

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 3 June 2015, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Talib Hussain)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Julie Gledhill Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond Mohammad Maroof
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Lynn Rooney
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Alan Law Garry Weatherall	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Aodan Marken Brian Webster	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	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> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Chris Peace	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Robert Murphy Sarah Jane Smalley	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Anne Murphy Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Dianne Hurst Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nasima Akther, Jenny Armstrong, Penny Baker, Olivia Blake, Lewis Dagnall, Karen McGowan, Pat Midgley, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Shaffaq Mohammed, and Paul Wood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Peter Cropper

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) reported the sad death of Peter Cropper, founder and member of the Lindsay String Quartet, who were granted the Honorary Freedom of the City of Sheffield on 3rd June 2009.

4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Review Taxi Fares

The Council received a petition containing over 500 signatures and requesting the Council to review taxi fares.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mohammed Yasim. He stated that the petition was presented on behalf of hackney carriage drivers and requested the Council Licensing Committee and Chief Licensing Officer to consider a taxi fare increase for 2015. The last fare increase was in October 2010 and there had been a previous increase in June 2008. However, it was now considered that fares should be reviewed because of economic circumstances, including the cost of living for drivers, who were self-employed. The increasing costs associated with operating a taxi such as insurance, maintenance and other overheads also had to be taken into account. Drivers also had families to support, who had all been affected by the cost of living. Mr Yasim stated that there were also other issues upon which drivers wished to be consulted.

These issues had been the subject of another petition which he said the GMB,

which he represented, also supported.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development. Councillor Bramall stated that he had spoken with one of the co-chairs of Licensing Committee in relation to the process concerning Hackney Carriage fares. The matter would have to be considered by the Licensing Committee. The Committee would hear and consider the evidence and would make a decision. Councillor Bramall stated that he would ask the Head of Licensing to contact the petitioners regarding the process required to take this matter forward.

4.3 Public Questions

4.3.1 Public Questions Concerning Trees on Rustlings Road

Patricia White stated that 12 healthy trees were due to be chopped down by the Council on Rustlings Road. She asked why this was the case, when the pavements give access to everyone, including people using prams and people with wheelchairs.

Nigel Slack stated that at the Cabinet meeting in May, he had asked about one outsourcing company apparently failing to communicate well with the public. He stated that it seemed there was another in the shape of Amey and the Streets Ahead contract.

He referred to the proposal to remove trees on Rustlings Road because the effect on pavements and also to the removal of trees from Cemetery Avenue with no apparent intention to replace them.

Mr Slack asked the following questions: how many mature trees have been removed from the city's roadsides by Amey and how many then replaced; how does the Council reconcile mature trees replaced by saplings as 'like for like'; who is Amey required to consult before such works are carried out; and who will pocket the money from selling all that mature Lime wood 'if' the trees are removed?

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, responded to the questions. He said that he took on board the issues which the questions raised and the depth of feeling on both sides of the argument concerning the proposed removal of the trees on Rustlings Road. He appreciated that there were air quality issues in Sheffield and that trees released oxygen. There were some 2 million trees in the City and some 50,000 trees had been planted since the start of the year. The Council and personnel in Amey (many of whom were formerly employed in Street Force) also loved the City's trees and did not want to remove trees unless absolutely necessary. Trees were something which were a constant issue for the Council and more specifically were the subject of much correspondence to local Councillors. If pavements in the City were properly surfaced, people might be encouraged to use them, including people with disabilities and those using pushchairs, which would contribute to improved air quality.

Councillor Fox invited the questioners and campaigners to a meeting on Monday 8th June, to which local Councillors would also be invited so that the issues could be discussed and the Council could listen to people's views. There were serious hurdles to be overcome and the Council's statutory duties and liabilities and legal requirements concerning footways had to be properly considered. He referred to the high winds in March which had caused fallen trees in Stocksbridge.

Letters had been delivered to residents and tree walks took place. Councillor Fox commended the efforts of officers in meeting people in the community. In summary, since the Amey contract commenced in 2012, some 2,000 trees had been removed, with 2,100 replacements planted. Many trees had been planted in Victorian era and had outgrown the surrounding space. Saplings of the same species were planted and were a one to one replacement although these would take time to grow and mature. There was an opportunity to deal with the issues relating to trees and mobility. It was also important that the Council did not neglect its duty and deal with the situation at this time rather than passing the burden and potential liabilities and costs to future generations.

Councillor Fox stated that timber from trees which were removed was mainly recycled or used for biomass. Sometimes wood was made available for people undertaking art or crafts.

