

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

1 Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (g) and the relettering of paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (i); and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (h) as follows:-
 - (a) echoes criticisms that since it came to power in 2010 this Government presided over the weakest economic recovery in history which was a direct result of the Government's failure to produce a credible plan for jobs and growth and led to a double dip recession;
 - (b) regrets that because of the Government's mismanagement of the economy, with slower growth and higher unemployment, the Government is now set to continue to make cuts beyond the current Parliament;
 - (c) notes that the impact of the Government's economic failure has hit the north of England and areas such as Sheffield much harder than the south;
 - (d) believes that this is illustrated by a Centre for Cities report earlier this year which demonstrates that between 2010 and 2012, 80% of all new jobs created in the United Kingdom were in London;
 - (e) opposes Government decisions which contributed to the weakening of the recovery, such as cutting public spending too far too fast, significantly cutting investment in regional economic growth including the abolition of Regional Development Agencies, abolishing the Future Jobs Fund, increasing VAT and failing to put in place measures to stimulate growth;
 - (f) calls on the Government to do more to support local businesses and commit to giving genuine support to all small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the lifeblood of our economy, by

matching the pledge of the Leader of the Opposition to cut and freeze business rates for all small firms, and not just those in retail, but manufacturers, high-tech firms and other job creators;

- (g) welcomes any recent falls in unemployment in Sheffield and supports the actions of the present Administration to support job growth including:
 - (i) the Skills Made Easy Programme
 - (ii) Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme
 - (iii) RISE graduate internship programme
 - (iv) start up loans for young people
 - (v) Keep Sheffield Working Fund
 - (vi) SME Loan Fund
 - (vii) export pilot project for 30 companies
 - (viii) launched Threshold Companies Initiative for growth SMEs
 - (ix) Summer Saturdays
 - (x) developed Sheffield City Region Investment Fund
 - (xi) secured Tax Increment Finance scheme for city centre – 1 of 3 places in England
 - (xii) enterprise programme provided intensive support to over 200 growing SMEs and 150 start ups
 - (xiii) launch of the Sheffield Economic Masterplan
 - (xiv) series of business summits held, hundreds of business engaged
 - (xv) Business Advisor Panel helping to keep Sheffield business friendly
 - (xvi) making the case for HS2 and Victoria Station;

- (g) welcomes new developments in the city supported by the present Administration such as Ikea, new developments at Sheffield and Hallam University campuses, Factory of the Future, Heart of the City Block 3, plans to improve Castlegate, new developments at Kilner Way and Stocksbridge and latest news of XLN bringing 300 plus jobs to the city announced this week, which are all a result of actions or support by the present Administration;

- (h) welcomes the Sheffield City Region Growth Deal which was developed locally, with the present Administration working in partnership with other City Region Authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership; and

- (i) recalls that the Sheffield City Region City Deal was also developed and pioneered locally and that in conjunction with the wider work of the present Administration, this has led to the highest proportion of young people in apprenticeships out of England's core cities and helped to progress and deliver the New Retail Quarter.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c)-(f);
2. the re-lettering of paragraph (b) as a new paragraph (h) and paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (i); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows:-
 - (b) supports moves by the Coalition Government to increase the building of social housing;
 - (c) welcomes new statistics that show the number of social homes has increased for the fifth year running, taking the overall stock back above the four million mark for the first time in a decade;
 - (d) supports plans secured by Liberal Democrats in last year's spending review for a £3.3 billion affordable homes programme that will see 165,000 new affordable homes delivered over three years from 2015;
 - (e) backs Liberal Democrat proposals to remove borrowing caps to enable councils to build more social housing and regrets that this policy has not been endorsed by the Labour Party;
 - (f) furthermore backs the action taken by the last Council administration to build the first new council homes in Sheffield for two decades;
 - (g) contrasts this action with the lamentable record of the previous Government and recalls that during their thirteen years in power:
 - (i) the building of social housing declined to its lowest figure since the Second World War;
 - (ii) the number of people on local authority housing lists doubled;
 - (iii) seven times more prison cells were built than council homes;
 - (iv) the Housing Market Renewal Scheme demolished 4,590 houses in South Yorkshire and built just 2,415 at a cost of £265 million; and

- (v) a legacy was left of almost 2 million households in England on housing waiting lists and 250,000 families living in over-crowded accommodation;

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

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

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

- (a) thanks community groups for their incredible effort in stepping forward to save community libraries which Labour Councillors were threatening to close;
- (b) recalls the comments of officers in a leaked report that the original plans put forward by the Administration were not sustainable;
- (c) notes that key concessions were only made after a massive city-wide campaign and a 16,000 signature petition, supported by the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, MP, and local Liberal Democrats;
- (d) believes that many community groups feel their achievements were made in spite of the Council rather than because of them;
- (e) notes reports in the local media that many groups are still involved in negotiations over property leases which threaten to make their business plans unsustainable again; and
- (f) calls upon the Administration to immediately work with community groups to ensure that appropriate leases are agreed so that beloved local libraries can stay open.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy

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

- (f) recognises that each library branch and community group is different, and that a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to working with co-delivered and associate libraries will be less effective than an approach that is tailored to each individual context; and

