

## CITY OF SHEFFIELD

### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2019

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##### Questions

##### Answers

#### Question of Councillor Peter Garbutt to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

Will you be inviting the LGA to carry out a Peer Challenge in the near future?

The City Council has had an LGA peer review focused on Commissioning for Better Outcomes in adult social care, which was completed in 2016. Earlier this year, we also had a public health peer review, which was organised through the Association of Directors of Public Health in Yorkshire and Humber. I am not aware that we have any further peer reviews planned at the moment.

#### Question of Councillor Douglas Johnson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

Are you yet in a position to commit this Council to a target of 2030 for Sheffield to be a carbon neutral city?

This was announced at the June Council meeting, you were in the room when Councillor Dagnall announced it.

Question of Councillor Alison Teal to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

We have seen an increase in violence and sexual crime for the first four months, January to April 2019, compared to January to April 2018 (see figures below). South Yorkshire Police recently reported a £3 million underspend. Do you intend to put forward recommendations on how the police can better utilise resources, and what will those recommendations be?

Barnsley:  
2018 - 2405  
2019 – 2651

Doncaster:  
2018 - 3312  
2019 – 3602

Rotherham:  
2018 -2557  
2019 – 2866

Sheffield:  
2018 - 4517  
2019 - 5404

We have already been in discussions with the South Yorkshire Police had a number of meetings and are looking at measures which will have an impact on crime across the City, which we will be announcing shortly.

Decisions around police budgets are a matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner, however, as you will be aware, South Yorkshire Police, like forces across the country and local government have experienced devastating cuts to funding since 2010 which has inevitably had an impact on their work.

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1. Will you confirm that the Council had completed its investigation into the Hanover Tower cladding without needing any input from Lovell's, the Council's main contractor?

Yes – Lovell's have been asked to provide their own investigation report.
2. Has the Council received any information from Lovell's in connection with this investigation?

The Council has requested this from Lovells.
3. Which firm of "experts" have been appointed to consider the Council's investigation into the Hanover Tower cladding?

A firm of external legal experts have been appointed and external building experts. We will be sharing their recommendations when we present the published report. It would be

unwise to confirm the firm of legal and building experts in case the outcome of the review leads to further legal proceedings.

4. When do you anticipate the investigation report will be published?

This will be provided when completed. External experts have been commissioned to review the Council's conclusions and when this has been concluded I will be issuing the report via the Council's website. Copies will be available on request. Housing officers are keeping the project group members and the local TARA updated on progress. We expect the report will be available at this stage by end of the summer/early autumn.

Question of Councillor Kaltum Rivers to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

What arrangements have been put in place to reimburse tenants and leaseholders of Hanover Tower for additional heating costs and other costs incurred as a result of the defective and dangerous cladding being installed?

When the Hanover Cladding was removed in 2017/18 it was agreed by the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods that the Council would compensate any household who had seen an increase in their heating bills as a result of having no cladding or insulation on the external structure, which obviously meant that households may need more heating to keep warm. The accounts for this period have been analysed and the Council will be confirming that it will be applying a discount to their heating account to compensate them for this. We estimate that we will be reducing each heating bill by an average of £34 for each year and crediting their heating accounts with this figure.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Olivia Blake (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| 1. What is the total net annual business rates income to the Council from businesses on Chapel Walk?                                      | The total income is £92k and some empty and charity reliefs are already in place.   |
| 2. Can the Council offer additional business rates relief to business owners affected by the scaffolding on Chapel Walk? If not, why not? | Any applications for wider exemptions due to disruption have to be made to the Valuation Office.<br><br>See answer above. |

Question of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Olivia Blake (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance)

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| What additional budget resource has been identified for activity to tackle climate change since May 2019, when climate change was first named in a Cabinet role? | Question answered by Councillor Lewis Dagnall. |
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Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Lewis Dagnall (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

