

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 2 November 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Anne Murphy)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Andy Nash Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Andy Bainbridge Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Kieran Harpham Magid Magid	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald Chris Peace	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Robert Murphy Moya O'Rourke	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Craig Gamble Pugh Adam Hanrahan Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Lisa Banes Terry Fox Pat Midgley	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Tony Downing Gail Smith	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keith Davis, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris and Paul Scriven.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Councillor Robert Murphy declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 - Notice of Motion regarding Fossil Fuel Divestment (See Minute 9 below), due to him being a self-employed energy engineer.
- 2.2 Councillor Steve Wilson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 10 and 11 – Notices of Motion regarding Fracking (See Minutes 11 and 12 below) on the grounds that he had undertaken work for a lobbying company acting on behalf of Ineos, a company involved in the shale gas industry. Councillor Wilson was not present at the meeting for the consideration of those two items.
- 2.3 Councillor Bob Pullin declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12 - Notice of Motion regarding Flood Protection (See Minute 13 below) due to him being Company Secretary of a company likely to be affected by the flood protection proposals in so far as they may affect certain parks in the city. Councillor Pullin did not speak or vote on that item of business.
- 2.4 Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain and Colin Ross each declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 - Notice of Motion regarding Associate Libraries (See Minute 14 below) on the grounds that they were a trustee of an associate library in the city.
- 2.5 Councillors Mike Drabble and Pat Midgley each declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 16 and 17 - Notices of Motion regarding Sheffield Theatres (See Minutes 16 and 17 below) as Council-appointed Directors of the Sheffield Theatres Trust.
- 2.6 Councillor Chris Peace declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 18 - Notice of Motion regarding Sheffield Music Hub and Arts Education (See Minute 18 below), as a Member of the Sheffield Music Hub Board.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **4.1 Petitions**

##### **4.1.1 Petition to Save Victoria Villas Heritage Street Lamps**

The Council received a petition containing 27 signatures, requesting that the City's heritage street lamps be saved in their current form.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sarah Crookes who stated that the residents of Victoria Villas were requesting the Council to consider saving the heritage street lamps. There was a proposal to replace the lamps with LED lighting. The existing street lamps had been situated in their current location for decades and were part of the heritage of the Conservation Area. They were also an important part of history and should be retained for future generations and it was noted that children had signed the petition. The lamps were on a private and un-adopted road which was not a public thoroughfare. The Cabinet Member was invited to visit the site with the petitioners.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment. Councillor Lodge stated that street lighting in the City was being upgraded as part of the Streets Ahead programme. However, there were a number of heritage street lighting columns in the City and he said that he would be pleased to look at this issue. It had been found that there were some street lights in the City which were actually of 1950s and 1960s origin and may have to be replaced.

##### **4.1.2 Petition Requesting the Gating of the Gennel Between Nos. 38 and 40, Horndean Road**

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 17 signatures, requesting the gating of the gennel between Nos. 38 and 40, Horndean Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Marian Gipson who stated that there was anti-social behaviour occurring in the gennel caused by groups of approximately 12 to 15 young people who smoked, used drugs and left litter, glass bottles and cigarette ends. There had also been incidents of abusive behaviour and intimidation of residents. People were concerned and did not want the area to become a place where there was no respect for the environment or for others.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing who responded to the petition. She stated that if this was an adopted road then it could not necessarily be gated off. She said that she was concerned about the issues that had been raised by the petitioners and that she would work with local councillors to see what action could be taken.

4.1.3 Petition Requesting Road Safety Measures at Crosspool Shopping Precinct

The Council received an electronic petition containing 54 signatures requesting road safety measures at Crosspool Shopping Precinct.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made Bruce Payne. He stated that there had been a fatal accident at a crossing point in that location. He said that he lived close to the shopping precinct in Crosspool and had witnessed near misses. Councillor George Lindars Hammond had attended a meeting of Crosspool Forum and had indicated that there was a good possibility that a 20 mph zone would be implemented in the next five years. School children used the crossing point and there was a home for people who were blind on Selbourne Road. People felt strongly about the issue of road safety and signatures had been collected through the placing of notices in two shop windows. It was requested that a 20 mph zone was implemented in Crosspool and that the existing zebra crossing was raised so as to create a hump which would slow vehicles down

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport who stated that local councillors had requested that someone attend a meeting of the Crosspool Forum and Councillor George Lindars Hammond had done so, with a Council Officer. It was the Council's ambition to introduce 20 mph zones throughout the City. However, limited resources meant that there were restrictions as to the areas where these could be introduced. There were 1,300 requests asking for the implementation of road safety measures and these were all assessed and scored according to the Council's agreed criteria. Councillor Iqbal stated that he would reply in writing to the petition and through local Councillors.

4.1.4 Petition Objecting to the Proposed Expansion of Silverdale Secondary School

The Council received a petition containing 336 signatures, objecting to the proposed expansion of Silverdale Secondary School.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kiran Barn, who stated that the petition was opposed to the proposal to add buildings and to permanently increase the number of students of Silverdale School. The petitioners were not convinced that expansion was required or that Silverdale School was the appropriate place to make provision. There were approximately 4000 students within a 5000 metre radius of the crossroads at High Storrs and the proposed expansion of Silverdale School would add approximately 1000 more students.

The petitioners pointed out that parking and traffic problems were already in evidence, with no likely solution as the access to Silverdale School was by a single track, and they believed that the travel plans did not reflect the real life experiences at the schools.

The petitioners broadly supported the Council's policy on expanding school places in the South West in order to ensure all those pupils in the catchment

area have access to their local schools. However, the petitioners felt that to bring a large increase in students to one small area of Sheffield across arterial routes, would create significant transport issues. The absence of public transport would also lead to children being brought to school by car, leading to increased pollution.

The expansion of Silverdale School would also affect the development of Bannerdale, which it was feared might not attract sufficient student numbers, with an expanded Silverdale School being perceived as a good school, and could lead to it becoming a failing school. Whilst it was understood that the increase in population needed to be accommodated, Silverdale had already accepted students from outside catchment and it was difficult to believe there was sufficient need for Silverdale School to expand. The Cabinet was asked to reconsider its decision.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Councillor Drayton stated that there had been a lot of consultation in relation to the temporary expansion of Silverdale and it was correct that additional school places were needed. In the North East and South West of Sheffield there had been an increase in the need for school places because people were moving into the area and families were moving into an area for the schools. Some of the children in Silverdale School would be out of the immediate catchment area, although none of those were further than the three mile distance within which children could safely travel to the school.

The issues of traffic and parking were problems experienced more generally in relation to schools in the City. Many children and young people did not now walk to school, in contrast to what happened in the past. She added it would be good for the school to encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school or use the bus rather than travel by car although she recognised that this was not always possible. Travel plans and policies applied to all staff and pupils in schools, including teachers. Schools need to be a considerate neighbour to all those residents around their building especially so in relation to issues such as parking.

Parents were able to request a place for their children in a school of their choice. It was known that additional school places would be required in September 2016/17, all schools in the area were asked if they would be prepared to take additional children but only Silverdale School said that it would do so.

Discussions had taken place with Silverdale School regarding the period of the expansion and the Council had requested the school to postpone the permanent expansion plans until 2020 when the new Bannerdale School was open. She stated that Silverdale Multi Academy Trust had been chosen as the Academy sponsor for the new school on the Bannerdale site and she was sure that they would not wish for the new school to fail. Councillor Drayton said that she would be pleased to discuss the issue further with the petitioners.

