

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH JULY, 2018

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “DEMANDING A FAIRER FUNDING SETTLEMENT FOR SHEFFIELD SCHOOLS”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) to (d) as new paragraphs (a) to (c).
2. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) is shocked and dismayed that under the new funding formula for schools, every pupil in Sheffield will have £743 less invested in their education than their peers in Manchester and refuses to believe that is the ‘fairer’ system the Conservative Government promised;
3. the deletion of original paragraphs (f) and (g).
4. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) believes that every child deserves a high quality education wherever they live and notes a Liberal Democrat government will do this by investing £7 billion extra in children’s education, so that no school loses money per pupil in cash terms, and notes that with this fully costed investment, a Liberal Democrat government will:-
 - (i) reverse all cuts to frontline school and college budgets, protecting per pupil funding in real terms;
 - (ii) introduce a fairer National Funding System with a protection for all schools, so that no school loses money per pupil in cash terms; and
 - (iii) protect the Pupil Premium which targets extra help at disadvantaged pupils;
5. the re-lettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (g).
6. the deletion of original paragraphs (i) and (j).

7. the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
 - (h) notes the wide-ranging campaign supported by the Sheffield Star and Sheffield Telegraph demanding better for Sheffield schools, including the recently launched public petition, co-authored by Learn Sheffield and the Council, to put pressure on the Government;
 - (i) notes that Liberal Democrat councillors support the petition and will be encouraging citizens of Sheffield to sign it and support the campaign,
8. the re-lettering of original paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (j).
9. the addition of new paragraphs (k) and (l) as follows:-
 - (k) notes that Liberal Democrats attended the inaugural meeting of the Sheffield Education Alliance, a non-partisan group set up to campaign for the improvement and funding of education for all Sheffield children; and
 - (l) calls for a cross-party campaign working with the Sheffield Education Alliance, Learn Sheffield and the Administration to demand the Government addresses the funding disparity and ensure schools are funded fairly in Sheffield.

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

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

- (h) believes the issue of education has frequently suffered from decisions being made on ideological grounds rather than evidence;
- (i) notes the academies programme has introduced free market principles of competition into the education 'market place' and is placing increasing difficulty on local authorities;
- (j) believes that the growing lack of transparency and public accountability brought about by the academisation process is eroding local councils' ability to influence and work with local education providers;
- (k) notes the Education Act of 1870 required the state to provide a school place for every child and these were managed by democratically elected local bodies;
- (l) believes that handing over large sums of public money to a small group of individuals, despite some oversight from central government, will lead to increasingly inequitable educational opportunities and sub-optimal use of public funding;

- (m) notes that, while academies are prohibited from making profits, we are witnessing the transfer of public money and loss of public scrutiny and control of local education to private ownership;
- (n) believes that the academisation process is already failing Sheffield children as the exclusion rate has greatly increased and the continual backlog of assessment to be done for SEND children means that many children are not receiving the support they need; and
- (o) therefore asks that the Council makes every effort to resist the academisation process and retain all the schools it possibly can under democratic local authority control.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE NHS AT 70 YEARS”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Gail Smith, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (c).
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:-
 - (a) condemns the current Government and their approach to NHS and social care funding and the crisis this has left the services in;
 - (b) recognises that the burden of social care is the biggest financial pressure facing local authorities and there is set to be a £30billion funding gap by the year 2020;
- 3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (c).
- 4. the deletion of original paragraphs (f) and (h) to (o).
- 5. the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (m) as follows:-
 - (f) notes the Liberal Democrat policy of an immediate 1p rise on the basic, higher and additional rates of Income Tax, which would raise £6 billion in additional revenue and be ring-fenced to be spent only on NHS and social care services;
 - (g) believes only this policy will provide a new long term funding settlement for social care, which is desperately needed to sustain vital services and relieve pressure on the NHS, particularly for places like Sheffield which has a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;

