

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 16TH JUNE 2021

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “PUTTING SHEFFIELD FIRST”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-
 - (c) recognises the challenges of multi-party administration and believes that an agreement between parties to work together should be based on an agreed policy platform that will work for the people of Sheffield;
 - (d) believes that such a policy platform should include the following:-
 - (i) an independent inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute led by someone of the status of a retired judge and held in public;
 - (ii) implement the recommendations in the ARUP report setting the path to making Sheffield carbon neutral by 2030;
 - (iii) to secure jobs and businesses in the city as we come out of lockdown, no additional taxes on local business, such as a workplace parking levy;
 - (iv) a moratorium on further insourcing of council services without applying Best Value principles, and a policy review to determine the best value approach to services in future, whether delivered in-house, through strategic partnerships, or competitively tendered;
 - (v) retention of local portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy as defined in legislation, in the ward where it is raised, and to be administered by local area committees (or parish/town councils where appropriate) to mitigate the effects of development in the local area; not redistributed

under a scheme that prevents almost all of it being spent where it is raised and needed; and

- (vi) each local area committee to receive an additional £700,000 to improve the local area for everyone according to local priorities, in addition to monies allocated on the basis of deprivation;
2. the relettering of existing paragraphs (d) and (e) as new paragraphs (e) and (f);
 3. the deletion of original paragraph (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (i) as follows:-
 - (g) further believes that the existence of a strong and constructive opposition providing challenge and scrutiny and holding the administration to account, is an important feature of our democratic system, offering a clear alternative to the voters of Sheffield; and without this, their right to throw out any failing administration would be more difficult to exercise;
 - (h) notes that one of the first actions of the new executive was to abolish the Economic and Environmental Well-Being and Safer and Stronger Communities scrutiny and policy development committees, and -
 - (i) notes that, over the past year, the work programme for the Safer and Stronger Communities committee examined important issues such as Domestic and Sexual Abuse during Covid 19, scrutiny of the report on cladding of the Hanover Tower Block and homelessness and rough sleeping;
 - (ii) further notes that this Scrutiny Committee was due to further scrutinise the problems arising from the insourcing of the housing repairs service during its 2021/22 work programme; and
 - (iii) notes that the Economic and Environmental Well-Being Scrutiny committee last year scrutinised the bailout of Sheffield City Trust and losses incurred by Sheffield International Venues from running leisure facilities in Scarborough and Whitby; and
 - (i) supports in principle the establishment of transitional committees in working towards the introduction of the committee system, but has concerns at the loss of two scrutiny committees, while executive arrangements are still in place, and the impact this will have on the opportunities for scrutiny.

2. 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 (f) and (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (h):-

- (f) notes that for the first time in living memory this Council has an Administration formed of more than one political group; and is therefore encouraged that this represents a new era of open political discussion and debate;
- (g) thanks all the voters in the city for taking part in the democratic process that also delivered a clear and decisive result on the governance referendum;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “TRUTH, TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (d), the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (h) to (j):-

- (b) acknowledges that the Council has made an unreserved apology for the failings relating to the implementation of the Streets Ahead project and the management of the street trees element of this, following the reports of the Local Government Ombudsman, the Forestry Commission and the Lessons Learnt work;
- (c) believes that over the past three years the approach to Streets Ahead and highway trees is now significantly different and supported by the majority of people, however recognises that this should have been reached a long time before it was;
- (d) notes that we are now working towards a street tree strategy that has been co-produced with the groups who were previously at the centre of the dispute and believes this is a demonstration of how far we have come together and thanks everyone who has been involved in making this happen;
- (e) recognises that the Administration has already committed to holding an inquiry and, as outlined in the commitments of the Co-operative Executive, the Council will ‘Appoint an independent person to conduct

a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.’;

- (f) believes that the important principle of the inquiry is that it is independent and that this should be undertaken in accordance with best practice for similar inquiries in local government and supports that the independent lead should have full discretion over any relevant papers they wish to view or council officers that they wish to speak to; and
- (g) believes that the full details and terms of reference for the inquiry must be properly developed and that it would be premature at this stage to limit the professional background of the independent person leading the inquiry to a specific profession, such as a retired judge, as there are a range of skills that will be needed to lead the inquiry and these could be drawn from a range of backgrounds.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

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

- (c) welcomes the commitment to an inquiry, open to the public, secured by the Green Group in negotiation with the Labour Group, into the management of the street trees dispute;
- (d) requests the Administration to ensure that the inquiry is led by someone of the status of being impartial and deemed to be sufficiently skilled, knowledgeable and capable to conduct this independent inquiry by both the Cooperative Executive and by appointed representatives from the tree campaign group known as Sheffield Tree Action Groups, and Amey;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “ACTION ON THE NATURE EMERGENCY”

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Barbara Masters, seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan

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

- (k) acknowledges that the work done to promote biodiversity and sustainability in Sheffield over a number of years by the various organisations, formal and informal, working with and within the Council,

provides a solid base on which to build, for example the tree planting in Bolehills done in conjunction with local groups and the park rangers;