#### 4.1.5 Petition Supporting Veolia Staff on Strike

The Council received a petition containing 100 signatures, supporting the Veolia staff on strike.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alistair Tice. Mr Tice stated that he was presenting the petition on behalf of the Socialist Party and the 70 to 80 bin workers. He referred to comments made by bin workers regarding how they felt about their employment with Veolia. He said that the strike highlighted what was wrong with the privatisation of council services and commented that Veolia were bringing other people into work to try to break the industrial action. Mr Tice made reference to incidents which had previously taken place at Household Waste Recycling Centres in the City.

The petition called upon the Council to take the waste management contract back in-house. He asked about break clauses in the Council's contract with Veolia and referred to the consultation with regard to waste management. Mr Tice said that the best way to save money was to bring the service back in-house and it was argued that despite costs to the Council of compensating Veolia for lost profits, there would still be a substantial saving.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment. He stated that the current dispute was between Veolia and its employees. The matter went to ACAS two weeks ago and the Council was encouraging the respective parties to continue to talk. Councillor Lodge said that he and Council Officers had met with the GMB and Veolia last Tuesday to help them understand each other's views. All sides wished to see an end to the dispute and further talks had taken place resulting in a proposal being put to the workforce and results of the ballot were expected.

Councillor Lodge stated that, with regard to Household Waste Recycling Centres, he understood that matters relating to industrial relations were the subject of an outstanding tribunal and he would not make comment at this time.

There were break-clauses in the contract for both the Council and Veolia. The Council was undertaking a consultation with regard to waste services, looking at how the contract was delivered and whether the public would accept potential changes, which included bin collections either earlier in the morning or later in the evening. The Council would not be asking Veolia to change aspects of the contract until it had gauged public opinion on these ideas. This was part of a continuing process to allow the Council to balance the budget and be more efficient. There had been issues throughout the term of the contract with the Council in which Veolia had not delivered the required level of service. Penalties were imposed as part of the contract.

#### 4.1.6 Petition Regarding the Current Situation in Kashmir

The Council received a petition containing 626 signatures, requesting the Council to acknowledge, and take what action possible, to help resolve the problems currently being faced in Kashmir.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Nighat Khan and Tehsim Kauser. The petitioners asked for their concerns to be raised with the Government in relation to human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir where there had been extra judicial killings, more than 7,000 women raped and many people displaced. Over 700 young people had been blinded or injured by the use of pellet guns. It was felt that the international community and the United Nations were silent with regard to what was taking place in Kashmir.

People had been confined to their homes for over 100 days and there were food shortages. People had no heating or electricity. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch were not permitted to voice opinion or openly report on issues in Kashmir and no news reports were being made in relation to the issue. There were 1.8 million Kashmiri people in the UK.

Reference was made to the Notice of Motion to be considered at this meeting of the Council about the situation in Kashmir. The Council was requested to raise the Kashmir flag in solidarity with victims on Kashmir's national day on 24 October each year, to give people hope and acknowledge the right to self-determination of people in Kashmir.

#### 4.1.7 Public Questions Concerning Kashmir

Zulfiqar Ali stated that Kashmir had been a disputed territory since 1947 and he asked how the Council could help with the issues there, which included killings, closure of schools and the imposition of a curfew.

Nasar Raouf asked whether the Leader of the Council would support the setting up of a Council-led Kashmir Working group, comprising senior local politicians, councillors and community members to work together at developing links and relationships with various sections of Kashmir.

Hameed Ur Rehman thanked the Council for the open support it had provided to people of the region, for example through the Sheffield Girls College Bagh when the former Lord Mayor (Councillor Jackie Drayton) visited to see the devastation caused by the earthquake and laid the foundation stone of the college. At this time of humanitarian crisis, he said that the Council was stepping in to send a solidarity message through the Notice of Motion given at this meeting. He requested that due to the public interest in this important issue, the Motion was brought up the agenda for debate.

Riaz Khan said that Sheffield had a long tradition of standing up for human and civil rights. He asked what the Council could do to support the people of Indian occupied Kashmir.

Mohammad Nazim asked whether the Leader of the Council and other senior councillors would agree to be part of video messages in support of the citizens of Kashmir.

The Council referred the petition to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie

Dore and Councillor Dore also addressed the questions on this subject. She said that there were some occasions in which petitions and questions brought to the Chamber were very emotional and this was such an occasion. A ceremony had been held outside the Town Hall and, during the ceremony, pictures of the atrocities in the region were displayed. She said that, at the last Council meeting, the Council had been asked to do something about the serious situation in Kashmir and she personally wished she had the power to do something. Nonetheless, people were able to sympathise and empathise and support people in the Kashmir community, which was recognised as a much valued part of the City.

In a practical sense, the Council would consider what it was able to do and this included the annual raising of the Kashmir Flag. The Council did have a policy relating to the flying of flags on Council buildings and it did receive many requests to fly different flags. However, this policy was something which could be revisited.

As regards the Notice of Motion on the agenda for this meeting of the Council, it was proposed that in view of the public interest, this was brought up the agenda, as requested. As part of the Notices of Motion given on this subject, a copy of those motions would be forwarded to the Secretary of State. In addition to this, she would write a covering letter to the Secretary of State and would invite him to meet the community in Sheffield. She would also involve the Secretary of State with responsibility for international development.

The Council would do its best to support the local community in Sheffield through local councillors and they had made representations on behalf of the community. She did not see a problem with the proposal to form a working group to talk about what support might be put in place.

Councillor Dore said that she sincerely hoped that a resolution could be found for the situation in Kashmir. There was a dependence on journalists for information and it was difficult for people to report what was happening. People were therefore dependant on finding information through the Kashmiri community's contacts and relationships with family and friends. She said that the Council would make proposals on the matters raised at this Council meeting.

## 4.2 Public Questions

### 4.2.1 Public Questions Concerning Trees in Nether Edge

Graeme Benson asked firstly, why no decision had been found in favour of saving any of the trees from being cut down in Nether Edge and, secondly why Trade Union legislation had been used to arrest protesters relating to trees in Nether Edge.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment, responded that residents in Nether Edge were sent survey forms regarding the potential to fell a tree on their road. If no responses were returned to the Council, then the



Council would continue with the proposals regarding the trees. Where less than fifty percent of residents were opposed then the work would continue. However, if more than fifty percent of residents were opposed to the proposal, consultation would take place with the Tree Panel.

With regard to the protest on Marden Road in Nether Edge, 13 households were sent surveys and no responses came back from residents and so the Council decided to remove the trees in question. There was he said, another resident of Marden Road who had asked when a tree was to be removed because its roots were growing under his property. He reiterated that matters were referred to the Tree Panel as appropriate where more than fifty percent of residents were opposed to a tree being removed.

Councillor Lodge said that the incident which had occurred on Marden Road involving arrests of protesters was a police matter and the police made the decision to make the arrests. He said that he hoped there were not similar incidents which would lead to the need for people being arrested. Residents on Marden Road had not made objections to the proposals to fell the trees.

#### 4.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Jillian Creasy asked the following questions with regard to the Transformation Plan which was being prepared by the South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire clinical commissioning cluster:

What responsibilities and powers does Sheffield City Council have to scrutinise, publicise, consult on and challenge the regional STP?

How many local authorities have publicised their STP and why has Sheffield City Council not done so?

Under what circumstances would the Health Scrutiny Committee refuse to support the STP and refer it back to the Secretary of State?

