

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5TH OCTOBER, 2016

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, 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) supports the re-regulation of bus services and believes it is important that the Buses Bill brings forward the radical measures needed to give Sheffield City Region the necessary tools to deliver a successful franchised bus service;
- (b) notes that as set out by the Government, under the Buses Bill, the only way Sheffield City Region is able to franchise bus services is through its devolution agreement with the Government and the franchised bus services will only be available to areas with devolution agreements;
- (c) confirms that if the Council had taken the advice of Councillor Robert Murphy and rejected the Sheffield City Region Devolution Agreement in March 2016, there would not be an option on the table of refranchising bus services in Sheffield when the Buses Bill comes into force;
- (d) regrets that Councillor Murphy voted against the devolution deal that included giving the City Region the ability to franchise bus services, and his actions would have, in effect, blocked Sheffield from doing something he is now calling for;
- (e) notes that, under the current national framework, no local area has been able to successfully franchise bus services outside London and recalls last year’s Government ruling blocking Tyne and Wear from taking control of local services;
- (f) believes that the motion fails to highlight the true cause of cuts to bus services and increases in child fares, which is the government’s failed austerity programme of enforcing draconian cuts to local government in addition to cuts to specific bus grants over the past six years, and notes that cuts to bus services have hit areas across the country; and
- (g) believes that key to making franchising successful going forward is the Government putting the necessary powers in the Buses Bill and reinstating the funding that has been lost through local authority subsidies which have caused a loss of subsidised routes and fares.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:-
 - (a) recalls the previous Administration's attempt to pursue a franchising model for delivering bus services in Sheffield, which had cross party support until the current Administration dropped the plans in favour of the current voluntary agreement;
 - (b) believes that a 'Quality Contract' franchised model would have brought greater value for taxpayers and delivered a more consistent service;
2. the insertion, in paragraph (e), of the words ", more passenger rights" after the words " sufficient funding"; and
3. the relettering of paragraphs (d) to (f) as new paragraphs (c) to (e).

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Magid Magid, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

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

- (g) requests that all alternative sources of revenue for public transport be investigated and that the relevant Cabinet Member brings a report on this matter to a meeting of the Full Council within 3 months.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the replacement, in paragraph (d), of the words "as burglary is on the increase in areas such as Broomhill, Crookesmoor and Broomhall and there have been a number of recent high profile sexual assaults in student areas and the city centre", by the words "however welcomes recent crime figures reported in the Sheffield Star newspaper that burglary is down in student areas such as Broomhill with a 38.75% reduction from 80 to 49 and notes comments on the Sheffield Hallam Student Union website that "cases of student burglary have actually been reduced in recent years in Sheffield."; and

2. the deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-

(e) notes that whilst Sheffield is recognised as one of the country's safest cities, it is important not to be complacent and welcomes the existing strong partnership working between the Council, Students' Unions, Universities and the police to promote student safety and recognises that any specific issues can be raised through these channels.

5. 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 paragraph (g) as follows:-

(g) commends the many agencies that are working hard to tackle complex issues of begging, alcohol and drug problems, street homelessness and mental health; and recognises that education of students about these matters is an important part of addressing these issues and promoting safety in the city.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston

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

(d) notes that residential property is not liable for business rates, and recognises that if business rates were levied on student accommodation this would push student rents even higher;

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Magid Magid, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

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

(d) notes that these companies do pay business rates on the offices of their businesses, but believes that the system of both non-domestic rates and council tax needs comprehensive reform in favour of a land value tax.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake

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

- (g) believes that bringing back grammar schools is a backward step, that there are good reasons why the grammar school system was abolished around 50 years ago, and that at a time when we have been making progress with our results in Sheffield, this is the last thing we want to see;
- (h) believes that the grammar school system doesn't promote social mobility, it keeps people down, and over its five years the coalition government systematically downgraded the value of vocational study, downgrading vocational qualifications and work experience, making our system even more elitist, which flies in the face of the needs of our local economy, where employers need young people with both vocational and academic qualifications;
- (i) wants a society that gives every child and young person the opportunity to succeed, whatever route they choose to go down, and believes these Government proposals will be bad for our education system, bad for our children and bad for society; and
- (j) welcomes the cross party opposition to grammar schools and notes that the move has been overwhelmingly opposed in the teaching profession and therefore sends a united message that new grammar schools are not wanted in Sheffield and believes the Government should listen to this clear local view.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Lisa Baines, seconded by Councillor Mohammad Maroof

