at this stage.
  - (c) when will the loans be repaid? Not applicable (as above).
  - (d) what date was the lease agreement signed by the Council and HSBC for the office 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

space in phase 1 of the new retail quarter?

3. (a) what date has the Sheffield Pound been discussed by Sheffield Executive Board?

Following the Full Council Motion in April, and after discussion with Lord Blunkett, who is the Chair of the Sheffield City Partnership Board, the Sheffield Pound was added to the set of priorities for the Board during 2016/17. Instead of considering the idea of a Sheffield Pound as a standalone initiative, the Board is focusing on how it can support broader inclusive economic growth in the City, building on the emerging work of the national RSA Inclusive Growth Commission. This piece of work will consider how the city can ensure that all people and communities share in the proceeds of economic growth, and will include consideration of whether introducing a local currency might be helpful. This work will proceed over the next few months, and will include discussion with a range of stakeholders, including those working on the Sheffield Pound concept. It will also build on other activity that the City Partnership Board has been working on recently, including the development of a new Financial Inclusion strategy for Sheffield, and the ongoing Fair City campaign

- (b) what contact by either the Council or the Sheffield Executive Board has been made with the local stakeholders who are trying to introduce the Sheffield Pound?

See above.

- (c) has the Sheffield Executive Board made a decision if it will support the development of the Sheffield Pound?

See above.

- (d) has the Leader of the Council made any contact with community groups and

See above.

individuals trying to introduce the Sheffield Pound?

- (e) has the Council done any work on the introduction of a local currency and the potential impact on the local economy? See above.

Questions of Councillor Paul Scriven to Councillor Leigh Bramall (Cabinet Member for Business and Economy)

1. How much have Turner and Townsend been paid on work to do with the Sheffield Retail Quarter (SRQ)?

To date the overall spend on the SRQ is £5.8m of which £1.3m is directly attributable to Turner & Townsend for Project Management and Cost Management Services. Turner & Townsend are a framework contractor and the costs of most of the specialist design team and property professionals charges are passed through T&T.
2. Does any senior officer or Member of this Council have any family members working for Turner and Townsend?

Yes the Chief Executive.
3. If so, when was this declared publicly and where?

The Council operates to the Transparency Code published by the Government in February 2015. Under this, there is no requirement to make a public declaration. However, a full and voluntary declaration of interest was made to the Monitoring Officer on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The declaration was also made available to the Council's Auditors as consideration of relevant related parties for the Statement of Accounts for the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16. In both years, the interest was not considered by the Auditors significant enough to constitute a relevant related party. The declaration was shared with the Council's external auditors, KPMG who agreed with this position.
4. How much have Queensbury been paid to date for work to do with the Sheffield Retail Quarter?

In the order of £200k.

Questions of Councillor Steve Ayris to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families)

1. What steps are taken so that the sharing of good practice in the effective use of pupil premium leads to system wide improvement?
  - Schools are required to post on their websites a summary of their use of Pupil Premium. This is also monitored by inspectors during Ofsted inspections.
  - Pupil Premium is a standard item on Designated Teacher for Children in Care network meetings. This provides teachers with a forum to share good practice and respond to any queries.
  - The Pupil Premium Action Research Project, which culminated in summer 2015 produced a report which identified the impact achieved. All schools were invited to a large well attended event to disseminate good practice and lessons learned.
  - Training has been delivered to The Carer Network across Sheffield in 2015/16 around potential uses of Pupil Premium and what schools should be providing. Further training is scheduled in the coming academic year.
  - The Virtual School for Looked After Children newsletter promotes and shares good practice.
  - The Virtual School Annual Report provides a breakdown how the Children in Care Pupil Premium grant has been spent in the previous year and how effective it has been in improving attainment.
  - The city wide project 'Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants' led by Learning Unlimited Teaching School Alliance in partnership with the Local Authority and the Education Endowment Foundation ran for the whole of the academic year

2015-16 aiming to work with schools to develop best practice in supporting disadvantaged pupils to improve learning outcomes. The Institute of Education at Sheffield Hallam University is evaluating the impact of the project with a report to be published later this year.