4.3.2 Public Question Concerning Housing Tenant

Christine Bennett referred to an individual housing tenant, who is a pensioner and although she had been in need of support, the housing service had, she said, shown disinterest. The housing service had sent a letter informing her that she owed rent. The story had been the subject of an article in the Star newspaper.

Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Housing responded that she would look at the issues raised by the question in greater detail.

4.3.3 Public Questions Concerning Human Rights in Burma

Hafiz Ahmad asked what the Council would do in response to the killing of innocent people and human rights abuses which had taken place in Burma.

Mohammad Kamran referred to events in Burma, which he said had received little attention in the media. He said that there had been disturbing scenes in Burma, which included massacre of people and ethnic cleansing. He asked what the Council's role was in helping to stop the genocide.

Foyad stated that he begged the Council to do something about the treatment of the people of Burma.

Fathima Mohamed asked the Council to fight as hard as possible to stop the persecution of Muslims in Burma and asked what the Council was going to do.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded to the questions. Councillor Dore stated that she understood that Councillor Mazher Iqbal had

addressed the campaign group regarding atrocities which had taken place in Burma. Whilst Sheffield City Council had no jurisdiction, it was possible for the Council to write to Members of Parliament, which was something that she and colleagues had done personally and on behalf of their constituents. Sheffield had an excellent record on campaigning as regards discrimination and persecution and supporting the victims of such events. Burmese people were welcomed to the City as part of the Gateway programme to support refugees. In 2005, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Leader of National League for Democracy in Burma) was granted the Freedom of the City of Sheffield.

Councillor Dore thanked the people in attendance for the information which they also provided to her concerning events in Burma and stated that she would write to the Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, on behalf of the people who had asked questions and made representations concerning the situation in Burma and requesting that he considers what possible action could be taken.

4.3.4 Public Questions Concerning the Electoral System

Nigel Slack referred to motions on the Council agenda with respect to the various election results, which either defended the First Past the Post system or called for a system that reflects the actual votes of the electorate.

He said it was still the case that the people of Sheffield are represented by Councillors voted in by, at best, 1 in 3 of the electorate and at worst 1 in 5. However, he stated that he would be interested in the fact that First Past the Post should mean that only three of the councillors present can claim real victory since the winner in all other wards were the electorate that chose not to vote, despite an almost doubling of the turnout since 2014.

Mr Slack asked what this says about the broken nature of representative democracy in the City.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that Council Motions were carefully considered, with several motions on the agenda for this meeting concerning the electoral system which included a number of options. Parliamentary elections used the First Past the Post system, whereas elections to the European Parliament employed a system of Proportional Representation. Councillor Dore stated that she was open-minded on the matter. The Amendment to both motions proposed by Councillor Geoff Smith accepted there were concerns about the current electoral system. She said there were different views concerning the alternative options for electoral systems. Whilst it was recognised that there might be a need to reconsider the system, it was not appropriate to implement a knee jerk response. The impact of potential change would need to be considered by reference to past elections and likely effect on future ones. The Amendment did not state a position regarding First Past the Post. A proper debate was required on the electoral system.

4.3.5 Public Question Concerning Fair City Campaign

Nigel Slack asked, given that there are 84 councillors in the City and the 'Fair City'

campaign has been running for some time, how many councillors had signed up to the campaign and pledged to make this a fairer City and, if they have not, why not - do they not support the campaign?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that there were a number of Councillors who were Fair City Champions, including herself and Councillors Mazher Iqbal and Peter Price. She thanked Mr Slack for raising awareness of the Fair City campaign and said she would encourage other Councillors to visit the Fair City website, to sign up to become a champion and make a pledge.

4.3.6 Public Question Concerning Public Questions

Martin Brighton stated that every question raised in this chamber by this citizen has been done so for a purpose. He asked: of the issues raised during the tenure of the current Leader of the Council, how many have been resolved in such a way as to prevent a repeat.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated in response that she was sure that Mr Brighton knew the answer for himself.

4.3.7 Public Questions Concerning Housing Policy and Tenant Representation

Martin Brighton asked the following questions:

1. In what ways will the new Cabinet Member be different in policy and practice from her predecessor?
2. Can tenants now reasonably expect a cessation of:
 - (i) Council denial that the TARA (Tenants and Residents Association) Recognition Policy has been repeatedly rejected (details have been distributed widely)
 - (ii) Use of Coercive Control (threats by a council officer, reported city-wide by TARAs) to impose the Recognition Policy and then falsely claim support ?

He stated that it has been determined, via Statute, that the tenant management board known as HANAP is not legitimate by virtue of exclusion of the public as observers, as the basic principles for openness, transparency and accountability were trammelled. HANAP makes recommendations to the Cabinet Member, upon which basis decisions are made. As a consequence, all decisions made by the previous Cabinet Member from HANAP and its interim predecessor have not been lawful.

