

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “CONSULTING THE PUBLIC”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Mark 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 the success of recent Clean Air Zone consultation, with nearly 12,000 Sheffield residents and businesses having their say, with more people responding than in similar consultations held in Leeds and Birmingham about how to significantly reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air;
- (b) believes it is imperative that action is taken to improve air quality in the city and welcomes the proposals brought forward for a Clean Air Zone;
- (c) disagrees with the comments of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP that the Clean Air Zone is a ‘bonkers idea’;
- (d) notes that Sheffield City Council is seeking £50m of Government support to help drivers upgrade their vehicles and the Council wants to work with taxi and van drivers, as well as every other fleet of vehicle affected, to encourage this, and only the most polluting taxis, buses, vans, coaches and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will be affected;
- (e) reconfirms it is the policy of this Council to support reregulation of the buses and that this should be enacted by Sheffield City Region; and
- (f) believes that the number of responses generated by the Clean Air Zone consultation and the forthcoming citizens assembly demonstrate positive recent examples of consultation, engagement and involvement, however, believes it is important to continue to look at any potential improvements that can be made and asks that the Council’s consultation processes be considered in the review of Council governance resulting from the outcome of the petition debate at the July Full Council meeting.

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (h) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (e) to (i) as new paragraphs (i) to (m):-

- (e) recalls, however, that the opportunity for all councillors to propose motions on this agenda was severely curtailed by changes to the constitution that both the larger parties voted for;
- (f) believes that, far too often, this Administration offers presentation not consultation;
- (g) is disappointed when petitions carrying thousands of names are ignored by the Administration;
- (h) welcomes the 26,000 signatures on the It's Our City petition and looks forward to proposals on proper consultation on a new committee system;

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

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

- (j) condemns yet another round of bus cuts just implemented, leaving too many areas of the city without an adequate service or indeed without any service;
- (k) believes that a cleaner greener bus service that goes where people want to go, at an affordable price, is the basis for a welcoming and environmentally friendly city of the future; and
- (l) calls upon the Cabinet to ensure that Sheffield people have a bus service fit for purpose now and in the future.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “RECOGNISING PALESTINE AS A FULL STATE”

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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

- (h) recognises that, in 2005, the EU monitoring centre on Racism and

Xenophobia (now the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) adopted the following working definition of antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

- (i) notes that the working definition has become the standard definition used around the world;
- (j) notes that this definition has been adopted by the European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Dept of State, the US Senate and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance;
- (k) recognises that, in 2016, the British Government also formally adopted this working definition of antisemitism;
- (l) in view of recent controversy over the precise definition of antisemitism, this city with its proud history of religious tolerance and the first UK City of Sanctuary proclaims its support for the published international definition of antisemitism; and
- (m) directs Sheffield City Council to formally adopt the official and international recognised working definition of antisemitism for this city.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “CHILDREN’S SERVICES IN SHEFFIELD IMPROVING AND RATED GOOD BY OFSTED”

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion, from paragraph (b), of the words “despite 10 years of austerity”;
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) resolves to continue to work with partners with the aim to continue to improve the service the Council provides and reach ‘outstanding’, and believes that by working together we will achieve this in the future;
- 3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (l) as follows:-
 - (g) congratulates and thanks the staff at all levels who work incredibly hard to support the most vulnerable young people in our city and have

been recognised by Ofsted as providing a good and improving service;

- (h) thanks foster carers in particular, for the incredible job they do in welcoming young people into their homes and providing the stable home life they need;
- (i) however, notes the concern expressed in the report that children who go missing are not seen soon enough after the missing episode;
- (j) notes that there are insufficient placements available for those young people with the most complex needs;
- (k) requests a report to the Corporate Parenting Board and to the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, within 4 months, to update Members on progress made in addressing these and the other concerns raised in the report; and
- (l) notes that Leeds, as a comparable local authority, has achieved an outstanding Ofsted rating for children's services, and that investigating how they achieved this could provide a way forward.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) welcomes the improvement in Ofsted rating since the previous report on children's social care services in 2013;
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (g) as follows:-
 - (d) notes that Ofsted found that the following areas require improvement to be "good":
 - the consistent application of the threshold to step up to children's social care from early help.
 - the use of screening tools to update and inform plans for children who are at a lower risk of exploitation.
 - arrangements for children who go missing from home and care.
 - arrangements to manage allegations against professionals.
 - placement sufficiency for the most complex and vulnerable children and adolescents.