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| 1. How will the Council select members for the Citizens' Assembly that it has now committed to setting up?  | We are working to develop a Citizens' Assembly model for Sheffield that truly gives citizens a voice on how we tackle the Climate Emergency. We are considering how we can draw on external expertise and best practice.<br><br>As I explained last month, the jury-style Assembly will scientifically selected to represent the demography of the City of Sheffield. |
| 2. Will participants of the Citizens' Assembly be paid for their time?  | As above.   |
| 3. How many times will the Assembly meet?   | As above.   |
| 4. How many participants will take part in the Assembly?  | As above.   |
| 5. How will the Council action recommendations made by the Assembly?  | As above.   |
| 6. How much refuse collected from Sheffield's brown recycling bins is sent to the Energy Recovery Facility? Please provide the answer by weight, and as a percentage of waste collected from the brown bins in the last month that figures are available. | None.   |

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Lewis Dagnall (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

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| 1. When can we expect to see the new gritting policy, including proactive gritting of key routes like the station concourse? | As with all major routes in the City Centre, the station concourse will be gritted appropriately during winter.             |
| 2. How will this be communicated to the general public?  | We conduct a communications campaign each winter to advise people on how to keep safe and update them on our gritting work. |
| 3. What options has the Council considered for making use of its large   | We are in discussions about potential photo-voltaic projects, and we are  |

land area for the prospect of energy production by way of a 'solar farm'?

reviewing options for further renewable energy projects. We will want to be guided by the Citizens' Assembly in responding to the Climate Emergency.

4. How does this Council intend to commission a Citizens' Assembly?

We are working to develop a Citizens Assembly model for Sheffield that truly gives citizens a voice on how we tackle the Climate Emergency. We are considering how we can draw on external expertise and best practice.

Question of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) Answered by Councillor Lewis Dagnall (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

The surface on the road and pavements on Western Road and surrounding roads have become dangerous and unusable, especially for wheelchair and pushchairs users. When will the work to repair the road and pavements begin?

You should report urgent safety work to the road and pavements to Streets Ahead as standard.

As I am sure you would welcome, the full resurfacing work is being held back to allow the design work for the retention of the Western Road trees to be finalised. In due course we will update residents on our progress with this work.

Question of Councillor Gail Smith to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) Answered by Councillor Lewis Dagnall (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

Waterthorpe was one of the first areas for work in the Streetsahead contract. Due to the poor quality of work, they are due to come back to carry out repairs. When can this be expected to happen?

I asked officers to look at work carried out in your ward of Mosborough as the basis for my answer.

There were only two failed lengths of road in Mosborough Ward. These were Eckington Way and the Mosborough section of Station Road. Amey have now completed remedial works at their cost on these roads. There are roads that were not due to be surfaced in the early years of the programme that will be treated when required in future years. The programme for this year includes the roads and/or footways listed below:

- Station Road
- Arms Park Drive
- Beckton Avenue
- Beckton Court
- Bishopdale Rise
- Eastcroft Close
- Eastcroft Drive
- Eastcroft Glen
- Eastcroft View
- Eastcroft Way
- Garland Close
- Garland Croft
- Garland Mount
- Garland Way
- Harwood Gardens
- Helmsley Avenue
- Horton Close
- Murrayfield Drive
- Nathan Drive
- Nathan Grove
- Parkgate Drive
- Rotherham Road North
- School Close
- Shortbrook Croft
- Stonegravels Way
- Twickenham Court
- Twickenham Crescent
- Twickenham Glade
- Twickenham Grove
- Watkinson Gardens

Question of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Olivia Blake (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance) Answered by Councillor Lewis Dagnall (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

What additional budget resource has been identified for activity to tackle climate change since May 2019, when climate change was first named in a Cabinet role?

1. To tackle the climate emergency we need to change the way that everyone does everything. I fear you underestimate the scale of the challenge by simply suggesting 'additional budget resource' will tackle climate change.
2. We are working to ensure we have the right processes and resources in place to rise to the challenge of creating a carbon-

neutral city by 2030.

3. I would note that there are many policies in train across a number of council departments that will help reduce Sheffield's greenhouse gas emissions. The Council has been working on the climate crisis for many years; my role this year recognises the greater urgency as we go into the next decade.
4. Notwithstanding the comments above, I would also point out that in any case we should be guided by the people of Sheffield through the Citizen's Assembly process in how we should go forward.



