

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 13 June 2012, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

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

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

**1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS**

Members of the Council welcomed newly elected Councillors Denise Reaney (Graves Park Ward) and Joyce Wright (East Ecclesfield Ward).

**2. PRESENTATION OF SEALED RESOLUTION TO THE FORMER LORD MAYOR**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor John Campbell) presented a sealed resolution to former Councillor, Dr Sylvia Dunkley, in recognition of the official duties undertaken by her as Lord Mayor and Mr John Dunkley as the Lord Mayor's Consort during the Municipal Year 2011/12.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Sylvia Anginotti, Keith Hill, Mohammad Maroof, John Robson, Ray Satur, Jack Scott, Nikki Sharpe and Geoff Smith.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mick Rooney declared a personal interest in the item of business numbered 10 on the Summons concerning Dementia Services as he is a Non Executive Director of the Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 4th April 2012 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16th May 2012, both be approved as correct records.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

6.1 Petitions

(a) Petition Objecting to the Recycling Cuts

The Council received a petition, containing 108 signatures, objecting to the recycling cuts.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alistair Tice, who stated that the recycling and waste services should be brought back into the

direct control of the City Council. The cuts to services at the City's waste sites had resulted in people queuing and might also cause more fly tipping and dumping of waste. He referred to six redundancies that had been made and to concerns over the treatment of the workforce by Veolia. He asked why there was not liaison with GMB members.

Mr Tice also stated that the waste management service should not have been 'privatised' or the contract extended. There was not accountability as Veolia were able to sub-contract to other firms. There was concern that some work had been sub-contracted to a discredited employment agency. He urged the Council to address the concerns of petitioners.

The Council referred the petition to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore), who stated that she would respond to the petition on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene (Councillor Jack Scott). She confirmed that she was a trade unionist and stated that the Administration would not make promises that they were not able to keep. She outlined that in 2011/12 and 2012/13, the Council had made savings of £80 million and £55 million respectively. In 2013/14, further savings of between £30 million and £50 million would also be made, meaning that the total saving which the Council will have made would be approximately £170 million.

The Council did not have the money to spend and had received representations from various service users about the effect on particular service areas and spending reductions were made across services.

Councillor Dore stated that there were 2 areas in relation to which she was not aware. Firstly, the profit relating to SOVA and secondly, action for employment using the Work Programme. Councillor Dore suggested that the petition and issues raised be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

(b) Petition Objecting to the Proposed Development of a Tesco Express Store, 335/337 Ecclesall Road South

The Council received a petition containing 1850 signatures, objecting to the proposed development of a Tesco Express Store, 335/337 Ecclesall Road South.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Steve Carroll who referred to the proposals relating to the site of the former Parkhead Garage for which planning permission had been granted and extended in 2010 and in relation to which there had not been objections.

However, there was strong opposition to the new plans submitted in relation to that site, as shown by the 1850 signature petition. There were three main areas of concern. Firstly, in relation to the construction of a layby for delivery vehicles and eight parking spaces with one entry/exit point, it was thought potentially dangerous for delivery vehicles to park on a busy road. Second, residential use had been removed in the new proposals, to create space for

storage and this was considered to be unacceptable because Parkhead was primarily a residential area. Third, there was concern at a potential increase in noise and loss of amenity, brought about by such factors as the installation of air conditioning units, increased traffic noise and disturbance associated with extended off-licence opening times and a cash machine.

He stated that planning shaped places and the petition demonstrated the local strong opposition to the planning proposals.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall), who stated that the planning application would be submitted for consideration by the relevant Council Planning Committee and the petitioners would be welcome to attend the meeting to make representations. The petition would be referred to the Committee. The Chair of the Planning Committee had requested that a site visit be made in respect of the application.

(c) Petition Objecting to the Deterioration of Bus Services Covering Burncross, Grenoside and High Green

The Council received a petition containing 255 signatures, objecting to the deterioration of bus services covering Burncross, Grenoside and High Green.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) and to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE). Councillor Bramall thanked the petitioners for presenting the petition to Council and stated that the petition would be referred to the SYPTTE with a request that they respond directly to the petition.

6.2 Public Questions

(a) Public questions concerning Household Waste Recycling Centres – Service Provision and Industrial Dispute

The following questions were asked concerning the Household Waste Recycling Centres Service and the industrial dispute in relation thereto:-

Mr Peter Davies referred to the fact that the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) contract was part of the Veolia contract and was put out to tender in 2011 and that Councillor Julie Dore has said that in face of the Government's cuts, that the Council needed to be innovative and seek all alternatives to finding efficiencies to reduce the impact on jobs and services as much as possible. There was much concern about the three tier delivery model that made up the contract.

He stated that people were now informed that a buy out for this contract would be too expensive for the Council. He asked why didn't the Council consider putting in its own bid for the contract last year and, in asking the question, asked the Leader to bear in mind the officer response to this

question when it was asked at the time of the of the process opening which was that the Council simply did not have the capacity to bid.

Ms Bridget Gilbert stated that the GMB trade union represented the vast majority of staff who work on the HWRC, the vast majority of Veolia employees in Sheffield; and is a fully recognised trade union by Veolia and the Council. She added that the GMB sit on Council tender evaluation panels, and have worked for many years within the Council's processes and procedures. She asked, why did the Council refuse to allow the GMB to take part in the tender process for the contract in 2012?

Mr. Richard Brown stated that the Council, Veolia and SOVA had received several requests from the GMB with regard to the finance generated by the recycling service. The GMB had not received any response from the Council on this and, therefore had submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act concerning payments that the Council make and receive. He stated that the response was minimal, so the GMB had put together their own estimated figures, taken from the FOI response, conversations with the workforce and the former Managing Director of the previous contractor and price lists submitted as part of the tender documentation in 2012.

Whilst the GMB accepted that these were only estimates, he asked what evidence had Council officers given to Councillor Jack Scott to show that these estimates were wrong and, if they were, why was this information included in the tender outline/guidance last year?

Mr Jim Rodgers referred to alleged comments by Councillor Jack Scott, calling the references made by the GMB about the use and abuse of workers recruited via the Action for Employment (AfE) Programme and their members in this dispute as "dangerous". He referred to comments in the press concerning the employment support programme.

