

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD OCTOBER, 2012

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HURST

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Rob Frost, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) believes no-one should underestimate the economic mess left by the last Government as a result of the light touch banking regulation masterminded by Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP and Rt Hon Ed Balls MP;
- (b) notes the previous Government’s questionable ability to handle public finances, increasing the national deficit year-on-year from 2001 onwards, reaching a total of £43bn prior to the economic crash;
- (c) however, notes the commitment of the last Government to halve the deficit by 2014, by pledging £82bn worth of cuts, alongside recent statements by the Rt Hon Ed Balls MP, confirming a Labour Government would be “ruthless” about cutting public spending if Labour wins the next election;
- (d) supports the decisive action taken by the Coalition Government, which has seen the structural deficit cut by a quarter since 2010, allowing the United Kingdom to avoid a loss of confidence experienced in Greece, Ireland and Italy;
- (e) welcomes the Sheffield City Region Deal, which has the potential to deliver 4,000 new apprenticeships, 2,000 employees with new training, and 12,000 new jobs at the City’s enterprise zone, which has been named the most attractive for businesses in the United Kingdom;
- (f) further welcomes the hundreds of millions of pounds of investment in the region’s infrastructure, including the recent announcement of the electrification of the Midland Main Line, the start of the Streets Ahead project, and the financial backing for a Sheffield University Technical College;
- (g) furthermore, commends the Government’s commitment to increase the income tax threshold to £10,000, cutting the tax bill of 24 million people

and taking 2 million low paid workers out of income tax;

- (h) contrasts this to the last Government, who scrapped the 10p tax rate, doubling the tax bill for some of the lowest paid in the country and allowed hedge fund managers to pay less tax than their cleaners;
- (i) embraces recent comments made by the Deputy Prime Minister at the Liberal Democrat Conference, which encourage moves towards additional taxes on the very wealthy;
- (j) furthermore, welcomes the vote of representatives at the Liberal Democrat Conference, which endorsed the Government's deficit reduction strategy; and
- (k) however, would still like to see the Coalition go further in promoting a more Liberal economy and therefore supports proposals discussed at the Conference including:
 - (i) developing a more sustainable banking industry;
 - (ii) further rebalancing the economy from the City of London to Northern cities like Sheffield;
 - (iii) increasing the powers of the Green Investment Bank;
 - (iv) increasing the numbers of mutuals, co-operatives and employee owned businesses; and
 - (v) ring fencing the Government's science budget.

2. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-
 - (i) acknowledges that Labour's five point plan, whilst well intentioned, is a sticking plaster for a national economy that needs real reform for social and economic benefit and therefore believes the Government should implement a package of measures including:
 - (i) setting up a people's bank that is locally managed, which offers a sustainable local service to small businesses and residents;
 - (ii) investing massively in a Green New Deal, creating a million new jobs and turning Britain into a world leader in sustainable industries;
 - (iii) abolishing the upper limit for national insurance contributions and cutting tax avoidance and evasion, gaining £20 billion each year and making sure that those who are able to pay do so;

- (iv) abolishing VAT relief on financial services, aviation fuel and gambling, gaining £12 billion each year and removing Government subsidies to socially and environmentally damaging activities; and
 - (v) re-investing in public services, recognising that austerity only leads to lost tax revenue, lost vital services, lost demand for private and third sector contracts, and a social blight of poverty and unemployment;
2. the deletion of paragraph (n) and the addition of new paragraphs (n) to (r) as follows:-
- (n) directs that a copy of this Motion is sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills;
 - (o) notes that there is currently a consultation on the economic future of Sheffield;
 - (p) believes it is important that all communities are engaged and involved in the economic future of Sheffield;
 - (q) believes that there needs to be a sustainable approach to business and enterprise that concentrates on the vital role of the local economy in providing employment and routes to social well-being; and
 - (r) recognises the important role Sheffield City Council can play in encouraging fairly paid, secure employment that is the desire of those most in need in the City.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACKIE DRAYTON

3. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) welcomes plans to reform Key Stage 4 examination, which have been backed by a number of experts including Sir Mike Tomlinson, the former Chief Inspector of Schools;
- (b) however, reiterates its opposition to a two-tier system of examination;

