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Councillor Bennett-Sylvester
Elected Member

Via email: Michael.sylvester@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

Question at Council – 20th July 2022

Thank you for raising a question on my statement at Council on 20th July 2022 as follows:

With regards to the comments on Social Value, residents were seeing some of the benefits in Dalton and Thrybergh from the Chesterhill development. Most people would physically see it in the new bench that has been put in Thrybergh Country Park. That development alone has created local apprenticeships and support existing ones. Roughly, how many apprenticeships the Council's Social Value Policy has helped create and support?

I am pleased to advise that the Chesterhill Avenue and Whinney Hill development has resulted in significant social value outcomes and the key achievements so far are set out below:

- Apprenticeships – **9**
- People progressed into employment – **45**
- School / college site visits / events – **43**
- Work experience placements for 14-16 year olds – **3**
- Work experience placements for people over 16 years old – **8**
- People accessing short courses (including employability session with care leavers from Rotherham and Women In Construction event at the local Skills People Group – **39**
- Volunteering days – **24**

With regards to the whole borough, I can advise that officers are working on high level stats for a mid-year position across all contracts, and that will be produced in a form similar to when the annual report goes to Cabinet. The measure of apprenticeships using the national report system is based on the commitment to apprenticeship weeks, the specific figure will be verified through the mid-year review but is expected to be in the region of 351 weeks.

I hope this information helps in terms of the data we have to date.

Yours sincerely



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