

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh

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) notes that Sheffield is considering the merits of a policy which will emulate the example of local authorities such as Wandsworth;
2. the replacement, in paragraph (f), of the words “also calls on this Authority to take”, by the words “notes that the present Administration takes”, and the addition of the following words at the end of that paragraph “and already ensures that where Assets of Community Value meet the criteria for non Designated Heritage Assets, that this non Designated Heritage Asset status is also deemed a material consideration for planning.”
3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (j) as follows:-
 - (g) regrets that the local decline in pubs reflects a national trend of pub closures under the previous coalition government who were widely criticised for failing to act to provide any significant support and protection for the industry;
 - (h) strongly agrees with comments made by James Watson and Gareth Epps, Campaign for Real Ale, about the record of the previous coalition government: “This government claims to be ‘the most pro-pub administration in history’, yet weekly pub closures on their watch have increased from 18 per week, to 26 per week, then up to 28 per week and now stand at a depressing 31 net closures per week. Can we blame the Coalition for the demise of the Great British Pub? Not directly, but after four years in power, with the plight of pubs regularly highlighted to them by CAMRA and other vocal bodies such as the *Fair Deal for your Local Coalition*, and *Pub is the Hub*, they have failed to make even the simplest changes to the planning system which would give pubs the much needed protection against damaging changes to their land and buildings. Moreover, the Coalition has

further weakened the planning system, perpetuating the destruction of pubs through the euphemism known as 'permitted development'";

- (i) welcomes that 10 facilities in recent years (including many inns / pubs) have been listed as Assets of Community Value, thus endowing them with associated status and significance; and
- (j) further welcomes and applauds the efforts of local people who campaign to protect local facilities and buildings as Assets of Community Value, working with local councillors and the Administration to achieve these aims.

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

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the insertion, in paragraph (c), of the word "potential" before the word "stream";
- 2. the replacement, in paragraph (d), of the word "believes", by the word "hopes";
- 3. the re-lettering of paragraphs (f) to (h) as new paragraphs (h) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) and (g) as follows:-
 - (f) notes the need for transparency and a strong governance process for any major investment in the city and calls on the Administration to be open with opposition Councillors and members of the public about the details of the partnership;
 - (g) calls on the Administration to ensure that it seeks competitive bids for the sale of all Council owned or developed assets to ensure that the city gets the maximum return for each individual investment;

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid

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 concerned about the Council's signing of an investment deal decades into the future, long after the signatories have left office and public accountability, and notes that previous deals have led to serious financial burdens for Sheffield City Council;

- (b) is disappointed by the lack of consultation over the last 18 months in what has been described as the first deal of its kind to be made by a UK city and the biggest outside of London;
- (c) is disappointed by the lack of information regarding the deal and partnership available to city councillors and the public; and
- (d) calls for full public disclosure and scrutiny of this and any further investment deals of this kind.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes

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

- (e) regrets that the policies of the previous coalition government were extremely detrimental to the development of social housing, with the huge increases in Right to Buy discount making it impossible for councils to reinvest receipts in replacing lost council housing stock;
- (f) welcomes the fact that the present Administration is building council houses for the first time in many years, and is introducing Housing +, to make sure that people in council housing receive the support they need;
- (g) welcomes the work of the present Administration and private rented sector team in making the following interventions in the private rented sector:-
 - (i) licensing around 2,000 large shared houses (HMOs) across the city;
 - (ii) the introduction of Selective Licensing, under which all the landlords have been trained, and have had the benefit of expert help and advice from Council officers;
 - (iii) targeting the rogue landlords; noting that over the past 2 years they have prosecuted 24 landlords covering 80 separate offences in the courts;
 - (iv) the award winning Snug partnership with Sheffield Hallam University and Hallam Student Union, which has meant 10,000 students are safer in their homes and this will increase when the University of Sheffield joins the scheme over the next year;

noting that Sheffield is the only city in the country to have a scheme like this; and

- (v) being the first team outside of London to enforce the Redress Scheme for letting agents;
- (h) pledges to use all available powers through national legislation to support tenants and welcomes attempts to strengthen this, however, notes the following points:-
 - (i) the law already requires agents to have ‘transparency of fees’ and we encourage all renters to get in writing what all the fees are; that way, they can make an informed choice about which agent to use; if any renter in the city believes that the agent is not providing this, they must get in touch with the team, and this will be dealt with in the proper way;
 - (ii) the Housing and Planning Act 2016, provides Banning Orders, and a National Register of landlords that have been barred; this register will only be open to local authorities; we believe, as does Shelter, that this list should be more freely accessible;
 - (iii) we agree with the need for compulsory electrical checks, and are pleased that this has already been introduced in the Housing and Planning Act; and
 - (iv) we already prevent rogue landlords from obtaining an HMO licence, and we believe that we are the strictest council in the country for carrying out “Fit and Proper Person” tests on landlords and agents when they apply for a licence; in fact, we have even extended the test to landlords applying for Snug, those who help us with our homelessness duties, and those who help to house our clients with learning disabilities, and in the last 2 years, we have made 18 refusals on this basis, and a further 30 refusals for Snug; and
- (i) believes that these are all good examples of how our city is leading the way on the regulation of the private rented sector and is absolutely committed to making this sector a safe choice for every one of those renters in Sheffield.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the re-lettering of paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (h) and (i), and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows:-