2. What evidence is there that significant impact is happening?

- We do not yet have any national pupil group data for 2016. As many of the measures have also changed in 2016 it is not possible to report how gaps have changed over time for the new measures. We can however report on gaps and trends from previous years.
- At Foundation Stage the attainment of pupil premium pupils improved more rapidly than non-pupil premium pupils nationally between 2013 and 2015 and the gap between these 2 groups closed by 1.5 % points.
- Sheffield's national rank in terms of attainment of pupil premium pupils against pupil premium pupils in other LAs has improved from 68<sup>th</sup> in 2012 to 52<sup>nd</sup> in 2015.
- At KS1 across all subjects the attainment of pupil premium pupils in Sheffield has also improved between 2012 and 2015. Gaps have also closed in relation to the attainment of non-pupil premium pupils nationally. The gaps have closed by 7 % points (reading), 6 % points (writing) and 7 % points (maths).
- At KS2 the attainment of pupil premium pupils in the key measure of level 4 combined in reading, writing and maths has improved 8% points between 2012 and 2015. The gap between Sheffield and non-pupil premium pupils nationally has also reduced by 3% points.
- At KS4 the trends have been less

positive. The gap between the attainment of pupil premium and non-pupil premium pupils (nationally) has widened slightly (1% point) on the key measure of 5 or more A\*-C GCSEs including English and maths between 2012 and 2015.

3. What proportion of Sheffield schools in each phase are appropriately engaging in the range of initiatives offered by Learn Sheffield that are focused on improving outcomes for those pupils in receipt of the pupil premium?

- Engagement with Learn Sheffield is high - all sectors and school types - 96% of schools and colleges have become members of Learn Sheffield or are in the process of joining.
- The level of engagement with school improvement activity is high - each sector (primary, secondary and special) has co-designed an approach to categorisation, school profiling, peer review and support/challenge. A 'dry run' categorisation was carried out last summer in each sector to refine the process, which is currently being completed for the first time now using the 2016 outcomes.
- Last year Learn Sheffield facilitated/brokered Pupil Premium reviews in schools, where appropriate, as part of the support and challenge process. This will continue this year.
- Last year the Sheffield Priorities for education were developed and this was supported by Marc Rowland (National Education Trust), who is a national authority on Pupil Premium and first worked with Sheffield on a Pupil Premium project. The attainment and readiness of disadvantaged pupils is explicitly identified in the strategy.
- This year, as part of the Sheffield Priorities work, Marc Rowland will lead a project to improve the attainment and readiness of vulnerable learners, working

alongside Sheffield school leaders with a strong track record of improving outcomes for pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium. This will include a focus on disadvantaged learners, especially those with aggregated needs (e.g. multiple vulnerabilities), and on sharing the best school practice.

4. What proportion of Sheffield schools in each phase have significantly reduced the gap between the performance of all pupils nationally and the performance of pupils in receipt of pupil premium in Sheffield?
  - For the combined measure at the end of KS2 the gap has closed between pupil premium pupils and non-pupil premium pupils nationally in over half of primary schools (53%) between 2012 and 2015. The attainment of pupil premium pupils at KS2 has improved in 60% of schools over the same time period.
  - For 5 or more A\*-C including English and maths the gap has closed between pupil premium pupils and non-pupil premium pupils nationally in 32% of secondary schools between 2012 and 2015.

Questions of Councillor Paul Scriven to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Housing) (also sent to Councillor Iqbal)

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| 1. How many of the units complete in the Park Hill development are current being used for social housing use?  | Answered by Councillor Iqbal |
| 2. In the next phase of the development how many units will be for social housing use and what is the anticipated completion date?   |                              |
| 3. How much money has so far been allocated to the Park Hill scheme to date?   |                              |
| 4. How much money has so far been allocated to the Park Hill scheme from any public funded pot to be used to bring social housing units into use in the Park Hill development? |                              |

Questions of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Housing)

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| 1. When will consultation begin on the application for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in the Abbeydale area? | Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police are currently working through the process to consider a PSPO for the Abbeydale area. Following legal advice, evidence of the current level of antisocial behaviour is required before public consultation can begin.   |
| 2. Can the Cabinet Member give information regarding any current obstacles?  | There are no current obstacles other than the need to obtain evidence of recent anti-social behaviour. Whilst this evidence is gathered, Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police are continuing to work in partnership to address any ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour with existing powers i.e. Section 35 dispersal notices and community protection notices. |
| 3. In the Council's formal response to the petitioner about anti-social behaviour between Ainsty Road and South View | I wouldn't be so presumptuous as to speak on behalf of another political party.  |

Crescent dated 13 September 2016, was the reason for promoting only the two Labour Councillors and not mentioning the Green Councillor deliberate or a typographical error?