However, GMB members working on HWRC sites were worried that people on the A4E programme would be used to replace them and take over their jobs, which is what has happened throughout the dispute. He asked whether it was far more dangerous to ignore the struggles of current HWRC workers in their fight for justice and fairness and a right to carry on doing the jobs that clearly still exist and for which they were employed?

Mr Anthony Robshaw asked whether the Council was aware that SOVA had brought in a former manager from a previous contractor to help run the service. Although the individual concerned is carrying out a role, 90% of which would normally be covered by foremen, SOVA have refused to include him in the vulnerability pool for redundancy selection.

When the GMB questioned this, they were told that he held a COTC certificate and was essential to their requirements. The GMB subsequently offered to put foreman through the same qualification, but SOVA refused and changed his title.

Mr Robshaw asked if the Council would agree that workers have the right to fairness in a selection procedure and that its partners should review this decision.

Mr. Alan Garnham asked whether the Council was aware that the foreman referred to above previously left the employment of the last contractor, shortly after admitting to sexual harassment and bullying and that the first person to have lost her job since the contract was taken over was his victim and the second was her son.

Mr Steve Moremont asked whether the Council were aware that the Manager/Foreman was earning the equivalent to two of the salaries of the five workers that have now lost their jobs?

Mr Martin Lyons stated that the GMB had evidence on film and are raising the following issues, with Veolia, the Health and Safety Executive and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. He asked if the Council was aware that, during the strike action, health and safety seems no longer to be a priority. Examples of this are when a JCB compactor has been used without a banks man, the use of stabilisers and whilst members of the public are in the vicinity; and where it appears that open skips are being used to dispose of asbestos.

Mr Chaz Lockett asked whether the Council was aware that scrap merchants were taking recyclable materials from members of the public whilst they queued to use the HWRCs.

Mr Gordon Parkes asked what guarantees could the Council give to the people of Sheffield that the HRWCs would be able to cope with the increase in demand for these services once the City move to fortnightly bin collections?

Mr Mick Brooke asked whether the Council agreed that, without compromise on the part of all parties – the GMB, the Council, Veolia and the Arbitration, Conciliation Advisory Service (ACAS), the dispute on HWRCs cannot be resolved and, if so, then why have the Council not agreed to convene a meeting along this basis, which the GMB have proposed through ACAS.

Sam Morecroft stated that the GMB have, today, handed in 600 letters from members of the public to Councillors and Members of Parliament, asking for a response to their concerns over the recycling closures and other issues relating to the dispute. He asked whether Labour Councillors will be allowed to answer those letters to their constituents or have they been instructed by their Party to refer the enquiries to Councillor Jack Scott?

In response to the above questions, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) stated that she had been involved in a considerable amount of discussion on budgets and services over the past year. The Council was always examining ways in which it could be innovative in relation to the

provision of services. However, the scale of the financial cuts that the Council was being asked to make, amounting to £170 million over three years meant that this could not simply be achieved through making efficiencies. It involved the Council having to make massive and unprecedented cuts.

Councillor Dore stated that she was not aware of any Council response to say that it did not have the capacity in terms of submitting a tender for the Waste contract last year, There were less resources and the Council had experienced the loss of over 1200 jobs so far. She stated that was also worried about the Council's ability to continue to deliver services in the context of diminishing resources but accepted that it was her responsibility to make sure the Council could maximise the use of resources to deliver services.

She acknowledged that the issues now raised regarding representatives of the GMB, Veolia and the Council sitting on a tender evaluation panel and potential other alternatives should be resolved as soon as possible and stated that she would raise the issues with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene (Councillor Jack Scott) on his return. Other matters would be referred to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

In relation to the Action for Employment Programme, Councillor Dore responded that the Government had given joint responsibility for the provision of the Programme to the SERCO Group plc, SERCO had sub-contracted work with specific groups under the programme to organisations including SOVA. She was concerned if the sub-contractors were skimming off profits.

The Council acknowledged that everyone has employment rights in relation to issues including redundancies, re-deployment and health and safety and that there needed further examination of such matters in terms of fairness. She, therefore, would request one of the Council's Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees to consider these matters.

Councillor Dore indicated that she was unable to respond on the matters raised in relation to the posts of Manager and Foreman, as she did not know the specifics of the situation. However, the Council now needed to ensure the Council's Waste contract was delivered within the context of the implementation of the 14 day waste collection service and the Council's policy of trying, as far as possible, of minimising job losses whilst maintaining services.

She stated that she would ask the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene (Councillor Jack Scott) to examine the matters raised by all of the questioners so that these could be resolved.

(b) Proposed development of Tesco Express store at Parkhead

Mr John Cobbing referred to the application to build a Tesco Express Store

at Parkhead, Ecclesall Road South and stated that there were concerns relating to noise associated with traffic and parking. He urged Members of the Council to visit the site of a similar store at Abbeydale Road South, Totley where there had also been complaints in relation to air conditioning units etc. He asked Members to bear this in mind in their consideration of the proposed Parkhead development which would fall within an already overcrowded site in that area.

The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) responded that the issues raised would normally be raised within the consideration of formal planning applications and he would pass the comments made to Planning Officers so that these could be taken into account during the planning process.

(c) Provision of Social Care Services

Mr David Kirkham referred to the recent death of his father's partner and to the fact that the Adult Social Care Service had required his father to wait approximately two months for an initial assessment for care support which had created a difficult situation for his immediate family. He suggested that the Country's social care budget was underfunded by £1 billion and that, despite Andrew Lansley's delivery of an extra £648 for social care, some £115 million had been spent on maintaining existing eligibility criteria. He stated that this situation was making people in Sheffield suffer and, he asked how much longer will the Council allow its residents to suffer at austerity's bidding.

The Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living (Councillor Mary Lea) gave her condolences to Mr Kirkham's father and family. She stated that she would look into Mr Kirkham's case, but indicated that there were significant problems with the funding of adult social care locally and nationally. Over the past couple of years Andrew Dilnott had tried to build a policy consensus on the funding and response to the provision of adult social care nationally. She added, however, that the Conservative Party had withdrawn from consensual discussions, following the Dilnott report without any alternative proposals, leaving a large policy vacuum in this area.