- (e) notes the drastic loss of Sheffield’s council housing stock through the right-to-buy policy and by Sheffield City Council’s large-scale demolition schemes;

- (f) also notes that, despite the misery of escalating private rents, landlords benefitted from £9.3 billion in housing benefit payments in 2014-15, double the sum from 10 years previously; and
- (g) therefore believes that increasing the supply of good quality council housing will save national expenditure.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor David Baker

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

- (b) notes this is the 8th successful Tramlines event and wishes to recognise the efforts of the previous Administration in establishing the Tramlines festival;

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

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor David Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
 - (b) notes that the UK economy is down to 6th in the world from 5th prior to the EU referendum and there is still no plan to minimise the economic damage resulting from the “Brexit” vote;
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:-
 - (d) calls for regional development funding to be maintained in spite of the “Leave” vote, focussing on the transport, infrastructure and skills agenda of the Sheffield City Region;
 - (e) welcomes the European Commission's intervention against tax arrangements between Apple Inc. and the Republic of Ireland, as an example of how governments can better stand up to corporations

when they co-operate more closely, and calls for international co-operation against tax avoidance to be maintained in spite of the “Brexit” vote; and

- (f) believes that the nationalisation of Northern Rock Bank was an appropriate response to a particular crisis, but that nationalisation and “turning the clock back” is usually the wrong way to deal with a failing industry.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mark Jones, seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge

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 Full Council meeting resolved that officers would examine the implications of the “Brexit” vote for Sheffield and awaits the outcome of this report, which will present a detailed evaluation of the situation facing the city and will inform judgements about the needs of the city going forward;
- (b) formally requests that UKIP MEPs undertake a full and thorough review of all monies that Sheffield has received from the European Union (EU) and identify what ongoing funding Sheffield is still a recipient of, or could be a future recipient of, and welcomes, although belatedly, that UKIP now concede that Sheffield does indeed benefit from EU funding;
- (c) believes that there is acknowledgement from the mover of the motion that leading “Brexit” campaigners spent months spouting untruths about the UK’s financial contribution to the European Union, through acknowledging that the country will not have an additional £350 million per week through leaving the EU as was erroneously claimed on endless occasions during the referendum campaign;
- (d) calls on the Government to work harder to deliver fair investment for all our communities and stop it’s unfair cuts which have disproportionately targeted northern cities;
- (e) notes that the recent deal that the present Administration has secured with a Chinese investor demonstrates that membership of the EU is not a barrier to securing investment from emerging economies and regrets that access to future EU funding may no longer be available to Sheffield City Region;
- (f) calls on all companies to contribute fairly to our nation’s wellbeing and calls on Government to encourage a balanced economic development;
- (g) believes it is imperative that Government provide greater funding to support Sheffield key industries, education sector and healthcare

provision and further calls on the Government to invest in clean industries to secure our economic and environmental future, and requests all parties to work together to call on the Government to ensure that any economic downturn that is likely to result from our exit of the EU is not borne by our city;

- (h) believes that the robustness of the suggestion that a 'revived fishing fleet' as a 'realistic regeneration measure' for Sheffield or the wider city region is questionable, given that the region is landlocked, however, awaits with interest any detailed proposals that may be put forward by the mover of the motion to achieve this;
- (i) believes that Sheffield UKIP Councillors formally recognise that aggressive tax avoidance schemes damage our children's education, our nation's healthcare provision and our social cohesion, and calls on the Government to invest proceeds secured from tax avoidance fairly;
- (j) fully agrees that the public are right to be angry about multinational corporations who have been able to enjoy the benefits of the British consumer market without making a proper contribution, and is therefore astounded at interventions from senior "Brexit" figures such as Nigel Farage MEP who is reported to have praised the deal between the Irish government and Apple Inc., which did exactly that and also indicated he would support the UK following in similar footsteps;
- (k) expresses its opposition to these ideas, such as those which were reported to have been suggested by Nigel Farage to hand out big tax cuts to corporations following "Brexit" and would completely oppose the notion of the UK becoming a tax haven for multi-national companies, taking advantage of everything our country has to offer without making any meaningful contribution; and
- (l) believes that whilst it is welcome that there is now acknowledgement from some of the people who advocated "Brexit" that it will create challenges and leaves questions to answer, it is incumbent upon those that made the case for "Brexit" to actually start answering some of these questions and put forward a plan to address some of the challenges and uncertainties we are facing.

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