Councillor Cate McDonald, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care responded and said that the STP was an NHS plan. The Council had the same responsibilities in the relation to STPs as it did for other NHS plans, which included the right to scrutinise them and, in certain circumstances, make a referral to the Secretary of State. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee could be asked about the arrangements for scrutiny of the STP. As these were NHS plans, it was not the responsibility of the Council to publicise them.

#### 4.2.3 Public Questions Concerning Road Safety on Hangingwater Road

Richard Bollington asked whether Councillor Jackie Drayton, in her capacity as Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families would confirm whether she supported the call for a crossing on Hangingwater Road. He said that he had sent an email to Councillor Drayton about this matter. He also asked whether the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, Councillor Mazher Iqbal, was able to provide an update as to progress that had been

made in relation to road safety on Hangingwater Road since the last Council meeting.

Lynn Simmons asked whether the Council was prepared to take responsibility for forcing school children to take a longer and more potentially dangerous route to school because of the existing dangers at the Whitely Wood Road and Hangingwater Road junction.

Lindsey Jacobs stated only one camera had been installed at the location of Hangingwater Road, not two. The installation of the camera and implementation of a 20mph zone would not have prevented the accident or injuries that her daughter had sustained when she was involved in an accident at the location of the junction with Whitely Wood Road in December 2015. She asked how the Council was going to respond to ensure the safety of people following the petition advising the Council of the dangers at the busy and well used junction and the inevitability of a serious accident or a fatality.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, stated in response to Mr Bollington's question, that he would forward a letter to him which had been sent to Mr and Mrs Jacobs in which he set out what he was going to do to review the Council's policy with regard to highways schemes. He said that he would respond to the email that Mr Bollington had sent to him and which he had not yet responded to as he had been on leave.

There was a safer route which had been made available to parents. He said that he did sympathise with the request that had been made in relation to road safety and a visit had been made to the site. Like all other requests, criteria were used to make an assessment. There were 28 requests which scored higher than the request for a scheme at Hangingwater Road. Over the next few months, the policy would be reviewed and he would make sure that the petitioners were kept informed with regard to what was being done or what was proposed.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families said that she did recall the email which concerned arranging a meeting with her and she had sent a reply to the email. She stated in it her grandchildren lived in the area, and she had taken them to school and fully understood the issues of traffic in this area. She also stated that she knew that Councillor Iqbal had been out to meet parents and carers onsite and was doing all he could regarding this issue. Councillor Drayton said she would contact the school travel service to discuss whether they would contact the school to arrange a session with the young people to ensure they are aware of the safe route to school and the issues of road safety when walking to school.

#### 4.2.4 Public Question Concerning Sheffield Green Commission

Jenny Patient stated that the Sheffield Green Commission reported in March 2016 after hearing expert evidence and gaining support from 19 City leaders. She asked how its recommendations could help the Council to lead a programme of investment to mitigate climate emissions, as an alternative to

fossil fuel investment.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that he was sharing responsibility for the Green Commission with another Cabinet Member, Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. A report concerning the Green Commission was due to be submitted to Cabinet in December. The Commission looked at how policy for the City was formulated and published a report based around 4 themes. For example, in relation to transformative energy, consideration could be given to expanding on the places which are served by the City's energy recovery facility and EON had developed a biomass facility at Blackburn Meadows. Work was being done in partnership to provide a link to the Northern General Hospital to reduce emissions and save money. Bringing waste heat into use could give Sheffield a competitive edge. Insulation of homes was another area where measures would save money and help people avoid fuel poverty. Councillor Lodge thanked the Climate Change Alliance for their contributions to the work of the Green Commission.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that with regard to divestment from fossil fuels, the Council had not invested in fossil fuels for a number of years. The City's Universities and South Yorkshire Pension Fund had also taken steps to divest from investment in fossil fuels. Some potential infrastructure investments had been presented to the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and a response had not yet been received in that regard.

#### 4.2.5 Public Question Concerning Fracking

Hannah Dodd stated that fracking had a massive impact on counties such as Lancashire and asked, whilst a 'frack-free' city was the goal, can Sheffield say it will fight fracking, even with pressure and financial incentives building?

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, stated that the Council would commit not to allow fracking on land which it owned. The position that had been taken by the Government was that exploratory licenses for fracking could be issued without consultation with residents or with the Council.

#### 4.2.6 Public Questions Concerning Silverdale School

Margaret Morley stated that a traffic survey took place on 7th June this year, which was the quietest time of the school year. She asked whether any other surveys were going to be carried out that would give a true reflection of the actual traffic congestion in Bents Drive, particularly as there were now 60 more students attending the school.

Margaret Morley asked questions on behalf of Paul Adam, as follows:-

If the proposed extension was to provide extra school places on this side of the City, why had High Storrs School not been considered? It was felt that High

Storrs was on a much bigger site than Silverdale and with much better access for pupils and vehicles. It was also flatter and better drained and so would be cheaper to build on.

Why can't the new School at Bannerdale take the extra children instead of selling off some of the land at Bannerdale for housing? The Council needed to resolve the educational needs in the area before disposing of education land for housing.

Why won't the Council reveal the proposed Catchment area for the School at Bannerdale?

Was Silverdale being proposed because the management company stood to make substantial profits from an extension and the academy would gain revenue from having extra pupils?

Alan Robson asked a question on behalf of Martin Fox, as follows:

Where was it expected that the extra 40-50 cars for additional staff and students would park? Parking spaces in the streets surrounding the School were already taken, and the Hammer & Pincers pub car park did not have the capacity. This would have an impact on emergency vehicles if they ever needed to get to a property in the area and lorries delivering to school also had major problems trying to squeeze between parked vehicles.

Allen Robson stated that the present Silverdale School building was on land which was the old school's artificially leveled playing field and was land designated Green Belt. The drawings for the extension showed that its position would extend well beyond the school boundary, into an area of natural undisturbed land - known locally as "The Roughs" which was also part of the Green Belt. This area provided a haven for wildlife, fauna and insects, nesting birds, foxes dens, rabbit warrens etc.

It was assessed that should this proposal go ahead, it would involve the destruction of some 20 mature hardwood trees which currently occupied the site, and create activity which will be very close to established, occupied Badger Setts.

He asked whether the Council would give an assurance, that should this proposal become an application, environmental impact and ecological surveys will be carried out, at an appropriate time of year, to establish whether protected species would be disturbed and that proper notification of the commencement of these surveys would be made public?

Allen Robson asked a question on behalf of Marilyn Small, as follows:

The present Silverdale School was built on the designated Green Belt. Were people to assume that a permanent extension taking up more Green Belt would not go against Council guidelines?

Andy Bolland asked the following questions:

Earlier this year, a report submitted to Cabinet gave clear guidance as to the schooling requirements for the City and the need for a Bannerdale School. He asked why Silverdale, which was the closest school to the new Bannerdale school, was being considered for a large permanent expansion, especially given it could more than accommodate its catchment area for the considerable future and the Cabinet report clearly stated that King Ecgberts and High Storrs were the schools most likely to be oversubscribed. In the report it stated that expansion of any existing schools would undermine the new places at the new Bannerdale school.

Silverdale was built on Green Belt land which was classed as having a long term high risk of surface water flooding on the Environmental Flood map. What assurance could be given that future development would not compound the existing flooding problem?

Sue Midwood asked whether a properly audited and transparent school parents' survey had been carried out; and if provision for parking included other users, including visitors and student teachers?

Sue Midwood asked the following questions on behalf of St John Livesey:

After consultation and review of the evidence, the Cabinet report of 17 February 2016 recommended a temporary expansion of Silverdale School, to provide an extra 60 places in 2016/17 and 2017/18. A subsequent report to Cabinet of 20 July accepted the recommendations of the report, including supporting the temporary expansion of Silverdale. What has changed since July to overturn this recommendation so that this is now considered a permanent expansion and what process was undertaken to determine this change?