Question of Councillor Martin Phipps to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families)

How is work progressing in making health and wellbeing part of the decision making processes, by working this into either Equality Impact Assessments and Cabinet decisions, in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board strategy and recommendations from the Health Scrutiny on prevention?

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019–2024, co-produced by Sheffield City Council and partners, was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

The Strategy is based on the premise that too many people in Sheffield are struggling with poor health and wellbeing and this is inequitably distributed across our City. We also know that most of the solutions are not to be found only within the NHS and social care services and that we must build wellbeing into everything we do. This includes ensuring ours and our partners' policies and strategies make positive and significant contribution to the wellbeing of our citizens.

It's fair to say that activities of the Council, across all areas, and many other organisations in the City are already making a difference but the challenge is how to do better and to positively change the trajectory.

We certainly have the intention to build an assessment of impact on health and wellbeing across all our decisions but we recognise it isn't straightforward and have a lot more to do on this.

We are aware of developments to other countries and areas and are looking to learn from them. Officers are considering the best way to build an assessment of wellbeing impact to the decision making process but are clear whatever assessment we use needs to be done on the earliest opportunity and are mindful that must not be purely a tick box exercise.

Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

1. Has the Council carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment on the following developments?
- HOC2
  - Castlegate
  - The West Bar office development

An Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out for HoC II when it was the Sheffield Retail Quarter in 2015. In addition The HSBC Building has achieved a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – United States Green Building Council) Silver standard and through final assessment may achieve Gold. All the other planned buildings are also to be built to either the UK's BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standards or LEED standards.

No EIA has been undertaken for Castle market site as there is no development proposed as yet. EIA's will be undertaken where appropriate as part of the planning process for other sites within the Castlegate area.

An EIA was carried out for West Bar Office Development as part of the Outline Planning Application.

2. Since the June full Council meeting, have you or Council officers spoken to business owners in Chapel Walk about obtaining discretionary hardship business rates relief? If so, what was the outcome of those discussions?

Traders in Chapel Walk have made their own enquiries to the Business Rates department at the Council. Some have chosen to apply and some have chosen not to. Given the amount of private financial information that is disclosed in such cases, such matters remain private between the applicant and the Council.

3. When do you estimate the scaffolding on Chapel Walk will be removed?

If works progress to the programme tabled by the investors and contractor then all the scaffold is expected to be down in February 2020. There is the possibility of the Chapel Walk elements being taken down for Christmas.

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| 4. What powers does the Council have to force Coyne Group to make the building safe and remove the scaffolding?             | The main power at this stage is the use of s.169 of the Highways Act 1980 with regard to serving notice for the scaffolding to be removed. To deal with any resulting safety issues the Building Act 1984 regarding dangerous structures could be used, either taking immediate action to rectify anything that was urgent or applying to the Magistrates' Court for an order requiring the owner to make the building safe. |
| 5. Does Coyne Group or Fargate Evolve Developments Limited have any other involvement in ongoing developments in Sheffield? | Not to our knowledge. Fargate Evolve Developments Limited is a special purpose vehicle created just for dealing with this project.   |
| 6. What progress has Sheffield BID made with a compensation claim against Coyne Group?                                      | There has been no claim made against Coyne Group.  |

Questions of Councillor Douglas Johnson to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment)

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| 1. Are you satisfied with the steps taken to protect small businesses on Chapel Walk and Fargate? | Traders in Chapel Walk have made their own enquiries to the Business Rates department at the Council. Some have chosen to apply and some have chosen not to. Given the amount of private financial information that is disclosed in such cases, such matters remain private between the applicant and the Council. |
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Questions of Councillor Martin Smith to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. Over the last three years, how many complaints have the Planning Enforcement team received and how many Enforcement Notices were issued?

From 28/06/2016 to 27/06/2019 - We have received 1541 cases that have been recorded. There are also a further 220 cases that have been reported to us by Private Sector Housing with regards to properties that are within HMO area, that have not been registered.

Number of notices served in the same period are:

Enforcement Notices – 39  
Breach of Condition Notices – 18  
Temporary Stop Notices – 3  
Section 215 – Untidy Land Notices – 3  
Section 225 – Banner signs – 26

2. With regard to Chapel Walk:

(a) Does the Council have any powers under Planning legislation to require the owner/developer/contractors involved in the Chapel Walk scaffolding to remove it as quickly as possible, given that there is clearly an adverse impact on the amenity of the area?

The Council does not have powers under planning legislation.

(b) If the Council does have suitable powers, has the Council enforced them? If not, why not?

See answer above

Question of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

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Question of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

SYLTE have confirmed that "SYLTE, at the request of some schools, has assisted them in seeking prices for school services that they want which are not required by the local authority, in this case Sheffield City Council". They also state "School bus services procured and funded by SYLTE are to meet the policy decision and statutory duty of the local authority. Any changes to Sheffield City Council policy and funding for these services needs to be discussed directly with them". Stocksbridge High, Notre Dame and Outwood City schools are the only schools in the City to have to pay directly for school bus provision. They are state funded schools, unlike Sheffield Girls High and Birkdale which are private schools. From September 2019 all school bus contracts will run for three years with a possible two year extension. What is the policy decision which makes these three schools have to spend £10,000's a year of education funding on school bus provision?

When Brightbus ceased to trade in July 2017 no operator was interested in replacing these three services commercially so the schools chose to maintain them. SYLTE assisted the schools in finding bus operators that could provide them at a cost. As they do not provide transport for statutory travellers, as defined by the home to school transport policy, there is no local authority funding to replace them.

SYLTE did manage to secure commercial replacements for nearly all of the 79 school buses that Brightbus operated but unfortunately it was not possible in all cases.

Question of Councillor Sue Auckland to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

September is the recognised date for bus route reviews. Planning for any changes should already be underway. Local constituents have already approached me about the number 18 and 19 bus services. Please can you indicate if there are any plans that might affect these routes?

Consultation on any bus route review would be the responsibility of the bus companies and SYLTE.

Questions of Councillor Tim Huggan to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. Which officer is the 'Officer Cycle Champion' for Sheffield?

There are a number of cycling leads who "champion" a particular area of interest but no officer has been appointed to the role.
2. What is the date for the introduction of the enhanced conditions for cycling in the City Centre and suburbs in the Broomhill, Broomhall, Highfield, Sharrow and Nether Edge areas, in line with the City Centre Plan?

The City Council has included an allocation of funding for the first phase of the enhanced cycling conditions in the city centre and Nether Edge areas as part of the Sheffield City Region's 'Transforming Cities bid', the draft strategic outline business case having been submitted to the DfT in June 2019. The next stage is to develop the business case with the Department for Transport before submission of the final strategic outline business case in November 2019. Subject to a successful bid, the project will be developed and delivered in the period to March 2023. This project will not deliver all of the work referred to in the question but would deliver the first phases of it.
3. What plans are there for the introduction of 20mph zones and where for the Crookes and Crosspool Ward of the City?

The 'Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy', has the long-term aim which is to establish 20mph as the maximum speed in appropriate residential areas of Sheffield.

Most of the residential streets in the Crookes and Crosspool Ward have been identified as suitable for a 20mph speed limit area (excluding A and B roads).

Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. What is the estimated annual figure for our 5 year supply of deliverable homes?

The most recently published information on the 5-year housing land supply can be found in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Interim Position Paper (2017). That shows a

- 4.5 year supply of deliverable land for new homes.
2. How is this broken down by housing type?
 

The 2017 SHLAA Interim Position Paper does not break down the 5-year housing land supply by house type.
  3. What is the shortfall in supply (if any)?
 

Based on the information in the 2017 Interim Position Paper noted above, the shortfall in supply was 1,185 homes, based on the requirement at that time.
  4. What are the central assumptions in the above calculations? Particularly, are there dependencies based on, or agreed with, neighbouring planning authorities? Are "backlogs" of unmet demand included?
 

The 2017 Interim Position Paper sets out the total requirement for new homes over the period 2018/19 to 2022/23 taking account of the housing requirement in place at that time. This is then compared to the deliverable supply of housing land within that period. At that time the calculation took into account any backlog of need arising from past under-delivery. It does not take account of any agreements with neighbouring authorities. If appropriate, that type of agreement would usually be made as part of a Local Plan process, and then reflected in subsequent versions of the 5-year supply calculation by a corresponding alteration to the housing requirement (depending on where it's being met).
  5. If the above information represents "work in progress" in connection with the (draft) Sheffield Plan, please supply the most recent available figures and when calculated? (City Wide Options for Growth 2015?)
 