3. How does the incoming Cabinet Member propose to rectify this?

The previous Cabinet Member for Housing directed that the ability for citizens to ask questions at Area Housing meetings was to be withdrawn, despite the council conceding that there was no evidence whatsoever to support the specious and fatuous excuses for withdrawing the facility from citizens.

4. What does the current Cabinet Member propose to rectify this?

Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Housing, responded that she would provide full answers in writing and added that she was looking at every area in her portfolio.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 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.

5.3 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 or Pensions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

Resolved: On the Motion of Councillor Gill Furniss, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that (a) it be noted that in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 20 May 2015, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointment:-

Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Vickie Priestley to fill a
Substitute Members vacancy

(b) the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Panels, Boards, etc. be approved:-

Children, Young People and Family - Councillor Aodan Marken to replace

Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Councillor Brian Webster
Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members	- Councillors Ian Auckland and Joe Otten to fill vacancies
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees Substitute Members	- Councillors Denise Reaney and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
Walkley Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Neale Gibson to fill a vacancy
West Ecclesfield Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Adam Hurst to fill a vacancy
East Ecclesfield Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Steve Wilson to fill a vacancy
Firth Park Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Alan Law to fill a vacancy
Shiregreen and Brightside Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
Burngreave Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Ibrar Hussain to fill a vacancy
Darnall Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Mary Lea to fill a vacancy
Manor Castle Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Pat Midgley to fill a vacancy
Richmond Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Lynn Rooney to fill a vacancy
Arbourthorne Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy
Beighton Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill a vacancy
Mosborough Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor David Barker to fill a vacancy
Birley Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Karen McGowan to fill a vacancy
Nether Edge Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member	- Councillor Nikki Bond to fill a vacancy

- Gleadless Valley Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member - Councillor Steve Jones to fill a vacancy
- Beauchief and Greenhill Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member - Councillor Roy Munn to fill a vacancy
- Crookes Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member - Councillor Geoff Smith to fill a vacancy
- Ecclesall Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member - Councillor Penny Baker to fill a vacancy
- Broomhill Local Area Partnership Local Ward Member - Councillor Aodan Marken to fill a vacancy
- Central Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member - Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley to fill a vacancy
- Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy
- Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley to fill a vacancy
- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
- Castlegate Member Working Group - Councillors Colin Ross and Penny Baker to fill vacancies
- Councillor Robert Murphy to fill a vacancy
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Sue Alston and Martin Smith to fill vacancies
- Cycle Forum - Councillor Richard Shaw to fill a vacancy
- Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley to fill a vacancy
- Environmental Performance Working Party - Councillor Brian Webster to fill a vacancy
- Fairer Charging Commission - Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy

Information Services Steering Group-	- Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	- Councillors David Baker and Vickie Priestley to fill vacancies
	- Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley to fill a vacancy
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	- Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
Motorists Forum	- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy
Planning Policy Advisory Group	- Councillors David Baker, Roger Davison and Steve Ayris to fill vacancies
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	- Councillor Roger Davison to fill a vacancy
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee	- Councillor Colin Ross to fill a vacancy

7. IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY IN SHEFFIELD

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Isobel Bowler, that the following recommendation made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15th April 2015 be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

(a) notes the recommendations of the CIL Examiner’s Report, received on 25 February 2015, that the CIL charges proposed are appropriate (with three amendments) and that the Charging Schedule be approved and resolves to recommend to Full Council that the CIL Charging Schedule is approved with an implementation date of 15 July 2015;

(b) agrees to offer an Instalment Policy and Exceptional Circumstances Relief for CIL, as set out in the documents attached to the report;

(c) agrees to the production of a Supplementary Planning Document on CIL and Planning Obligations, to be referred to Cabinet for subsequent approval following public consultation;

(d) agrees that the Interim Regulation 123 List will be adopted as the Council’s list of infrastructure projects or types of infrastructure that it intends will be, or may be, wholly or partly funded by the CIL (the Regulation 123 List);

(e) agrees that Cabinet shall take recommendations from the Council's various internal programme and outcome boards to create, and update as required:-

- (i) the priorities for the Infrastructure Delivery Plan; and
- (ii) the Regulation 123 List; and

(f) agrees that projects funded by the CIL shall be approved by Cabinet as part of the Council's capital and revenue financial approval procedures."

Resolved: That, as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15th April 2015, the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule attached to the report now submitted, be approved with an implementation date of 15th July 2015.