- (g) therefore calls upon the Administration to give full consideration to alternative ideas put forward by community groups for the running, financing and future development of co-delivered and associate library branches in the city.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

5. 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 paragraphs (b) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-

- (b) confirms that the present Administration were supportive in principle of increasing the speed limit on Penistone Road, however, regrets that the costs of this scheme have spiralled from the original estimates due to Coalition Government red tape;
- (c) confirms that this move would only save between 20 and 30 seconds per journey at a cost of £500,000, therefore a cost of up to £25,000 per second saved;
- (d) regrets that at a time when the Government has drastically cut Sheffield's funding for transport schemes and completing this work would mean taking money from other schemes, a £500,000 cost is too expensive to save between 20 and 30 seconds per journey;
- (e) is committed to listening to the voices of Sheffield motorists which is why it was a Labour administration that set up the Motorist Forum in the first place;
- (f) regrets that continuing Government cuts mean the Council has to find ways to make reductions that have the least impact on our services and merging the Motorists Forum with Sheffield on the Move means that both groups still have the opportunity to be heard;
- (g) welcomes the work the present Administration are undertaking to transform the city's road network through the Streets Ahead programme; and
- (h) regrets that the main opposition group continue to snipe from the sidelines, however, fail to set out a positive agenda of how they would support motorists.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Rob Murphy

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

- (a) believes Sheffield needs a transport policy which follows a hierarchy of sustainable modes of transport with walking, disabled access, cycling and public transport at the top and private motorised vehicles near the bottom;
- (b) recalls that in the 2009 consultation on the Penistone Road Smart Route (which did not propose increasing the speed limit) the majority of respondents, whether car drivers, bus users or cyclists, supported the proposals and that their commonest reasons for doing so were to improve congestion and bus routes;
- (c) welcomes that Government funding is available for improvements on Penistone Road but regrets that the information about journey times and air quality in the Council report was not based on the actual recommendations with regard to speed limits and did not take into account the latest evidence about the effects of deceleration and acceleration on emissions or the virtuous circle of safer roads leading to more use of sustainable modes of transport, less congestion and faster overall journey times;
- (d) praises, therefore, the critical analysis provided by objectors and the eventual decision by the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development to drop the proposal to increase the speed limit to 40mph;
- (e) believes, however, that this decision was in contrast to a number of backward steps by the current Administration with regard to sustainable transport, including:
 - (i) removing pedestrian crossings along Penistone Road between a key bus stop and Hillsborough College;
 - (ii) cutting the Streets Ahead Cycle Opportunities fund in half in the previous financial year;
 - (iii) removing cycle lanes on Pitsmoor Road so that motor traffic can use it in both directions; and
 - (iv) reducing public transport concessions for disabled and elderly people;
- (f) notes that the Motorists Forum has been abolished and that

support for Sheffield on the Move has been reduced, but that the Cycle Forum continues to do excellent work in promoting sustainable transport;

- (g) notes that Streetsahead is a like for like replacement and maintenance programme with minimal resources for improvements to layout, markings and signage and is therefore a massive lost opportunity; and
- (h) calls upon the Administration to use all existing forums and planning decisions to work with the public to develop and implement sustainable transport policies which protect and benefit the city as a whole.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a), (b) and (d);
2. the re-lettering of paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (a); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows:-
 - (b) supports the Government's decision to protect NHS spending from the spending reductions that were caused by the previous Government's record national deficit;
 - (c) welcomes the £26 million increase in the 2011-12 revenue allocation for Sheffield Primary Care Trust, the additional £27 million increase in 2012-13 and the equivalent £16 million and £14 million increases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;
 - (d) recalls comments by the Shadow Health Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham, MP, in June 2010 that it would be "irresponsible" to increase NHS spending and therefore believes that a Labour government would have cut spending on the NHS rather than increase it;
 - (e) believes that with Liberal Democrats in Government the country is seeing improving services across the NHS, with 6,000 more doctors, lower waiting times and new cancer drugs given to 30,000 people;
 - (f) laments scaremongering that the Health and Social Care Act will lead to the privatisation of the NHS and notes that, in fact, the

Government have prevented preferential contracts being granted to private companies by the previous Labour Government, which saw them paid £250m for operations they didn't even perform; and

- (g) supports the Government's policy of increasing funding for NHS services in Sheffield, as opposed to its belief that the Shadow Health Secretary would cut funding for the NHS.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn

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

- (a) notes the People's March for the NHS Jarrow to Parliament which came through Sheffield between 25th and 26th August 2014;
- (b) recognises the threat to our NHS from legislation including the Health and Social Care Act (2012) and the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; both of which put profits before people;
- (c) values the principle of our NHS to provide free, universal healthcare for all; and
- (d) supports the People's March for the NHS along with its aims and intentions.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) values the principle of our NHS to provide free, universal healthcare for all;
- (b) supports the Government's decision to protect NHS spending from the spending reductions that were caused by the previous Government's record national deficit;
- (c) welcomes the £26 million increase in the 2011-12 revenue

allocation for Sheffield Primary Care Trust, the additional £27 million increase in 2012-13 and the equivalent £16 million and £14 million increases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;