Information about the 5-year deliverable housing land supply is partly linked to work on the Local Plan. The National Planning Policy Framework says that local planning authorities can seek to demonstrate a 5-year supply of deliverable sites through an annual position statement or by having a recently adopted Local Plan. Local planning authorities are expected to update the 5-year supply position annually. Where the Local Plan is more than 5-years old and the strategic housing policies require

updating, the supply must be assessed against the local housing need. The local housing need must be calculated using the standard method set out in national planning guidance.

Recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework have also changed the definition of 'deliverable', which is critical to how the supply of land is calculated. We are currently in the process of recalculating the 5-year housing land supply to take account of the changes to national policy.

6. Rumours abound that the forthcoming round of "major" bus network changes will involve route and service reductions. If such reductions take place, will the Council give notice to withdraw from the Sheffield Bus Partnership agreement?

Ultimately much needs to be done to deliver the kind of bus network which we know people want to see and deserve to have in Sheffield. We have passed a number of resolutions in this Council supporting franchising and we hope that this will progress as we have recently seen announced in Manchester.

Until we get to this type of position where there is more control over the network, any bus network changes would be the responsibility of the bus companies and SYPTÉ.

If changes were proposed which we did not support we would consider our options. We could consider withdrawing from the partnership if we believed it would help to provide a better bus service until franchising can be implemented, which I think everyone agrees is the right way forward in the long term.

7. How many full time equivalent (FTE) staff are engaged in Road Safety Training?

There are currently 3.8 FTE.



Questions of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development)

1. What reassurances has the Council received from First Buses regarding rumours that it will pull out of Sheffield's bus services?

The current position is that parent company First Group have put their UK operation up for sale. The Unite union, which represents bus drivers locally and across the Group, is campaigning that First Bus in the UK should remain part of First Group, a position which I would imagine Elected Members and political groups would support.

2. What contingencies are in place if First bus service pulls out of Sheffield?

If any bus operator pulls out of Sheffield, then the commercial market for running buses in the city remains. The question is, how big is that market?

There are growing commercial pressures exacerbated by the huge reduction in total net spend for supported bus services. In South Yorkshire this has gone from £10.5m in 2009/10 to £7.16m in 2018/19. Accounting for inflation, the 2009/10 figure is worth £13.8m and the cost of procuring bus services has risen significantly during this time.

So we need Government funding restored to those levels and more in order that growing gaps in the commercial market can be plugged.

A national strategy for an expanded role for buses in local transport and significant uplift in guaranteed long term investment in the sector are essential to reverse declining patronage and services.

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

Given the Cabinet Members previous responses to questions concerning the sale of any land forming part of, or associated with, Graves Park, can you, on behalf of the Council as Trustees, now provide an unequivocal assurance that 'not a blade of grass' will be disposed of?

As you are aware we have already committed that no land forming part of Graves Park will be sold.

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

1. At the most recent Cabinet meeting you stated that a car parking space near the entrance to the Sheffield General Cemetery (SGC) would pose a danger to the movement of emergency vehicles and used this as yet another argument for a car park. There is no requirement that a car park space be situated at the entrance off Montague Street as alternatives were proposed by the Disability Consultant. The arguments for a car park within the grounds of the Sheffield General Cemetery have repeatedly been shown to be unnecessary. Can you please now provide an assurance that there will be no car park in the SGC?

There is not a plan to build a car park in the SGC. The proposal is for 3 blue badge parking bays near the Montague Street entrance.

However, I reiterate my previous commitment that this proposal will be reviewed to ensure it remains the best option for the General Cemetery.

2. How much glyphosate is used by Sheffield City Council and has there been an examination of alternative products in the light of the World Health Organisation stating that it is probably carcinogenic?

SCC used 1,719 Litres of Glyphosate in 2018. 2019 usage ongoing.

Parks and Countryside continually liaise with other local authorities and leading horticultural chemical suppliers looking at alternatives and best practices.

