

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

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 that the present Administration have made ‘Business Friendly’ and ‘Focusing on Jobs’ top priorities for the Council;
- (b) further welcomes the following programmes of the present Administration to support local businesses:-
 - (i) breaking down the barriers for Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to access the Regional Growth Fund;
 - (ii) the RISE Graduate Scheme which supports local SMEs employ graduates;
 - (iii) the export project supporting local SMEs in the export market;
 - (iv) the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme;
 - (v) Skills Made Easy designed by Sheffield City Council, in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to put the purchasing power for training for the first time, in the hands of businesses in the Sheffield City Region (SCR);
 - (vi) Business Summits;
 - (vii) the small business loan fund;
 - (viii) up to 50% reductions in off street parking charges;
 - (ix) the Chapel Walk scheme;
 - (x) the Digital Direction Programme; and
 - (xi) securing a Start Up Loans for Young People, the only Council to have done so;
- (c) further welcomes the action of the present Administration of establishing the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, recognising the importance of supporting local businesses in the current challenging economic climate;

- (d) believes that this Administration's record sits in stark contrast to the record of the previous Administration, who failed to promote apprenticeships, and broke a promise to young people by secretly backtracking on a promise of its Leader to match the previous Government's investment in the Future Jobs Fund;
- (e) welcomes the successful development of the Moor under the present Administration, a project that the previous Administration failed to deliver;
- (f) further welcomes plans announced last month for the new St Paul's office development around the Peace Gardens;
- (g) believes that the previous Administration sat back for three years and failed to progress the New Retail Quarter and believes that the main opposition group offer nothing more than empty words;
- (h) welcomes the decision to part company with Hammerson which will allow the project to move forward and notes that this has been supported by the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce;
- (i) further welcomes the action of the present Administration in securing the New Development Deal to inject funds into the retail quarter last November, prior to which the scheme was not viable and welcomes the work in the period since to redesign a new scheme that is viable in the current economic climate;
- (j) believes that the Administration is in a strong position to bring a high quality retail development to the Sheffield and resolves to continue to do everything it can to make this happen; and
- (k) regrets that the only anti-business rhetoric in the City comes from the main opposition group who continue to talk Sheffield down.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

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) is flabbergasted that Labour politicians have the nerve to attack the Government on the cost of living, given that the previous

Government:

- (i) crashed the economy, which is why the cost of living is higher now;
- (ii) scrapped the 10p tax, leaving half a million of the lowest paid worse off; and
- (iii) increased the state pension by an insulting 75p;
- (b) backs the actions of Liberal Democrats in this Government's stabilising of the economy, keeping interest rates and mortgage payments low, while cutting tax for working families, freezing fuel duty and raising the state pension by record levels;
- (c) notes with grave concern the unscrupulous practices of payday lenders and the distressing impact on consumers;
- (d) regrets that the previous Government failed to take effective action despite thirteen years in power;
- (e) supports the steps taken by the current Government to more effectively regulate the pay-day lending market, including:
 - (i) passing regulatory control to the Financial Conduct Authority, which will clamp down on irresponsible practices with tough enforcement powers;
 - (ii) referring the industry to the Competition Commission through the Office of Fair Trading;
 - (iii) developing new restrictions on the advertising of pay day loans; and
 - (iv) introducing effective financial education in schools;
- (f) welcomes reports that roughly a third of lenders referred to the Office of Fair Trading have already left the market due to the tough enforcement action taken;
- (g) however, calls upon the Government to carefully consider independent research by the University of Bristol, which stated that:

“The evidence reviewed for this research does not show unequivocally that [interest rate restrictions] reduce the cost of borrowing to consumers, particularly those on low incomes”;
- (h) furthermore, welcomes the comments of the Archbishop of Canterbury that “We’re not in the business of trying to legislate you out of existence, we’re trying to compete you out of existence”;

- (i) therefore, supports the Government's decision to invest £38 million to help credit unions modernise and effectively compete with pay-day lenders; and
- (j) resolves to continue to promote credit unions and other ethical lenders in Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BOB JOHNSON

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, 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) recalls the failure of the last Government to tackle the scandal of youth unemployment, with numbers rising steadily from 2004 onwards, reaching almost half a million prior to the economic crash;
- (b) praises the tough action taken by Liberal Democrats in Government, which has stabilised the British economy and is delivering economic growth;
- (c) welcomes action by Liberal Democrats in Government to support young people into jobs, including increased spending of £250 million on apprenticeships within the first year of the Coalition – a 50% increase on the previous Government's commitments;
- (d) notes that Sheffield has seen a massive 54% increase in the number of young people starting an apprenticeship, bringing the total number of people who have benefited from an apprenticeship since 2010 to 12,270;
- (e) reiterates that all participants on the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme will receive at least Level 2 training, funded by the Coalition Government, and thanks the Government for this support;
- (f) reminds Members that it was the main opposition group that first suggested doubling the number of young people on the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme and identified funding to do so;
- (g) is also delighted that a radical apprenticeship scheme forms a key pillar of the Government's City Deal with Sheffield and

thanks Liberal Democrats in Government, in particular the Deputy Prime Minister, for helping to secure the deal;

- (h) supports the numerous other actions that have been taken to support young people into jobs in Sheffield, including:
 - (i) new jobs and investment at the Advanced Manufacturing Park;
 - (ii) a new University Technical College for Sheffield, which will provide the skills the next generation of Sheffielders need to compete;
 - (iii) a £1.2 billion investment enabling the Streets Ahead project to proceed, creating new jobs and apprenticeships;
 - (iv) massive investment in Sheffield's transport infrastructure including buses, trams and trains; and
 - (v) a cut in National Insurance contributions, allowing businesses to create new jobs, which was opposed by the Administration;
- (i) contrasts this record of action to the Labour Party whose economic plans remain far from credible and would add an estimated £201 billion to the national debt; and
- (j) endorses the Liberal Democrats' 'A Million Jobs' campaign, which aims to support more young people in apprenticeships.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion in paragraph (c) of the words "Liberal Democrats in Government" and their substitution by the words "present Administration"; and
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (i) as follows:-
 - (d) regrets that the Liberal Democrats in Government abolished Cycling England and its £60 million annual budget and the Cycling City and Towns Programme that was established by the previous Government;
 - (e) believes that the Government was mistaken to go soft on road safety, in abandoning the previous Government's road death reduction targets;