The cost of providing adult social care in Sheffield relied on Government funding. The Council had striven, against this background to protect adult social care services, albeit at the expense of other services, with protection being afforded to front line services and eligibility criteria, but at the cost of a loss of jobs and expertise in other areas of the Council.

The Council, like many other local authorities, was waiting for the Government to bring forward proposals in this area of policy and the Council had made representations to Government a few months ago and Councillor Lea stated that she would be happy to share this correspondence with Mr Kirkham. However, she stated that the provision of adult social care was not cheap and there was a need to ensure that access to such services was available to everybody, taking into account their financial circumstances. The



Government needed to examine ways of providing good quality care in the United Kingdom within a formula that was fair to everyone. The Council, for its part, would strive to protect services and provide them in an innovative manner.

(d) Public Investment in Private Corporations

Mr Nigel Slack asked why the Council believe it appropriate to support large amounts of public investment in profitable, private corporations. In asking his question Mr Slack referred to the minutes of the Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 which identified that expenditure of £6.4 million would be made to improve South Yorkshire's bus network and allow Stagecoach Sheffield to purchase 19 new green buses. He stated that Stagecoach made enormous profits and asked why the funding had been approved as well as a further £58 million to pilot an extension of the tram system from Sheffield to Rotherham which, he suggested, would be a poor investment, yielding only approximately 30 jobs.

The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) responded that the investment referred to by Mr Slack had been provided by the Government in order to encourage the use of greener vehicles and the extension of the Supertram light rail system. In the latter case, the £58 million would be used as part of a UK trial to test new technology and identify potential problems with extending a light rail system. He added that the £58 million included potential funding to deconstruct the pilot's infrastructure should the project fail.

He believed the project was worthwhile in that it would assist in delivering future expansion of the Supertram network across the City as well as the use of green buses.

(e) Street Trading on the High Street

Mr Knowledge Kutekwa asked whether in terms of street trading on the high street, such trading was conducted on a free market or black market basis?

The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) responded that there was a problem in terms of licensing street traders in that where if such traders were mobile they were able to avoid the regulatory framework. Alternatively, static street trading pitches were included within the legal framework and were subject to local authority licensing. Councillor Bramall indicated that he would write to Mr Kutekwa with further information on this matter.

(f) Enhancement of Riverside Development, Wicker

Mr Knowledge Kutekwa asked what progress had been made in enhancing the Riverside Development, Wicker.

The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh

Bramall) indicated that the Riverside Development was being enhanced to update flood defences as this area had been the subject of some of the worst flooding in the area in 2007. There was a considerable amount of work to be undertaken in terms of the flood defence materials to be used which required the use of large blocks, which used the best quality materials obtainable in the context of the available funding. There was a wish to make these more attractive, by using artwork, although this was not a permanent solution. Discussion of the works had been undertaken with local businesses and residents and the Council would seek to access funding available from the Environment Agency for more permanent work to improve flood defences..

(g) Shops, Charities and Tax Relief on Empty Properties

Mr Knowledge Kutekwa asked a question concerning the use of empty shops by charities.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Bryan Lodge) responded that where shops were empty, landlords can claim business rates relief if the shops were occupied by charities. In some cases and in other areas of the Country, there were concerns about the potential misuse of this provision. However, Sheffield had been highlighted as effectively regulating these sorts of schemes and provided effective enforcement action. Councillor Lodge stated that he could provide additional information on request.

(h) Cuts in Policing Budgets

In response to a question by Mr Knowledge Kutekwa on policing, the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Harry Harpham) stated that there was much public concern regarding cuts to the police budget and this was certainly a matter raised with him by people attending his surgeries.

Cuts in expenditure affected both the frontline and led to a loss of experience at a back office level. Councillor Harpham stated that he agreed that the Government cuts were damaging and hoped that the public's anger at the situation would lead to a restoration of funding by the Government.

(i) Highways Maintenance Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Mr Philip Abbas asked whether the Highways PFI was a good deal for Sheffield?

In his response, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) indicated that he believed the Highways PFI to be a good thing based on the public's reaction to the poor state of the City's roads. He added that the ability of the Council to repair roads and streetlights would be severely restricted in the absence of the PFI programme, which had numerous benefits, including for car users, pedestrians, public transport

and cyclists. Improved street lighting would contribute to community safety and reducing the amount of energy used by the Council. For every £1 the Council spent, another £1 would be received from the Government.

(j) Fairness, Openness and Transparency

Mr Martin Brighton asked the following questions which were answered by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) as shown:-

“In but one example of false accusations against this citizen an officer has admitted that he sent a forged rent statement to the Local Government Office in a futile attempt to get this citizen and family evicted. He also admits that he was instructed to do so. The Nuremberg Trials come to mind. Neither the Council nor the officer will say who gave that order. Do the members think this behaviour is fair, or cowardly, and what will members do to ensure accountability and honesty ?”

Councillor Dore responded that she did not know who the officer referred to was and that she would need more specific details before she could respond.

“Members have frequently seen how this citizen’s questions are parried away by “playing-the-man-not-the-ball” so as to avoid being held to account. One recent example concerns the questions concerning the decade of council failure as illustrated by the Index of Multiple Deprivation figures, for which this citizen was falsely accused of being wrong, and publicly vilified. I now have the source data, which was compiled by the last government, and which vindicates everything this citizen said. Do members think this behaviour of those who answered is fair, or cowardly, and what will members do to ensure accountability and honesty ?”

Councillor Dore asked that Mr Brighton submit the information in his possession relating to deprivation so that the Council might analyse it and compare any discrepancies to the Council’s own data.

“In the real world it would be considered grossly offensive to avoid answering questions by refusing to accept them on the grounds that they are opinion, when they are based upon established fact. Such denials are in fact just bullying, as this citizen is not allowed to respond. It has been proved time and again that this ruse fails. Do members think that the behaviour of those who answered is fair, or cowardly, and what will members do to ensure accountability and honesty ?”