Over the last 2 years we have introduced the use of Flazasulfuron. This has reduced the use of Glyphosate, keeping areas weed free for 12 months.

We continue to look at alternative management regimes where

appropriate, naturalising areas, woodland planting, mulching borders to reduce chemical usage where possible.

A trial will take place in the Parks Service later this year looking at a Glyphosate alternative. Active ingredient is Pelargonic acid, a natural occurring ingredient that degrades into natural elements. Initial indications are positive.

Glyphosate is still approved for use in the UK and is currently used by the vast majority of local authority contractors and farmers through the UK.

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

1. In your written answer in June 2019, you stated that “income generation was not a consideration” in respect of the Council’s original plans for 14 general use parking bays in the historic General Cemetery. What then was the proposed cost of installing pay and display parking machines in the General Cemetery?

This was not considered and the proposal for 14 spaces was amended before the grant application was submitted.
2. How much income was anticipated to be derived from pay and display parking in the Cemetery?

This was not considered.
3. How many sites in other parks or green spaces in the city boundary are under any form of consideration for new car parking spaces?

Pay and display parking is currently operational at Hillsborough, Graves, and Millhouses Parks. The parking spaces at Endcliffe Park are being reconfigured and charging will be introduced in line with these other parks (as agreed by Cabinet in July 2018) and to prevent commuter parking. Parking at the Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre is being reviewed as there is insufficient space for users to park. There are currently 25 parking spaces at

Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre. We are considering increasing this to around 40 spaces in order to improve accessibility at peak times and prevent cars parking on the entrance road and also on the busy Abbey Lane. The new spaces would be on the footprint where there are currently buildings and not on existing green space.

4. How many car parking spaces do you estimate are under consideration?

See answer above

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

1. What value of library fines have been (a) issued and (b) collected, in each of the last five years and what has been the cost of administering these fines in each of those years?

Year	a) Overdues Billed	b) Overdues Paid
18-19	£55,943	£53,851
17-18	£62,207	£60,065
16-17	£51,466	£49,520
15-16	£58,952	£56,747
14-15	£71,816	£69,340

It is not possible to put an exact figure on how much it costs to administer these fines. Most fines are paid through our self-service kiosks. Staff empty these machines and count the cash for banking. Cash from all sources is collected from SCC libraries by Loomis and banked together. Total charge for Loomis services for 2018-19 was £3,909.

There is obviously staff time taken to empty the kiosks and count the money, but there is no cashable saving to be made from ceasing this activity. Staff would still be on site to open the library and would just use the small amount of time saved to do other opening up duties.

2. Why is there no signage in the city centre for the Central Library?

Pedestrian signage in the city centre is provided by the (Connect Sheffield) pedestrian information panels (PIPs)

which replaced the old style finger post signs which were black with gold lettering and a fancy finial.

The Library appears on the pedestrian information panels.

3. What criteria is used to determine what magazines are on offer at Council libraries?

Historically we provided a large number of magazines in the Central Library, which reflected the subject areas found in the Reference library. In recent years we have reduced the number provided, as the role of the reference library has changed and their use has diminished.

There are currently a small number of magazines purchased for the Central Library Reading/Reference Library, which are still popular with our regular customers.

We will be reviewing these as a priority, to ensure that any magazines provided in hard copy reflect the current focus of the space. i.e. Business and Intellectual Property and changing exhibitions.

We do not purchase any magazines for our Council Hub or co-delivered libraries.

This decision was taken some years ago, based on cost and lack of use.

Magazine provision is now focussed on our extremely popular electronic e magazines and comics offer which can be accessed remotely 24/7 using a valid library card.

The selection we offer is based on trying to provide as wide a range and choice as possible, reflecting popular subjects and current trends. We always consider any suggestions from our customers, although are restricted as to what is available on line.

The selection is reviewed annually, as some titles become unavailable, or are not being used.

We do also receive a large number of unsolicited donations direct to libraries, which have either been historically available at the library or are donated by local groups, and provide information on local events and activities.