Question of Councillor John Booker to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport)

Do you believe the rise in children's bus fares from 70p to 80p is unacceptable? Especially when many parents have more than one child to pay for. In a lot of cases these services are a necessity. On Monday 19th September, the first day of the increase, an Ecclesfield schoolgirl was refused admission onto the school bus because she only had 70p bus fare. Safety must be the first consideration for school children, getting home from school on the bus is more important than monetary matters, I hope you would agree. I know Sheffield City Council does not run the bus service in this city, but I hope you can put more pressure on these private companies to improve the service with an aim to one day bring it back into public ownership.

With regards to the increase in children's fares, I agree that this is something no one wants to see and unfortunately these increases are reflected across the country due to the central Government cuts to transport subsidies and local government.

As we have set out in our amendment, we support refranchising, which was one of the important parts of the Devolution Deal and I welcome your support to push the Government for a Buses Bill that gives us the powers to do this.

It is hard to comment on the specific case you have referred to without further details, however, I would be happy to meet you to discuss this further. I agree that safety should be the first consideration for school children.

Questions of Councillor Paul Scriven to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport)

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As you are aware Urban Splash is the developer for this project not the Council.

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The Council has not contributed any capital money on the Park Hill development.

As stated above the Council has not contributed capital funding to the Park Hill development. As you will be aware funding was provided by the Homes and Communities Agency and other Government schemes.

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

1. Please list by name and job title the nominated individual representatives attending meetings of the Sheffield Bus Partnership? See attached.
2. Please indicate the dates of meetings over the last year, and the attendance record of members, indicating substitutions where appropriate? See attached.
3. Does the Cabinet Member receive minutes of the Bus Partnership meeting (if not an attendee )? No.

**Answer to Question 1 from Councillor Auckland**

**Sheffield Bus Partnership Steering Group (quarterly meetings) – Members are:**

Kevin Belfield	- Managing Director, First South Yorkshire
Matt Davies (formerly Paul Lynch)	- Managing Director, Stagecoach - Managing Director, Stagecoach)
Simon Green	- Executive Director, Place, SCC
Paul Hopkinson (formerly Phil Stockley)	- Deputy General Manager - Group Development Director, T M Travel)
Steve Edwards (formerly Dave Young)	- Executive Director, SYPTE - Interim Director General, SYPTE)

**Sheffield Bus Partnership Operations Group (monthly meetings) – Members are:**

Alan Riggall	- Head of Commercial, First South Yorkshire
Chris Roberts	- Principal Public Transport Manager, SYPTE
Ian Jenkinson	- General Manager, Sheffield Community Transport
John Young	- Commercial Director, Stagecoach Yorkshire
Paul Hopkinson	- Deputy General Manager, TM Travel
Richard Proctor	- Transport Planning Manager, Sheffield City Council

## Answer to Question 2 from Councillor Ian Auckland

### SBP Steering Group

<u>Dates of meetings</u>	<u>Attendees/Substitutes</u>
26 November 2015	Steve Edwards/Dave Young/Kevin Belfield/Paul Lynch/Simon Green/Paul Hopkinson
6 April 2016	Steve Edwards/Kevin Belfield/Paul Lynch/Phil Stockley/apols Simon Green – sub Tom Finnegan-Smith
7 July 2016	Steve Edwards/Kevin Belfield/Paul Lynch/Matt Davies/Simon Green/Paul Hopkinson