David Midwood asked what the impact was of this expansion on air quality and whether a noise impact assessment been carried out?

Vic Briers stated that local authorities had a statutory duty to ensure that pupils were able to travel to school in reasonable safety and comfort. He referred to some of the problems relating to access and road safety concerns at Silverdale School. He said that schools were required to have a named competent person responsible for Health and Safety and he asked who that person was and whether they were the person responsible for the safety of children travelling to school.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, thanked the questioners for waiting to put their questions and for sending them through in advance of the meeting. She stated that she would answer the questions in writing and would ask other Cabinet Members to do the same where a question related to their portfolio.

She assured the petitioners that the application for the permanent expansion of Silverdale School would have to go through the formal planning process which included consultation. The Council had requested the School to consider postponing the proposed permanent expansion until the new Bannerdale School was open. 60 temporary places were made available this September.

There was a real long term demand for school places in the South West of Sheffield and therefore a need to expand provision. Last year, some children from the South West did not get a place in a local school and that was why, had these additional places not been provided in September this year, there would have been more children placed in schools outside of the South West of the City. She also stated that local Councillors had contacted her regarding the proposals at Silverdale School.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, stated that an application in respect of Silverdale School had not been submitted at this point in time. Issues including noise and ecology would be considered during the planning process and local people affected by the application would be notified. He said that he would provide the questioners with background information as to how the planning process worked and how people can get involved. Whilst the Council was operating in the context of budget cuts, it did endeavour to use various ways to inform and contact people.

#### 4.2.7 Public Question Concerning Fracking

Nigel Slack stated that he welcomed the Council's motion at item 10 with respect to fracking within the City limits.

He asked firstly, whether, with the recent discovery of World War Two bombs on recent development sites, which was not an unusual occurrence in the City, would the Council require (as part of any planning application) a substantial indemnity from any company undertaking exploration, either by seismic or other means that may cause 'complications' with vintage ordnance?

Secondly, Mr Slack asked if the Council would circulate this motion to other major landholders within and about the City boundaries, along with a letter encouraging similar commitments from them.

Thirdly, he asked what approach Council would be taking to the potential for bordering authorities to accede to fracking exploration and the potential for this to cause harm within the City boundary?

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, responded that the Council Motion would be circulated as Mr Slack suggested.

#### 4.2.8 Public Question Concerning Arms Exports

Nigel Slack referred to the Notice of Motion at item 13 with respect to Kashmir and asked if Council would be taking time to have a conversation with those Sheffield Labour MPs that abstained from the vote in Parliament to halt arms

exports to Saudi Arabia, enabling the continued misery in that country?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that she agreed with Jeremy Corbyn MP with regard to the issue of arms exports.

Regarding the vote in Parliament, Councillor Dore stated that she understood that the reason Gill Furniss MP had abstained was that she had been granted authorised absence by the Whip and paired with an MP from another party. She could not comment with regard to other MPs who may have abstained.

#### 4.2.9 Public Questions Concerning Contracts

Nigel Slack stated that in 2012, he began an ongoing effort to bring greater transparency to the private profit being made from public money in the City's major contracts. At that time he said that The Star newspaper had reported this as 'a £9 million gravy train'.

He said that the current website details for major contracts were out of date, still showing the now defunct Kier contracts and said that he believed it was time for an update. Mr Slack asked whether the Council could provide the details of the current major contractors, their current contract value per annum, the change in contract value since the Government's Austerity programme began in 2010 and finally, the total overall profit figure for these major Contracts.

In response, Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources agreed that the information on the Council's website was out of date. He had raised this with Council officers and had been told that this would be updated by the end of November. Councillor Curran stated that he would write to Mr Slack with details in answer to his question concerning contract values etc.

#### 4.2.10 Public Questions Concerning Protests

Nigel Slack asked whether the Council agreed with Trade Union Law being used by the Police to prevent protest by members of the public.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, referred to the answers given by Councillor Bryan Lodge in relation to previous questions on this subject. She stated that she did not agree with the Trade Union Law so the answer was 'no'.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment said that with regard to the police using action to move protesters on, he had asked about the incident and had been informed that it was the police that took the decision and used the legislation in relation to the protest.

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMAD MAROOF**

**Kashmir (1)**

- 5.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon and seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered, as Notice of Motion 13 had generated significantly increased attendance by members of the public and it was therefore deemed appropriate to take this motion as the next item of business.
- 5.2 It was moved by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, and seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that this Council:-
- a) is conscious about the current serious situation in Kashmir and deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the families and friends of many Sheffielders living in the region;
  - (b) is disturbed by the recent violence where use of pellet guns, tear gas shells, rubber bullets, as well as assault rifles, resulted in the deaths of more than 110 civilians, with over 7,000 civilians injured;
  - (c) recognises Amnesty International's criticism of Indian security forces for the use of arbitrary and excessive force to deal with the protests in Kashmir and they also criticised the use of pellet guns, stating they had been used 100 times in Kashmir during the first week of September 2016;
  - (d) believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue to bring peace and stability to the region;
  - (e) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the High Commissioners of India and Pakistan calling for:-
    - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
    - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
    - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;
    - (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and
    - (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured; and
  - (f) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.



5.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Talib Hussain, and seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-

- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) is conscious about the current serious situation in Kashmir and deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the families and friends of many Sheffielders living in the region;
- (b) is disturbed by the recent violence where use of pellet guns, tear gas shells, rubber bullets, as well as assault rifles, resulted in the deaths of more than 110 civilians, with over 7,000 civilians injured;
- (c) recognises Amnesty International's criticism of Indian security forces for the use of arbitrary and excessive force to deal with the protests in Kashmir and they also criticised the use of pellet guns, stating they had been used 100 times in Kashmir during the first week of September 2016;
- (d) believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue to bring peace and stability to the region;
- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;
- (g) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the High Commissioners of India and Pakistan calling for:-
  - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
  - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
  - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;

- (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and
- (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured; and
- (h) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

## **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **6.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **6.2 Questions**

6.2.1 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.

### **6.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

6.3.1 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).

## **7. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

7.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc.

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor Lewis Dagnall to replace Councillor George Lindars-Hammond
Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to replace Councillor Lewis Dagnall
Access Liaison Group	-	Councillors Nasima Akther and George Lindars-Hammond to replace Councillors Anne Murphy

and Peter Rippon; Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy

Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services) - Councillor Bob Pullin to fill a vacancy

(b) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18 May 2016, the Chief Executive had authorised the appointment of Councillor Peter Rippon to serve on the Senior Officer Employment Committee with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

## **8. EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

- 8.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Josie Paszek, seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley, that this Council approves, in accordance with the details set out in the report of the Acting Executive Director, Resources now submitted, the extension, until such time as the appointments for the two Independent Persons are approved by this Council, of the terms of office for the three existing Independent Persons that assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards complaints.