8. **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR STATUTORY OFFICERS**

Resolved: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that the Council:-

- (a) notes the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 relating to the disciplinary procedures for Statutory Officers, as set out in the report;
- (b) adopts the changes to the following Parts of the Constitution, as set out in the report and appendices:-
 - (i) Part 2 – Article 4.02 (o)
 - (ii) Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions (Terms of Reference of the Senior Officer Employment Committee)
 - (iii) Part 4 – Officer Employment Procedure Rules; and
- (c) gives approval for the Miscellaneous Matters (Part B) attached to the Council Procedure Rules to be removed from the Constitution.

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

General and Local Elections 2015

It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor George Lindars Hammond, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks the people of Sheffield for using their vote in the General and Local elections on 7th May 2015;
- (b) notes that 21 out of the 28 seats that were contested in the local elections

were won by the Labour Party and places on record its thanks to the people of Sheffield for their continued support for the current Administration;

- (c) further places on record its thanks to all officials working on the election, who made sure that it was conducted smoothly and efficiently;
- (d) welcomes all new Councillors to the Town Hall and congratulates Sheffield's new MPs, Harry Harpham and Louise Haigh, on their election to Parliament;
- (e) welcomes the efforts taken by the Council to maximise voter registration, particularly in light of Individual Electoral Registration, and notes that Sheffield has received recognition, particularly for the work with the universities to encourage students to register and resolves that work remains ongoing to encourage as many people as possible to register to vote; and
- (f) resolves to continue to work to improve levels of voter registration in the City and to encourage further engagement with local democracy.

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

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (b);
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) welcomes all new Councillors to the Town Hall and congratulates all Sheffield's MPs on their election to Parliament.
- 3. the relettering of paragraphs (c) to (f) as new paragraphs (b) to (e).

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

It was then moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor Pauline Andrews, as amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-

- (b) notes that 21 out of the 28 seats that were contested in the local elections were won by the Labour Party, however, although the Labour Group on the Council thanks the electorate, (i) believes that the Group implies and gives the impression that all the people of Sheffield voted for their continued Administration, (ii) believes this to be a blanket statement by the Labour Group and not a true reflection of how the proportion of the electorate voted, and (iii) furthermore, notes that although the Administration was retained, it was without growth, and that only one group on the Council

(U.K.I.P.) increased its vote, resulting in an additional City Councillor.

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

It was moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, as a further amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows:-
 - (b) notes the parliamentary majority achieved by the new Government on just 36.5% of the vote;
 - (c) notes the large majority on Sheffield City Council maintained by the current Administration on just 41.1% of the vote;
2. the relettering of original paragraphs (b) to (f) as new paragraphs (d) to (h); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (n) as follows:-
 - (i) notes the petition of nearly half a million signatories submitted to 10 Downing Street just 11 days after the General Election calling to 'Make seats match votes';
 - (j) agrees with Katie Ghose, Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society, who said "This election delivered the least proportional result in history. That's because our two-party electoral system cannot cope with the fact that people want to vote for a variety of parties. It's time we had a fairer voting system that accurately translated votes into seats in Parliament.";
 - (k) believes that the First Past The Post electoral system is becoming increasingly out of date with the refusal of large sections of the public to support the two main parties;
 - (l) believes the current system is no longer a representative democracy and effectively disenfranchises millions of voters and encourages millions more to believe their vote would be meaningless;
 - (m) supports the campaign by the Electoral Reform Society and Unlock Democracy for a more proportional voting system in all UK elections; and
 - (n) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the leaders of the two largest parliamentary parties.

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

Following a right of reply by Councillor Julie Dore, the original Motion was carried, as follows:-

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) thanks the people of Sheffield for using their vote in the General and Local elections on 7th May 2015;
- (b) notes that 21 out of the 28 seats that were contested in the local elections were won by the Labour Party and places on record its thanks to the people of Sheffield for their continued support for the current Administration;
- (c) further places on record its thanks to all officials working on the election, who made sure that it was conducted smoothly and efficiently;
- (d) welcomes all new Councillors to the Town Hall and congratulates Sheffield's new MPs, Harry Harpham and Louise Haigh, on their election to Parliament;
- (e) welcomes the efforts taken by the Council to maximise voter registration, particularly in light of Individual Electoral Registration, and notes that Sheffield has received recognition, particularly for the work with the universities to encourage students to register and resolves that work remains ongoing to encourage as many people as possible to register to vote; and
- (f) resolves to continue to work to improve levels of voter registration in the City and to encourage further engagement with local democracy.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (f) and against Paragraph (b) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (f) and against paragraph (b) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

10. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillors who had retired or had not been re-elected at the Municipal elections. These were former Councillors Simon Clement Jones, Jillian Creasy, Harry Harpham, Qurban Hussain, Alf Meade, Tim Rippon, Diana Stimely, Stuart Wattam, Chris Weldon and Philip Wood.