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) supports bringing railways back under public ownership to run them in the interests of passengers and taxpayers;
- (b) believes that privatisation has led to unfair ticket price hikes and an inefficient system subsidising the profits of private rail operators;
- (c) regrets that privatisation was a policy developed across numerous industries in the 1980s under the government of Margaret Thatcher,

with rail eventually being privatised in 1994, and therefore condemns Diane James, MEP, for describing Margaret Thatcher as a political hero;

- (d) believes that rail services and transport infrastructure has not been given the investment it needs and improving connectivity will be essential in driving economic growth in the north of England, and supports all sentiments opposing the cuts that have been made to railways in the north and unnecessary attacks on rail workers;
- (e) believes that, for too long, British workers have been ignored and that this has been realised through undermining their right to organise, through attacks on trade unions under successive Conservative governments;
- (f) opposes the Trade Union Act 2016 which this Council believes is an attack on the civil liberties of workers;
- (g) believes that more investment is needed in skills, particularly STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and recognises the importance of devolution of skills budgets so local areas can match the training available to the needs of local businesses and the economy;
- (h) welcomes Sheffield's strong record as holding the best record for apprenticeships of all the Core Cities and believes the devolution of 16-18 skills budgets is essential in strengthening this record; and
- (i) pays tribute to all British workers that drive forward British industry and undertakes to do all within its power to protect workers' rights from this Government's cuts, and fears that Brexit could lead to the undermining of many workers' rights under this Government and calls on these rights to be protected.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, 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) notes that the campaign for a Sheffield city centre HS2 station has been supported in the city by the Council, the local business community, the universities and the Sheffield Star newspaper, due to the overwhelming economic evidence of thousands of additional jobs and billions of additional economic growth created from a city centre, as opposed to a Meadowhall, option;
- (b) believes that changing Sheffield's HS2 station location to Midland

provides a better option for the city than the previous Meadowhall option which would have failed to deliver thousands of much needed additional jobs whilst potentially weakening Sheffield city centre;

- (c) however, recognises that the Government and HS2 Ltd. still need to make commitments for the onward connection from Sheffield to Leeds;
- (d) believes HS2 Ltd. must work with the areas that are most affected by the route change to address the concerns they are raising about the impact that the new route will have on their communities;
- (e) fully agrees that improving connections between northern cities is imperative and welcomes the leadership of the present Administration in working with other northern cities to establish Transport for the North to realise the vision of strongly connected cities across the north of England;
- (f) believes that fundamental to this is securing 30 minute city centre to city centre connectivity between both Sheffield and Leeds, and Sheffield and Manchester, and believes that these key conditional outputs must be met and the Government should provide the resources to achieve this as a top priority;
- (g) notes the evidence detailing the disparity in transport spending between the north of England and London and the south east, and believes these transport infrastructure projects are a crucial element in transforming connectivity, productivity and the economy of the north, and further believes that investment in local and regional services alongside national projects such as HS2 are not mutually exclusive; and
- (h) therefore believes that investment in both Transport for the North and HS2 are important in providing the transport infrastructure needed, and will continue to support them.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

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 recent announcement by the Government to provide a spur line to the HS2 route directly into Sheffield Midland Station;
- (b) believes that HS2 and improving connectivity for Northern cities need not be a case of either/or, and both can and should be welcomed;
- (c) believes that improving connections between northern cities is vitally important to improving prosperity in the North, and HS2 coming to Sheffield city centre, rather than an out-of-town parkway station, is a step in the right direction;

- (d) believes that Sheffield Victoria should still be re-opened and redeveloped to improve capacity and connectivity, particularly to Stockbridge and the North of Sheffield; and
- (e) resolves to send a copy of this motion to Sheffield City Region and the Department of Transport.

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