

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST JULY, 2015

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HURST

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (c) as follows:-
 - (a) regrets the gap between the richest and the poorest rose during the thirteen years of the previous Labour Government and that the previous Labour Government failed to meet its target on child poverty by hundreds of thousands of children;
 - (b) notes that, despite speculation by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) that the number of children living in relative poverty would increase to 2.6 million by the end of 2014, the official figures from the Department for Work and Pension's 'Households Below Average Income' report show that the percentage of children in relative low-income households remained "flat" in 2013/14;
 - (c) notes that the IFS report 'Child poverty in Britain: recent trends and future prospects' states 'Labour struggled to find ways of substantially improving the (absolute and relative) incomes of the poor other than via [...] direct fiscal redistribution' and that 'Labour's heavy reliance on increases in benefits to reduce poverty is that (at least some of) those poverty reductions may prove fragile';
2. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) applauds the work of Liberal Democrats in the previous Government to support children living in poverty, including:
 - (i) funding to provide 15 hours of free childcare per week to disadvantaged 2 year olds;
 - (ii) the pupil premium, which has seen £25 million invested into Sheffield schools to help the poorest children;

- (iii) an additional £50 million a year to provide extra tuition to 11-year-olds who are struggling with poor maths and reading skills;
 - (iv) £5.4 million to provide Free Early Learning for disadvantaged two-year-olds; and
 - (v) committing to free school meals for all infant pupils;
3. the relettering of original paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (e) to (h);
 4. the addition of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows:-
 - (i) notes Labour Party leadership candidate, Liz Kendall, backs the Government's plan to reduce the welfare cap to £23,000 a year and fellow candidates, Andy Burnham and Yvette Cooper, have failed to rule out support for reducing the welfare cap;
 - (j) believes that the best way to reduce child poverty and achieve a fairer society with greater opportunity for everyone is through the creation of a stronger economy, creating growth and in turn more investment and more job creation;
 5. the relettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (k).

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing

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

- (c) therefore recognises that a debate of Full Council will take place on the issue and resolves to listen to the outcome of the debate before reaching a decision on this issue.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge

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

- (f) also supports the principle of political parties developing their own distinctive 'Yes Campaigns', as already outlined by the Labour Party.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson

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:-

- (a) believes that Sheffield and Great Britain have survived and prospered very well before we joined the EU and will survive and prosper to a greater degree after we leave;
- (b) notes that there are over sixty countries who are not members of the European Union that have access to markets in the EU, which include the USA, China and Russia, and believes that the EU is a shrinking market, and in years to come it will represent five percent of world trade, and that to tie our country to this union is incompetent and shortsighted;
- (c) believes that the long term future and security of Sheffield and Great Britain depends on us leaving the EU, and taking back our seat at the World Trade Organisation, and notes that we are a global trading nation, a G7 Country, the world's fifth largest economy, the fourth largest exporter of goods worldwide, the seventh largest manufacturing nation, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a founder member of the World Bank and one of the major players in NATO, and further believes that this country has a lot to be proud of, and that the European Union is not vital to Great Britain;
- (d) notes that before Britain joined the EU we made our own trade deals and traded freely across the globe, and that we surrendered our trade negotiating rights when we signed up to what was then the EEC, and believes the rest is a sad history - the disastrous Common Fisheries Policy, that now means we have to import two thirds of the fish we consume; the Common Agricultural Policy, which imposes excessive regulations on our farmers; and the Climate Change Act, dubbed the most expensive piece of legislation in British history, which costs £18 billion a year, is anti-productive and is pushing this country into an energy crisis; and
- (e) urges all Councillors to put their faith in Great Britain, reject the "Napoleonic Blueprint" that is the EU, and reject its aim to have one flag, totalitarian control of its member states, and believes that the EU wants our sovereignty, our democracy, our currency, and with that, our economy, and suggests that the country should break free from the bureaucratic nightmare that is Brussels.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion in paragraph (f), between the words “spending cuts” and “including raising”, of the words “which will predominantly involve a long term sustainable growth strategy, based around successful businesses generating future prosperity and creating wealth,”.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