- (h) believes that the public would support the 1p in the pound tax rise and notes that, when polled by Opinium, two thirds of people polled would be happy to pay an extra penny in the pound ring-fenced for health and social care, even when shown how much it would personally cost them;
- (i) welcomes all those who have contributed to the success of the NHS in its inception from the Liberal Sir William Beveridge on whose acclaimed report the NHS was founded, and notes that, born out of the closer cooperation of the health organisations during the war, it now spends 40 times as much in real terms than it did at the beginning, and believes the NHS's continuing success depends on the goodwill of those in power and the willingness to increase taxes to pay for it;
- (j) notes that former health minister, the Rt. Hon. Norman Lamb MP, and other senior political figures including the Labour MP Frank Field, are calling for a cross-party commission on the future of the NHS and believes that we need this 'Beveridge Report for the 21st century' in the form of a cross-party commission to investigate, work with stakeholders and find solutions to the NHS funding crisis;
- (k) notes that in the Council budget for 2018/19, the Liberal Democrat Group made two proposals that would have significantly improved the standard of social care in Sheffield, which were to:-
 - (i) create a "Helping Hand" fund for adult social care to provide a substantive pot of money for desperately needed, urgent, short term support; and
 - (ii) use the central government adult social care grant to further fund training to support front line staff and help to ensure standards of care are always at the highest standard of quality possible and to secure retention of staff;
- (l) asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health calling for a cross-party commission on the future of the NHS; and
- (m) asks the Leader of the Council to write to the local NHS trusts to pass on the Council's congratulations to staff on the 70th anniversary of the NHS and to thank them for their service over the past 70 years.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (p) to (s) as follows:-

- (p) notes the Government's Quantitative Easing package so far in this

country is £435 billion, and believes it should not go into the financial markets, but be spent in our society where it is needed and, furthermore, notes that the State is the original source of currency and the Government cannot be short of the very money it creates;

- (q) further notes that, under the powers available to the government, the NHS can be funded by the Treasury requesting the Bank of England to credit the NHS account with the necessary funding;
- (r) notes that the NHS can be funded in exactly the same way as the £435bn Quantitative Easing Programme was funded, i.e. by creating the money out of thin air, by the Bank of England under the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and therefore the Government can create as much money as it needs to run the services under its control effectively, the only constraints being real resources such as labour, equipment and materials; and
- (s) also notes that taxation does not wholly pay for Government services at the national level and we do not 'Tax and Spend' but rather 'Spend and Tax', as the spending must come first or there is nothing to tax; and that taxation performs essential functions in the economy, including removing money from circulation in order to control inflation, promoting economic activity, correcting market failures, reducing inequality and legitimising democracy, as well as ensuring that the pound is widely accepted as a means of payment in society.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING
“OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A MORE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO
DEALING WITH SHEFFIELD’S STREET TREES”**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, 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) notes that since tree replacement work was paused in March, the present Administration has been meeting with, and listening to, residents and stakeholder groups about how the current situation regarding tree replacement works can be resolved;
- (b) believes that the vast majority of interested parties are committed to engaging in constructive dialogue to work together to find a solution, and that the priority should now be to find a form of compromise from the Council, the contractor and campaigners which will enable us to move forward;
- (c) regarding the injunction:-

- (i) notes that with the conclusion of the recent court cases, there are no further historical cases of breach of injunction that the Council intends to bring forward;
 - (ii) notes that it is hoped that, as a result of compromise from all sides, further cases will not arise and ultimately the Council will not have to rely upon the court injunction;
 - (iii) notes that it is extremely important that front-line workers should be able to go about their work without any risk to their health and safety;
 - (iv) notes that the current injunction, which supports the Council in discharging its highways maintenance duty and protects these workers by enforcing the safety zones around their work, is due to expire shortly; and
 - (v) believes that, given a compromise has not yet been found, and based on the evidence, it is right for the Council to apply to renew the injunction at this stage; and
- (d) sincerely hopes that efforts to reach a compromise will be successful, the terms of the injunction will be adhered to, and that, in the future, a further court injunction will no longer be necessary.