- (l) recognises that top down measures must be balanced by input from the bottom up such as the initiative to allow residents to take over the management of grass verges close to their home; and the Council should review the range of measures that have been introduced by wildlife organisations, volunteer groups and Council departments to inform future plans;
- (m) calls for consultation with the wider community in recognition of the need for widespread public support and engagement with any initiative proposed under the NEAP;
- (n) recognises that changes called for will have a greater impact on the livelihoods of people working in certain sectors such as those involving land use, whether for food production or leisure use, and calls for the development of new job opportunities as part of the NEAP to help people and businesses make the transitions necessary under the NEAP; and
- (o) calls on Local Area Committees to allocate a funding stream specifically for nature projects.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bernard Little, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

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

- (k) looks forward to Sheffield's green spaces, parks, riversides and verges becoming havens and corridors for wildlife and future proofing as the climate changes through landscape management changes, such as changed mowing regimes and reduced use of chemicals, air pollution reduction and sympathetic planting choices;
- (l) recognises that the success of natural areas to prosper is enhanced by the active engagement of both formal and informal neighbourhood groups taking a role in their care;
- (m) understands the multi-faceted ways nature plays in community building, recreation, physical and mental health, scientific discovery, literature and art and lasting economic prosperity;
- (n) recognises that both individual and communal gardens and orchards play a key role in encouraging wildlife and connection to nature;

- (o) understands that good design of the built environment can help anchor wildlife in urban spaces and believes that this should be addressed fully in the local plan;
- (p) reminds the Council that there are many people who take an interest in wildlife;
- (q) recognises that the terms Nature, Ecological and Biodiversity can be and are often used interchangeably by people and, for the purpose of this motion, all mean the same thing;
- (r) recognises that the Climate and Nature emergencies are intrinsically linked with each other and also to social justice; and by building a better world to deal with the Climate and Ecological Emergency we will also be building a better society;
- (s) aims for Sheffield to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- (t) resolves to request the Administration to ban the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides such as glyphosate;
- (u) will seek to rewild areas such as grass verges and make sure there are areas for wildlife in our green spaces including but not exclusively for wildlife corridors;
- (v) aims for 100% of waterways to have water quality that supports healthy wildlife by 2030; and
- (w) requests the Administration to provide and recommend resources for businesses to help them understand how their procurement decisions impact ecology in Sheffield, the UK and across the world; such resources include the Natural Capital Protocol and the SHIFT online platform.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “MAKING SHEFFIELD EVEN SAFER FOR ALL”

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion, in paragraph (b) of the words ", walking home from work or school" after the words "green spaces";
2. the deletion of paragraph (f)(i) and the addition of a new paragraph (f)(i) as follows:-

(f)(i) improve safety in streets, parks and open spaces through using research-led, inclusive design principles such as increasing navigation sight-lines and installing creative, warm and layered lighting, and by involving women and marginalised gender groups in the co-design process.

3. the addition of a paragraph (h) as follows:-

(h) recognises and welcomes that this is a call not just to deliver a safer environment, but to go about this in a fundamentally different way, using methods like those used by the Campaign Group such as the participatory mapping exercise, based on an understanding through engagement of the diverse intersectional lived experiences of women and marginalised genders and by involvement in the design process rather than consultation after the fact.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

That the Motion now submitted be amended as follows:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) as a new paragraph (h):-

(e) acknowledges that male violence and harassment must be addressed in Sheffield, and sadly that the majority of women have experienced harassment from men;

(f) acknowledges Sheffield having a rising violence and sexual assault rate making up 30.70% of all crime reported in Sheffield;

(g) acknowledges sexism and patriarchy lies at the root of gender inequality;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (l) and (m):-

(i) welcomes the ParkLight campaign and thanks all those who were involved with it, including students, university lecturers and staff, Our Bodies, Our Streets and The Star;

(j) resolves to engage with charities and organisations who work to end male violence and harassment to address this in Sheffield, with the Council to lead the way in employee and Member training, as well as outreach to Sheffield organisations;

(k) resolves to work with schools and other institutions within Sheffield to educate and train on Racism and Misogyny by:-

- (A) implementing the Council of Europe's "Sexism: See it. Name it. Stop it." campaign in Sheffield. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/stop-sexism>
- (B) implementing Race Equality training such as that provided by Race Equality First - <https://raceequalityfirst.org/training/> ; and
- (C) implementing the recommendations of Sheffield's Race and Equality Commission.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – TRANSITION TO A COMMITTEE SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris

That the recommendations in the report be approved with the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (b)(i) –

“and (A) subject to the size of the Committee being increased from 7 to 11 seats by the addition of one additional nominee from the Labour Group, two additional nominees from the Liberal Democrat Group, and one additional nominee from the Green Group and (B) with a recommendation that a representative of the It's Our City campaign be co-opted to the Governance Committee in a non-voting capacity.”