- (c) therefore, lauds the notable policy changes secured by Liberal Democrats in Government, as set out in a report of The Financial Times on September 17th 2012, which include:
 - (i) avoiding the re-introduction of a two-tier system, by ensuring weaker pupils will not be entered into simpler exams; and
 - (ii) no return to “norm-referencing”, a process whereby grades are awarded to a fixed number of pupils;
- (d) further commends Liberal Democrats in Government for securing the Pupil Premium, which has seen £11.4 million invested into Sheffield schools this academic year, a figure which will continue to grow year-on-year;
- (e) notes recent comments by Lord Andrew Adonis, Minister of State for Education during the last Government, in which he stated, “I wish we had introduced the Pupil Premium”;
- (f) supports the moves by the Coalition Government to boost vocational education, including:
 - (i) increasing spending on apprenticeships in its first year by £250 million – a 50% increase on the previous Government’s commitments;
 - (ii) implementing a £1 billion Youth Contract, to tackle unemployment among 16-24 year-olds; and
 - (iii) providing financial backing for a Sheffield University Technical College, which will deliver vital skills and training to the next generation of Sheffielders; and
- (g) also welcomes announcements made at the recent Liberal Democrat Conference, which will help support disadvantaged children and young people, including:
 - (i) a further £100m to repeat the successful Summer Schools programme in 2013 and 2014;
 - (ii) an increase in the Pupil Premium entitlement to £900 a year for each disadvantaged child; and
 - (iii) an additional £50 million a year to provide extra tuition to 11-year-olds who are struggling with poor maths and reading skills.

4. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Denise Fox, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows and the relettering of original paragraph (i) as a new paragraph (k):-

- (i) is disappointed at the news that there were almost 30,000 fewer applications for university places this year due to the increase in tuition fees to £9000 per year, making further education unaffordable and undesirable for many students;
- (j) regrets that the Government's decision to treble fees has clearly deterred people from applying to university;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 - NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ALISON BRELSFORD

5. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the words “, however, regrets that this has not been matched by the necessary resources to deliver this commitment” at the end of paragraph (b);
2. the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows and the relettering of original paragraphs (c) to (f) as new paragraphs (e) to (h);
- (c) notes research from the London School of Economics indicating that Government targets on broadband are unlikely to be met due to a £1.1 billion funding gap;
- (d) regrets that in the Government's recent announcement to award broadband funding to Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Leeds, Bradford, London, Manchester and Newcastle, Sheffield received nothing despite bidding into the scheme and believes that Sheffield should have received this funding;
3. the deletion in new paragraph (f) of all the words after the words “recalls the” and their substitution by the words “Digital Region project which has built a 350 mile fibre optic network across the entire region, including rural communities”;
4. the deletion in new paragraph (g) of the word “rural” and the addition of the words “including in rural communities, despite the progression of the Digital Region Project” at the end of that paragraph; and
5. the insertion between the words “broadband” and “for” in new paragraph (h), of the words “through the Digital Region Project, including implications”.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 - NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Alison Brelsford

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (g) to (i) as new paragraphs (h) to (j):-

- (g) welcomes the Government's commitment to investing £38m in helping Credit Unions to modernise and expand;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PETER PRICE

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion of the "(a)" after the words "That this Council" and the deletion of all the words after the words "to allow the carrying of bicycles as part of that pilot" at the end of that paragraph; and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-
 - (b) recalls that in a motion passed unanimously in June 2012, which welcomed investment in a tram/train pilot for Sheffield and Rotherham, the Council also resolved to make efforts to ensure that bicycles would be carried on the new tram/trains;
 - (c) is disappointed to learn that, due to Stagecoach's conditions of carriage, it is now anticipated that bicycles will not be carried;
 - (d) notes that heavy rail franchises are expected, as a general principle, to carry bicycles;
 - (e) believes that, as this is a national pilot, it is vital that the feasibility of carrying bicycles on tram/trains is tested and that Sheffield leads the way in terms of integrated transport;
 - (f) notes that chairs and buggies needed by vulnerable travellers such as disabled people and young children would have priority over bicycles in the same way as they do on trains;
 - (g) calls on Stagecoach to amend the conditions of carriage to accommodate the carriage of bicycles on the trial tram-trains;