## **9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROB MURPHY**

### **Fossil Fuel Divestment**

- 9.1 It was moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, that this Council:-
- (a) notes reports from the International Energy Agency that at least two thirds of current fossil fuel reserves must remain unburned if warming in excess of 2 degrees is to be avoided;
  - (b) further notes reports from the Carbon Tracker Initiative that investing in fossil fuel companies is an increasingly risky prospect due to the possibility of fossil fuel reserves becoming “stranded assets” when global deals to mitigate climate change, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, are implemented;
  - (c) notes that once money has been divested from fossil fuels it can be reinvested in more environmentally sustainable and socially beneficial assets like renewable energy, affordable housing, and the local economy;
  - (d) therefore believes that there is not only a convincing moral and environmental case for institutional investors to divest from fossil fuels, but also a compelling financial one;
  - (e) welcomes the decision by Waltham Forest Borough Council’s Pension

Fund Committee on 22nd September 2016 to “exclude fossil fuels from its [investment] strategy over the next five years” because “investing in companies that rely heavily on ..... fossil fuels, at a time when the environmental impact is a matter of increasing scrutiny, is seen as risky”;

- (f) notes that the Waltham Forest commitment is the first of its kind from a Local Authority Pension Fund in the UK, and welcomes the leadership that the Waltham Forest Pension Fund Committee has shown;
- (g) further welcomes the fact that some institutional investors in South Yorkshire have also shown leadership in this area, for example:-
  - (i) the University of Sheffield’s commitment in November 2015 to divest its £39 million endowment fund from fossil fuels;
  - (ii) Sheffield Hallam University’s statement in January 2016 that it “had not and will not invest in fossil fuels”; and
  - (iii) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority’s adoption of a Climate Change Policy in March 2016 that states the Fund will “endeavour to manage a tilt within portfolios towards lower carbon assets in-line with the Paris Agreement, with a view towards progressively decreasing the Fund’s carbon exposure”;
- (h) believes that, although these are positive steps, Sheffield should set its ambitions higher with respect to fossil fuel divestment;
- (i) therefore declares its aspiration for Sheffield to become the United Kingdom’s first “fossil free city”: the first city in the UK in which all of the major local government, higher / further education and faith institutions have committed to divesting their investments and pension funds from fossil fuels, to the extent that they hold the power locally to do so;
- (j) pledges to lead by example on fossil fuel divestment in Sheffield by committing to develop a plan to not invest in stocks, shares, or bonds issued by fossil fuel companies, and to divest itself from any such investments that are currently held over a reasonable period of time to be determined by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Director of Finance;
- (k) calls upon the Administration to include in the Council’s Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 a statement on ethical and environmental investment incorporating the above commitment;
- (l) calls upon South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, subject to meeting its fiduciary duties and following consultation with members of the scheme, to immediately freeze any new investment (both direct and indirect) in fossil fuel companies, and to draw up a plan for a managed divestment from the top 200 companies with the largest known carbon reserves (oil, gas and coal) within five years; and

- (m) requests officers to use appropriate opportunities to encourage other major institutions and employers in Sheffield to join Sheffield City Council in making divestment commitments of their own.

9.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, and seconded by Councillor Kieran Harpham, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (i) to (m) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (p) as follows:-

- (i) declares its aspiration that Sheffield should play a pioneering and leadership role in becoming fossil free as a city and recognises that, if this is to be achieved, it is important to work in partnership with stakeholders across the city to develop a collective and shared agenda that all major partners will be involved in;
- (j) believes we should look at a full range of ways in which we can reduce the city's reliance on fossil fuels, including action on divestment and also on support for renewable energy and the green economy;
- (k) acknowledges the work of the Green Commission in the city to bring together partners to develop an ambitious and broad plan to set out how Sheffield can become more sustainable in the future and believes it is important that this is done through partnership to realise the full potential of institutions in the city who hold the power locally to make change happen;
- (l) notes that the Council's response to the Green Commission will be submitted to the Cabinet in the coming months, and that the recommendations of the Green Commission will be used to inform Council policy development;
- (m) confirms that the Council does not and will not invest in fossil fuels, demonstrating the Council's existing commitment to leading by example on fossil fuel divestment;
- (n) notes that the Administration will include a statement on ethical and environmental investment in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18, incorporating the above commitment;
- (o) believes that, as a local authority, we have a considerable degree of power to act, but also believes we can achieve more by working with partners to influence wider adoption and this should inform the approach we take; and
- (p) condemns the Government's approach of stating that councils will be penalised for diverging from the same environmental and social policies of central government in its procurement practices, and believes this flies in the face of localism.

- 9.2.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh), the amendment as circulated at the meeting was altered (by the removal of all the wording in paragraph (m) and its replacement by revised wording) in order to more accurately reflect the Council's position in relation to fossil fuel investment.)
- 9.3 On being put to the vote, the altered amendment was carried.
- 9.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson and John Booker voted for paragraphs (j) to (l) and (n) to (p) and against paragraphs (i) and (m) of the Amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 9.4 It was then moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-
1. the deletion, in paragraph (h), of all the words after the words "positive steps", and the addition of the following words "Local Government Cabinet Office procurement policy note of 17 February 2016, entitled 'Putting a stop to public procurement boycotts', limits the extent to which local authorities in England and Wales can use boycotts in their procurement and pensions investment policies"; and
  2. the deletion of paragraphs (i) to (m) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
    - (i) believes that this new guidance is an attack on local democracy and is another example of the Government centralising powers and dictating policy to local authorities, moving away from the localism agenda that the Liberal Democrats implemented whilst in the Coalition Government;
    - (j) believes that it should be up to individual communities to decide which companies they wish to do business with in a fair and transparent process and, whilst we think it is right that public sector procurers are required to seek the best value for money for the taxpayer, local councils should have regard for the wider interests of their local populations, which they have been elected to represent; and
    - (k) directs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
- 9.5 Following a right of reply from Councillor Robert Murphy, the amendment was put to the vote and negatived.
- 9.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes reports from the International Energy Agency that at least two thirds of current fossil fuel reserves must remain unburned if warming in excess of 2 degrees is to be avoided;
- (b) further notes reports from the Carbon Tracker Initiative that investing in fossil fuel companies is an increasingly risky prospect due to the possibility of fossil fuel reserves becoming “stranded assets” when global deals to mitigate climate change, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, are implemented;
- (c) notes that once money has been divested from fossil fuels it can be reinvested in more environmentally sustainable and socially beneficial assets like renewable energy, affordable housing, and the local economy;
- (d) therefore believes that there is not only a convincing moral and environmental case for institutional investors to divest from fossil fuels, but also a compelling financial one;
- (e) welcomes the decision by Waltham Forest Borough Council’s Pension Fund Committee on 22nd September 2016 to “exclude fossil fuels from its [investment] strategy over the next five years” because “investing in companies that rely heavily on fossil fuels, at a time when the environmental impact is a matter of increasing scrutiny, is seen as risky”;
- (f) notes that the Waltham Forest commitment is the first of its kind from a Local Authority Pension Fund in the UK, and welcomes the leadership that the Waltham Forest Pension Fund Committee has shown;
- (g) further welcomes the fact that some institutional investors in South Yorkshire have also shown leadership in this area, for example:-
  - (i) the University of Sheffield’s commitment in November 2015 to divest its £39 million endowment fund from fossil fuels;
  - (ii) Sheffield Hallam University’s statement in January 2016 that it “had not and will not invest in fossil fuels”; and
  - (iii) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority’s adoption of a Climate Change Policy in March 2016 that states the Fund will “endeavour to manage a tilt within portfolios towards lower carbon assets in-line with the Paris Agreement, with a view towards progressively decreasing the Fund’s carbon exposure”;
- (h) believes that, although these are positive steps, Sheffield should set its ambitions higher with respect to fossil fuel divestment;
- (i) declares its aspiration that Sheffield should play a pioneering and

leadership role in becoming fossil free as a city and recognises that, if this is to be achieved, it is important to work in partnership with stakeholders across the city to develop a collective and shared agenda that all major partners will be involved in;