Questions of Councillor Roger Davison to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond  
(Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care)

1. What direct action has been taken to improve the death rates in areas designated as deprived areas?

We have achieved a positive trend in cardiovascular disease through a combination of reduction in smoking, less salt, fat and sugar in diets, greater levels of physical activity, earlier identification and treatment of signs and symptoms of heart disease and improved rehabilitation and recovery.

A positive trend in cancer deaths is linked to uptake of the three national cancer screening programmes (Bowel, Breast and Cervical) as well as reduction in smoking, improved diet and reduced alcohol consumption as well as early identification and treatment of the signs and symptoms of cancer and improved survival rates from specialist cancer treatment.

These trends can be directly linked to the conscious actions of the Council in partnership with national partners over many years alongside improved treatment within the NHS. With regard to the NHS, the evidence clearly points to the fact that it is the system and organisation of services that has made the biggest difference rather than any single treatment or intervention. This is true for both cancer and cardiovascular disease

2. What is the breakdown of official causes of early deaths?

Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease (heart attacks and strokes) remain the biggest killers in Sheffield as well as nationally. The other main causes of death are respiratory conditions (principally chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pneumonia) and dementia.

There have been significant reductions in premature deaths from cancer and CVD in Sheffield over the last 10 to 20 years as the two tables below show.

### Cardiovascular Disease Deaths (actual numbers):

Period	Sheffield					Yorkshire and the Humber region	England
		Count	Value	Lower CI	Upper CI		
2001 - 03	●	1,670	145.8	138.9	153.0	147.6	138.0
2002 - 04	■	1,511	131.5	124.9	138.3	136.3	129.5
2003 - 05	■	1,441	124.7	118.4	131.4	127.7	120.9
2004 - 06	■	1,367	117.6	111.4	124.0	120.4	112.3
2005 - 07	■	1,295	110.7	104.7	116.9	113.9	105.1
2006 - 08	●	1,238	105.1	99.3	111.1	109.3	99.0
2007 - 09	●	1,173	98.7	93.1	104.5	103.0	93.1
2008 - 10	●	1,154	96.1	90.6	101.8	99.4	88.6
2009 - 11	●	1,083	89.8	84.5	95.3	94.3	84.0
2010 - 12	●	1,079	88.9	83.7	94.4	90.9	80.8
2011 - 13	●	1,087	89.2	84.0	94.7	86.9	77.8
2012 - 14	●	1,036	83.7	78.6	88.9	84.7	75.7
2013 - 15	●	1,037	82.8	77.8	88.0	83.5	74.6
2014 - 16	●	1,021	80.4	75.6	85.6	83.3	73.5
2015 - 17	●	1,066	82.9	78.0	88.0	82.6	72.5

Source: Public Health England (based on ONS source data)

### Cancer Deaths (actual numbers):

Period	Sheffield					Yorkshire and the Humber region	England
		Count	Value	Lower CI	Upper CI		
2001 - 03	●	2,062	178.3	170.7	186.2	178.7	169.4
2002 - 04	●	2,027	174.7	167.1	182.5	176.3	166.2
2003 - 05	●	1,998	171.8	164.3	179.5	170.6	162.7
2004 - 06	●	1,962	168.0	160.6	175.6	167.0	160.0
2005 - 07	●	1,968	167.7	160.4	175.3	165.2	157.8
2006 - 08	●	1,965	166.3	159.0	173.9	164.2	155.7
2007 - 09	●	1,983	166.3	159.1	173.9	161.6	153.2
2008 - 10	●	1,961	163.3	156.1	170.7	159.1	150.6
2009 - 11	●	1,950	161.2	154.1	168.6	158.3	148.5
2010 - 12	●	1,936	159.0	152.0	166.3	157.4	146.5
2011 - 13	●	1,959	159.9	152.9	167.2	155.0	144.4
2012 - 14	●	1,916	154.9	148.0	162.0	151.7	141.5
2013 - 15	●	1,911	153.1	146.3	160.1	148.4	138.8
2014 - 16	●	1,849	146.3	139.7	153.2	146.2	136.8
2015 - 17	●	1,841	144.0	137.5	150.8	143.5	134.6

Source: Public Health England (based on ONS source data)



3. Has there been any improvement over the last 5, 10 and 20 years?

Yes, see question 2 for information. Premature deaths from CVD for example, reduced by around 40% over the period 2001 to 2017. That's equivalent to around 200 lives a year saved. Premature deaths from Cancer also reduced over the same period but by a smaller amount. The rate reduced by over 20% and the number of cancer deaths reduced by just over 10% - equivalent to 70 lives saved per year.