Councillor Dore responded that the Council also needed questions based upon fact, otherwise the only responses which Members can give are based on opinion, in response to questions which are opinion – based.

“This Council is often reminded of its need to be open, honest, transparent and accountable. How can the Council justify to adhere to these principles

when, for example, it withholds information allegedly contained within the Newton Report for six years, before being forced to disclose one sanitised version of the report ?”

Councillor Dore stated that the Newton Report had been published and was in the public domain. She understood that it was intended to publish the report earlier but at that time this was not possible because of criminal proceedings.

“The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) has now sent documents showing how the legal department of this Council, upon instruction, has sent material knowingly lying to the information commissioner on several occasions. Examples include falsely claiming to the ICO that this citizen’s first-ever request on one subject was refused because of a history of multiple questions on the subject, and on another occasion claiming that this citizen prevents other citizens from asking questions. All absolute lies. Do members consider that the repeated failures of senior elected members to hold their executives to account to be fair, or cowardly collusion, and how will members ensure an effective remedy ?”

Councillor Dore indicated that she was unaware of the case Mr Brighton was referring to and requested that he should provide further details in writing to the Chief Executive to clarify the matter. She added that Mr Brighton attended most Council and Cabinet meetings and was given the opportunity to ask questions at these meetings and would continue to be afforded such opportunities.

### 6.3 *The Diamond Jubilee celebrations*

The Lord Mayor (Councillor John Campbell) referred to the success of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty, The Queen’s accession to the throne.

RESOLVED: that the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Her Majesty, The Queen, on behalf of the Council, to convey the congratulations of the City Council on the success of her recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations, recognising the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession to the throne on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952.

## 7. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### 7.1 Urgent Business

There were no questions relating to urgent business under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii).

### 7.2 Questions

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated and supplementary questions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4 were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

7.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue, Integrated Transport, Pensions or Police under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6 (i).

8. **REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Panels, Groups, etc and to representatives on external bodies:-

Cabinet Highways Committee	-	Councillor Jack Scott to replace Councillor Isobel Bowler
Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillor Jackie Satur to replace Councillor Ibrar Hussain
Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillor Mohammad Maroof to fill a vacancy
Licensing Committee	-	Councillors Nikki Sharpe and George Lindars-Hammond to fill vacancies
West and North Planning and Highways Committee	-	Councillors Janet Bragg and Roy Munn to fill vacancies
	-	Councillor Adam Hurst to replace Councillor Richard Crowther
City Centre, South and East Planning and Highways Committee	-	Councillor Richard Crowther to replace Councillor Adam Hurst
Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members	-	Councillors Ian Auckland, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Joe Otten, Denise Reaney, Andrew Sangar and Clive Skelton to fill vacancies

Audit Committee	-	Councillors Anders Hanson and Joe Otten to fill vacancies
Senior Officer Employment Committee	-	Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
Adoptions and Fostering Panel	-	Councillors Nikki Sharpe, Jenny Armstrong and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies
	-	Councillors Alison Brelsford, Clive Skelton and Diana Stimely to fill vacancies
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	-	Councillors Bob McCann, Vickie Priestley and Denise Reaney to fill vacancies
School Admissions Forum	-	Councillor Keith Hill to fill a vacancy
Access Liaison Group	-	Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
Adoptions and Fostering Panel	-	Councillors Alison Brelsford, Clive Skelton and Diana Stimely to fill vacancies
Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group	-	Councillor Keith Hill to fill a vacancy
Assembly Chairs Group	-	Councillors Alison Brelsford, Ben Curran, Mazher Iqbal, Pat Midgley, Cate McDonald, Peter Price, Andrew Sangar, Ray Satur and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies
Building Schools for the Future Strategic Board	-	Councillor Colin Ross to fill a vacancy
Corporate Members Governance Group	-	Councillors Julie Dore, Harry Harpham and Pat Midgley to fill vacancies
	-	Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed, Colin Ross and Clive Skelton to fill vacancies
	-	Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Corporate Parenting Panel	-	Councillors Sue Alston and Clive Skelton to fill vacancies
Cycle Forum	-	Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy

Disabled Persons Housing Strategy Monitoring and Scrutiny Group	-	Councillor Penny Baker to fill a vacancy
Environmental Performance Working Party	-	Councillor David Baker to fill a vacancy
Fairer Charging Commission	-	Councillor Clive Skelton to fill a vacancy
Fairtrade Working Group	-	Councillor Katie Condliffe to fill a vacancy
Information Services Steering Group	-	Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Joe Otten to fill vacancies
	-	Councillors Neale Gibson, Ian Saunders and Martin Lawton to fill vacancies
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	-	Councillors Rob Frost and Diana Stimely to fill vacancies
	-	Councillors Gill Furniss, Pat Midgley, Garry Weatherall and Richard Crowther to fill vacancies
Monitoring and Advisory Group (Adult Services)	-	Councillor Clive Skelton to fill a vacancy
	-	Councillor Mary Lea to fill a vacancy
Motorists Forum	-	Councillor Leigh Bramall to fill a vacancy
Planning Committee Advisory Group	-	Councillors Trevor Bagshaw and David Baker to fill vacancies
Planning Policy Advisory Group	-	Councillors Trevor Bagshaw, Katie Condliffe and Bob McCann to fill vacancies
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	-	Councillor Vickie Priestley to fill a vacancy
Other External Organisations (*number of places)		
Burngreave New Deal for Communities Company (to wind down August 2011)		Cllr Jackie Drayton

Charities/Educational Foundations:-			
Anne Reresby Trust, High Green (1)*	Cllr Phillip Wood		
Church Burgess (1)	Mr David Heslop		
The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity (1)	Cllr Janet Bragg		
Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts (2)	Cllr Martin Lawton	Cllr Ian Auckland	Rev. Joy Adams, Mrs Beverley Ashmore and Mr. Phillip Shaddock
Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) (2)	Cllr Peter Price	Cllr Roger Davison	Mr. John Neil and Mr. Mike Pye
Turies Educational Foundation – Nominative Trust (1)	Cllr Garry Weatherall		
Beighton Relief in Need Charity (1)	Cllr Ian Saunders		
ACIS Local Management Committee (2)	Councillors Jenny Armstrong and Martin Lawton		
Chevin Housing Board (2)	Cllrs Bob Johnson and Pat Midgley		
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum (2)	Cllr Peter Price	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	
Creative Sheffield Board (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall	Cllr Roger Davison	
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme – Sheffield Council (2)	Cllr Alan Law	Mr Alan Hooper	



Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Funding Panels (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	
Education Partnership Board (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	
Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee (2) (appointments made by the Executive Leader)	Cllr Jack Scott	
Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee (1)	Cllr Ibrar Hussain	
Great Places Housing Group (2)	Cllrs Pat Midgley and Jackie Satur	
Groundwork Sheffield Trust (2)	Cllr Martin Lawton	Cllr Ian Auckland
Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (2)	Cllr Steve Wilson	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw
Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (2)	Cllr Mary Lea	Cllr Clive Skelton
Local Enterprise Partnership (1)	Cllr Julie Dore	
Local Government Association:-		
General Assembly (2)	Cllr Harry Harpham	Cllr Colin Ross
Rural Commission (2)	Cllr Tony Damms	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw
Urban Commission (2)	Cllr Harry Harpham	Cllr Roger Davison
Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee (1)	Cllr Harry Harpham	

Longley Park Sixth Form College (1)	Cllr Alan Law	
Manor and Castle Development Trust (2)	Cllrs Martin Lawton and Pat Midgley	
Meadowhall Education Centre (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	
Mental Health Partnership Board (2)	Cllr David Barker	Cllr Clive Skelton
National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee (1)	Cllr Garry Weatherall	
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall	
Parkwood Landfill Liaison Group (4)	Cllrs Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain and Talib Hussain	(1) vacancy
Seven Hills Leisure Trust (1)	Cllr Peter Price	
Sheffield City Trust Group Finances and General Purposes Committee (1)	Cllr Peter Price	
Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board (1)	Cllr Mary Lea	
Sheffield Business Adviser Panel (2)	Cllrs Julie Dore and Leigh Bramall	
Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board (1)	Cllr David Barker	
Sheffield City Trust (1) (1 Member observer)	Cllr Steve Wilson	
Sheffield Clean Air Partnership (2)	Cllr Leigh Bramall	Cllr Ian Auckland
Sheffield Compact (1)	Cllr Karen	

	McGowan		
Sheffield Executive Board (2)	Cllr Julie Dore	Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	
Sheffield First for Health and Wellbeing (2)	Cllr Mary Lea	Cllr Clive Skelton	
Sheffield 0-19+ Partnership Board (2)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	Cllr Colin Ross	
Sheffield 0-19+ Executive Board (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Cate McDonald and Tim Rippon		Mr Michael Day
Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors (2)	Cllr David Barker		
Sheffield Homes Board of Directors (2)	Cllrs Karen McGowan and Tony Damms		
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (1)	Cllr Mary Lea		
Sheffield Homes Local Boards:- (Community Assembly Nominations)			
South East Area Board (2)			
South West Area Board (2)			
North West Area Board (2)			
North Area Board (2)			
East Area Board (2)			
Central Area Board (2)			
Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Ben Curran and Steve Wilson		

	Mr S. Bennett	
Sheffield International Venues Ltd – Board of Directors (1)	Cllr Peter Price	
Sheffield Lyceum Trust Ltd – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Janet Bragg and Jackie Drayton	
Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members (2)	Cllrs Bob Johnson and Tim Rippon	
Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (2)	Cllr Mazher Iqbal	Cllr Penny Baker
Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board (2)	Cllr Ibrar Hussain	Cllr Clive Skelton
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Pat Midgley and	Ms. Camilla Jordan
Sanctuary Housing Local Board (2)	Cllrs Sioned-Mair Richards and Peter Rippon	
South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group (formerly South East Sheffield Countryside Advisory Group) (1)	Cllr Ray Satur	
South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Steering Group (1)	Cllr Isobel Bowler	
South Yorkshire Green Business Club (2)	Cllr Leigh Bramall	
South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives (2)	Cllr Steve Wilson	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw
South Yorkshire Leaders' Group (1)	Cllr Julie Dore	

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Users' Advisory Group (1)	Cllr Chris Rosling-Josephs	
South Yorkshire Trading Standards Joint Committee (2 and 1 observer)	Cllrs Chris Rosling-Josephs and Stuart Wattam	(1) vacancy
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board (4)	Cllrs Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Bob Johnson and Sioned-Mair Richards	
University of Sheffield Court (ex officio positions wef 2/8/02 - Ch Ex; Leader; Exec Dir, CYP; Lord Mayor) (1)	Cllr Julie Dore	
University Technical College Trust Board (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	
Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust (1)	Cllr Ben Curran	
Voluntary Action Sheffield (1)	Cllr Geoff Smith	
Welcome to Yorkshire Tourist Board (1)	Cllr Isobel Bowler	
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Trust (1)	Cllr Mary Lea	
Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership (1)	Cllr Mazher Iqbal	
Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning Consortium Joint Committee	Cllr Ian Saunders	
University of Sheffield Enterprise Advisory Board (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall	

**9. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that approval be given to the proposed changes to the following Parts of the Constitution, as set out in the Appendices to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive now submitted:-

- (a) Part 4 – Amended Council Procedure Rule 13.1(b)
- (b) Part 4 – Revised Financial Procedure Rules (Financial Regulations)
- (c) Part 5 – Revised Officers’ Code of Conduct

**10. NEW STANDARDS FRAMEWORK**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that this Council:-

- (a) re-adopts the Model Code of Conduct for Members in the Constitution, with Parts two and three to remain in force only until new regulations come into force relating to Members’ interests;
- (b) agrees that any Standards complaint made after 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012 be dealt with in accordance with the procedure which will be subsequently adopted by the Council; and
- (c) agrees that an Independent Person be appointed in compliance with the Localism Act and gives authority for the Monitoring Officer to make the appropriate arrangements for the recruitment and selection of an Independent Person.