- (j) believes we should look at a full range of ways in which we can reduce the city's reliance on fossil fuels, including action on divestment and also on support for renewable energy and the green economy;
- (k) acknowledges the work of the Green Commission in the city to bring together partners to develop an ambitious and broad plan to set out how Sheffield can become more sustainable in the future and believes it is important that this is done through partnership to realise the full potential of institutions in the city who hold the power locally to make change happen;
- (l) notes that the Council's response to the Green Commission will be submitted to the Cabinet in the coming months, and that the recommendations of the Green Commission will be used to inform Council policy development;
- (m) confirms that the Council does not and will not invest in fossil fuels, demonstrating the Council's existing commitment to leading by example on fossil fuel divestment;
- (n) notes that the Administration will include a statement on ethical and environmental investment in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18, incorporating the above commitment;
- (o) believes that, as a local authority, we have a considerable degree of power to act, but also believes we can achieve more by working with partners to influence wider adoption and this should inform the approach we take; and
- (p) condemns the Government's approach of stating that councils will be penalised for diverging from the same environmental and social policies of central government in its procurement practices, and believes this flies in the face of localism.

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR OLIVIA BLAKE**

### **Community Pharmacies**

10.1 It was moved by Councillor Olivia Blake, and seconded by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that pharmacies play an important role in promoting wellbeing, such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise, flu vaccination,



sexual health, and more;

- (b) opposes the Government's plan to force through a £113m cut this year for community pharmacies in addition to a further £95 million in 2017/18 and regrets that Ministers have refused to listen to repeated warnings about the impact this will have;
- (c) notes that only around one in ten community pharmacies will be helped by the Pharmacy Access Scheme, that means around nine in ten pharmacies are potentially vulnerable to these cuts;
- (d) notes reports in the summer that the Government's cuts could lead to up to a quarter of Sheffield's 128 pharmacies closing;
- (e) believes that these plans are a false-economy that will hit the deprived, elderly and long-term sick hardest and will deprive communities of vital local assets when as many as one in four local pharmacies close, and they will also increase pressure on already overstretched GPs and A&E departments;
- (f) regrets that these cuts will be a grave loss for our communities in Sheffield and will put more pressure on the NHS; and
- (g) requests the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care to write to the Secretary of State for Health demanding the halting of these proposed cuts.

10.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Sue Auckland, and seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (d):-

"and further notes that it is likely to be the big chains that are able to withstand the cuts and, as local pharmacies are vital contributors to thriving district and local shopping centres, believes these changes will disproportionately hit smaller local businesses."

10.3 Following a right of reply from Councillor Olivia Blake, the amendment was put to the vote and carried.

10.4 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 pharmacies play an important role in promoting wellbeing, such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise, flu vaccination, sexual health, and more;
- (b) opposes the Government's plan to force through a £113m cut this year for community pharmacies in addition to a further £95 million in 2017/18

and regrets that Ministers have refused to listen to repeated warnings about the impact this will have;

- (c) notes that only around one in ten community pharmacies will be helped by the Pharmacy Access Scheme, that means around nine in ten pharmacies are potentially vulnerable to these cuts;
- (d) notes reports in the summer that the Government's cuts could lead to up to a quarter of Sheffield's 128 pharmacies closing and further notes that it is likely to be the big chains that are able to withstand the cuts and, as local pharmacies are vital contributors to thriving district and local shopping centres, believes these changes will disproportionately hit smaller local businesses;
- (e) believes that these plans are a false-economy that will hit the deprived, elderly and long-term sick hardest and will deprive communities of vital local assets when as many as one in four local pharmacies close, and they will also increase pressure on already overstretched GPs and A&E departments;
- (f) regrets that these cuts will be a grave loss for our communities in Sheffield and will put more pressure on the NHS; and
- (g) requests the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care to write to the Secretary of State for Health demanding the halting of these proposed cuts.

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL**

### **Fracking (1)**

11.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, and formally seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct shale gas testing at a number of sites across the country, which has included areas within Sheffield, mainly areas bordering the local authority;
- (b) further notes that approaches have been made to property owners to start surveying around Mosborough and many members of the local community have opposed the prospect of fracking in their area, including hosting public meetings to raise objections;
- (c) regrets that the Government now appear to be determined to force fracking on areas, regardless of local opinion;
- (d) supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the

Government to ban fracking and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities; and

- (e) commits to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so.

11.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Gail Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (m) as follows:-

- (f) notes that it has a responsibility to tackle climate change and protect the environment and the wellbeing of local communities;
- (g) notes the recent landmark decision by the Government to overturn the decision of the local council and approve a planning application to start fracking in Lancashire, and believes this sets a very dangerous precedent for the Government to ignore the views of local people in relation to fracking;
- (h) notes that areas in and around Sheffield have been licensed for investigations for shale gas and notes that some people in the South East of Sheffield have received letters from companies who wish to perform seismic surveys for this purpose on land they own;
- (i) acknowledges that exploration of unconventional fossil fuel undermines action on climate change and diverts resources away from investment in a safe and secure renewable energy future;
- (j) notes that there are possible significant adverse impacts from shale gas exploration and exploitation, including water contamination and air pollution, and supports a 'Frack-Free' declaration for this area;
- (k) calls on the Administration to draw up a 'Minerals Strategy' as part of the Local Plan;
- (l) calls on Her Majesty's Government to impose a moratorium on shale gas exploration within the UK to prevent the adverse impact it will have on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change; and
- (m) directs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

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

11.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, as an amendment, that the Motion now

submitted be amended by the replacement, in paragraph (d), of the words “Labour Party” by the words “Labour and Green Parties”.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct shale gas testing at a number of sites across the country, which has included areas within Sheffield, mainly areas bordering the local authority;
- (b) further notes that approaches have been made to property owners to start surveying around Mosborough and many members of the local community have opposed the prospect of fracking in their area, including hosting public meetings to raise objections;
- (c) regrets that the Government now appear to be determined to force fracking on areas, regardless of local opinion;
- (d) supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities; and
- (e) commits to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so.

11.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) and abstained from voting on paragraph (d) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) and voted against paragraph (d) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

3. Councillor Steve Wilson, having earlier declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item, was not present for the duration of the item.)

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GAIL SMITH**

### **Fracking (2)**

- 12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Gail Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-
- (a) notes that it has a responsibility to tackle climate change and protect the environment and the wellbeing of local communities;
  - (b) notes the recent landmark decision by the Government to overturn the decision of the local council and approve a planning application to start fracking in Lancashire, and believes this sets a very dangerous precedent for the Government to ignore the views of local people in relation to fracking;
  - (c) notes that areas in and around Sheffield have been licensed for investigations for shale gas and notes that some people in the South East of Sheffield have received letters from companies who wish to perform seismic surveys for this purpose on land they own;
  - (d) acknowledges that exploration of unconventional fossil fuel undermines action on climate change and diverts resources away from investment in a safe and secure renewable energy future;
  - (e) notes that there are possible significant adverse impacts from shale gas exploration and exploitation, including water contamination and air pollution, and supports a 'Frack-Free' declaration for this area;
  - (f) calls on the Administration to draw up a 'Minerals Strategy' as part of the Local Plan;
  - (g) calls on Her Majesty's Government to impose a moratorium on shale gas exploration within the UK to prevent the adverse impact it will have on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change; and
  - (h) directs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
- 12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Tony Downing, and formally seconded by Councillor David Barker, 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) notes that the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct shale gas testing at a number of sites across the country, which has included areas within Sheffield, mainly areas bordering the local authority;
  - (b) further notes that approaches have been made to property owners to start surveying around Mosborough and many members of the local community have opposed the prospect of fracking in their area, including

hosting public meetings to raise objections;

