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Cllr Greg Reynolds Elected Member

Via email: greg.reynolds@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Reynolds

## Supplementary question at Council – 28th February 2024

At the Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February, I responded to your question in relation to whether the Council subsidises Magna and you subsequently asked for my response to be provided in writing along with information in relation to what the agreement is, hence this written response.

I can confirm that the Council does not subsidise Magna. In relation to the loan repayments, there was a gap of around 4 years when no repayments were made due to financial difficulties being experienced by Magna. In April 2022 Magna recommenced making payments and in December 2022 they increased the amount of monthly repayment.

The two loans are chargeable at a commercial interest rate of base rate + 2% and this is the rate that has been charged to them. One of the loans is fully secured on an asset of equal value. All of the accumulated interest over those 4 years has been repaid and the regular monthly payments to the Council now cover both principal and interest.

I trust this provides the information that you requested.

Yours sincerely

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