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:-

- (a) notes that as a result of the previous Coalition Government’s policies, the wealthiest are paying more in tax, whilst lower earners are paying less, than at the start of the last Parliament, thanks to measures such as:-
 - (i) cutting income tax by £825 for over 26 million low and middle income earners and removing over 3 million of the lowest earners from paying income tax altogether, by increasing the lower tax allowance;
 - (ii) cutting tax breaks for the highest earners, meaning someone earning £1 million a year had to pay £381,000 more tax during the last Parliament than under the previous Labour Government; and
 - (iii) tackling tax avoidance by a tenfold increase in prosecutions relating to tax crimes and closing 33 tax loopholes, resulting in an extra £9billion from the richest people in the UK being raised each year;
- (b) notes that the independent Office for National Statistics’ calculations of the Gini index shows that the UK, by the end of the Coalition Government’s term, was enjoying the lowest income inequality since 1986;
- (c) believes that the Green Party’s support for economic growth is lukewarm at best, but that a strong economy is a necessary prerequisite for opportunity for all and generates the revenues necessary for public services, and that, therefore, the consequences

of Green Party policies would be economic failure and, as a consequence, much greater austerity; and

- (d) regrets the ideological austerity which this Council believes is being offered by the current Government, which is going beyond what is necessary to balance the books.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

- 7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain

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:-

- (a) notes that organised football sessions already take place three times a week from the floodlit pitches at Fir Vale School, and that these sessions are supported by the Council and South Yorkshire Police and have provided local young people with the opportunity to take part in structured activity with a focus on health and community engagement;
- (b) notes that the immediate area is not short on sports facilities, with additional sports grounds at the bottom of Wensley Close, at Hindewood Close and at Firth Park;
- (c) welcomes that the Council and its partners are working hard to engage positively with members of the community living in the area;
- (d) notes the complex challenges experienced in the area and believes it is important that the Council, partners and members of the community continue to work together to ensure that the positive aspects of the area and the people who live there are recognised and celebrated; and
- (e) recognises the importance of providing and supporting activities and services that make a positive contribution to improving community engagement and local aspirations and, despite the economic pressures, is open to considering requests that fit this.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

- 8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake

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) welcomes any positive actions taken to improve treatment for mental health, however regrets that yet again the previous Government's record does not match the rhetoric put forward by the main opposition group on this Council, and reminds the main opposition group of reports in 2012, by leading mental health charities, that spending on mental health had fallen under the previous Government for the first time in a decade, and that, under the previous Government, there were thousands fewer mental health nurses and hundreds fewer mental health doctors in the NHS, and that a recent Health Service Journal survey found 3,640 fewer nurses and 213 fewer doctors working in mental health in April this year compared to staffing levels two years ago;
2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) fears that, unless more than the £8 billion initial shortfall in Health and Social Care budgets is granted to the NHS Health and Local Government Social Care Budgets, all people needing health and social care now and in the future will suffer.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 20 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Ben Curran

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:-

- (a) confirms that the rat control charge was introduced with regret, however, believes that this was unavoidable due to the unprecedented level of cuts imposed on the Council;
- (b) further notes that the charges have been in place for a number of years now and this has not resulted in increases in rat infestations throughout the city;
- (c) notes that removing charging for any group would have a financial implication for the Council, which is not accounted for in the motion;
- (d) notes that any measure to remove charges for rat control could have been introduced as part of the 2015/16 budget, set at the Full Council

meeting on 6th March 2015, where the UKIP Group had the opportunity to put forward alternative budget proposals; and

(e) recalls that the UKIP Group failed to put forward an alternative budget.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

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:-

(a) acknowledges that there is a problem with rat infestation in some areas of the city, such as Page Hall; and

(b) urges the Council to take reasonable steps to solve the issue.

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