- (h) calls on the Department for Transport, which is promoting the pilot, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive which is leading on delivery, and the other partners, namely Network Rail and Northern Rail, to also bring pressure to bear on Stagecoach to resolve this issue; and
- (i) requests that copies of this motion be sent to the Chief Executives of Stagecoach, all the bodies named in paragraph (g) above, the Leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and all MPs representing Rotherham and Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words 'That this Council' and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in the 2012/13 budget and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12 and regrets that the main opposition group continue to fully support the level of cuts imposed on the Council by the Conservative-led Government;
- (b) further regrets that to meet this unprecedented financial gap in the budget, the Council has had to reduce the opening hours of the five Household Waste Recycling Centres, however acknowledges that the previous Administration made the majority of the cuts to these Centres in the 2011/12 budget;
- (c) notes that the Council makes every effort to provide the best possible waste service, including sufficient opening hours at the Household Waste Recycling Centres to offer a sustainable service, working within the severe financial constraints imposed by the Government;
- (d) recognises that the present Administration have made several improvements to original proposals to manage the reductions in opening hours and under the revised opening hours, Sheffield's five Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open a total of 29 days every week, with all sites open on the peak days of Friday to Monday, sites open every day of the week and summer opening times until 6pm which better suits the needs of users;
- (e) notes that in their 2012/13 budget amendments, neither opposition group proposed to reverse any savings to Household Waste Recycling Centres which would be required to re-consider reductions in opening

hours and believes that the late involvement of the main opposition group after the revised opening hours have already been implemented is nothing more than blatant political opportunism;

- (f) deplores the outrageously misleading and factually inaccurate accusations made in the press by the Leader of the main opposition group that the distribution of reductions in opening hours across Household Waste Recycling Centres have been politically motivated;
- (g) confirms for the record that there is absolutely no truth in the claims that the distribution of reductions in opening hours across Household Waste Recycling Centres have been politically motivated and notes the following statement by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services at SOVA - "SOVA Recycling Ltd were asked, as were all those organisations who submitted a tender to run the sites in 2011, how they proposed to allow commercial waste to be accepted at the sites. Due to the licenses under which the sites operate, household waste and commercial waste must be kept separate. This meant that a site had to be chosen which would need be closed to the public during the periods it would be accepting commercial waste. SOVA specifically chose Blackstock for this purpose, with the decision being based on its more central location, with Douglas Road being deemed unsuitable due to its layout and the fact the buildings on the site were needed to process recycling materials.";
- (h) further confirms that the only favoured area of the present Administration is the whole of Sheffield;
- (i) calls upon the Leader of the main opposition group to apologise to the people of Sheffield for what this Council regards as an attempt to mislead them by claiming that the distribution of reductions in opening hours were politically motivated;
- (j) further remembers that the Leader of the main opposition group was previously the Cabinet Member who oversaw the most shambolic mismanagement of the waste service the City has known through the introduction of blue boxes to recycle paper which angered many local people and welcomes that the present Administration are now resolving this issue across the City;
- (k) reiterates its regret for all cuts to waste services, however, recognises that they are ultimately a consequence of the Liberal Democrat Party's, led by the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam, decision to support a Conservative-led Government which is heavily cutting Sheffield's budget at the same time as some of the wealthiest Councils in the Conservative heartlands receive almost no cuts at all and regrets that the Liberal Democrat Party both locally and nationally continue to refuse to stand up for Sheffield; and
- (l) regrets that when Sheffield is facing one of the most challenging

periods in its history, the main opposition group continue to resort to making petty and factually inaccurate accusations in an attempt to deflect the responsibility from the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam and the Liberal Democrats who are part of a Government that is imposing unprecedented cuts to the Council's services, which is inevitably impacting on the services that are provided for Sheffield people.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY

9. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (a) to (h) as new paragraphs (b) to (i):-

- (a) recognises the fact that many European cities allow bicycles on their trams and also local trains using the rail network, all without any reported problems, and therefore supports "The Sheffield Cycle Forum" campaign to call upon the partners on the Tram Train pilot project which is to be trialed on the new proposed link between Sheffield and Rotherham, to allow the carrying of bicycles as part of that pilot;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

10. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) however regrets that wider Government policy is changing focus away from vocational education, which is demonstrated through cutting the value of more than 3,100 vocational qualifications, cuts to support for vocational education services and cuts to funding to support work experience placements;
- 2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows and the relettering of the original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f):-
 - (e) welcomes the work of all local partners to secure the University Technical College and supports the present Administration's continued focus on skills through creating the Sheffield Apprenticeship

Programme and 4,000 apprentices through the City Deal;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREAMY

11. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the substitution in paragraph (g) of the words “the Cabinet to use” by the words “that officers bring forward a report to Cabinet detailing the resource implications and benefits of using”