

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6TH APRIL, 2016

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, 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:-

- (a) believes that poor political leadership and management, not solely Government cuts, are the root cause of most of Sheffield’s problems, and that, after five years of financial reductions from central Government, the present Administration should have been far more innovative and found new ways of working on a reduced budget, which shows real political leadership in difficult times rather than wasting so much time complaining and blaming everybody else;
- (b) notes the admission by the former Labour Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP, made prior to the May 2015 general election, that he would, given the chance, axe another £3.3bn from local government budgets;
- (c) believes that although Sheffield City Council has faced cuts from central Government, the present Administration has made politically motivated cuts and have made unpopular decisions to cut funding for libraries and parks and allowed cuts to be made to bus services, whilst continuing to spend money wastefully on their pet projects;
- (d) believes that the Streets Ahead project was only made possible thanks to Sheffield Hallam MP, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, who secured a £1.2 billion grant from central government as Deputy Prime Minister, without which the project could not go ahead;
- (e) believes that this Administration has failed to correctly manage the Amey Streets Ahead contract as many areas of the city have faced delays in work and hundreds of healthy mature highway trees have been felled and the current Administration has done everything it can to jump to the defence of Amey, rather than representing the wishes of the people and holding them to account and further believes that this is yet again another example of poor leadership from the current Administration; and

- (f) believes that Sheffield now is in need of real political leadership and innovation to deal with the situation Sheffield finds itself in, rather than the approach of the present Administration which is to just continue to explain what the present situation is.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD

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 all the words after “10%” in paragraph (d); and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (j) as follows:-
 - (e) believes that cuts such as these would not have happened with the Liberal Democrats in Government and notes former Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP’s comments that he had blocked similar measures whilst in Coalition;
 - (f) notes further research by the IFS in their report ‘Are we ‘all in this together?’ which says that “there has been a considerable equalisation of the income distribution in the years since the recession On some measures, inequality is now at a 25 year low”;
 - (g) notes that the same report projects that ‘we should expect much of the recent fall in inequality to be undone over the next five years,’ and recognises that this shows clear water between the previous Coalition Government’s policies and the current Government’s;
 - (h) believes that this Administration and the Labour Party have shown outstanding hypocrisy in deploring the ‘Bedroom Tax’, given the fact that a Labour Government introduced a similar policy - the ‘Local Housing Allowance’ - in 2008, which was a restriction on Housing Benefit for tenants of private landlords “to provide an incentive for those on Housing Benefit to find cheaper accommodation.”;
 - (i) believes that many of the problems with social housing today is a direct result of the previous Labour Government’s failure to build enough homes to be available for social rent, meaning many families have to live in overcrowded homes and there aren’t smaller homes available for social tenants who have surplus rooms to move into; and
 - (j) notes the parliamentary Labour Party’s abstention on the Work and Welfare Bill and that Labour Lords failed to back a fatal motion tabled by the Liberal Democrat Lords that would have killed the Bill

altogether, shows the Labour Party's indifference to welfare cuts and believes that this Administration are in no position to criticise the Liberal Democrats.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Nasima Akther

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

- (b) notes that Licensing is a statutory function of the Council, designed to maintain public confidence in trades that require a license to operate, and that Licensing should therefore be operated transparently and correctly, with decisions based on Licensing Policy;
- (c) notes the current consultation on draft proposals for a revised set of private hire vehicle standards, and confirms that each member of the cross-party Licensing Committee was given the opportunity to comment on the content of the consultation and whether it should be put to the taxi trade for views, with no objections being raised by any members;
- (d) notes that Labour administrations have demonstrated a commitment to listen to previous consultations on Licensing, most recently on the driver standards consultation, with significant changes being made in response to feedback from the taxi trade;
- (e) confirms that the relevant Cabinet Member has received representations from Labour Councillors representing their constituents, as well as from the trade unions and trade bodies, around a small number of the proposals in the current consultation, and therefore confirms that, once again, this Administration will listen, and confirms that proposals around vehicle age and permanent company logos have been withdrawn from the consultation altogether, and thanks all those who have fed back their genuinely held views;
- (f) also confirms that it believes the current consultation should be completed to assess views on the vast majority of proposals that have not elicited a significant number of responses with a clear view;
- (g) confirms that issues around air quality remain important but that they should be addressed via a comprehensive policy which is being developed, requiring a range of measures across the Council and city partners;
- (h) deplores the way the Liberal Democrats have used the consultation to

seek to gain political advantage, by flag waving in public, despite the Administration being unaware of any Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Licensing Committee objecting to any proposals in the consultation prior to its publication, and furthermore confirms that no Liberal Democrat Councillor has made any contact with the relevant Cabinet Member to represent the trade or public on this issue, in contrast to the trade unions, trade bodies and Labour councillors;