It was **Resolved** that thanks be given to all of those former Members of the Council for their hard work and service to the City.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

Devolution

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Core Cities 'Devolution Declaration: A Modern State for a Stronger Britain', launched in May 2015;
- (b) notes that the Declaration calls for a 'radical modernisation' of the UK's over-centralised state, allowing Britain to succeed at every level from the global to the neighbourhood;
- (c) notes comments from Professor Tony Travers from the London School of Economics and Political Science reinstating the importance that "A new Government, as well as continued devolution to the UK's nations, makes this a key time for city devolution agenda. The Core Cities have made a convincing argument to Westminster on devolution to cities, now is the time look in more detail at policy and what the cities can actually deliver for the UK.";
- (d) further notes that independent forecasts say that, with greater freedoms, the eight English Core Cities could alone deliver £222bn extra and put 1.16m jobs into the economy by 2030, which is the equivalent of adding the entire economy of Denmark to the UK;
- (e) notes that under the current Administration, Sheffield has played a prominent role in the Core Cities to ensure the city punches its weight, resulting in its leading City Deal and the city being only second to Manchester in securing a Devolution Deal; and
- (f) believes that as a Core City, Sheffield is well placed to play an important role in the devolution to cities and reconfirms the Council's commitment to get the best deal for the people of Sheffield.

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

1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) notes that the former Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, played a crucial role in securing a devolution deal for the Sheffield City Region being only second to Manchester in securing a devolution deal;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows:-

- (g) notes the recent comments of the Rt. Hon. George Osborne MP makes it clear that further devolution of powers over transport, housing and healthcare to City Regions is dependent on City Regions agreeing to an elected mayor; and
- (h) notes that in previous votes in this chamber and in a referendum have been against having an elected city mayor, however, it is important that the best deal possible should be negotiated for Sheffield and Sheffield City Region and this may involve discussions on an elected metro-mayor.

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraph 2(g) and against the remainder of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Core Cities 'Devolution Declaration: A Modern State for a Stronger Britain', launched in May 2015;
- (b) notes that the Declaration calls for a 'radical modernisation' of the UK's over-centralised state, allowing Britain to succeed at every level from the global to the neighbourhood;
- (c) notes comments from Professor Tony Travers from the London School of Economics and Political Science reinstating the importance that "A new Government, as well as continued devolution to the UK's nations, makes this a key time for city devolution agenda. The Core Cities have made a convincing argument to Westminster on devolution to cities, now is the time look in more detail at policy and what the cities can actually deliver for the UK.";
- (d) further notes that independent forecasts say that, with greater freedoms, the eight English Core Cities could alone deliver £222bn extra and put 1.16m jobs into the economy by 2030, which is the equivalent of adding the entire economy of Denmark to the UK;
- (e) notes that under the current Administration, Sheffield has played a prominent role in the Core Cities to ensure the city punches its weight, resulting in its leading City Deal and the city being only second to Manchester in securing a Devolution Deal; and
- (f) believes that as a Core City, Sheffield is well placed to play an important role in the devolution to cities and reconfirms the Council's commitment to get the best deal for the people of Sheffield.

(Note: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

Human Rights Act

It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe, that this Council:-

- (a) is concerned by the new Government's plans to scrap the Human Rights Act, replacing it with a 'British Bill of Rights', the details of which have not been set out;
- (b) notes that the Liberal Democrats, whilst in the previous Coalition Government, prevented this from occurring for the last 5 years;
- (c) recognises the importance of the Human Rights Act, which enshrines in British law the European Convention on Human Rights and obliges all public bodies within the UK to uphold and respect human rights;
- (d) notes that the European Convention on Human Rights was authored by British politicians in the wake of World War Two and is in line with traditional British values of tolerance, fairness and liberty;
- (e) recognises that the vast majority of people in Sheffield uphold these values and that Sheffield's status as a City of Sanctuary, welcoming refugees from countries where human rights are not respected, is a reflection of this fact;
- (f) believes this move is particularly worrying in the face of the Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP's plans to introduce 'Banning Orders' and the controversial draft communications bill, the so-called 'Snoopers' Charter' which the Liberal Democrats also blocked in the last Government;
- (g) is deeply concerned by the Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP's comment to the National Security Council that 'For too long, we have been a passively tolerant society, saying to our citizens: as long as you obey the law, we will leave you alone.';
- (h) notes that a balance needs to be struck between security and liberty, but believes these proposed measures are an unnecessary invasion of civil liberties and go too far in favour of those in power; and
- (i) therefore urges the Government to reconsider its plans to scrap the Human Rights Act and not to introduce other measures which undermine human rights.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
 - (b) believes that the Government's decision to postpone a bill to legislate for this demonstrates that the Prime Minister's attack on human rights looks like its fallen over before it has even left the launch pad and that, as the proposals are unravelling in record time, it increasingly looks like the Conservatives are making it up as they go along;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) and (h) and the relettering of all remaining paragraphs accordingly.

