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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> 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.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

**COUNCIL AGENDA
4 JULY 2012**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 13 June 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

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. DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER

Report of the Chief Executive.

8. NEW STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

(a) New Code of Conduct for Members and Procedures for Dealing with Complaints about Members, Establishment of a Standards Committee and Guidance Relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

(b) Members' Interests

To receive a presentation from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on new requirements for registering interests and declaring them at meetings.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL

That this Council:-

- (a) deplores the Government's shambolic mishandling of welfare reform which has seen delays to the introduction of universal credit to 2014 at the same time as other reforms, including the localisation of council tax benefit, will be implemented from 2013;
- (b) regrets that the Government's mismanagement of the economy and the failure of initiatives such as the Work Programme has contributed to an increasing benefits bill;
- (c) opposes the Government's proposals on council tax benefit localisation which will see a 10% cut in funding for council tax benefit in addition to the £170 million budget gap faced by the Council over the next four years;
- (d) believes that the localisation of council tax benefit has been completely mismanaged by the Government and should have been aligned with the introduction of universal credit;
- (e) notes research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies which indicates that the working poor will be hit hardest by the cuts to council tax benefit, completely contradicting the Government's stated aims in its welfare reform programme;
- (f) further notes research by the Local Government Association warning that the cut is also likely to hit hardest councils in the most deprived areas of the country and authorities in the wealthiest areas of the country will experience a smaller cut;
- (g) regrets that this mirrors the Government's unfair policy of giving heavy cuts to Sheffield whilst at the same time wealthier areas of the country are experiencing next to no cuts at all; and
- (h) regrets that this is a further example of this Government hitting the most vulnerable the hardest which is exemplified by cuts to housing benefit, the reassessment of incapacity benefit claimants and cuts to tax credits.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

That this Council:-

- (a) recalls its support for the twin-track approach of the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority regarding Bus Partnerships and Quality Contracts;
- (b) welcomes improvements to some bus routes as part of the proposed bus partnership agreement but regrettably notes that many local people will lose out, such as residents on Psalter Lane, in Stocksbridge or in Ringinglow Village;
- (c) urges the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to investigate these routes in particular as part of their consultation and deliver improved services for these residents;
- (d) believes it is becoming clearer that a voluntary partnership will not deliver the fair, affordable and equitable bus service that Sheffield residents deserve;
- (e) reiterates the cross-party support in this Council for a 'Quality Contracts' strategy for Sheffield; and
- (f) therefore encourages South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority and this Council to deliver a fully-tendered network by continuing its pursuit of 'Quality Contracts'.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

That this Council:-

- (a) is extremely concerned by the current levels of youth unemployment both in Sheffield and nationally, and believes that the actions of the current Government are hitting young people disproportionately hard;
- (b) believes that this Council must do all it can to ensure that a generation of young people are not left on the scrap heap by the heartless actions of the present Government;
- (c) welcomes that the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme introduced by the present Administration has now given the opportunity of an apprenticeship to 100 young people;
- (d) notes this approach, which has seen £1 million invested in apprenticeships, is in stark contrast to the previous Administration whose Leader broke a promise to commit £1 million of the Council's own resources to support the Future Jobs Fund in Sheffield;
- (e) thanks partners in the public, private and voluntary sector who have employed an apprentice, noting that the Sheffield

Apprenticeship Scheme has involved a 50% Council contribution to the wages of an apprentice and a 50% employer contribution; and

- (f) welcomes the wider work taken by the present Administration to increase the uptake of apprentices in the City and the doubling of the number of apprentices funded by the Sheffield Apprenticeship Scheme to 200 and calls on any local employers who wish to take on an apprentice in the future to contact the Council.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

That this Council:-

- (a) recalls the Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Jillian Creasy at the Council meeting on 13th June 2012, and expresses disappointment at the decision of the largest party in the council chamber to oppose moving the item up the agenda, given the clear interest in the public gallery;
- (b) notes that following the change of Administration in May 2011, a further £150,000 was removed from the budget of recycling centres, and believes this was a short-sighted move given the Administration's plan to end weekly black bin collections;
- (c) understands that Blackstock Road has the highest tonnage of any recycling centre, and therefore expresses dismay at the Administration's decision to close Blackstock Road three days a week, while the recycling centre in what the Council believes to be in one of the Administration's 'favoured areas' remains open seven days a week;
- (d) furthermore, notes with disappointment the failure to avoid strikes, and regrets the effect this has had on the service for local residents;
- (e) in addition, recalls the decision of the present Administration to end the free collection of garden waste, and notes that more than a year after it was first agreed, the flexible blue bin/box offer has still not been fully rolled out;
- (f) believes the simultaneous strategies of the present Administration to end weekly black bin collections and reduce recycling services always amounted to a recipe for disaster; and
- (g) therefore, in light of the Administration's decision to enforce fortnightly bin collections, calls upon the Administration to reconsider its reductions to recycling centre opening hours.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM

That this Council:-

- (a) believes it is important to improve the way that the Council engages with local people;
- (b) notes the Meet the Cabinet Programme introduced by the present Administration last year which provided an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions to Cabinet members and to raise issues in their local communities;
- (c) recalls that the meetings were well received and thanks all members of the public who attended the meetings;
- (d) welcomes this new way of engaging with local people;
- (e) further welcomes that the present Administration will be repeating the Meet the Cabinet initiative this year starting in October;
- (f) further welcomes that the present Administration are not only extending the initiative but enhancing it by introducing a "Question Time" style format where the first 30 minutes of the meeting will be chaired by the Community Assembly Chair and will be spent discussing an issue that matters to local people, providing a greater opportunity for members of the public to engage with the Council; and
- (g) notes that the topics for debate in each area will be set by the concerns of local people and calls on all local people who wish to raise an issue to be debated in their area to contact their local Community Assembly.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

That this Council:-

- (a) understands that as a result of this Administration's decision to end free collections of green bins, up to 30,000 bins could be shredded;
- (b) believes this is a complete waste of an asset which originally cost £600,000;
- (c) understands that many residents who do not currently benefit from a green bin, may appreciate the offer of a green bin, even at the current charge, which is believed to be extortionate; and

- (d) calls on the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene to write to Veolia to ask that the green bins and the green bin collection service be offered to residents across the City.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

That this Council:-

- (a) congratulates the organisers of Sheffield Pride for a very successful festival that brought our City together in a celebration of diversity and togetherness;
- (b) recognises the equal rights of all people and supports the campaign for Equal Marriage and calls upon the Government to support legislation to enable this at the earliest possible opportunity; and
- (c) seeks to secure marriage for gay people as a civil vehicle on the same basis as heterosexual marriage, available in a registry office and approved premises.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR

That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that Sheffield is home to some of the worst roads in the country and rightful owner of the 'pot-hole city' title;
- (b) believes that the City could have had decent roads if millions of pounds had not been required each financial year to service the Council's debt as a result of the World Student Games;
- (c) welcomes the £2bn Highways PFI project, which will see every road in Sheffield improved and thanks councillors of the current opposition and administration parties for helping to secure the project, in particular the previous Administration, for securing the future of the project at a time of intense public spending reviews;
- (d) thanks the Coalition Government for its £1.2bn contribution to the project, in addition to investment in Sheffield's trains, trams and buses, particularly when public finances are tight as a result of the previous Government's record budget deficit;
- (e) believes investment from this project should be spread fairly across the City, and will oppose any attempt to deliver one level of standard for the Administration's 'favoured areas' and a lower

standard for local residents elsewhere in the City; and

- (f) therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene and the Chief Executive to sign a "First Street, Last Street" public pledge, which will guarantee that the last street and road, and all those before, will be of the same quality as the first street and road to benefit from the Project.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT JONES

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that Sheffield can be proud of its reputation as the greenest city in the country and considers that its parks and green spaces should be accessible to all children and young people;
- (b) notes that there are currently hundreds of disabled children living in Sheffield, including many who are wheelchair users;
- (c) however, understands that currently only four parks across the City have playgrounds that include wheelchair accessible roundabouts;
- (d) thanks the Government for investing in the Graves Park, Rose Garden playground, as part of its Aiming High for Disabled Children programme and welcomes reports that improvements to Rivelin Valley paddling pools will make the facility more accessible to wheelchair users;
- (e) believes that all new playgrounds should contain at least one piece of accessible equipment for wheelchair users and that priority be given to them when replacing old equipment; and
- (f) requests the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport & Leisure to bring forward a report to Cabinet so that official council policy can be amended accordingly.



Chief Executive

Dated this 26 day of June 2012

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 5 September 2012 at the Town Hall

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The existing Standards regime will be abolished from 1st July, 2012 by the Localism Act 2011. From this date, the way that your interests need to be registered and declared will change. Prejudicial and personal interests will no longer exist and they have been replaced by Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs).

The Act also requires that provision is made for interests which are not Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requires the Council to introduce a new local Code of Conduct for Members. It is intended that provision will be made in the new Code for dealing with “personal” interests.

The Regulations in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests have only recently been published by the Government and guidance is being developed for circulation to you prior to 1st July.

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