- (i) further believes that the Liberal Democrats should be judged by their failure to genuinely attempt to raise the issues of concern with the Cabinet Member, versus the actions of the Liberal Democrats when they were last in power, which included many current Lib Dem Councillors, when they withdrew the cap on the number of taxi operating licenses despite vociferous opposition from the taxi trade and drivers, who clearly stated that it would lead to significant oversupply of taxis thereby drastically reducing the ability of taxi drivers to make a decent and fair living from the trade; and
- (j) further notes that it was also the subsequent Labour Administration that listened to the taxi trade and reinstated a taxi licence cap, and therefore believes it is clear which administration will genuinely work with the taxi trade to deliver a high quality taxi service for the people of Sheffield whilst responding to the legitimate concerns of the taxi trade and drivers.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

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

- (f) notes that in addition to the age restrictions on licensed vehicles, many within the taxi profession are also concerned about plans for permanent signage, which they fear will lead to their vehicles becoming targets for thefts and vandalism;
- (g) notes that this Administration, following feedback and media interest, have suspended these issues from the consultation for the time being; and
- (h) calls on the Administration to fully drop these contentious proposals, instead of merely suspending them until after the local elections.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith

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

- (b) notes that the Coalition Government oversaw the biggest net increase in social housing for 30 years; and
- (c) notes that despite the Administration's alleged commitment to increasing social housing, and nationally social house building being at a 30 year high, independent figures show that these are empty words from the Administration, as during the last 4 years, 270 homes for social rent have been completed in Sheffield, whilst nearby Rotherham, Leeds and Wakefield have had 280, 340 and 1020 homes completed, respectively.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

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

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 small businesses to be the backbone of the economy, and believes the Government should be doing more to create a supportive environment in which small businesses can grow and create jobs;
- (b) however, is concerned that the changes made to Business Rate thresholds in the Budget has the potential to restrict the financial capacity of local authorities to invest in public services once Business Rate income is fully devolved;
- (c) welcomes Business Rate localisation, but calls on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensures that local authorities have appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services;
- (d) is concerned that the transition from the current grant funding model to full Business Rate localisation will create significant risk for local financing and notes the Administration's commitment to work with Government to ensure Sheffield does not suffer a 'cliff-edge' effect between 2019 and 2020 which could have major implications for local services;
- (e) believes there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places have the necessary funding to deliver services; and
- (f) notes that the Administration is in dialogue with the Treasury through

the Core Cities group to better understand the implications of full localisation of Business Rates.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a)(ii) and (iii) and the addition of a new paragraph (a)(ii) as follows:-

(a)(ii) when outsourced contracts have been properly managed, outsourcing has helped to deliver better council services, particularly in times of financial difficulty;

2 the deletion of paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) and paragraph (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b)(ii) and (c) as follows:-

(b)(ii) believes that a responsible city council should not take an ideological stance on whether insourcing or outsourcing is the best approach, but should look at services on a case by case basis and make the right decision to deliver the best outcome for service users at the best price for tax payers; and

(c) calls on the Administration to take a national lead on Freedom of Information for outsourcing of local services and to resolve that from now on, when new contracts are put out to tender from Sheffield City Council, service providers must agree to sign up to Freedom of Information rules that apply to the Council as a condition of winning a contract.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Curran, 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 addition of the following words:-

(a) believes that local people should have a say in how public services are run, which is why the Administration is bringing forward a range of measures to secure greater local and democratic control of public services;

(b) acknowledges that having council services delivered in-house is always the Administration’s first consideration, but understands that this is not always feasible and cannot always deliver value for money

for local people, and that each project is considered on its own merits;

- (c) notes that the Administration has, over the last five years, brought a number of services back under Council control, including council housing and the council tax and housing benefit contact centre, and further notes the Administration's intention to bring more services back in-house, including the housing repairs and maintenance service and the management of council properties; and
- (d) believes firmly in the principles of transparency and accountability in the provision of local services, and notes:-
 - (i) the Council publishes as much data and contractual information as possible;
 - (ii) the impending publication of the Council's Ethical Procurement Strategy which will reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability;
 - (iii) that all private contracts are subject to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and the Council's contract register is published and available online; and
 - (iv) that the Council is working with its major contractors to publish its contracts.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders

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 that it was the Labour Party that founded the NHS, and further recalls the last Labour Government's impressive record on health, including record levels of investment, a huge increase in overall satisfaction with the NHS, and significant reductions in waiting lists and waiting times;
- (b) is concerned with the current state of the NHS – public dissatisfaction up and waiting times up, and staff morale down, and believes the NHS is not safe in this Government's hands;
- (c) is saddened that the NHS is in the midst of the longest and deepest squeeze on its finances in a generation, and believes that with demand rising, the NHS must be funded and staffed properly;

- (d) condemns comments made in 2014 by Paul Nuttall, Deputy Leader of UKIP: "I would like to congratulate the coalition government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service";
- (e) sends its support to junior doctors in their fight for adequate pay and conditions and urges the Government to return to the negotiating table;
- (f) notes the conclusion of a 2015 London School of Economics research paper examining the record of the Coalition Government on social care - that "spending cuts imposed by the Coalition intensified the pressure on social services from 2010 onwards";
- (g) notes that overall spending on social care fell by 13% over the Coalition's five years in office, during which time the number of people aged 65 and over increased by 10%;
- (h) further notes the number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell by one quarter between 2009/10 and 2013/14, from 1.7 million to below 1.3 million;
- (i) is concerned that record numbers of patients are getting stuck in hospital despite being fit to leave, and notes that 160,000 bed days were taken up in hospitals in England during October 2015 by patients who were unable to be discharged safely – the highest number since records began;
- (j) notes that the Administration is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group and doing everything it can to mitigate the Government's failure and tackle the issue of "bed blocking" in Sheffield; and
- (k) calls on the Government to undo the damage done to our health and care systems during the five years of neglect under the Coalition by providing adequate levels of funding to ensure that all those in need of treatment and care receive it.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) thanks the many migrant NHS workers for their continuing hard work and dedication, which the NHS depends upon to function;
- (b) notes the comments of Stephen Nickell, a senior economist who is on the board of the Office for Budget Responsibility, that the NHS would be "in dire straits" without migrant workers;

- (c) notes that the NHS was founded on 3 core principles:-
 - (i) that it meets the needs of everyone;
 - (ii) that it be free at the point of delivery; and
 - (iii) that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay; and
- (d) notes that UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, was secretly filmed in 2012 telling UKIP supporters that - "I think we are going to have to move to an insurance-based system of healthcare. Frankly, I would feel more comfortable that my money would return value if I was able to do that through the marketplace of an insurance company, than just us trustingly giving £100bn a year to central government and expecting them to organise the healthcare service from cradle to grave for us."

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

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

- (c) believes the current Administration has also shown a complete lack of respect to the park users of Sheffield by:-
 - (i) selling off Cobnar Cottage which falls within the bounds of Graves Park Trust and which was gifted to the people of Sheffield by Alderman J.G Graves to be used as park land in perpetuity;
 - (ii) building the new Tinsley School on part of Tinsley Recreational Ground, the only publicly accessible green space in the Tinsley area; and
 - (iii) considering the disposal of other so called 'liabilities'; and
- (d) commits that it will not sell off any further park land or any publicly owned open space.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

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

- (b) recalls the Coalition Government's decision to implement deep cuts to grant funding for social housing, which made it much more difficult for councils and housing associations to build affordable homes;
- (c) notes action the current Administration has taken to improve standards in the private rented sector, including:-
 - (i) introducing a Selective Licensing Scheme in Page Hall to great effect, with 96% of privately rented properties in that area now compliant;
 - (ii) launching Snug - a flagship student housing scheme where properties that are good quality and well managed get a certificate; Sheffield is the only local authority in the country to inspect every home before issuing the certificate, and around 12,000 students are now safer in their homes as a result;
 - (iii) becoming the first local authority outside of London to enforce the Lettings Agents' Redress Scheme to enforce standards and protect tenants; and
 - (iv) supporting the growth of the private rented sector team and providing extra resources to target some neighbourhoods where private landlords or properties are causing problems; and
- (d) further notes the Administration's commitment to continue working with the public and landlords to improve the private rented sector in Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Lewis Dagnall

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 the recent reports of the suggested benefits of community currencies;

- (c) believes the Sheffield Pound may have a role to play in supporting local businesses;
- (d) notes the Sheffield Executive Board has looked at this issue in the past; and
- (e) requests that the Sheffield Executive Board works with local stakeholders to re-examine if this initiative would be beneficial to the city and the local economy.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.20 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAULINE ANDREWS

NB. Proposed alteration to be sought by the mover of the Motion (Councillor Pauline Andrews)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.9(a) (Alteration of motion or amendment), the mover of the Motion will seek the consent of the meeting to alter paragraph (c) of the Motion by adding the word "or" between each of the purposes mentioned in that paragraph for which £17 billion could be used.

