

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH JUNE, 2019

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “SUPPORTING A GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones

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 we are in a Climate Emergency and that the planet only has a decade to slow down global warming before it is too late;
- (b) believes that Sheffield residents feel very strongly about climate change and have held many protests across the city in the recent months;
- (c) believes we owe it to the next generation to put policies in place now that will save their future;
- (d) believes that we all have a part to play when it comes to tackling climate change and as a local authority we can have a big impact via the way we operate, educate and communicate;
- (e) believes that climate change is an international issue where artificial borders are not important and we need to work together across the whole of Europe to tackle it which means being part of a European community and showing international solidarity as an entire continent rather than an isolated island;
- (f) believes that the Sheffield Liberal Democrat green policies are far-reaching and empower local communities to make greener changes in their local area and are best placed to make decisions that directly affect them;
- (g) supports the following policies that will help Sheffield reach its ambition of being carbon neutral by 2030 and make Sheffield a greener and environmentally friendly place to live and work: -
 - (i) establish a citizen’s assembly to listen to local people and develop policies to enable us to achieve this target;
 - (ii) supply schools with air quality monitors to help educate and

- inform students and, through them, inform their families;
- (iii) introduce a 'Greener Sheffield Fund' – an additional pot of money for local communities to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment eg street tree retention, cycle routes, recycling;
 - (iv) prioritise the use of brown field sites for all types of housing and business development;
 - (v) protect our urban parks so everyone has access to green and open space;
 - (vi) promote good relationships with community groups who work to improve our open spaces
 - (vii) enable people to reduce waste by increasing recycling by providing larger blue bins for those who want them;
 - (viii) extend the recycling of plastics and make it easier for residents to recycle plastic eg by requiring the council contractor to undertake more separation;
 - (ix) extend the opening hours of recycling centres;
 - (x) investigate reverse-vending for plastic bottle returns and encouraging water bottle re-filling points in public places & businesses;
 - (xi) explore the collection of food waste for composting;
 - (xii) support business to reduce their reliance on single use plastic eg by schemes for retail customers to use their own containers for goods;
 - (xiii) support local shops and businesses and promoting active travel by providing greater secure bicycle parking at district shopping centres;
 - (xiv) work with schools to provide and increase secure bicycle parking for students and staff across Sheffield and to develop a plan to improve cycle routes around schools;
- (h) believes that the Sheffield Liberal Democrats are the only party who can deliver a Greener Sheffield; and
- (i) directs the Chief Executive to establish a citizen's assembly to develop policies to enable us to achieve a carbon neutral Sheffield by 2030.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the following words in paragraph (a): “notes that this Council recently declared a ‘climate emergency’ and regrets that”; and

1. the addition of the following words at paragraph (a), after the words “regrets that”:-

the majority group voted against the proposal to bring forward the Council’s existing target to be a zero carbon city from 2050 to 2030 at the latest, which would have set out the actions the Council needs to take to meet this revised target, and entirely and actively welcomed the involvement of the cross-party scrutiny system in shaping and overseeing this vital work;

2. The deletion of existing paragraphs (b) and (c) and addition of the following paragraphs (b) to (i)

- (b) regrets that, despite declaring a climate emergency, this Administration continued with unsustainable plans to widen the ring road and renegotiated the Veolia contract, which we believe fails to enable residents and businesses to recycle waste effectively;
- (c) believes that the monumental cost of HS2 would pay for substantial improvements to local rail, which would have far greater benefits to the local economy and environment;
- (d) notes that, in 2007, as a Green Party MEP, Caroline Lucas co-founded the UK's Green New Deal Group, which published its first report in July 2008 in response to the global financial crisis;
- (e) believes that the huge investment proposed by the Green New Deal in clean energy, warm homes and affordable public transport and decent jobs would have been a far better investment of the same amount of money that the Government instead paid to the banks;
- (f) notes that US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has recently reinvigorated the idea in the United States;
- (g) notes that Labour’s Shadow Treasury Minister, Clive Lewis MP, and Caroline Lucas MP have now tabled the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which would place duties on ministers to introduce a radical 10-year strategy for public investment designed to decarbonise the economy and eradicate inequality; require ministers to empower communities and workers to transition from high-carbon to low and zero-carbon industries, introduce stricter environmental regulations; and protect and restore natural habitats;
- (h) resolves to write to the Leader of the House of Commons to request

that the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill is given time for debate; and