### SBP Operations Group

<u>Dates of meetings</u>	<u>Attendees/Substitutes</u>
2 October 2015	Chris Roberts/John Young/Paul Hopkinson/Richard Proctor/apols Alan Riggall – sub Andy Simpson
11 November 2015	Chris Roberts/John Young/Alan Riggall/Paul Hopkinson/ Richard Proctor
10 December 2015	Chris Roberts/John Young/Alan Riggall/Paul Hopkinson/apols Richard Proctor – sub Greg Challis
14 January 2016	Chris Roberts/John Young/Alan Riggall/Paul Hopkinson/ Richard Proctor
11 February 2016	Chris Roberts/John Young/Paul Hopkinson/Richard Proctor/ apols Alan Riggall – sub Stuart Radford
10 March 2016	Chris Roberts/John Young/Paul Hopkinson/Ian Jenkinson/ Richard Proctor/apols Alan Riggall – sub Andy Simpson
8 April 2016	Chris Roberts/Alan Riggall/John Young/Paul Hopkinson/apols Richard Proctor – sub Cate Jockel
12 May 2016	Chris Roberts/John Young/ Paul Hopkinson/Ian Jenkinson/ Richard Proctor/apols Alan Riggall – sub Andy Simpson
9 June 2016	Chris Roberts/John Young/apols Alan Riggall – sub Andy Simpson/apols Richard Proctor – sub Cate Jockel

14 July 2016 Chris Roberts/John Young/Alan Riggall/Paul Hopkinson/apols  
Richard Proctor – sub Cate Jockel

11 August Chris Roberts/Alan Riggall/Paul Hopkinson/ Richard Proctor/ apols  
2016 John Young – no sub

8 September Chris Roberts/Alan Riggall/John Young/Paul Hopkinson/ Richard  
2016 Proctor

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

What income has the Parks service received from the various sports lettings in parks across the city e.g. tennis, football, bowls, in each of the past 5 years? See below.

	16_17 to date	15_16	14_15	13_14	12_13	11_12
	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data
Sports Income	(93,891)	(87,122)	(96,445)	(98,265)	(142,129)	(149,239)

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

1. What law is used by Sheffield City Council Licensing Department to prevent waiting staff from carrying food and drinks on stairs in a public restaurant?

The Health and Safety Enforcement Team are the Responsible Authority for Public Safety under the Licensing Act 2003.

Public Safety is one of the four Core Objectives under the Licensing Act.

When an application is received, an assessment is made by the Team with respect to public safety. This assessment is on a case by case basis and looks at the individual circumstances.
2. Are there any plans for monthly bin collections?

No.
3. Where is the tree and woodland strategy promised for September?

A draft strategy for formal consultation was promised for September and that promise has been met. Initial consultation on the scope of the strategy was completed earlier this year and following that the strategy has now been produced and has now been launched for consultation.
4. When is it expected to be published?

The draft strategy has been published with an on line survey. We anticipate that, following this consultation, the final strategy will be adopted in the Spring.
5. How many FTE equivalent officers are designated to work on the tree strategy?

Two full time officers, the Council's Tree Manager and the Woodland Manager, have been working on the Trees and Woodlands Strategy with input from other officers where appropriate. This has formed part of their work programme over the last year.
6. How many streets have received tree surveys so far?

The survey process is ongoing and streets are being surveyed on a daily basis, so that number is constantly increasing.

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| 7. How many streets have been recommended for further investigation by the Independent Tree Panel?  | Advice has been received from the Panel for 41 streets and the advice contained a combination of agreement to the proposals and advice for further consideration. That advice is not per street but as with our proposals is per tree. |
| 8. For how many of these streets have the Independent Tree Panel completed their investigations?  | 41 streets.  |
| 9. For how many of these streets have the Council completed their final investigations?   | The details for completed decisions are shown on the Council's website.  |
| 10. How many trees condemned to removal by the Council have been recommended for (a) further investigation and (b) retention by the Independent Tree Panel (ITP)? | This information will be made available when the Council has considered the ITP advice for each tree and come to a final decision.   |
| 11. How many recommendations for further investigation have been (a) accepted and (b) rejected, by the Council?   | This information is published on the Council's website.  |
| 12. How many recommendations for retention have been (a) accepted and (b) rejected, by the Council?   | This information is published on the Council's website.  |

Questions of Councillor Andy Nash to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

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| 1. What consultation have Ward Councillors had in relation to street tree felling in their areas? | Ward Councillors are always informed prior to any planned tree removals.                         |
| 2. What involvement have Ward Councillors had in the street tree survey process?                  | If Ward Councillors live on a street, they are able to input to the tree survey as householders. |

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

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| 1. What actions has the Cabinet Member taken to ensure that overnight roadworks are not going to be taking place in student areas, such as Ecclesall Road, during exam time? | Overnight works are the only option in some locations due to traffic restrictions but are avoided whenever possible. It is not possible to identify where all students live and Streets |
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Ahead cannot stop its work across the City in each exam period. Students also study during the day as well as the night. The same situation arises for children at secondary schools when they have exams.