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

The votes on the above amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:

For Part 1 of the Amendment - (43) The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Diane Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Against Part 1 of the Amendment (21) - Councillors Richard Shaw Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Joyce Wright, Pauline Andrews, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, John Campbell, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained on Part 1 of the - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain)

Amendment (5) and Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley.

For Part 2 of the Amendment (43) The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Diane Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Against Part 2 of the Amendment (25) Councillors Richard Shaw, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Joyce Wright, Pauline Andrews, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, John Campbell, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained on Part 2 of the Amendment (1) The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain).

It was then moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) believes this country has waited long enough and it is about time the country had a British Bill of Human Rights;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

- (c) notes British law has worked well in this country for hundreds of years and does not need to be over-ruled by courts in other countries;
- (d) is proud of Great Britain's traditions of tolerance, fairness and liberty, values that have been championed around the world;
- 3. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) further believes that Banning Orders have their place and, if used correctly, can be a useful tool in the fight against crime and the protection of the British public;
- 4. the deletion of paragraphs (h) and (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
 - (h) agrees that a balance needs to be struck between security and liberty, but believes that finding that balance is an ongoing and very difficult task; and
 - (i) has faith in the British people to run their own affairs in their own way, and make decisions that are in the country's interest but harmonic to other peoples and countries, and is saddened by the lack of confidence shown towards our own ability, and believes that a British Bill of Human Rights could be the pride of this country and the envy of the world.

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

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

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) is concerned by the Conservative Government's plans to scrap the Human Rights Act replacing it with a 'British Bill of Rights', the details of which have not been set out;
- (b) believes that the Government's decision to postpone a bill to legislate for this demonstrates that the Prime Minister's attack on human rights looks like its fallen over before it has even left the launch pad and that, as the proposals are unravelling in record time, it increasingly looks like the Conservatives are making it up as they go along;
- (c) recognises the importance of the Human Rights Act, which enshrines in British law the European Convention on Human Rights and obliges all public bodies within the UK to uphold and respect human rights;
- (d) notes that The European Convention on Human Rights was authored by British politicians in the wake of World War Two and is in line with traditional British values of tolerance, fairness and liberty;

- (e) recognises that the vast majority of people in Sheffield uphold these values and that Sheffield's status a City of Sanctuary, welcoming refugees from countries where human rights are not respected, is a reflection of this fact;
- (f) is deeply concerned by Rt. Honourable David Cameron's comment to the National Security Council that 'For too long, we have been a passively tolerant society, saying to our citizens: as long as you obey the law, we will leave you alone';
- (g) therefore urges the government to reconsider its plans to scrap the Human Rights Act and introduce other measures which undermine human rights.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (g) and abstained on Paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (g) and abstained on Paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ISOBEL BOWLER

Events Programme

It was moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Peter Price, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the success of the recent World Snooker Championships, noting the 350m worldwide audience, confirming that the event continues to be important for the City;
- (b) notes the success of other recent events such as the half-marathon and food festival and believes that these events are important in contributing to the vibrancy of the City;
- (c) welcomes the support for the events programme, both for city centre and community events, noting that investment for past events was funded through resources from the Keep Sheffield Working Fund to boost the city centre and pro-actively support businesses;
- (d) notes that many events in the city centre are funded by local businesses and thanks local businesses for their contribution;
- (e) welcomes the events that are coming to the City in the summer and encourages local people to come along and enjoy as many of these events as possible, including:

- (i) Doc Fest, 5th June - 10th June
 - (ii) Sheffield Design Week, 13th June - 21st June
 - (iii) Sheffield Sky Ride, 5th July
 - (iv) Tramlines Music Festival, 24th July - 26th July
 - (v) Sheffield by the Seaside in August; and
- (f) welcomes the development of the Business Improvement District (BID) as a private sector initiative, and further notes that the current Administration has supported the efforts of the BID team to date and that this Council looks forward to working in partnership with the BID to improve the vibrancy of the City moving forwards.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion in paragraph (b) of the words "such as the half-marathon and food festival" and their replacement by the words "many of which, such as the Food Festival and Tramlines, were initiated under the previous Administration".