- (i) asks the Administration to carry out a climate change impact assessment wherever relevant to any key decision and to add this assessment to the standard decision-making checklist.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE LOCAL ECONOMY”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Dawn Dale, seconded by Councillor Ben Curran

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

- (w) believes the Universal Basic Income has the potential to improve wellbeing and provide a boost to our local economy;
- (x) welcomes the work done by Sheffield UBI Lab to create detailed plans on how a universal basic income scheme could work in Sheffield;
- (y) will work with Sheffield UBI Lab & other parties to ensure Universal Basic Income can be implemented successfully in Sheffield;
- (z) welcomes the comments by the Shadow Chancellor, John McDonnell, supporting Sheffield’s inclusion in a Universal Basic Income pilot under the next Labour government; and
- (aa) will send a copy of this motion to the Chancellor, Shadow Chancellor and all Sheffield MP’s.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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 Officers for their work to maintain and grow the local economy.;
- (b) notes that the Liberal Democrat Group has consistently supported the redevelopment of the city centre, however;
- (c) notes that the Council is focusing a huge investment in the Heart of the City 2 project which is forecast to cost approximately £470 million gross and that interest payments have already cost the Council several million pounds;
- (d) notes that the Council is also planning a major redevelopment of the Castlegate area, and has approved the taking of a lease on 100,000

sq.ft of the proposed West Bar development for an undisclosed sum and is also acting a guarantor for loans of £3.6 million to the developer of the former NUM building;

- (e) notes the ongoing restructuring of the UK retail industry and general economic uncertainty due to Brexit;
- (f) is concerned that current Council-led investment is overly focused on the city centre and not enough is being done to support the local business economy across all parts of Sheffield;
- (g) believes this is another example of this Council not listening to local communities and ignoring their pleas for investment in district shopping centres and local high streets;
- (h) directs the Executive Director of Place to commission an immediate and independent review of the financial business case and associated risks for all Council-led investments across the city centre, with a report circulated to all Councillors within six months; and
- (i) directs the Executive Director of Place to review the challenges facing business in each of the LAP areas, develop proposals to support the local economy in each of these areas, and deliver recommendations to the LAP chairs within six months.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

That the Motion now submitted be amended as follows:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and addition of new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) believes that our local economy should be innovative, collaborative, forward facing and for the benefit of communities and the environment, within the parameters of the climate crisis; believes the economy is all of us: our work, our creativity, what we buy, how we spend our time and should allow us to lead happy and fulfilled lives;
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d);
- 3. the deletion of paragraph (j) and addition of new paragraphs as follows:-
 - (i) believes that independents and small and medium businesses are central to the local economy and should be supported as such;
 - (ii) notes with disappointment the Administration's treatment of

- businesses on Chapel Walk, where several businesses have closed since a large property developer's scaffolding was approved to be erected in 2017;
- (iii) believes that, under proper management, Chapel Walk could be a proud beacon of local and independent businesses down one of Sheffield's most historic walks;
 - (iv) believes that the Council should investigate how best to incentivise business to act with low or zero carbon footprints and plastic free in light of the Climate Emergency, and give thanks to those that already do;
3. the deletion of paragraphs (l) and (m) and addition of new paragraphs as follows:-
- (i) believes that the 'trickle down' theory of economics favoured by this Administration was discredited under the Thatcher Government when Nigel Lawson was Chancellor of the Exchequer and that local small and medium businesses benefit the local economy more than multinational businesses;
 - (ii) believes that we can't have eternal growth in a finite environment; that economists from Adam Smith to Keynes agree that a growth based economy would at some point reach "full complement of riches" or "saturation point"; and that this Council believes this point has been reached and that Sheffield and the UK should transition to a steady state economy;
 - (iii) believes that the current 'Ethical Procurement Policy' could do more to support local businesses; and therefore;
 - (iv) asks the Administration to amend this policy to incorporate the Local Multiplier Effect (LM3), as designed by the New Economic Foundation;
4. the deletion of existing paragraph (r) and addition of a new paragraph as follows:-
- (i) believes that the Council should adopt an alternative measurement of the economy such as the Free Time Index or Happy City Index; and therefore asks the Administration to consider suitable mechanisms to achieve this;
5. Following existing paragraph (s), the addition of the following paragraphs:-
- (i) regrets the cancellation of the Castlegate Conservation Area consultation, the view that legal safeguards of the city's heritage are a "brake on development" and regrets the decision to reject alternative proposals to the demolition of the Old Coroner's