- (d) recalls comments by the Shadow Health Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham, MP, in June 2010 that it would be “irresponsible” to increase NHS spending and therefore believes that a Labour government would have cut spending on the NHS rather than increase it;
- (e) believes that with Liberal Democrats in Government the country is seeing improving services across the NHS, with 6,000 more doctors, lower waiting times and new cancer drugs given to 30,000 people;
- (f) laments scaremongering that the Health and Social Care Act will lead to the privatisation of the NHS and notes that, in fact, the Government have prevented preferential contracts being granted to private companies by the previous Labour Government, which saw them paid £250m for operations they didn’t even perform;
- (g) confirms that negotiations on TTIP are at an early stage and that any treaty will have to be scrutinised by both the European, and the UK Parliament long before it comes into force;
- (h) welcomes the comments of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Rt. Hon. Vince Cable MP, that:

“There is no suggestion whatever that the TTIP negotiations could be used to undermine the fundamental principles of the NHS ...The NHS will always be there for everyone who needs it, funded from general taxation, free at the point of use”; and
- (i) supports the Government’s policy of increasing funding for NHS services in Sheffield, as opposed to its belief that the Shadow Health Secretary would cut funding for the NHS.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-

- (h) further supports the following proposals set out by the Shadow Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP in June 2014 to tackle tax avoidance and calls on the Government to implement them:

- (i) closing loopholes, particularly the “Quoted Eurobond Exemption” that’s estimated to lose the country up to £500 million a year, that allows companies to move their profits to tax havens abroad - as part of this, Labour will table an amendment to the Finance Bill pressing the Government to act on this loophole;
- (ii) making the tax system more transparent so we know who owns firms and how much tax they pay - under this strand of the policy, Labour will require all UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to publish the names of beneficial owners of companies;
- (iii) putting a stop to dormant companies by requiring an annual confirmation of dormancy - currently, dormant companies can be used to avoid filing Corporate Tax returns, this means they can trade for up to five years without paying tax; Labour also plan to look into asking banks to automatically inform HMRC when there is activity in supposedly dormant accounts;
- (iv) strengthening the National Audit Office to scrutinise tax reliefs and find when they are abused to avoid tax;
- (v) working with ‘developing’ countries to tackle tax avoidance - this will include ensuring such countries, which are often affected by tax avoidance (in particular, through the extraction of natural resources), are part of global talks on tax reforms; and
- (vi) finalise proposals to deem construction workers as employed for tax purposes if they meet relevant employment criteria.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the relettering of paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (h) and the insertion of the following words at the start of that paragraph:-

“recognises that there is always more that can be done and therefore...”
2. the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-

(g) is proud that Liberal Democrats in Government have taken tax avoidance seriously and that as a result of Liberal Democrat

influence:

- (i) 33 tax loopholes have been closed;
- (ii) 1,000 new tax investigators have been employed;
- (iii) £9 billion has been clawed back through deals with Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the Channel Islands;
- (iv) 262 banks have signed up to the Code of Practice on Tax, stopping them from promoting tax avoidance;
- (v) an extra £1.4 billion has been raised by using better data to detect fraud; and
- (vi) 10 times more people have been prosecuted for tax evasion than in 2010;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing

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

- (a) is proud of Sheffield’s status as the greenest city in the country;
- (b) thanks all Friends Groups across the city for their tireless work in their local parks and green spaces;
- (c) remains committed to maintaining the quality of our parks and green space across the city;
- (d) recognises that the efficient operation of the parks and countryside services is essential in these times of cuts to budgets and continuing financial challenge;
- (e) notes that the depot on the former Norton Nurseries site, which has been used as such for many years, is a vital part of that efficient operation; and
- (f) is reassured that steps have been taken to ensure that the operational problems the parks service experienced in July will not re-occur.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

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

- (a) supports the triple lock guarantee and welcomes comments by the Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP “nobody should be in any doubt about my commitment to the triple-lock on pensions.”;
- (b) regrets that pensioners in Sheffield are suffering from the cost of living crisis caused by the present Government, particularly noting increases in energy bills and supports the price freeze pledged by Labour;
- (c) notes comments from Dot Gibson, National Pensioners Convention General Secretary in June 2014, “Rising fuel bills and the government’s inability to get a grip on the problem has resulted in more people suffering from fuel poverty now than two years ago ... Since coming to power they have cut back on home energy efficiency programmes and reduced the winter fuel allowance.”;
- (d) recalls that the Liberal Democrats have been part of a government that introduced the “Granny Tax” and the 2011 Budget announced that Winter Fuel Payments would revert to £200 for the over 60s and £300 for the over 80s in 2011-12 – a cut of £50 and £100 respectively;
- (e) recalls the report from the Institute of Fiscal Studies which stated that between 1997 and 2010 “both absolute and relative measures of income poverty fell markedly among children and pensioners”; and
- (f) continues to campaign to support Sheffield’s pensioners and calls on the Government to implement Labour’s energy price freeze which save Sheffield pensioners significant amounts of money on heating bills.