- (f) is concerned by reports that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government said that the only people who were bothered about cycling were the “elite”;
- (g) remembers the Leader of the main opposition group’s comments criticising Council investment in cycling in 2011 stating “Labour have got their priorities wrong” as a result of investing in cycle lane schemes in Penistone Road, the Halfway to Killamarsh Connect 2 Route and a cycleway along Meadowhead, Bochum Parkway and Dykes Lane, and deplors the cynical hypocrisy of the main opposition group;
- (h) welcomes that the present Administration have already instructed officers to develop new routes which could benefit from future funding opportunities prior to the announcement of the Cycling Ambition Programme, and notes the lack of plans inherited from the previous Administration; and
- (i) further welcomes the present Administration’s commitment to commission a scrutiny committee review to look at how cycling can be delivered in the City, the most significant piece of work with cycling in the City’s history.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) and (b);
- 2. the re-lettering of paragraphs (c) to (f) as new paragraphs (e) to (h); and
- 3. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (d) as follows:-
 - (a) recalls the previous Government’s complete mismanagement of the nation’s finances and their desperate last-ditch attempts to win votes through increasingly erratic and unfunded spending commitments;
 - (b) therefore, underlines its belief that a spending commitment from the last Government was not worth the paper it was written on;
 - (c) thanks Liberal Democrats in Government for helping to secure the £1.2 billion of funding to actually enable the Streets Ahead

Project to proceed;

- (d) regrets that the smaller opposition group opposed the historic project, which will finally rid Sheffield of its pot-hole city tag;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

- 6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion in paragraph (i) of the word “therefore” and its substitution by the word “cautiously”;
- 2. the deletion in paragraph (j) of the words “will seek” and their substitution by the word “seeks”;
- 3. the re-lettering of paragraphs (i) and (j) as new paragraphs (j) and (k) and the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-
 - (i) supports the robust application of environmental, safety and local planning regulations to protect the rights of local communities;
- 4. the re-lettering of original paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (m) and the addition of a new paragraph (l) as follows:-
 - (l) therefore, regrets that so little progress has been made by the current Administration on the Decentralised Energy City Strategy agreed by the Cabinet in 2011;

- 7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Mohammed Maroof

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the re-lettering of paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (l) and the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-

- (k) believes it is completely irresponsible for the Government to be offering massive tax-cuts for fracking and this money should instead have been used to kick-start a major national retrofit scheme, which would reduce carbon emissions and bills and create thousands of green-collar jobs;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) and (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:-

- (d) believes Pay and Display machines are an integral part of Permit Parking Zones and that Pay and Display enables drivers from outside using the area to contribute to the upkeep of schemes that benefit all motorists using the zone; and
- (e) believes it is unfair that residents and businesses in the often deprived areas adversely affected by parking should subsidise City wide transport spending.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox

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 need to increase parking permit charges is a result of the unprecedented level of cuts imposed upon the Council by the Government and notes that the Council has had to identify savings of over £180 million in the past three years;
- (b) acknowledges comments by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Rt. Hon. Danny Alexander MP, that local government has "borne the brunt of deficit reduction" and notes that whilst Sheffield is hit with heavy cuts, wealthier areas of the country are receiving next to no cuts at all and believes that this is fundamentally unfair;
- (c) notes that, even with the increases, the cost of Sheffield resident parking permits are now £36 per year which is the same level they were before 2010 and, with the huge level of cuts imposed on the Council, understands it is no longer possible to maintain the reduced rate;
- (d) deplores the hypocrisy of the main opposition group who doubled the pay and display rates in 2011 and, after campaigning against a rise in the price of permits from £10 to £20, they did a u-turn on their position and failed to reverse it in their 2013/14 budget proposal;
- (e) regrets the misleading nature of the Leader of the main opposition group's motion who has included all income from pay

and display and enforcement, adding other income to make it look like the Administration is making profit from people who have permits when this is not the case; and

- (f) notes that the argument the main opposition group is making which includes enforcement and pay and display income, figures from the 2011/12 budget which the previous Administration passed produced a surplus of £870k and regrets that this embarrassing level of hypocrisy demonstrates there is no length that the Leader of the main opposition group will not go to, to score a cheap political point no matter how misleading or disingenuous.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 21 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (f) as follows:-

- (c) welcomes any improvements to the network but does not believe that these changes should come at the expense of a worse service to other communities;
- (d) specifically opposes changes to the 17, 20, 20a and 123 services, which will see a reduced service to Norton Lees, Thorpe House, Norton, Chancet Wood and Endcliffe;
- (e) believes these proposed changes serve as yet another demonstration of the failure of the Sheffield Bus Partnership to deliver the improved service promised by the Administration; and
- (f) calls upon the Partnership to listen to public outcry and scrap the proposed changes to the aforementioned services.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) Agrees with comments from Transport Minister, Norman Baker MP, that the Sheffield Bus Partnership Agreement is “good news for the City”;

2. the re-lettering of original paragraph (a) as a new paragraph (b);
 3. the deletion of original paragraph (b); and
 4. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
- (c) is committed to developing a stable, sustainable bus network, and wants people to say what they think to make Sheffield's bus network even better.