

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015

#### List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Nikki Bond

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 Britain should remain a member of the European Union (EU);
- (b) notes that the EU accounts for nearly half the UK’s exports and believes Britain’s membership of the EU is vital for the future success of this country’s economy;
- (c) further notes the economic benefits membership of the EU has brought to Sheffield, including provision of funding through the European Regional Development Fund;
- (d) believes that Britain’s membership of the EU also helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, terrorism, tax havens and the current refugee crisis;
- (e) fears the Prime Minister’s renegotiation with other EU leaders will result in a poorer deal for British workers; and
- (f) calls on the Prime Minister to use his renegotiation to pursue a social Europe, including the strengthening of employment rights and an end to the exploitation of migrant workers.

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

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 Britain stands taller in the world when we stand tall among our neighbours by playing a leading role in the European Union (EU), as we did with the development of the Single Market;

- (b) notes that as the European Union has developed, the powers of nation states have only been pooled where the nation states themselves identified a strong national interest in doing so, and that unanimous agreement of the governments of member states is, and will remain, the basis for any powers exercised by EU institutions;
- (c) welcomes the Single Market and the free movement of labour for making a positive contribution to the prosperity of, and opportunities available to, the British people;
- (d) further welcomes EU action in fighting crime, and protecting consumers, workers and the environment, and investment in infrastructure and science and technology, recognising that in all these areas we can achieve more working together than we can alone;
- (e) acknowledges that there is no need for, and there are no plans for, an EU army, and recognises the benefits of NATO membership and of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the cost and capability benefits of bilateral co-operation with France on defence procurement and operations;
- (f) acknowledges that the EU is not perfect, but in order to change, reform and improve the institution, we must remain an active member;
- (g) regrets the failure of the UK parliament to use all the powers available to it for the scrutiny of EU legislation, and the poor attendance record of UKIP MEPs when matters affecting British interests are being debated; and
- (h) fears that Britain leaving the EU would lead to the break-up of the UK, as Scotland and Northern Ireland will vote to stay in, and the marginalisation of "little England" in a world dominated by large trading blocs, and calls instead for greater unity in the free world; supporting the EU as a beacon of peace, freedom, democracy, human rights and prosperity in a world contested by warring and oppressive forces.

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Aodan Marken, 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:-

- (a) welcomes the fact that there will be an opportunity for the people of the UK to democratically settle the question of the UK's continued membership of the European Union (EU), via a referendum;
- (b) does not believe it is reasonable to lay the blame for all the UK's ills on the EU, but does believe that it has been decisions by successive UK governments that have left this country with, for example: a lax tax

policy system that allows multinational corporations to pay a smaller percentage of income than most British citizens; marketisation in the NHS; and a tripling of tuition fees;

- (c) believes that membership of the EU is on balance positive for the UK, including by making possible cross-border regulation to protect people's health, the environment, and consumers, and hopes that UK citizens will decide to remain within the EU;
- (d) notes the benefits that EU membership brings to the city of Sheffield, including by providing funding for projects like the Community Network Programme, Grey to Green Phase 1 and the Remediation of Don Valley Stadium, through the European Regional Development Fund;
- (e) celebrates all EU students that make, and have made, Sheffield their home for the duration of their study, and the contribution that they make to the city's economic and cultural vibrancy;
- (f) believes that, despite these benefits, the EU in its current form is an undemocratic and unaccountable institution, and that if it is to survive the EU must be significantly reformed so that it becomes more democratic, more transparent, and better at supporting the needs of all citizens of Europe; and
- (g) will work to enfranchise as many Sheffield residents as possible before the EU referendum to ensure that they can vote on this crucial issue, and will aim to significantly improve on the low turnout of 35.82% during the EU Parliament elections in May 2014.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL WOOD**

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (g):-

- (f) notes that these proposals were blocked by the Liberal Democrats in the last Government.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan

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 the previous Coalition Government, of which the Liberal Democrats were a part:
  - (i) cut funding for the Warm Front scheme and the Energy Company Obligation scheme;
  - (ii) abandoned a pledge to make all new homes "zero-carbon" by 2016, allowing housebuilders to pay their way out of their full obligations; and
  - (iii) failed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and introduced what this Council believes to be extraordinarily generous tax allowances for companies getting into exploration for fracking in the 2014 Budget;
- (b) is committed to improving the energy efficiency of Sheffield's housing stock to reduce bills, prevent health problems related to cold and damp housing and cut CO2 emissions;
- (c) welcomes the Administration's ambition to increase Sheffield's energy generating and distribution capacity, including decarbonised, locally generated energy sources, to give Sheffield a competitive advantage over other locations and support future economic growth; and
- (d) recalls progress made on energy efficiency under the previous Labour Government, in particular through the Decent Homes programme for social housing and Warm Front, which helped over 2 million households improve their energy efficiency and insulation.

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

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

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

- (b) welcomes the steps taken under the previous Coalition Government by Liberal Democrat Health Minister, the Rt. Hon. Norman Lamb MP, to tackle inequalities in treatment between physical and mental health, such as:
  - (i) introducing the first waiting time targets for mental health treatment;

- (ii) putting an extra £1.25bn into children and adolescent mental health services;
- (iii) improving access to talking therapies and early intervention; and
- (iv) improving diversion of people with mental health problems from the criminal justice system;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND**

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the replacement in paragraph (d) of the word “Council” by the word “Project” in both uses in that paragraph;
2. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (d) “, as would be appropriate in any project of this nature and believes it would be improper not to do so and could lead to significant risks to the whole project”; and
3. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) confirms that all costs being incurred are being treated as development costs and therefore the plan is that these will be recovered by the Council when the development value in the scheme is realised, and that the scheme will only be finalised once the development partner is taken on board and major tenants signed up, for obvious reasons.”

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (g) and the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-
  - (g) looks forward to the findings and recommendations of the

Green Commission, which will examine a range of factors, including the role of home insulation, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, and hopes for cross-party consensus to enable the Administration to progress this important agenda; and

2. the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (h) to (j) as new paragraphs (i) to (k):-

- (h) was disappointed that the previous Coalition Government cut funding for the Warm Front scheme – an initiative which made a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty;

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) to (j) as new paragraphs (d) to (l):-

- (b) notes that under Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon Ed Davey MP, the previous Coalition Government advanced the cause of green energy through measures such as:
    - (i) investing £37 billion in renewable energy, supporting half a million jobs, reducing our carbon emissions and improving Britain's energy security;
    - (ii) setting up Britain's first Green Investment Bank; and
    - (iii) establishing the first Community Energy Strategy, setting out the role that communities can play in helping to meet the UK's energy and climate change challenges, including supporting a sustainable and secure energy system, reducing UK greenhouse gas emissions, and lowering consumer bills;
  - (c) regrets that much of this good work is being undone by the present Government;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SARAH JANE SMALLEY**

10. 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 (d) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:-

- (d) notes that the Highway Tree Advisory Forum provides a platform for an open discussion about the issues that affect highway trees and to open the Council to public scrutiny over decisions relating to highway trees;
- (e) further notes that it has provided over 200 members of the public over two meetings with an opportunity to convey their points of view and to hold the Council to account over the highway trees stock, including the Council's 'six Ds' criteria for tree felling and sensitive engineering solutions; and
- (f) remains committed to working with residents and communities to deliver this transformational project, Streets Ahead.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

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

- (c)(i) believes that a great many of the trees that are condemned on the grounds of "damage to surface" could be spared by sensitive excavation of the roots and modest ramping of the rebuilt footway; and
- (ii) suggests that rigorous application of national guidelines regarding the acceptable limits of ramping on footways is not appropriate, and indeed may look ridiculous next to even the more modest natural gradients of Sheffield;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) regrets that the funding passed down from Government is not recurrent and consequently the Council is projecting funding pressures from 2016/17 as a result of the Government's decision to abolish the Independent Living Fund;

2. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-

- (f) further notes that social care staff are visiting all individuals who previously received ILF funding and are reviewing their overall needs so that they continue to get the care and support that is right for them and for which they are eligible;

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

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

- (f) further, calls upon the Government to maintain the central government payment to local authorities for the administration of localised ILF payments at at least the 2015 level for at least the duration of the current Parliament; and