2. How many 'self-set' trees are there in Sheffield?

The number is unknown as they are not recorded.

3. How many of these 'self-set' trees are marked for felling?

There are no self-set trees "marked" for removal as they are identified on a continuous basis during various inspections rather than as part of a specific programme.

4. Why has there been no consultation on so called 'self-set' trees?

Self-set trees are not part of the Council street tree stock (around 36,000 trees) and are often damaging essential highway infrastructure such as retaining walls and bridges. Self-set trees are a result of the City's considerable maintenance backlog and where they are damaging structures they need to be removed. The Council has committed to survey households about tree replacement proposals for formally planted street trees that are already being managed.

Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1. What percentage and mileage of carriageway will not be resurfaced during the first five years of the Streets Ahead contract?

Approximately 30-40% of the roads across the City are already at a good standard so do not need to be resurfaced during the first five years of Streets Ahead. They will be resurfaced during the remaining 20 years of Streets Ahead when their condition deteriorates.

2. What percentage and mileage of footway will not be resurfaced during the first five years of the Streets Ahead contract?

Approximately 30-40% of the pavements across the City are already at a good standard so do not need to be resurfaced during the first five years of Streets Ahead. They will be resurfaced during the remaining 20 years of Streets Ahead when their

condition deteriorates.

(If known please split the above answers between A and B zones)

That information is difficult to provide as condition assessments are ongoing but we expect the percentage to be around the same for A and B zones.

Questions of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Bryan Lodge (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1. How well are Amey doing in terms of (a) workforce diversity, (b) local employment and (c) apprenticeships?

**Diversity**

Amey regularly review workforce demographics to ensure it reflects the communities in which it serves. They have undertaken some key projects to help address the balance and dismantle barriers to the recruitment of under-represented groups. Between April 2015 and April 2016, there was a 5% increase in the number of females in managerial/supervisor roles on the contract.

**Local employment**

In Sheffield, Amey focuses on recruiting employees from local communities. They work closely with Job Centre Plus, Sheffield City Council's Skills for Life team, local charities, community groups, schools and Sheffield College to promote employment opportunities on the Streets Ahead contract. Amey also work with Job Centre Plus and local charities to offer work experience opportunities and skills training to local unemployed people.

**Apprentices**

Since August 2012, Amey has recruited 53 apprentices to work on the Streets Ahead contract. There are currently 10 apprentices in post and Amey is currently recruiting for a further eight apprentices to work in Sheffield. This month, 10 apprentices that were recruited in 2014 successfully completed their

apprenticeship.

2. What measures are used by the Council to ensure that the Amey Streets Ahead workforce is performing in terms of (a) workforce diversity, (b) local employment and (c) apprenticeships?

These topics are regularly discussed at joint meetings and any contractual requirements are monitored continuously.

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

1. The latest library consultation has in its introduction the phrase "There are no plans to change this" referring to the current structure of the service. Surely the whole point of a consultation is to ask people's opinions and make changes accordingly. Will the Council ensure future consultations reflect this?

I believe the full sentence you wished to quote is: "*There are no plans to change this mix and we don't want to see any closures*". It is obviously not sensible or reasonable to take part of a sentence from a document that was five pages long. We have been clear that the purpose of the Libraries Review and subsequent consultation is to assist the Council to refine the exiting model, not consult on an entirely different one.

2. Can the Council confirm that the "Statutory library service" as reported to the Government comprises 12 libraries only and that it doesn't regard the volunteer run libraries as part of the "statutory library service"?

You appear to have misunderstood the Council's definition of its own services, which I find quite worrying. A further briefing may help you to understand what constitutes the Council's "comprehensive and efficient" library service.

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