- (c) regrets that the Government now appear to be determined to force fracking on areas, regardless of local opinion;
- (d) supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities;
- (e) commits to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so;
- (f) regrets that the 2015 Liberal Democrat manifesto would have allowed fracking and notes that, under the Coalition Government, the national ban on fracking was lifted by the then Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon. Sir Ed Davey; and
- (g) regrets comments made by the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP in 2013 “Fracking has a role”, and believes that the actions of the Coalition Government have paved the way for fracking to come to Sheffield.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct shale gas testing at a number of sites across the country, which has included areas within Sheffield, mainly areas bordering the local authority;
- (b) further notes that approaches have been made to property owners to start surveying around Mosborough and many members of the local community have opposed the prospect of fracking in their area, including hosting public meetings to raise objections;
- (c) regrets that the Government now appear to be determined to force fracking on areas, regardless of local opinion;
- (d) supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities;
- (e) commits to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so;

- (f) regrets that the 2015 Liberal Democrat manifesto would have allowed fracking and notes that, under the Coalition Government, the national ban on fracking was lifted by the then Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon. Sir Ed Davey; and
- (g) regrets comments made by the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP in 2013 “Fracking has a role”, and believes that the actions of the Coalition Government have paved the way for fracking to come to Sheffield.

- 12.4.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e), voted against paragraphs (f) and (g) and abstained from voting on paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;
2. Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (e), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and
3. Councillor Steve Wilson, having earlier declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item, was not present for the duration of the item.)

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRYAN LODGE**

#### **Flood Protection**

- 13.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, and formally seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, that this Council:-
- (a) welcomes that the recent National Flood Resilience Review recognises the excellent work that the Council is progressing through the city’s £83m flood protection programme and its urban regeneration plans;
  - (b) notes that the Review’s report highlights that Sheffield offers great potential for improving flood protection from its many rivers whilst enabling regeneration of the urban environment, and that this work is seen as vital in unlocking the economic, aesthetic and ecological value of the city’s waterways and making Sheffield a more beautiful and better place to live;
  - (c) believes it is vital that communities and businesses are protected from flooding and welcomes that Sheffield has been selected as the first core city in England to be protected to London standards by 2021; and
  - (d) notes that achieving these ambitious aims will require millions of pounds of Government investment and welcomes the commitment in the Review to invest the funding needed to do this for Sheffield.

13.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-
  - (c) believes that it is also vital to protect and enhance Sheffield's waterways, public green spaces and ancient woodlands, which contribute to our city's valuable reputation as an "Outdoor City", as well as the health and happiness of residents from all over Sheffield and beyond;
  - (d) believes that, on this occasion, the consultation has not been good enough and that better involvement of local stakeholders could have been sought in the form of letters to local residents, public notices at the affected areas and early engagement of local business owners;
  - (e) calls for active engagement at future stages of consultation with local Elected Members, the users and friends groups of parks and other green spaces in the development of any plans for flood mitigation measures in those spaces, to ensure that any schemes that go ahead are acceptable to the local community;
2. the relettering of original paragraphs (c) and (d) as new paragraphs (f) and (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
  - (h) believes that there are other measures which could be taken to mitigate flooding in Sheffield, such as dredging rivers and using existing reservoirs to store water; and
  - (i) calls on the Administration to follow the lead of the MP for Sheffield Hallam in writing to the Government raising these issues with respect to the 'National Flood Resilience' pilot scheme.

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

13.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-

- (e) is grateful to the local people who have taken the trouble to respond to the Council's recent flood protection consultation; and requests the Administration to consider the many comments and suggestions received from respondents in relation to flood prevention and protection, and report its views to interested people in due course.

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

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



RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that the recent National Flood Resilience Review recognises the excellent work that the Council is progressing through the city's £83m flood protection programme and its urban regeneration plans;
- (b) notes that the Review's report highlights that Sheffield offers great potential for improving flood protection from its many rivers whilst enabling regeneration of the urban environment, and that this work is seen as vital in unlocking the economic, aesthetic and ecological value of the city's waterways and making Sheffield a more beautiful and better place to live;
- (c) believes it is vital that communities and businesses are protected from flooding and welcomes that Sheffield has been selected as the first core city in England to be protected to London standards by 2021;
- (d) notes that achieving these ambitious aims will require millions of pounds of Government investment and welcomes the commitment in the Review to invest the funding needed to do this for Sheffield; and
- (e) is grateful to the local people who have taken the trouble to respond to the Council's recent flood protection consultation; and requests the Administration to consider the many comments and suggestions received from respondents in relation to flood prevention and protection, and report its views to interested people in due course.

13.6.1 The votes on the Substantive Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

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| For paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion (58) | - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Magid Magid, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Pauline Andrews, Andy Bainbridge, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Mohammad Maroof, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, |
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Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion (0)

- Nil

Abstained on paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion (19)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley.

For paragraphs (b) to (e) of the Substantive Motion (75)

- Councillors Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Magid Magid, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Adam Hanrahan, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Andy Bainbridge, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Mohammad Maroof, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against paragraphs (b) to (e) of the Substantive Motion (0)

- Nil

Abstained on paragraphs (b) to (e) of the Substantive Motion (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy).

13.6.2 (NOTE: Councillor Bob Pullin, having earlier declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item of business, did not speak or vote on the item.)

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR VICKY PRIESTLEY**

##### **Associate Libraries**

14.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Vickie Priestley, and formally seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks all the hard-working volunteers at all of the city's Associate Libraries whose invaluable contribution has meant that many of our community libraries have remained open despite the Administration's choice to cut their funding;
- (b) welcomes the latest report brought to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee which recommends that Associate Library groups should be guaranteed the current level of funding for another 3 years;
- (c) however, believes that this is the bare minimum that treasured volunteer-run community libraries need to survive and that maintaining the current level of service through the next 3 years remains a challenge;
- (d) recalls the last two budget amendments of the main opposition group, which identified sensible savings which, if implemented, would mean some of the reductions in funding to the libraries service could be restored and this could be used to employ professional librarians to support volunteers; and
- (e) recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Libraries that additional funding is given to Associate Libraries.

14.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jack Scott, and formally seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, 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) praises the fantastic work of volunteers at Associate Libraries across the city and library staff who make a vital contribution to the service;
- (b) notes that due to the unprecedented level of cuts to local government funding, hundreds of libraries across the country have closed, and welcomes the fact that work between the Council, voluntary groups and other partners has kept all Sheffield libraries open;

- (c) is appalled at the continued hypocrisy of the main opposition group who supported the Coalition Government's drastic cuts to the Council's funding but campaigned against their impact locally, and believes that, if the Coalition Government had not focused funding cuts so heavily on Sheffield at the same time as giving some of the wealthiest areas in the country just a fraction of the cuts, services across the Council, including libraries, would have received less cuts;
- (d) notes the following comments made by the Council's politically independent Chief Executive and Section 151 officer about the main opposition group's budget proposal for 2016/17, that it was "not a sustainable strategy, as it simply defers identifying spending reductions for one year";
- (e) therefore regrets that the main opposition group's budget would have put further pressures on the Council's budget this year and, if the Council had listened to the advice of the main opposition group, the library service could have been put at further risk; and
- (f) believes it is important to protect the support given to Associate Libraries going forward and welcomes the commitment of the present Administration to extend the funding and support given to Associate Libraries for a further 3 years.