Questions of Councillor Mohammed Mahroof to Councillor Abtisam Mohamed  
(Cabinet Member for Education and Skills)

1. How does the Council support families who have been unsuccessful in securing school places at schools in their catchment area?

In Sheffield 97% of families get a place at one of their preferred schools – we have been above the national average on this for a number of years. All parents who are refused a place at any of their preferred schools are advised on how to take forward an appeal if they so wish.
2. How many instances are there where children have been placed in schools different from their siblings?

For the Y7 process for 2019, of the 6000 applications we received, 31 “Sibling” category applications were refused meaning that these children were offered places at different schools to older siblings. These were all families who were applying for a place from outside the catchment area.
3. How many pupils are home-schooled in Sheffield? Please provide these numbers year on year for the past five years.

13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
268	303	373	413	539	600

This growing trend is reflected in numbers across the country and in Sheffield we are undertaking a number of pieces of work to address this growth, some described below, but others as a wider piece of work to support the inclusion agenda across Sheffield schools.
4. What measures and support are in place to ensure home-schooled pupils receive a good education and parents are given the right advice?

At the point of moving to home education, families are contacted and offered support, including a visit and supportive conversation around whether home education is the right move. All home educators have access to the Elective Home Education (EHE) Advisor who can provide advice, information and signposting to support parents. The EHE Advisor will discuss parents’ plans and look at examples of work to determine if a suitable education is in place. If provision does not appear to meet the needs of the child, parents receive advice regarding necessary changes.

5. What extra support do home-schooled SEND pupils receive?

Whilst ultimately the education of children who are electively home educated is the responsibility of their parents, children with SEND may receive more support and oversight at the outset to ensure parents are able to develop provision which meets their needs. Where a home educated child has an EHC plan the SEND Assessment & Review Service continue to monitor EHC plans and arrange annual reviews of the EHC plan with all relevant professionals.

6. How does the Council support pupils who are permanently excluded to find alternative school places?

Colleagues at the Sheffield Inclusion Centre provide intensive support from the point of admission after permanent exclusion. We have established Inclusion Panels to whom children are presented who are considered to be "school ready". This can include a support offer for the pupil as part of the reintegration. A total of 38 pupils have been successfully reintegrated so far this academic year.

7. How many Pupil Referral Unit places are there in Sheffield?

The Authority commissions Sheffield Inclusion Centre to provide education for all pupils who have been permanently excluded with the aim of reintegrating pupils back into school once they are school-ready. There are currently 289 pupils on roll across primary and secondary age groups.

Question of Councillor Mike Levery to Councillor Abtisam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills)

The Written Statement of Action for addressing weaknesses in the SEND arrangements in Sheffield was published in May, giving full details of the actions to be completed by October 2020. However, there are no details of the anticipated outcomes as a result of completing these actions. What are the performance measures against the seven identified weaknesses identified in the Ofsted/CQC report, and what targets

Section 4 of the Written Statement of Action sets out "indicators of a good local area" with specific performance measures - shown on pages 9 to 11 in the published document.

have been set to demonstrate that the actions completed have delivered significant improvement?

Questions of Councillor Paul Turpin to Councillor Abtissam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills)

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| 1. Is bringing the school dinner contract in- house on the menu?   | No  |
| 2. What are your views on making a child have bread and water for a school meal instead of a hot dinner where the parent has been unable or unwilling to pay for school meals? | If parents do not pay for meals or provide a packed lunch from home, then almost all schools will allow meals to be ordered and remind the parent to make some payment. |

We recognised that many parents are living on reduced incomes and schools are usually acutely aware of who these families are and try to help. Some schools use their welfare fund for such events and for some children who they deem to be in need of support. How this is handled is very much a school decision and schools have different ways of dealing with it. We do not advise schools to withhold food from children. In schools where a clear policy is adopted and implemented, we understand parents make arrangements to pay.