Once the mover has requested the alteration, the Lord Mayor will then ask the meeting to give its consent to the alteration.

14. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson

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 by being part of the European Union we are safer, stronger and financially better off, and that we should vote to remain in the European Union;
- (b) believes that we are financially better off by remaining in the EU and notes that:-
 - (i) the EU is Britain's biggest trading partner;
 - (ii) millions of jobs are linked to our EU membership;
 - (iii) £26.5 billion is invested in Britain by EU countries every year;
 - (iv) almost half of all of Britain's exports go to the EU; and
 - (v) exports to the EU are worth £227 billion a year to the British economy;

- (c) believes that Britain's membership of the EU helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, tax evasion and terrorism;
- (d) believes that we are safer by remaining in the EU and notes that thousands of criminals, including terrorists, have been arrested under the European Arrest Warrant;
- (e) believes that being in the EU enhances Britain's global influence; and
- (f) notes the EU's contribution to advancing worker's rights, including the right to holiday pay, paid maternity and paternity leave, anti-discrimination laws, equal pay and protection for agency workers.

15. 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 the United Kingdom should vote to remain in the European Union, for the benefit of our future prosperity and security, as a statement of support for peace and co-operation in Europe and of solidarity against the terrorists and demagogues of the world;
- (b) believes that this referendum is only happening because of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP's weakness in the face of his right-wing backbenchers; and that the UK's interests have been subordinated to a strategy for managing the Conservative party;
- (c) notes that for a £340 contribution per household to the EU budget, the UK gains £3000 per household in trade, investment, jobs and lower prices as a result of the EU;
- (d) believes that the UK would continue to secure better trade agreements with the rest of the world negotiating as part of the world's largest single market, and would be in a weaker position negotiating alone;
- (e) supports the continued UK membership of the European Convention on Human Rights, and moral leadership in advancing human rights around the world, whether or not the UK remains in the EU;
- (f) notes that 2.2m UK citizens exercise the right to live elsewhere in the EU, and believes that the freedom to work and travel in the EU is a benefit to all EU citizens, UK included;
- (g) welcomes the 2013 reforms of the Common Fisheries Policy and recognises that co-operation on fisheries is necessary to prevent catastrophic overfishing;

- (h) believes “Brexit” would put at risk co-operation on policing, terrorism and intelligence; and that it is in the UK’s interest to remain in the measures in this area that we have chosen to opt into;
- (i) believes that co-operation on intelligence, terrorism and policing is particularly important to maintain while Europe is under the threat of terrorist attack, and that co-operation is not improved by tearing up the good measures that we have agreed to;
- (j) believes that we should stand by the people of Brussels and Paris following recent attacks, practically and symbolically, and that any sign of us turning our backs on them, such as “Brexit”, would only delight terrorists and would make us all less secure;
- (k) believes “Brexit” would put at risk UK access to the EU single market, threatening 45% of our exports, and notes that, in contrast, only 16% of exports from the rest of the EU come to the UK;
- (l) notes that access to the EU single market, in the cases of Norway and (partially) Switzerland, requires following all of the EU trade rules without having any say in them, allowing free movement of labour, and making payments into the EU budget;
- (m) notes that any trade agreement between the UK and the rest of the EU would require agreement of all 27 remaining EU member states, not all of whom may be motivated primarily by trade, and many of whom are likely to be concerned to save face, maintain free movement, and/or reduce the risk of other countries seeking a better deal by threatening exit;
- (n) notes that Sheffield in particular has benefited from over £1bn of investment from the EU since the 1990s, including in the Advanced Manufacturing Park, Sheffield Station and the Winter Gardens; and
- (o) further notes that, as a city with strong universities, Sheffield benefits disproportionately from EU research funding, including 30% of the University of Sheffield's research funding.

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