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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor John Campbell)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Vickie Priestley)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore John Robson Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Keith Hill Joe Otten Colin Ross	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Downing
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Munn Clive Skelton	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Garry Weatherhall Steve Wilson Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Bond Anders Hanson Qurban Hussain
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Baker Roger Davison Diana Stimely	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Martin Lawton Lynn Rooney
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Constance Alan Law Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Shaffaq Mohammed Stuart Wattam	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Alston Andrew Sangar Janice Sidebottom	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Jones Cate McDonald Tim Rippon	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Mohammad Maroof Robert Murphy	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Bob McCann Reaney	25	<i>Stockbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Alison Brelsford Crowther Philip Wood
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Sylvia Anginotti Frost Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Janet Bragg Bob Johnson Lindars-Hammond	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson Nikki Sharpe
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazhar Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Trevor Bagshaw Hurst Alf Meade
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

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Chief Executive

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Council is composed of 84 Councillors with one-third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to the residents of their Ward. The overriding duty of Councillors is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Meetings of the Council are normally open to the public. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints the Leader and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its Committees. It also appoints representatives to serve on joint bodies and external organisations.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Cabinet meetings. Please see the website www.sheffield.gov.uk or contact Democratic Services for further information.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/council-meetings/cabinet. You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday, or you can ring on telephone no. 2734552. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last. If you would like to attend the meeting please report to the First Point Reception desk where you will be directed to the meeting room.

FACILITIES

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
13 JUNE 2012**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the records of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 4 April 2012 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2012 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any questions or petitions from the public, or communications submitted by the Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass such resolutions thereon as the Council Procedure Rules permit and as may be deemed expedient.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Questions relating to urgent business – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii).

5.2 Supplementary questions on written questions submitted at this meeting – Council Procedure Rule 16.4.

5.3 Questions on the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue, Integrated Transport, Pensions and Police - Section 41 of the Local Government Act, 1985 – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

To consider any changes to the memberships and arrangements for meetings of Committees etc., delegated authority, and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies.

7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

8. NEW STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement in the 2012 Budget, in which he announced a series of ill thought through measures such as pasty tax, caravan tax and the charities tax which have now resulted in a series of embarrassing u-turns, also included the Government's desire to introduce 'more market facing' public sector pay which could mean regional or local public sector pay;
- (b) further notes this recommendation has come in advance of the Pay Review Bodies reporting on the issue in July and September 2012;
- (c) further notes there has been no independent assessment of the impact and consequences this policy could have for public services or the economies of low pay regions;
- (d) believes that the Government's claim that public sector pay is 'crowding out' the private sector is not supported by evidence, particularly at a time of high unemployment, when there are currently 7.5 Job Seeker's Allowance claimants for every job vacancy across Sheffield;
- (e) believes public sector employers already have some flexibility to adjust pay in response to local conditions, and higher rates are paid in London and the South East;
- (f) acknowledges that workers in Sheffield are paid £28 less per week than the British average;
- (g) notes that this will have a disproportionate impact on women, as 65% of public sector workers are female;
- (h) believes that this is yet another Government proposal which will have a harmful effect on Sheffield's economy;
- (i) fears that lower pay in Sheffield could lead to many public sector workers moving to other areas where they could earn more for doing the same job;
- (j) is concerned reducing the pay of the 82,900 public sector workers in Sheffield will dramatically reduce spending power and

have a negative impact on the private sector;

- (k) believes this policy will not improve the pay of private sector workers but instead could encourage further depression of wages in all sectors;
- (l) is further concerned that if the Beecroft report, commissioned by the Department of Business Innovation & Skills and prepared by venture capitalist and millionaire donor to the Conservative Party, Sir Adrian Beecroft, was implemented in full we would see the biggest ever attack on the rights of people at work;
- (m) notes that Beecroft proposes scrapping Unfair Dismissal, and in his original report, which was leaked to the national media, states that this would allow employers to sack employees “simply because they did not like them”;
- (n) further notes that there is no evidence to support the recommendations of the Beecroft report and believes that Britain is not in recession because of employment regulations but because of the Government’s economic policies;
- (o) supports Early Day Motion (EDM) 132 which calls on the Government not to proceed with the Report’s recommendation for no fault dismissal; and
- (p) resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary to the Treasury stating this Council’s opposition to plans for regional public sector pay and the recommendations of the Beecroft Report which threaten to attack the rights of people at work.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CLIVE SKELTON

That this Council:-

- (a) recalls Sheffield City Council’s Revenue Budget 2012/13 which states “it is proposed therefore to decommission the existing resource centre provision” for dementia sufferers;
- (b) expresses disappointment that the budget amendment proposed by the main opposition group, which would have reversed this decision by saving £300,000 on full time trade union officials, was rejected;
- (c) notes the Dementia Strategy agreed by the Council’s Cabinet on 23rd May 2012, which failed to give any guarantee about the future of the centres;

