

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster

That the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003, as set out in the report of the Executive Director, Place now submitted, be approved with the addition, after the section within the Crime and Disorder Policy on “Use of Glassware” on page 15, of the following wording relating to “Retailing for Off-Sales”:-

#### **“Retailing for Off-Sales**

The Licensing Authority is concerned about the negative impact on the licensing objectives created by irresponsible consumption of alcohol from retail alcohol sales.

The Licensing Authority may not approve applications for off sales in the following locations:

- Near to alcohol addiction recovery activities or buildings
- In areas where street drinking affects any of the licensing objectives

Where applications are granted the Licensing Authority will have due regard to imposing relevant conditions where appropriate.

These may include:

- Ban on the sale of high strength beers or ciders
- Minimum of two staff to be on duty at times the premises remain open for sale
- No single cans or bottles of beer or cider will be sold
- Staff must obtain nationally recognised training on responsible alcohol retailing within 2 months of employment
- High strength beers or ciders will be for sale behind a counter accessed only by staff
- All alcoholic drinks will be clearly labelled or marked with the name of the premises”

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND**

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond

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) recalls the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) under the Coalition Government, which requires local authorities to have a local plan in place to meet their local housing need over the next 20 years;
- (b) notes that the NPPF requires local authorities to allocate a five-year supply of immediately and economically deliverable sites, which, with severe cuts made by the Coalition Government to brownfield remediation, have made it increasingly difficult to build on brownfield land;
- (c) notes that despite these challenges, the current Administration does not want to build on the green belt and is committed to maximizing building on brownfield land and protecting green spaces;
- (d) further notes that the national planning practice guidance issued by the Coalition Government, which sets out how a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) should be undertaken, states that ‘sites, which have particular policy constraints, should be included in the assessment for the sake of comprehensiveness’;
- (e) recalls that a SHLAA was published in March 2011, when the main opposition group was in control of the Council, and that this included a list of 17 green belt sites, including one on Baslow Road, Totley;
- (f) therefore believes the main opposition group is displaying breathtaking hypocrisy and a wilful intention to mislead the public on this issue;
- (g) notes that if a local plan isn’t in place, when a developer applies for planning permission on sensitive sites, the Council’s power to refuse is increasingly weakened;
- (h) understands therefore that Sheffield needs to have a local plan in place that complies with the NPPF introduced by the Coalition Government; and
- (i) looks forward to hearing local residents’ views on options for the nature and scale of growth in their areas over the next 20 years, following the publication of the Sheffield Plan: Citywide Options for Growth to 2034.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX**

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes the recent disastrous cuts to Sheffield bus services by the Sheffield Bus Partnership;
- (b) believes the changes were poorly communicated and the changes were misguided as a result of a flawed consultation that failed to reach, or listen to, those who depend upon our bus services;
- (c) notes that despite representatives of the Sheffield Bus Partnership admitting the consultation could have been improved, the Partnership agreed to go ahead with the changes;
- (d) dismisses the attempt by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to pass the blame for these cuts solely onto the bus companies of Sheffield, as these changes were agreed by the Sheffield Bus Partnership, of which this Council is a part;
- (e) demands that the Sheffield Bus Partnership swiftly addresses the problems that have occurred across the city in recent weeks, and ensure that improvements are put in place as soon as possible, to assure members of the public receive the service they need and rely on; and
- (f) calls on the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to accept responsibility for his role in the poor consultation and poorly thought out cuts to Sheffield’s bus services.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster

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

- (b) notes also the three decades of decline in the bus network in Sheffield and across the country (except London) since deregulation of bus services outside of London in 1985;
- (c) recognises that the Sheffield Bus Partnership is a voluntary agreement and gives local authorities no statutory powers over companies

operating bus services in the city;

- (d) believes the changes implemented to the bus network in Sheffield on 1<sup>st</sup> November are an example of the problems created by a network run for private profit over public service; and
- (e) requests the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Transport outlining the decline of Sheffield's bus network, the inadequacy of voluntary agreements in providing a sustainable service and requesting powers to franchise bus services in all metropolitan areas to be brought forward in the Buses Bill announced in this year's Queen's Speech.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Keith Davis, seconded by Councillor John Booker

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

- (d) requests that all affected routes are returned to the timetable prior to these changes until a satisfactory and effective solution can be found, and believes that the people of Sheffield should not be made to suffer during this unacceptable period of inadequacy; and