- (e) believes that the need for improvement in arrangements for children who go missing from home and care is deeply concerning; 36 looked-after children were reported missing in 125 incidents in June 2019, out of a total of 652 looked after children at the time;
- (f) believes improvements to the service since 2013 are pleasing and thanks must go to the dedicated staff in children's services, all Council staff, foster carers, adopters, our agency partners, the community sector, Councillors, and all corporate parents who work so hard to ensure our children and young people and their families are safe, happy, secure, and achieve their full potential; and
- (g) believes that the Ofsted judgement of children's social care services needs to be rated "Good" as a minimum standard and this Council's focus must be on the development of a children's social care service that is judged to be "Outstanding".

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “VALUE FOR MONEY”

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea

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) unequivocally condemns what has now been nearly a decade of austerity inflicted on this Council and believes that it is a matter of plain fact that it is not possible to impose the level of cuts that have been forced on this Council without having a significant impact on services and the projects delivered by the Council;
- (b) believes that public money should always be spent wisely and confirms that the present Administration is continuously maximising value for money and the amounts delivered for the Council's resources, and believes that nine years into austerity it is incredulous that the Green Group have called on "the Administration to examine areas of spending where more might be obtained for the Council's resources", as this is, of course, already done through the budget process;
- (c) regrets that the politics of this motion is akin to the language used by former Conservative Minister, the Rt. Hon. Lord Eric Pickles when the Coalition government first began austerity and the attack on local government funding, and also of the tactics of the Tax Payers Alliance, and implies that the Green Party feel that it is not austerity that is the

problem, but how councils spend money based on erroneous and misleading information, in an echo of the Conservative Party's defence of austerity and public spending cuts;

- (d) notes that, since 2010, the Council has lost 50% of its Government grants, and seen cuts and financial pressures amounting to £460 million over this time, and with the Council already being cut to the bone, for the Green Group to suggest that there is inertia and a lack of action in tackling this is disrespectful to all Council staff, from care workers and teachers to Council officers, who work hard to ensure that the very best is made of every Council resource;
- (e) notes that the original motion contained a number of highly misleading inaccuracies, and asks the Chief Executive to provide a response to the movers of the motion as to how the Council has maximised value for money in relation to all the schemes listed in the original motion; and
- (f) asks that a copy of this motion is sent to all Council trade unions to make it clear that the Council does not agree with the Green Party attacks on public spending and Council workers.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

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 Administration is responsible for spending hundreds of millions of pounds each year;
- (b) believes this Administration should get the best value for money it can because, if money is wasted, this means cuts to other areas of spending, especially at a time when budgets are under pressure;
- (c) believes that the recent £1million 'loan' to Sheffield International Venues (SIV) shows the Administration is not taking care of money and assets of the great city of Sheffield;
- (d) notes that the Administration could have chosen to change to a committee system without a referendum and save tax payers hundreds of thousands of pounds, and voted against a proposal to change to a committee system in June 2018;
- (e) believes that local people are best placed to make decisions about how tax payers' money is spent and the Administration needs to trust the people of Sheffield in how it is spent;
- (f) believes central control from the Town Hall will always cost more and mean decisions are made by the very few who only represent a small

part of Sheffield;

- (g) believes that devolution will provide value for money and Community Assemblies showed that devolution can provide solutions and works at a lower price that involves the local communities; and
- (h) resolves to investigate increased devolution and bring a report back to full Council.

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