- (d) further notes with disappointment that the Cabinet of the same date agreed the closure of Sevenfields and Hazlehurst Intermediate Care Centres, despite the complete lack of progress in finding a site for the proposed 120-bed replacement facility;
- (e) believes that this represents a complete mishandling of the closure by the present Administration and offers little support to users of dementia centres currently threatened with closure;
- (f) understands that more than 500 local residents have signed a petition against the closure of these three dementia care centres and that the number of signatures continues to grow; and
- (g) calls upon the Administration to offer peace of mind to users, families and staff of Bolehill View, Hurfield View, and Norbury by reversing their budget decision and ruling out closure as an option.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that in a speech on 24th April, 2012, the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, M.P. argued that funding allocated to Clinical Commissioning Groups should be based on the age of their patient population instead of levels of deprivation;
- (b) further notes research by Durham University public health professor Clare Bambra, that these proposed funding formula changes would see a major transfer of NHS funds from the North to the healthier and more affluent South;
- (c) agrees with comments by Professor Bambra that severing the link with deprivation “will lead to a considerable shift of healthcare funding away from the neediest, poorer areas of the North and the inner cities towards the least needy, most affluent, and most elderly areas of the South.”
- (d) opposes these changes to NHS funding which according to Professor Bambra’s figures could see Sheffield lose over £70 million per year at the same time as the NHS in Surrey would gain over £400 million;
- (e) believes that this is the latest example of the Government taking funding away from areas with the highest levels of deprivation to the benefit of the wealthiest areas in the country; and
- (f) believes this is part of a cynical political move to take money from areas with the most need and divert it to Conservative heartlands

and calls on all Sheffield MPs to stand up for Sheffield and oppose changes to funding formulas that would disadvantage areas with the greatest need.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

That this Council:-

- (a) believes early years are the most important in a child's development and that children's centres across Sheffield provide a vital service to the communities they serve;
- (b) thanks the Liberal Democrats' initiative for this Government to expand the entitlement to free childcare to 1,900 disadvantaged two-year-olds in Sheffield;
- (c) notes the Review of Early Years agreed by the Council's Cabinet on 21st March 2012, which states *'there will be a rationalisation of buildings and as a result children's centres may reduce'*;
- (d) notes with distress reports in The Sheffield Star on 29th May 2012, that three local centres could face closure and regrets that the families and staff were informed through the media rather than by the Council;
- (e) believes that the Leader of the Council should apologise to affected families and live up to her pledge to be transparent by being open and honest with families and staff about her plan to close children's centres; and
- (f) calls upon the Administration to release details to families and staff, of which children's centres in Sheffield are earmarked for closure.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE WILSON

That this Council:-

- (a) congratulates Sheffield Wednesday FC and their supporters for winning promotion to the Championship;
- (b) thanks all supporters who attended the civic reception held on Wednesday, 9th March, 2012 and notes that event was attended by thousands of Sheffield Wednesday fans;
- (c) notes that Sheffield United FC were extremely unfortunate not to secure promotion as well and hopes that they will secure promotion to the Championship next season; and

- (d) believes that it is good for the City to have both football teams playing football at the highest levels and hopes that both Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United will return to the Premier League in the future.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

That this Council:-

- (a) recalls the motion tabled to this Council on 4th April, 2012, which highlighted the millions of pounds the Coalition Government is investing in Sheffield's roads, buses, trams and trains;
- (b) welcomes the announcement since that meeting of a Government investment of £58 million into a Tram/Train pilot for Sheffield and Rotherham;
- (c) notes that this investment will provide dozens of new jobs, boost the local economy, and put South Yorkshire on the cutting edge of green transport;
- (d) understands that the results of this pilot may open the opportunity to expand the Tram/Train down similar routes to other communities, such as Stocksbridge, Woodhouse or Dore and Totley; and
- (e) notes with pleasure the support for Tram/Train of the Council Leader and the Cabinet Member for Transport and praises Liberal Democrats in Government, in particular the MP for Sheffield Hallam, for securing this investment for Sheffield.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that the introduction of fortnightly black bin collections will increase the pressure for householders to recycle their waste;
- (b) recognises the valuable service provided by the 5 recycling centres across the City which allow members of the public and small businesses to dispose of waste in a socially and environmentally responsible manner and that a reduction in this service may lead to more fly-tipping;
- (c) recognises that, due to global resource depletion, the value of materials is increasing and the profit to be made from re-using and recycling is rising;