**11. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLORS**

The Lord Mayor referred to former Councillors Jack Clarkson, Diane Leek, Paul Scriven, Gail Smith and Colin Taylor, all of whom had not be re-elected at the Municipal Elections on 3 May 2012. Members of the Council paid tribute to all of the former Members’ contributions to the work of the Council and the manner in which they had performed their duties.

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING REGIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR PAY AND THE BEECROFT REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, 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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the deletion of all the words in paragraph (a) and the substitution of the following words therefor:-
  - (a) recalls the policy of the previous Government to introduce flexibility in regional pay bargaining and notes reports that Government figures are considering extending this policy;
- (2) the deletion of the word “Government’s” in paragraph (d);
- (3) the deletion of all the words after the word “report” in paragraph (n);
- (4) the deletion of paragraph (h) and the relettering of paragraphs (i)-(n) as new paragraphs (h)-(m); and
- (5) the addition of new paragraphs (n), (o) and (p) as follows and the relettering of original paragraphs (o) and (p) as new paragraphs (q) and (r):-
  - (n) welcomes reports that the Deputy Prime Minister has dismissed regional public sector pay plans;
  - (o) further welcomes comments from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills describing plans contained in the Beecroft Report as “complete nonsense”;



- (p) praises the previous Administration for implementing a £250 pay award for low-paid council staff and recalls with disappointment that the current Administration did not adopt the intention of the previous Administration to proceed with the award as a two-year annual increase;

(With the consent of Council and on the advice of the Chief Executive, Paragraph 5 (p) of Amendment 1 above, as presented on the list of amendments submitted to the Chief Executive and circulated at the meeting, was altered, as follows:

The substitution (after the words “recalls with disappointment”) of the words: “... the decision of the current Administration not to proceed with the award as a two-year annual increase, as was intended by the previous Administration.” by the following words:

“ ... that the current Administration did not adopt the intention of the previous Administration to proceed with the award as a two-year annual increase ... “. )

On being put to the vote, Paragraphs 5 (n) and (o) of the amendment were carried and all other paragraphs were negatived.

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs 1 and 2 and against paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

After a right of reply from Councillor Ben Curran, the original Motion, as amended, was put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: 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) welcomes reports that the Deputy Prime Minister has dismissed regional public sector pay plans;
- (p) further welcomes comments from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills describing plans contained in the Beecroft Report as "complete nonsense";
- (q) supports Early Day Motion (EDM) 132 which calls on the Government not to proceed with the Report's recommendation for no fault

dismissal; and

- (r) 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.

(Note: 1.The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (b) (c) (e) (f) (g), (i) to (m) and (o) to (r) and against paragraphs (a), (d), (h) and (n) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) to (n) and (q) and (r) and against paragraphs (o) and (p) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING DEMENTIA SERVICES**

It was moved by Councillor Clive Skelton, seconded by Councillor Rob Frost, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in the 2012/13 budget and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12 and regrets that the main opposition group continue to fully support the level of cuts imposed on the Council by the Conservative-led Government;
- (b) notes that the spending cut for adult social care overall is less than that of many other council services and that the access criteria for care services has remained unchanged;
- (c) recalls that the policy of reviewing resource centres was started by the previous Administration, who consulted on the future of Foxwood and Ravenscroft and Cabinet in 2010 agreed that "further consideration will be needed on the future of all the existing resource centres and that a report should be brought to Cabinet in due course.";
- (d) regrets that as a result of the Council's financial position a £385,000 reduction has been identified from dementia services, however notes that £85,000 of this reduction relates to the previous Administration's decision to close Foxwood;
- (e) confirms that the target for reduction will now be subject to an extensive consultation with people who use the services, their families, staff and trade unions;
- (f) welcomes the commitment of the present Administration that no one who currently attends these centres will have their overall service reduced through any changes;
- (g) believes that the future care of Sheffield people who suffer with dementia is a vitally important issue and reiterates the Council's commitment to developing services for people with dementia and their families;
- (h) acknowledges that people affected by dementia and their families will be anxious about the impact of the cuts, however, believes that in light of the Council's financial position they are unavoidable; and
- (i) confirms the Council's commitment to support and protect people with

dementia and their families, and to consult with them to fund services in the face of unprecedented cuts in funding that the City has received from the Government.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried

After a right of reply by Councillor Clive Skelton, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in the 2012/13 budget and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12 and regrets that the main opposition group continue to fully support the level of cuts imposed on the Council by the Conservative-led Government;
- (b) notes that the spending cut for adult social care overall is less than that of many other Council services and that the access criteria for care services has remained unchanged;
- (c) recalls that the policy of reviewing resource centres was started by the previous Administration, who consulted on the future of Foxwood and Ravenscroft and Cabinet in 2010 agreed that "further consideration will be needed on the future of all the existing resource centres and that a report should be brought to Cabinet in due course.";
- (d) regrets that as a result of the Council's financial position a £385,000 reduction has been identified from dementia services, however notes that £85,000 of this reduction relates to the previous Administration's decision to close Foxwood;
- (e) confirms that the target for reduction will now be subject to an extensive consultation with people who use the services, their families, staff and trade unions;
- (f) welcomes the commitment of the present Administration that no one who currently attends these centres will have their overall service reduced through any changes;
- (g) believes that the future care of Sheffield people who suffer with dementia is a vitally important issue and reiterates the Council's commitment to developing services for people with dementia and their families;
- (h) acknowledges that people affected by dementia and their families will be anxious about the impact of the cuts, however, believes that in light of the Council's financial position they are unavoidable; and

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| (i) confirms the Council's commitment to support and protect people with dementia and their families, and to consult with them to fund services in the face of unprecedented cuts in funding that the City has received from the Government. |
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#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE FUNDING**

It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor David Barker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that in a speech on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, M.P. argued that funding allocated to Clinical Commissioning Groups should be weighted towards the age of their patient population instead of levels of deprivation;
- (b) further notes research by Durham University public health professor Clare Bamba, that an age only funding formula would see a major transfer of NHS funds from the North to the healthier and more affluent South;
- (c) agrees with comments by Professor Bamba 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 changes to NHS funding which according to Professor Bamba'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.