Court;

- (ii) believes that the heritage of Sheffield is not a hindrance in the local economy but is something to be celebrated and can attract investment rather than act as a barrier;

6. Following existing paragraph (t), the addition of the following paragraphs:-

- (i) notes that the effective deployment of concentrated housing, with transport and environmental infrastructure in the city, are critical means to address the climate emergency but bring into play the need for the most careful balance of the needs of different groups of residents and businesses;
- (ii) regrets that this Administration not only voted against carrying out a review of supply and demand of student accommodation but has failed to bring forward a draft Local Plan;
- (iii) therefore calls on the Administration to reconsider both of these requests;
- (iv) further, calls on the Administration to ensure the Local Plan addresses the necessary controls over both the type and range of housing that property developers choose to build, as well as the need for a range of affordable housing;
- (v) notes that residential landlords make up a significant part of the local economy, from large multinational corporations to single-property landlords, and believes that all housing offered to tenants should be of a good standard; and
- (vi) requests that the Administration should investigate undertaking a comprehensive review of the city's housing stock that information obtained from the review would be used to inform the Administration's Housing Strategy, and support meeting the city's residential housing needs, ensuring that citizens have affordable, secure, sustainable and comfortable places to live; and that the review should include, amongst other things, considering the potential scope of selective licensing for landlords across the city;

7. the deletion of existing paragraph (v) and addition of a new paragraph, as follows:-

- (i) notes the importance of art and culture for community and people's wellbeing and its value beyond the economy;

8. to re-letter paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE LOCAL PLAN”

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Johnson, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of existing paragraphs (a) to (j) with the substitution of new paragraphs (a) to (f) as follows:-

- (a) confirms that the Local Plan is a 20 year document outlining a spatial framework for how the city will develop over that period and notes that requirements are imposed on the Council set by the government through the National Planning Policy Framework developed in 2012;
- (b) believes that regardless of national policy it would not be right to bring forward a plan that is not right for Sheffield and believes it is essential that the plan encapsulates the vision and ambition for housing in the city;
- (c) recognises the importance of the local plan in meeting Sheffield’s housing needs and delivering the affordable homes we need as a city, whilst at the same time protecting our Green Belt and also ensuring the city’s development addresses some of the fundamental challenges we face as a city, such as the inequality that is brought about by the housing market;
- (d) confirms that the Council is still developing a plan that meets these ends and work is being undertaken to review our approach to the local plan and how we can ensure any forthcoming local plan meets the ambitions set out above and also comes with a comprehensively considered plan of how any infrastructure needs of new housing and other development can be met;
- (e) further confirms when ready, there will be a full consultation on the Council’s draft plan, following which, there will be a further period of consultation on the Council’s final proposals before the plan is considered by the government’s independent Planning Inspector; and
- (f) believes that it is of the utmost importance that Sheffield gets the right plan to build homes in sustainable locations by maximising the use of brownfield sites and avoiding development of Green Belt land and it would be foolish to publish a plan to meet a government target that does not deliver these objectives and, therefore, due to the emerging work it is not envisaged that any consultation or plans will be ready for several months and confirms that an updated timetable will be published shortly outlining updated timescales taking into account the current work that is being undertaken.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bob McCann, seconded by Councillor Kevin Oxley