- (d) would prefer any such profit to be used to maintain and improve the service to the public and the business community and to create local job opportunities rather than boost the income of profit-making national or multinational companies and their shareholders;
- (e) recognises that the front line workers and their union representatives can provide inside knowledge about services and make useful suggestions about more efficient and innovative ways of running services;
- (f) is therefore disappointed that the recent retendering of the recycling centre service is based on reduced opening hours and loss of jobs and believes that there has been a failure to set up sustainable and future-proof arrangements; and
- (g) notes that similar mistakes are being made across the whole field of waste management and urges the new Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene to undertake meaningful discussions with the GMB Union and to visit small and medium enterprises (SMEs) involved in waste management and recycling in the City.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPAM

That this Council:-

- (a) celebrates the passing of the Olympic Torch through Sheffield on Monday 25th and Tuesday, 26th June, 2012;
- (b) notes that the route will include a [community event at Hillsborough Park](#), running past the Sheffield Children's Hospital and the Crucible and Lyceum Theatres;
- (c) further notes that when the Olympic Torch Relay comes through Sheffield, 48 people will carry the Flame on its journey through the City and congratulates all torchbearers for being selected;
- (d) encourages as many local people as possible to welcome the torch to Sheffield by attending one of the events in Hillsborough or the city centre, as well as cheering it from the road side and attending the evening celebration to be held in Barkers Pool; and
- (e) welcomes the beginning of the London 2012 Olympics on 27th July, 2012 and hopes that local people enjoy the three day event to be held at Don Valley Stadium between 3rd - 5th August where they can watch Sheffield heptathlete, Jessica Ennis, compete in the Olympics on the giant screen.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the low turnout at the recent local elections for Sheffield City Council with just 32.77%, less than 1 in 3 of those registered, actually voting;
- (b) believes that inaccessibility and lack of transparency in Council matters is partly responsible for this apathy;
- (c) believes that the timing of meetings such as Full Council and Scrutiny Committees during normal working hours makes it difficult for many members of the public to attend;
- (d) believes that every effort should be made to increase access to and transparency of the decision making processes of Sheffield City Council;
- (e) believes that the audio of the debates and decision making parts of Full Council meetings should be made available through electronic media;
- (f) believes that the Council should be open to allowing recordings of such proceedings by members of the general public;
- (g) believes that after an initial evaluation, further council meetings that are open to the public should be made similarly accessible; and
- (h) therefore instructs the Chief Executive to bring forward plans to enable audio of Full Council meetings to be made available through electronic media, including the Council's website.

Amendments

Amendments to Notices of Motion

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Rocherde', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Chief Executive

Dated this 7 day of June 2012

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 4 July 2012 at the Town Hall

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

You will have a **personal interest** in a matter if it relates to an interest that you have already registered on the Register of Interests; relates to an interest that should be registered but you have not yet done so; or affects your well-being or financial position or that of members of your family or your close associates, to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of people in the ward affected by the decision.

The definition of family is very wide and includes a partner, step-relations, and in-laws. A “close associate” is someone whom a reasonable member of the public might think you would be prepared to favour or disadvantage.

If you have a personal interest you must: declare the existence and nature of the interest at the beginning of the meeting, before it is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you; but you can remain in the meeting, speak and vote on the matter unless the personal interest is also prejudicial.

However, in certain circumstances you may have an **exemption** which means that you might not have to declare your interest.

- You will have an exemption where your interest arises solely from your membership of or position of control/management in a body to which you have been appointed or nominated by the authority; and/or a body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority).

In these exceptional cases, provided that you do not have a **prejudicial interest** you only need to declare your interest if you intend to speak on the matter.

- You will have an exemption if your personal interest is simply having received a gift or hospitality over £25 which you registered more than 3 years ago.

When will a personal interest also be prejudicial?

Your personal interest will also be prejudicial if a member of the public who knows the relevant facts would reasonably think the personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; and

- i. either the matter affects your financial position or the financial position of any person or body through whom you have a personal interest. For example, an application for grant funding to a body on your register of interests or a contract between the authority and that body; or
- ii. the matter relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration that affects you or any relevant person or body with

which you have a personal interest. For example, considering a planning or licensing application made by you or a body on your register of interests.

Exemptions: You will not have a prejudicial interest if the matter relates to:

- i. the Council's housing functions – if you hold a lease or tenancy with the Council, provided that the matter under consideration is not your own lease or tenancy;
- ii. school meals, transport or travel expenses – if you are the parent or guardian of a child of school age, provided that the matter under consideration is not the school the child attends;
- iii. statutory sick pay;
- iv. Members' allowances;
- v. ceremonial honours for Members; or
- vi. setting the Council Tax.

If you have a prejudicial interest, you must:

- (a) Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- (b) Leave the room unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. If that is the case, you can also attend to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter.
- (c) Once you have finished making representations, answering questions etc., you must leave the room. You cannot stay in the room whilst the matter is being discussed neither can you remain in the public gallery to observe the vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence a decision about the matter.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

Advice can be obtained from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on 0114 2734018 or email lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk