

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8TH JUNE, 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 Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash

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

- (d) however, believes that the 'First Past The Post' electoral system, which discriminates against voters for most political parties and promotes a political culture which ignores voters in safe seats, is unfit for purpose;
- (e) believes that the Administration's choice of the first council motion on the agenda for this meeting has typified this complacency and shown how out of touch with the electorate they really are, at a time when Sheffield is facing job losses and crucial decisions on the future of this city, their priority is to congratulate themselves on their re-election, despite only receiving 38.2% of the vote and were the only party to lose seats;
- (f) recognises the need to reform British politics to make it more representative and more empowering of our citizens so it commands greater public confidence and engagement;
- (g) notes the need for change has been recognised, with the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly using the hybrid Additional Member System, to produce more proportional results, and with the British elections to the European Parliament using Closed List Proportional Representation;
- (h) notes that the Single Transferrable Vote system is used for local elections in Scotland and in both Northern Irish local elections and the Northern Ireland Assembly;
- (i) notes both Shadow Chancellor, John MacDonnell MP, and Sheffield Central MP, Paul Blomfield's call for the Labour Party to adopt support for Proportional Representation as official party policy, in a letter to Party Leader, the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Corbyn MP, earlier this year;
- (j) therefore, calls for the introduction of the Single Transferrable Vote system:-

- (i) for local elections in England and Wales;
 - (ii) for Westminster elections; and
 - (iii) for European Parliament elections; and
- (k) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the leaders of all political parties represented in the UK Parliament.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid

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

- (h) but recognises there are some people for whom paid employment will never be a realistic option and that the duty of an inclusive society is to meet the needs of everyone - however disadvantaged - who has the dignity of being human.

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 Lewis Dagnall

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 that the Council is working with partners to put in place a programme of immediate support, linking staff affected to other job vacancies, providing training opportunities and supporting people that may wish to start their own business;
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) recalls the harm the previous Coalition Government inflicted on the local economy when it:-
 - (i) cut funding for regional economic growth through the abolition of Yorkshire Forward; and

- (ii) cut the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which has dramatically reduced the amount of funding available for the Council to support local businesses;
- (j) notes that the Council is already engaging with local businesses to develop its understanding of what more the Council can do to support business, including engagement through the Business Advisory Panel, the Sheffield City Region Growth Board and regular contact with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cutlers Company; and
- (k) further notes that the Administration is working with partners to grow the local economy and working with industry to promote Sheffield as a place to invest and notes:-
 - (i) that over the past 12 months the inward investment team have supported five new significant investments and expansions which will create up to 400 new jobs in the city, including global law firm, Fragomen, who have created 100 new jobs; and
 - (ii) the recent North Shoring event, held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Law Society which raised awareness of the benefits Sheffield has for legal services firms and was attended by intermediaries who work alongside law firms and foreign direct investment agencies whose clients are looking to expand into the UK.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

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

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

- (e) further notes the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations, the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies, and the 831 jobs still at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (f) calls on the Administration to do all it can with other partners to support those facing job losses across the city to help them find alternative employment and/or training;
- (g) believes that despite these setbacks, Sheffield has a lot of potential to be a great city with great opportunities - in particular:-
 - (i) two world class universities and one of the highest graduate retention rates in the country;

- (ii) a fantastic location close to other northern cities and 25 minutes' drive to a world class airport; and
- (iii) a worldwide reputation as a green city;
- (h) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;
- (i) believes this a crucial time for Sheffield, with the recent devolution deal, which will devolve powers from Westminster to politicians in our region, giving local people more power over our own destiny;
- (j) notes the Centre for Cities report "*A Century of Cities*", on the importance of knowledge based industries for improving wealth and prosperity in cities, and the Tech North report "*The Digital Powerhouse*", on how the public sector can supercharge the tech economy of the north
- (k) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield's economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies; and
- (l) calls on the Administration to:-
 - (i) work across political party and with local industry to promote Sheffield more as the place in the north to invest, grow and do business; and
 - (ii) ensure one full Council meeting a year is a 'State of Sheffield' business event, where local business report back on what improvements have been made and what Sheffield City Council needs to do extra in the coming year to support business, enterprise and innovation in the City.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

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

- (d) deplores what could be taken as threats made by the Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, that if Sheffield will not accept the Meadowhall station location, which is bad for Sheffield, they will give the region no station at all, and believes this is particularly appalling given her complete failure to act on the steel crisis and her Department's decision to relocate 247 jobs in her department from Sheffield to London;

- (e) regrets that the Government and HS2 Ltd's proposal for the Meadowhall location instead of the city centre was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall back in 2013;
- (f) believes that the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam has failed to stand up for Sheffield and is responsible for the fact that the previous coalition government pursued Meadowhall as the station location and notes the following comments by the Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a better location.";
- (g) notes that the Administration has always made representations to all local stakeholders, including Council Leaders and MPs, calling on them to support a city centre option and that, in recent months, efforts have focused around gaining their support for a review of station locations similar to the review undertaken in Leeds to ensure that decisions are taken based on evidence, and resolves to write to all City Region Council Leaders and MPs asking them to support this approach; and
- (h) confirms that there is already joint working in the City Region which is actively lobbying both Government and HS2 Ltd, which includes the Council and key city stakeholders, and believes it is extremely concerning that instead of supporting and participating in this productive work, the main opposition group engage in petty party politics.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Zoe Sykes, seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble

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 there are a range of views on different electoral systems, both between and within political parties;
- (b) recalls the referendum on the alternative vote method that took place in 2011 and that the proposal to introduce AV was rejected by the electorate;
- (c) finds it ironic that UKIP favours proportional representation - the same system used in the European Parliament – over the traditional British first-past-the-post voting system; and

- (d) believes the people of Sheffield gave a clear mandate to the Labour Party in the recent local elections and that UKIP always manage to find an excuse for their own electoral failures.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Nasima Akther, 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:-

- (a) notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country;
- (b) notes the Administration’s commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the city, including working closely with the police, Sheffield Business Improvement District and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;
- (c) further notes the Administration is looking into the possibility of introducing longer-term measures including using anti-graffiti paint and installing CCTV;
- (d) also notes the on-going Clean Sheffield campaign, which will continue to explore ways in which the Council can tackle litter and graffiti in the city;
- (e) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the city centre;
- (f) appeals to the people doing graffiti to stop, as not only do they risk getting a criminal record, but it is also an unnecessary drain on Council resources;
- (g) urges people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed;
- (h) thanks the public for reporting graffiti which enabled us to respond to more than 1,700 requests across the city last year; and
- (i) believes the current approach - responding to people reporting directly to the Council, thereby enabling resources to be deployed in the areas it is required - is the right one, and does not believe another tier of bureaucracy is required.