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

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

Resolved: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the success of the recent World Snooker Championships, noting the 350m worldwide audience, confirming that the event continues to be important for the City;
- (b) notes the success of other recent events such as the half-marathon and food festival and believes that these events are important in contributing to the vibrancy of the City;
- (c) welcomes the support for the events programme, both for city centre and community events, noting that investment for past events was funded through resources from the Keep Sheffield Working Fund to boost the city centre and pro-actively support businesses;
- (d) notes that many events in the city centre are funded by local businesses and thanks local businesses for their contribution;
- (e) welcomes the events that are coming to the City in the summer and encourages local people to come along and enjoy as many of these events as possible, including:
 - (i) Doc Fest, 5th June - 10th June
 - (ii) Sheffield Design Week, 13th June - 21st June
 - (iii) Sheffield Sky Ride, 5th July
 - (iv) Tramlines Music Festival, 24th July - 26th July

- (v) Sheffield by the Seaside in August; and
- (f) welcomes the development of the Business Improvement District (BID) as a private sector initiative, and further notes that the current Administration has supported the efforts of the BID team to date and that this Council looks forward to working in partnership with the BID to improve the vibrancy of the City moving forwards.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

Electoral System

It was moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, second by Councillor Joe Otten, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the 'First Past The Post' electoral system, which discriminates against voters for most political parties and promotes a political culture which ignores voters in safe seats, is unfit for purpose;
- (b) regrets that the General Election on 7th May 2015 has produced the least proportional result in our country's history, with over 5 million votes cast for 2 parties, UKIP and the Green Party, translating into 2 parliamentary seats;
- (c) notes that UKIP had received 3.86m votes and The Green Party had 1.15 million for one MP each, and the Liberal Democrats received 229,000 votes for each MP, compared with an average of 40,000 for every Labour MP, 34,000 for every Conservative MP and just 26,000 for every SNP MP;
- (d) regrets the hugely disproportionate result in Scotland, with the SNP winning 56 of 59 Scottish seats, despite only half of people in Scotland voting for them;
- (e) welcomes the petition by the Electoral Reform Society calling for a fairer, more proportional system to elect MPs, with over 135,000 signatures demonstrating public support for this issue;
- (f) recognises the need to reform British politics to make it more representative and more empowering of our citizens so it commands greater public confidence and engagement;
- (g) notes the need for change has been recognised, with the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly using the hybrid Additional Member System, to produce more proportional results, and with the British elections to the European Parliament using Closed List Proportional Representation;
- (h) notes that the Single Transferrable Vote system is used for local elections in Scotland and in both Northern Irish local elections and the Northern Ireland Assembly;

- (i) therefore, calls for the introduction of the Single Transferrable Vote system:-
 - (i) for local elections in England and Wales;
 - (ii) for Westminster elections; and
 - (iii) for European Parliament elections; and
- (j) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the leaders of all political parties represented in the UK

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that the overriding principle is representative democracy and that there are various valid electoral systems for creating legitimate representatives and governments;
- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and
- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

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 carried:-

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the overriding principle is representative democracy and that there are various valid electoral systems for creating legitimate representatives and governments;
- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and
- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

Electoral System (2)

It was moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the parliamentary majority achieved by the new Government on just 36.5% of the vote;
- (b) notes the large majority on Sheffield City Council maintained by the current Administration on just 41.1% of the vote;
- (c) notes the petition of nearly half a million signatories submitted to 10 Downing Street just 11 days after the General Election calling to 'Make seats match votes';
- (d) agrees with Katie Ghose, Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society, who said "This election delivered the least proportional result in history. That's because our two-party electoral system cannot cope with the fact that people want to vote for a variety of parties. It's time we had a fairer voting system that accurately translated votes into seats in Parliament.";
- (e) believes that the First Past The Post electoral system is becoming increasingly out of date with the refusal of large sections of the public to support the two main parties;
- (f) believes the current system is no longer a representative democracy and effectively disenfranchises millions of voters and encourages millions more to believe their vote would be meaningless;
- (g) supports the campaign by the Electoral Reform Society and Unlock Democracy for a more proportional voting system in all UK elections; and
- (h) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the leaders of the two largest parliamentary parties.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that the overriding principle is representative democracy and that there are various valid electoral systems for creating legitimate representatives and governments;
- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable

concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and

- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-

- (i) believes all political groups represented on Sheffield City Council deserve to be able to decide the first Motion for debate at a Full Council meeting at least once in a Municipal Year.