(At the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Mary Lea) and with the consent of the Council and the seconder, the following alterations were made to the Motion as detailed on the Summons for this meeting:

At Paragraph (a): the replacement of the words "based on" with the words "weighted towards"; Paragraph (b) the replacement of the words "these proposed changes" with the words "an age only"; and Paragraph (d): the deletion of the word "these" after the word "opposes".)

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Clive Skelton, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the deletion in paragraph (a) of all of the words after the words "Groups should" and their substitution by the words "take greater account of the age of the patient population";
- (2) the deletion of paragraphs (b)-(f); and
- (3) the addition of new paragraphs (b)-(f) as follows:-
  - (b) believes that Professor Bambra's analysis is flawed, given that it is premised on a proposal that has never been suggested or supported by the Government;
  - (c) supports the Government's decision to ring-fence NHS spending from the spending reductions that were forced by the previous Government's record national deficit;
  - (d) welcomes the £26 million increase in the 2011-12 revenue allocation for Sheffield Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the additional £27 million increase in 2012-13;
  - (e) recalls comments by the Shadow Health Secretary, Andy Burnham in June 2010 that it would be "irresponsible" to increase NHS spending and notes with concern the implication that a Labour government would have cut Sheffield's allocation rather than increase it; and
  - (f) supports the Government's policy of increasing funding for Sheffield PCT, as opposed to the implication by the Shadow Health Secretary that he would cut its funding.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that in a speech on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, M.P. argued that funding allocated to Clinical Commissioning Groups should be weighted towards the age of their patient population instead of levels of deprivation;
- (b) further notes research by Durham University public health professor Clare Bambra, that an age only funding formula would see a major transfer of NHS funds from the North to the healthier and more affluent South;

- (c) agrees with comments by Professor Bamba 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 changes to NHS funding which according to Professor Bamba’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.

(Note: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and against paragraphs (e) to (f) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING EARLY YEARS REVIEW**

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sanger, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-

- (b) therefore welcomes the previous Government's transformation of early years services through numerous measures including the creation of Sure Start Children's Centres, expanding childcare provision and increasing the number of health visitors;
- (c) regrets the actions of the Liberal Democrats in the Coalition Government in supporting the abolition of the Area Based Grant (£18 million per year to Sheffield) and the Sure Start Grant (£21 million) and replacing them with the Early Intervention Grant (£24 million), leaving the Council with a £15 million funding gap;
- (d) welcomes the approach taken by the present Administration in commissioning a review of the early years service in full consultation with providers, to produce a long term view of the future of the service, especially given the considerable financial pressures on the service that have resulted from the Government's cuts;
- (e) supports plans to help early years providers in the VCF and independent sectors to work together more innovatively to ensure their sustainability and a flexible, affordable and sufficient childcare service to meet local needs;
- (f) notes that the findings of the first stage of the review were announced in March and work is now ongoing to reshape services based on the needs of children and families;
- (g) confirms that the focus of the Early Years is to provide a core offer of early years services for all children and families, in the face of unprecedented Government cuts which means that the way these services are provided may have to change;
- (h) further confirms that no decision has been made on any centres and deplores the scaremongering of the major opposition group who have fully supported all Coalition Government cuts to the early years service; and

- (i) believes that the review has been an open and transparent process and the present Administration remains committed to delivering a high quality early years service in spite of the unfair cuts supported by the Liberal Democrats in Government.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (b) (e) (f) and (g), against paragraph (i), and abstained on paragraphs (c), (d) and (h) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: 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) therefore welcomes the previous Government's transformation of early years services through numerous measures including the creation of Sure Start Children's Centres, expanding childcare provision and increasing the number of health visitors;
- (c) regrets the actions of the Liberal Democrats in the Coalition Government in supporting the abolition of the Area Based Grant (£18 million per year to Sheffield) and the Sure Start Grant (£21 million) and replacing them with the Early Intervention Grant (£24 million), leaving the Council with a £15 million funding gap;
- (d) welcomes the approach taken by the present Administration in commissioning a review of the early years service in full consultation with providers, to produce a long term view of the future of the service, especially given the considerable financial pressures on the service that have resulted from the Government's cuts;
- (e) supports plans to help early years providers in the VCF and independent sectors to work together more innovatively to ensure their sustainability and a flexible, affordable and sufficient childcare service to meet local needs;
- (f) notes that the findings of the first stage of the review were announced in March and work is now ongoing to reshape services based on the needs of children and families;
- (g) confirms that the focus of the Early Years is to provide a core offer of early years services for all children and families, in the face of unprecedented Government cuts which means that the way these services are provided may have to change;

- (h) further confirms that no decision has been made on any centres and deplores the scaremongering of the major opposition group who have fully supported all Coalition Government cuts to the early years service; and
- (i) believes that the review has been an open and transparent process and the present Administration remains committed to delivering a high quality early years service in spite of the unfair cuts supported by the Liberal Democrats in Government.

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) (b) (e) (f) and (g), against paragraph (i), and abstained on paragraphs (c) (d) and (h) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY AND SHEFFIELD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUBS**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Steve Wilson, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, 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, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 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.

(At the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Steve Wilson) and with the consent of the Council and the seconder, the following alteration was made to the Motion as detailed on the Summons for this meeting:- the replacement in Paragraph (b) of the word "March" with the word "May".)

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING TRANSPORT INVESTMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Alison Brelsford, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls the motion tabled to this Council on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the substitution, in paragraph (a), of the words "highlighted the millions of pounds the Coalition Government is investing in Sheffield's roads, buses, trams and trains" by the words "called upon the Government to fund a number of projects critical to improving the transport infrastructure of the Sheffield City Region";
- (2) the deletion, in paragraph (e), of all the words after the word "notes" and their substitution by the words "the work of several local partners to secure this investment including the Council, all Sheffield MPs and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive"; and
- (3) the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
  - (f) supports the Leader of the Council's joint letter with other relevant local authority leaders calling on the Government to press ahead with the electrification of the Midland Mainline.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, as a further amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of two new paragraphs as follows:-

- (i) believes that the transportation of bicycles on trains is an important part of an integrated transport policy; and

- (i) will make efforts to ensure that this service is not lost on replacement tram/trains.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recalls the motion tabled to this Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, which called upon the Government to fund a number of projects critical to improving the transport infrastructure of the Sheffield City Region;
- (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;
- (e) notes the work of several local partners to secure this investment, including the Council, all Sheffield MPs and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive;
- (f) supports the Leader of the Council's joint letter with other relevant local authority leaders calling on the Government to press ahead with the electrification of the Midland Mainline;
- (g) believes that the transportation of bicycles on trains is an important part of an integrated transport policy; and
- (h) will make efforts to ensure that this service is not lost on replacement tram/trains.