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

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

- (e) furthermore, notes the recent rejection by the High Court of one of the Council's applications to commit further tree campaigners for contempt, including to prison;
- (f) notes that clause 19 of the Streets Ahead contract places the responsibility (and therefore cost) of managing trespass and protest firmly on Amey Hallam Highways Ltd;
- (g) notes that this Administration has already spent tens of thousands of pounds of public money on legal proceedings against campaigners and believes it is not a good use of public money in a time of austerity;
- (h) believes this Administration should not spend further public money on legal battles with campaigners and should instead spend the money on vital services like social care; and
- (i) therefore, asks the Leader of the Council to withdraw the application to extend the injunction against residents of this city.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the re-lettering of paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (i), and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (h) as follows:-
 - (d) notes the recent publication of the Police and Crime Commissioner report into policing of tree felling operations;
 - (e) notes that the report found that Sheffield City Council and Amey were reliant on the police to enable them to fell trees and accused them of 'washing its hands of the issue';
 - (f) notes that, in response to the report, the Cabinet Member responsible for trees welcomed the report "as an opportunity to reflect and learn lessons from previous experience," and confirmed his hope for "achieving a compromise";
 - (g) notes the recent call for a change from strong leader model to a more open and transparent committee system by "It's Our City" campaign group, due to the current leadership's controversial handling of the tree felling issue;
 - (h) notes this change was called for by Liberal Democrats in a motion that was proposed at the last Full Council meeting, however, regrets that Labour councillors opposed the motion;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-
 - (j) seeks that the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members reconsider the use of these type of civil injunctions and reports back thereon to the next Full Council meeting; and
 - (k) calls upon the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene to cease the use of these types of civil injunctions against tree campaigners and instead work with tree campaigners to reach the much touted compromise.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BREXIT BRITAIN"

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Adam Hurst, seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes

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, moving forward, the priority should be to prioritise jobs and living standards, build a close new relationship with the EU, protect workers' rights, consumer rights and environmental standards, provide certainty to EU nationals and give a meaningful role to Parliament throughout negotiations;
- (b) believes that negotiating priorities should have a strong emphasis on retaining the benefits of the Single Market and the Customs Union – which are essential for maintaining industries, jobs and businesses in Britain;
- (c) believes it is important that the Government ensures the regions of the UK will receive funds on the same basis as they did when we were in the EU;
- (d) further believes we should guarantee existing rights for all EU nationals living in Britain and secure reciprocal rights for UK citizens who have chosen to make their lives in EU countries; EU nationals do not just contribute to our society, they are part of our society, and they should not be used as bargaining chips;
- (e) welcomes the Labour Party's commitment to retain the Human Rights Act and adhere to the European Court of Human Rights;
- (f) confirms that asylum and EU freedom of movement are completely unrelated, and condemns the continued misrepresentation and muddying of the waters by UKIP, particularly demonstrated by the disgraceful "Breaking Point" poster unveiled by Nigel Farage MEP in the EU referendum campaign;
- (g) is concerned that a Conservative Brexit will weaken workers' rights, deregulate the economy, slash corporate taxes, sideline Parliament and democratic accountability, and cut Britain off from our closest allies and most important trading partners;
- (h) believes that leaving the EU with 'no deal' is the worst possible deal for Britain and that it would do damage to our economy and trade and that 'no deal' should be rejected as a viable option and, if needs be, the Government should negotiate transitional arrangements to avoid a 'cliff-edge' for the UK economy; and
- (i) recognises that the issues that affect our continent now will continue to do so in the future and it is important that we continue to work constructively with the EU and other European nations on issues such as climate change, refugee crises and counter-terrorism.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston

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:-
- (i) that there is mounting and undisputable evidence of the damage that 'Brexit' would cause both to the national economy and to the local economy in Sheffield and the surrounding region;
 - (ii) this would involve damage to our international relationships, the reducing influence with other states and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world;
 - (iii) that the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations and has failed to work closely with local authorities and listen to our concerns;
 - (iv) that businesses within the Sheffield City Region, like those elsewhere in the UK, are reconsidering investment plans in new production and new jobs while they await the Brexit deal; and
 - (v) that the current rights of EU citizens living in the UK should always be fully protected and not used as a bargaining chip by the UK Government;
- (b) notes:-
- (i) that extensive polling analysis by YouGov has revealed that a second referendum would swing to Remain, as Leave voters have 'second thoughts' on their original vote in 2016;
 - (ii) the increasing problems that the NHS is having in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision to leave the European Union was made and that this is having a real impact on the health of local residents;
 - (iii) with concern, the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities;
 - (iv) that the UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and our local residents;
 - (v) that new investment in the Sheffield City Region is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost; and

- (vi) that inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the poorest residents, a further squeezing of living standards; and
- (c) resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to:-
- (i) write to our local Members of Parliament and the Rt. Hon. James Brokenshire MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government), expressing this Council's strong desire for a vote on the final deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership; and
 - (ii) write to all Leaders of local authorities in the UK urging them to also adopt a policy calling for a vote on the final deal, including an option to maintain full EU membership.