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

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

- (f) resolves to refer this issue to the appropriate Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris

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) is committed to defending Sheffield's reputation as the greenest city in the country – affording our green and open spaces the protection they deserve;

- (b) recognises the importance of demonstrating a five-year economically-deliverable supply of housing within the City's Local Plan;
- (c) therefore notes with concern the current Green Belt Review taking place at the same time as the Sheffield Local Plan is being developed;
- (d) also notes with caution a number of urban green spaces, parks and recreation grounds that have been earmarked as an 'identified opportunity site' and therefore 'suitable for housing';
- (e) notes that the independent URBED report 'Sheffield: Garden City?' has much higher estimates for homes on brownfield and urban sites than the Council's own projections, for example, through 'Urban remodelling' of the Neepsend and Attercliffe areas of the city, this could supply 8,714 homes and 14,924 respectively, but the Sheffield City Council report has only 1,900 and 2,400 homes in these areas, and believes that these higher figures would take the strain off other places and preserve our green open spaces;
- (f) notes that there is currently planning permission in Sheffield for 7,840 new dwellings that are currently not being developed or are incomplete;
- (g) notes that developers will often shun brownfield sites for development as it is often easier and more profitable to them to develop on greenfield sites;
- (h) however, believes that using the New Homes Bonus to invest in brownfield sites and bring more empty homes back into use, could avoid the need to concrete over greenfield and Green Belt land;
- (i) regrets that in the last financial year only £0.3m of the New Homes Bonus was spent on enhancing hard to develop sites and bringing long term empty houses back into use, whilst £0.8m was spent on building a cycle path from Park Square to Norfolk Park and £0.6m improving local centres in what is believed to be the Administration's favoured areas;
- (j) notes that developers will often 'sit' on undeveloped land until its value rises and believes the Liberal Democrat policy of a Site Value Rating tax would discourage this;
- (k) furthermore, hopes the Administration will re-investigate density and height requirements within the inner ring-road to help protect important green spaces;
- (l) hopes the Administration will not use the Green Belt Review to remove any of the 125 sites either wholly or partly in the green belt, suggested by developers in the 'Call for Housing', from the green belt so they can

be developed;

- (m) opposes a wholesale Green Belt review until more innovative ways of delivering Sheffield's five-year housing supply have been exhausted;
- (n) calls on the Administration to do more to encourage development, such as using the New Homes Bonus to enhance hard to develop sites; and
- (o) calls on the Administration to commit to protecting our parks and urban green spaces, affirming that no parkland will be developed for housing in the next 5 years.

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

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall

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

- (c) believes that we should hold fast to the values of democracy, freedom, tolerance, inclusivity and human rights in defiance of Daesh;
- (d) believes Daesh to be a threat to the safety and security of peoples of all faiths and none, many of whom have lived peacefully side by side in the region for centuries, and that division between Muslims and non-Muslims is what Daesh is trying to achieve; and
- (e) welcomes efforts of the Council to promote peace and understanding between the diverse communities in this city and welcomes the recent inter-faith march which demonstrated the unity of people of all faiths and none in the City.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN**

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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

- (e) recalls the motion on this topic proposed by the Liberal Democrat group at September's full Council meeting and therefore proposes

that:-

- (i) this Council works with other neighbouring authorities and housing associations to oppose the current Government proposals; and
- (ii) a copy of this Motion is sent to our local MPs asking them to support the Council's position; to speak up in Parliament for more social housing and not less and to push for a genuine "one for one" replacement but not at the cost of losing more Council housing.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

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

- (h) hopes that strike action by junior doctors can be avoided by a fair and mutually agreeable deal being reached between the BMA and the Secretary of State for Health, so welcomes the commencement of talks via the Acas mediation service, the Secretary of State's temporary lifting of his threat to impose the new contract, and the consequent postponement of the first day of strike action which had been scheduled to occur on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015;

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor (TBC)

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 the European Union's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) was adopted in 1983 to protect declining fish stocks, protecting not only the environment but the interests of the fishing industry and consumers;
- (b) believes that a free-for-all of fishing would lead to the destruction of fish stocks through over-fishing, threatening the future of the fishing industry for all nations;

- (c) notes that as fish are unaware of the boundaries of territorial waters, no single country can have an effective policy to maintain their own fish stocks;
- (d) welcomes the 2014 reforms of the CFP which includes:-
  - (i) a ban on discards – the controversial practice of discarding often edible fish;
  - (ii) a legally binding commitment to fishing at sustainable levels; and
  - (iii) more decentralised decision making, allowing Member States to agree the measures appropriate to their own fisheries;
- (e) regrets that UKIP MEPs abstained on this reform in the European Parliament; and
- (f) believes that the leader of UKIP, Nigel Farage MEP's attendance record of 1 out of 42 meetings of the European Parliament Fisheries Committee during the three years he was a member of that Committee demonstrates UKIP's complete lack of commitment to sustainable fishing and the future of the fishing industry.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON**

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition in paragraph (d), after the words “suffered from chronic underfunding”, of the words “in no small part due to swingeing cuts to local authority budgets under the Coalition Government”;
2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows and the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (f) to (h):-
  - (e) notes that adult social care is one of the areas to which the current Administration will continue to provide the greatest protection, despite expecting to have to find a further £50m from the Council's budget next year;



**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW**

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (a) “and further notes the remembrance event held at the Winter Gardens, organised with the Council and supported by E.D.E.N Films and LGBT Sheffield”;
2. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (c) “but notes the Equality Hubs set up by the current Administration which work to ensure LGBT communities are well represented within Sheffield”;
3. the replacement in paragraph (d) of the words “LGBT+ population” by the words “LGBT and intersex population”;
4. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (f) “and also draws attention to other instances of people in prisons not compatible with their recognised gender”; and
5. the deletion of paragraphs (h) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
  - (h) calls on the Government to consult with the gender neutral community on Gender ‘X’ passports; and
  - (i) asks officers to consult with minority communities to ask how they wish to be addressed on Council forms.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR AODAN MARKEN**

14. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, seconded by Councillor Alan Law

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 full Council meetings are one of many ways for demonstrating the Council’s accountability to Sheffield residents;
- (b) notes the many other types of Council meetings open to the public, including Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees and Planning & Highways Committee;

- (c) further notes additional ways that people are able to engage with the Council, including through Ward Councillors, consultations, equality hub networks and social media;
- (d) recognises that all Councillors want to represent their constituents and the city well, and that a great deal of this work inevitably takes place outside of the full Council meeting;
- (e) welcomes the current Administration's plans to make the Council more of an in-touch organisation, and notes that the theme of this year's Cabinet in the Community is asking people for their views on how they would like to engage with the Council moving forwards;
- (f) believes this should be part of a wider piece of work looking at engagement, and is open to exploring ways to improve all forms of engagement and commits to involving all groups in this process on a non-political basis; and
- (g) believes it fully appropriate for the Council to stand up for the city, and therefore believes it was proper for the Labour Group to oppose unfair Government cuts to public health funding at November's full Council meeting, and is disappointed this was not supported across the Council.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR**

15. 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 (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
  - (c) notes the achievements of the previous Labour government on climate change, including:
    - (i) introducing the Climate Change Act, which legislated for an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050, making the UK the first country to legislate for deep, long-term cuts in emissions; and
    - (ii) helping to broker the Kyoto Treaty – the world's first legally binding climate treaty.
2. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (g):-

- (f) is alarmed by the Government's decision to cut spending on home energy efficiency by 83% and break its election pledge to commit £1bn for carbon capture and storage technology in the recent Comprehensive Spending Review;

16. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken

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

- (f) welcomes the 'Time for the Climate' event which was held in Sheffield on 28th November 2015 by Sheffield Climate Alliance as part of the Global People's Climate March;

17. Amendment to be moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Keith Davis

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 the relentless push to create an international agreement on climate change is anything but international;
- (b) is concerned that the consequences of our drive to an ever lower carbon economy means Britain's capacity to generate power is dangerously low;
- (c) notes that figures from the Department of Energy and Climate Change show spare capacity in electrical generation will be perilously close to zero this winter and could fall even further, leaving Britain short of power by the winter of 2016-17;
- (d) believes that Great Britain should invest in renewable energy where it can deliver electricity at competitive prices, and that, at the moment, only hydro can achieve this;
- (e) notes that wind power is hopelessly inefficient and that wind farms rely heavily on reserve back-up from conventional power sources, and believes that they spoil our landscapes and put money into the pockets of wealthy landowners and investors, while pushing up bills for the rest of the population; and
- (f) further believes that closing perfectly good coal-fired power stations to meet unattainable targets for renewable capacity is a seriously flawed policy.