## **18. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING**

It was moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, 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 share-holders;
- (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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor David Baker, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
  - (b) therefore regrets the Administration's decision to reduce recycling services by ceasing the free garden waste service and imposing additional cuts to household waste recycling centres;
- (2) the relettering of original paragraphs (b)-(f) as new paragraphs (c)-(g); and
- (3) the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (j) as follows and the relettering of original paragraph (g) as new paragraph (i):-
  - (h) expresses further disappointment that reductions in opening days have been distributed using what it believes to be a favoured areas formula, rather than fairly across the City;

- (j) furthermore urges the Administration to reconsider its decision to cease the free garden waste collection service.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

It was then moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, as a further amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in 2012/13 and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12;
- (b) notes that to meet this unprecedented financial gap in the budget, the Council has had to make changes to waste services through the introduction of Alternate Week Collections and changing the opening hours of the five Household Waste Recycling Centres;
- (c) acknowledges that moving to Alternate Week Collections will save the Council £2.5 million per year and the altered opening times will save the Council £478k and believes that this move is unavoidable due to the budget position imposed by Central Government;
- (d) notes that the Council makes every effort to provide the best possible waste service, including sufficient opening hours at the Household Waste Recycling Centres to offer a sustainable service, working within the severe financial constraints imposed by the Government;
- (e) further notes that under current plans, Sheffield's five Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open a total of 23 days every week;
- (f) further notes that despite claims that unaccounted or undeclared profit is being made on recyclable materials from the Centres, no evidence has been provided to substantiate such claims and that if any evidence is forthcoming then claims will be investigated thoroughly;
- (g) believes that unless and until such evidence is provided, the Council must make the saving outlined in the budget and has no option but to continue with the changes to opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Centres; and
- (h) notes that in their budget, the smallest opposition group did not propose to reverse the savings to Household Waste Recycling Centres and believes that to act responsibly they should come forward with the required savings if they wish to reverse the reduction in opening hours.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

(At the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Leigh Bramall) and with the consent of Council and the seconder, Paragraph (a) of the above amendment, as presented on the list of amendments submitted to the Chief Executive and circulated at the meeting, was altered, as follows:

The replacement of the words "Conservative-led Government is reducing Sheffield Council's budget", with the following words: "Council has had to reduce spending".)

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in 2012/13 and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12;
- (b) notes that to meet this unprecedented financial gap in the budget, the Council has had to make changes to waste services through the introduction of Alternate Week Collections and changing the opening hours of the five Household Waste Recycling Centres;
- (c) acknowledges that moving to Alternate Week Collections will save the Council £2.5 million per year and the altered opening times will save the Council £478k and believes that this move is unavoidable due to the budget position imposed by Central Government;
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- (f) further notes that despite claims that unaccounted or undeclared profit is being made on recyclable materials from the Centres, no evidence has been provided to substantiate such claims and that if any evidence is forthcoming then claims will be investigated thoroughly;
- (g) believes that unless and until such evidence is provided, the Council must make the saving outlined in the budget and has no option but to continue with the changes to opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Centres; and
- (h) notes that in their budget, the smallest opposition group did not propose to reverse the savings to Household Waste Recycling Centres and believes that to act responsibly they should come forward with the



required savings if they wish to reverse the reduction in opening hours.

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a) and (e), against Paragraphs (c), (d), (g) and (h) and abstained from voting on Paragraphs (b) and (f) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that this Council:-

- (a) celebrates the passing of the Olympic Torch through Sheffield on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 and hopes that local people enjoy the three day event to be held at Don Valley Stadium between 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August where they can watch Sheffield heptathlete, Jessica Ennis, compete in the Olympics on the giant screen.

**20. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING ENGAGING WITH LOCAL PEOPLE**

It was moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, 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.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion of the words "provided the cost can be met within existing budgets" at the end of paragraph (e).

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

It was then moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows:-

- (b) believes that apathy and low voter turnout in elections are complex long term national trends and the Council attempts to address this locally by improving accessibility and engaging with local people;
- (c) welcomes action by the present Administration to engage with local people through writing to every household in Sheffield to consult on the 2012/13 budget and introducing the new Meet the Cabinet initiative;
- (d) notes that other councils across the country webcast meetings on the internet and that upon investigation into webcasting by the cross party Modernisation Working Group, it was considered to be costly, with set-up costs around £100,000 and annual costs between £21,000 and £48,000 and evidence from other authorities indicating that viewing figures are very low;
- (e) notes that when the issue was considered by the cross party Modernisation Working Group, it was decided not to progress with webcasting due to the costs involved;

- (f) therefore believes that there are better and more cost effective ways of engaging with local people and encouraging their involvement in decision making processes; and
- (g) requests the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to bring forward a wide range of plans to improve how the Council engages with local people.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: 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 apathy and low voter turnout in elections are complex long term national trends and the Council attempts to address this locally by improving accessibility and engaging with local people;
- (c) welcomes action by the present Administration to engage with local people through writing to every household in Sheffield to consult on the 2012/13 budget and introducing the new Meet the Cabinet initiative;
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- (e) notes that when the issue was considered by the cross party Modernisation Working Group, it was decided not to progress with webcasting due to the costs involved;
- (f) therefore believes that there are better and more cost effective ways of engaging with local people and encouraging their involvement in decision making processes; and
- (g) requests the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to bring forward a wide range of plans to improve how the Council engages with local people.

(Note: 1.The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob

McCann, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) (b) (d) (e) and (g) and against paragraphs (c) and (f) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (g) and abstained on paragraph (c) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)