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

- (k) notes that Owlthorpe Fields has been marketed to sell to developers and 500 houses are set to be built;
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council promised to build a loop road to connect the area to Sheffield road, the road has never been delivered and congestion in the area has increased further;
- (m) notes that 900 people signed a petition opposing the new development and wants the area to be left as an area for wildlife including bats and rare species of birds;
- (n) believes it is not necessary to build houses on an area which is so well used by the local community, including dog walkers, walking groups and young people playing sports when there are many brownfield sites that could be used for housing;
- (o) believes this is another example of this Labour council not listening to local people and there has been no meaningful public consultation on selling off the fields; and
- (p) believes without publication of the Sheffield Local Plan more of our green spaces will fall victim to developers who currently see Sheffield as a 'free for all'.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion after paragraph (f) of new paragraphs (g) to (h) and relettering of remaining paragraphs accordingly:-

- (g) notes that the effective deployment of concentrated housing, with transport and environmental infrastructure, in the city, are critical means to address the climate emergency but bring into play the need for the most careful balance of the needs of different groups of residents and businesses;
- (h) regrets that this Administration voted against carrying out a review of supply and demand of student accommodation;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING

“PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION”

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, 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 new paragraphs (a) to (i) as follows:-

- (a) expresses thanks to all voters and congratulations to all candidates who stood in the Council and European elections;
- (b) congratulates Magid Magid MEP, and Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP on their election to the European Parliament, however, acknowledges that being a Member of the European Parliament is a full time job scrutinising crucial European public policy and legalisation, and believes it is not possible to effectively do this job whilst at the same time being a local councillor and Leader of the Main Opposition Group, aspiring to be Leader of the Council, and therefore believes that these important roles should not be carried out by someone whose full time job is based in Brussels and Strasbourg and concludes, therefore, the right thing to do would be to stand down as a member of the Council;
- (c) believes that everything possible must be done to help encourage active participation in politics, and to connect with those who are disenfranchised or feel that politics is remote from their lives;
- (d) believes that any voting system has an effect on voter engagement and that there are many arguments on both sides for the benefits of a First-Past-The-Post system or some form of proportional representation. However, a myriad of reasons contribute to disengagement with the political process and, in addition, it should be recognised that electoral systems for local elections are determined by the Government;
- (e) notes that 1.5 million young people in the UK, aged 16-17, do not have a democratic voice as they are not permitted to vote, and believes that the voting age should be reduced to 16 so they can have a say in government decisions, both nationally and locally;
- (f) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);
- (g) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the

leader/cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;

- (h) believes that moving to a committee system would not address the issues that have been put forward by 'It's Our City', mainly because much of what they say does not reflect the way things actually work, for example, their key argument 'the remaining 74 elected councillors, of whatever political party, and representing a huge percentage of the electorate, have little input into making decisions', is highly misleading. Furthermore all of the other Core Cities, of Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Nottingham, Birmingham, Cardiff and Glasgow all use this model, except for Bristol and Liverpool which have a directly elected mayor and none are governed through a committee system; and
- (i) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or democratic than the current system and believes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for democratic oversight and scrutiny available to councillors.

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs after existing paragraph (m):-

- (n) believes that trust, truth and transparency are the bedrock of good governance;
- (o) believes the Liberal Democrats gained seats because they have shown that they can do things differently by listening to local people and adopting their ideas as policy;
- (p) believes that the people of Sheffield are fed up with being told what is best for them by a select few in the Strong Leader model of this Council;
- (q) believes this is a clear indication that the people of Sheffield are continually frustrated with the way this Administration ignores their views and excludes them from decision-making; and
- (r) notes the long standing Liberal Democrat policy of promoting Single Transferable Voting (STV) for all elections, including the successful introduction by the Labour / Liberal Democrat coalition of STV for local council elections in Scotland in 2007.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

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

- (n) believes the people of the UK have never had the chance to reform our electoral system to Proportional Representation and that Alternative Vote is not a form of PR and can even be less proportional than First Past The Post.