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

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

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the overriding principle is representative democracy and that there are various valid electoral systems for creating legitimate representatives and governments;
- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and
- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON

Cycling Routes

It was moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor Keith Davis, that this Council:-

- (a) believes, as a result of the Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire, that Sheffield has seen a dramatic increase of cyclists around the city, which is not only good for the health and wellbeing of cycle users themselves, but also for non-cyclists as a result of the reduction in carbon emissions, etc;
- (b) believes that a respect for both cyclists and motor vehicle users seems to have grown, which needs to be built upon to ensure that this continues;
- (c) notes the expected underspend on the grey to green scheme, and believes that a proportion of that underspend should be used to provide a 'safe space' for cycling, as part of the grey to green scheme in Sheffield City Centre, and further believes that, although much has been done in relation to cycle lanes etc., further work to encourage more younger and elderly cycle users could be done;
- (d) supports the need to create a 'protected cycle track' around the city, for cyclists, in order to safeguard cycle users in congested areas of high volume traffic, so that people don't have to cycle with motor traffic or come into conflict with people walking;
- (e) notes that, on a daily basis whilst travelling to and from work, the City is now seeing more and more cyclists using its roads;
- (f) supports such a scheme, which would engage more younger and older cycle users to feel safe and confident on the roads and streets around the City, which it is felt would encourage more people to cycle to and from work/school etc., reducing rush hour traffic; and
- (g) suggests to the Administration that a trial 'protected cycle track' is initiated to gauge the strength of feeling for such schemes around the City, which would enhance and make cycling even more attractive, and would further complement Sheffield's aspirations to hold more cycling events in the near future.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (h) as follows:-

- (c) confirms that it is committed to increasing the role of cycling in the city and 20 mph speed limits are being rolled out city wide which should improve the environment and safety for cyclists along existing carriageways;
- (d) notes that, in addition, a significant part of the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) is being applied to improved cycling routes in Grey 2 Green Phase 2, through the University Campus/Upper Hanover, Moorfoot, the Station and the Lower Sheaf Valley;

- (e) notes that, in addition, the Council's Transport Planning Service is also finalising a cycling strategy for the city, following a new study commissioned from Sustrans, with further proposed plans and routes to be funded by SCRIF;
- (f) notes that the previously reported sum of £160,000 (around 4% of the scheme value) is already part of the approved funding of the Grey to Green Phase 1 scheme;
- (g) notes there are strict contract conditions about the use of this funding, which comes from SCRIF and the European Regional Development Fund; and
- (h) notes that the meeting of the Cabinet on 27th May 2015 resolved that a report would be submitted to a future meeting on all suitable options on the underspend on the Grey to Green Scheme and confirms that the use for cycling will be considered as part of this, alongside other considerations.

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

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

Resolved: that this Council:-

- (a) believes, as a result of the Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire, that Sheffield has seen a dramatic increase of cyclists around the city, which is not only good for the health and wellbeing of cycle users themselves, but also for non-cyclists as a result of the reduction in carbon emissions, etc;
- (b) believes that a respect for both cyclists and motor vehicle users seems to have grown, which needs to be built upon to ensure that this continues;
- (c) confirms that it is committed to increasing the role of cycling in the city and 20 mph speed limits are being rolled out city wide which should improve the environment and safety for cyclists along existing carriageways;
- (d) notes that, in addition, a significant part of the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) is being applied to improved cycling routes in Grey 2 Green Phase 2, through the University Campus/Upper Hanover, Moorfoot, the Station and the Lower Sheaf Valley;
- (e) notes that, in addition, the Council's Transport Planning Service is also finalising a cycling strategy for the city, following a new study commissioned from Sustrans, with further proposed plans and routes to be funded by SCRIF;
- (f) notes that the previously reported sum of £160,000 (around 4% of the scheme value) is already part of the approved funding of the Grey to Green Phase 1 scheme;

- (g) notes there are strict contract conditions about the use of this funding, which comes from SCRIF and the European Regional Development Fund; and
- (h) notes that the meeting of the Cabinet on 27th May 2015 resolved that a report would be submitted to a future meeting on all suitable options on the underspend on the Grey to Green Scheme and confirms that the use for cycling will be considered as part of this, alongside other considerations.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER

Associate Libraries

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks all the hard-working volunteers at all of the city's Associate Libraries;
- (b) recognises that the Associate Library groups need security over funding in order to effectively deliver services; and
- (c) recommends to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods that the funding for Associate Libraries should continue at no less than the current level in the next financial year.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) welcomes that the present Administration have already committed that the funding for Associate Libraries will continue at no less than the current level in the next financial year.

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) thanks all the hard-working volunteers at all of the city's Associate Libraries;

- (b) recognises that the Associate Library groups need security over funding in order to effectively deliver services; and
- c) welcomes that the present Administration have already committed that the funding for Associate Libraries will continue at no less than the current level in the next financial year.