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

14.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (f), and abstained from voting on paragraph (c) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) praises the fantastic work of volunteers at Associate Libraries across the city and library staff who make a vital contribution to the service;
- (b) notes that due to the unprecedented level of cuts to local government funding, hundreds of libraries across the country have closed, and welcomes the fact that work between the Council, voluntary groups and other partners has kept all Sheffield libraries open;
- (c) is appalled at the continued hypocrisy of the main opposition group who supported the Coalition Government's drastic cuts to the Council's funding but campaigned against their impact locally, and believes that, if the Coalition Government had not focused funding cuts so heavily on Sheffield at the same time as giving some of the wealthiest areas in the country just a fraction of the cuts, services across the Council, including

libraries, would have received less cuts;

- (d) notes the following comments made by the Council's politically independent Chief Executive and Section 151 officer about the main opposition group's budget proposal for 2016/17, that it was "not a sustainable strategy, as it simply defers identifying spending reductions for one year";
- (e) therefore regrets that the main opposition group's budget would have put further pressures on the Council's budget this year and, if the Council had listened to the advice of the main opposition group, the library service could have been put at further risk; and
- (f) believes it is important to protect the support given to Associate Libraries going forward and welcomes the commitment of the present Administration to extend the funding and support given to Associate Libraries for a further 3 years.

14.4.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (f), and voted against paragraphs (c) to (e) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

2. Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (f), and abstained from voting on paragraph (c) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

### **Transport Ambitions for Stocksbridge and the Wider Area**

15.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, and formally seconded by Councillor John Booker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that over 800 new homes are to be built in the Upper Don Valley catchment area of Sheffield, comprising:
  - (i) 417 new homes to be built at Station Road, Deepcar;
  - (ii) 120 new homes to be built on the new 'Fox Valley bottom', Manchester Road, Stocksbridge; and
  - (iii) 300 new homes to be built on a proposed new development at the old paper mill site, between Oughtibridge and Wharncliffe Side;
- (b) expresses concern that there will be a substantial increase in vehicular

traffic on local roads as a result of the proposed developments; a conservative estimate would assume at least an additional 1700 vehicles in the area, with additional vehicles also visiting the new 'Fox Valley' retail shopping centre at Stocksbridge;

- (c) believes that immediate action should be taken to begin the process of extending the Supertram/rail link between Middlewood and the newly built 'Fox Valley' shopping development at Stocksbridge, with tram/rail stops at Oughtibridge, Wharncliffe Side, Deepcar and Stocksbridge, and supports the Don Valley Railway plans submitted to the City Council in 2012 in relation to the popularity of the idea of re-using the freight line to Stocksbridge for passenger services;
  - (d) recognises the fact that additional car journeys will create an increase in carbon dioxide emissions and traffic congestion, and that this will impact on the environment and, therefore, local people's health;
  - (e) welcomes the fact that the Authority has already taken an interest in urban design company, URBED, who advocate that satellite settlements that are included in future housing provision, such as Stocksbridge, have "light-rail" links to city centres to accommodate new economic growth over the next 15 years;
  - (f) further believes that a new Supertram/rail link would be efficient and convenient for both local residents and visitors to use, would be environmentally cleaner, and would alleviate much of the existing congestion at 'traffic pinch points' in the areas of Catch Bar Lane and Penistone Road which have for many years caused chaos for local people travelling to and from the city centre during the morning and evening rush hour;
  - (g) also believes that for the Authority to take no pro-active measures is not an option, and that, if a new Supertram/rail link is not actioned as soon as possible, traffic will crawl ever more slowly into and out of our city, increasing levels of air pollution, and resulting in all roads eventually leading to gridlock rather than the intended destination, impacting on the environment and the economy; and
  - (h) welcomes the interest of the Sheffield Star newspaper, who has added its weight to the issue of the expansion of the Supertram network by asking its readers (over 350,000 per week), in a survey, where the new Supertram routes should go; and where the survey found that 31% of Sheffield Star readers and web site responses stated that their overwhelming favourite destination was Stocksbridge.
- 15.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Jack Clarkson), paragraph (e) of the Motion as published in the Council Summons was altered by the substitution of the words "urban design company" for the words "Government Regeneration Agency" in order to accurately reflect the status of URBED.)

15.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Richard Crowther, and formally seconded by Councillor Alan Law, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (c) to (h) as new paragraphs (e) to (j):-
  - (c) welcomes the Administration's manifesto commitment to a metro system for Sheffield and its development of a comprehensive Transport Strategy for the whole city, which will include transport ambitions for Stocksbridge and the wider area;
  - (d) welcomes that the idea of expanding the tram network to Stocksbridge was put forward by the present Administration as part of the Citywide Options for Growth, and believes that new housing growth and infrastructure must be underpinned by adequate transport links, and notes that the document states "URBED suggest that smaller developments of around 1,000 homes could take place at Stocksbridge and in the Upper Don Valley at Oughtibridge, with both locations having potential to be served by tram extensions or reinstatement of passenger services on the railway line running between Stocksbridge and Sheffield Victoria station.";
2. the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-
  - (k) believes that strengthening the city's public transport network is essential to accommodating housing growth and believes that the Supertram network must be expanded to achieve this, and recognises that significant support and investment within Sheffield City Region and financial support from central government are essential in delivering this.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that over 800 new homes are to be built in the Upper Don Valley catchment area of Sheffield, comprising:
  - (i) 417 new homes to be built at Station Road, Deepcar;
  - (ii) 120 new homes to be built on the new 'Fox Valley bottom', Manchester Road, Stocksbridge; and
  - (iii) 300 new homes to be built on a proposed new development at the old paper mill site, between Oughtibridge and Wharncliffe Side;

- (b) expresses concern that there will be a substantial increase in vehicular traffic on local roads as a result of the proposed developments; a conservative estimate would assume at least an additional 1700 vehicles in the area, with additional vehicles also visiting the new 'Fox Valley' retail shopping centre at Stocksbridge;
- (c) welcomes the Administration's manifesto commitment to a metro system for Sheffield and its development of a comprehensive Transport Strategy for the whole city, which will include transport ambitions for Stocksbridge and the wider area;
- (d) welcomes that the idea of expanding the tram network to Stocksbridge was put forward by the present Administration as part of the Citywide Options for Growth, and believes that new housing growth and infrastructure must be underpinned by adequate transport links, and notes that the document states "URBED suggest that smaller developments of around 1,000 homes could take place at Stocksbridge and in the Upper Don Valley at Oughtibridge, with both locations having potential to be served by tram extensions or reinstatement of passenger services on the railway line running between Stocksbridge and Sheffield Victoria station.";
- (e) believes that immediate action should be taken to begin the process of extending the Supertram/rail link between Middlewood and the newly built 'Fox Valley' shopping development at Stocksbridge, with tram/rail stops at Oughtibridge, Wharncliffe Side, Deepcar and Stocksbridge, and supports the Don Valley Railway plans submitted to the City Council in 2012 in relation to the popularity of the idea of re-using the freight line to Stocksbridge for passenger services;
- (f) recognises the fact that additional car journeys will create an increase in carbon dioxide emissions and traffic congestion, and that this will impact on the environment and, therefore, local people's health;
- (g) welcomes the fact that the Authority has already taken an interest in urban design company, URBED, who advocate that satellite settlements that are included in future housing provision, such as Stocksbridge, have "light-rail" links to city centres to accommodate new economic growth over the next 15 years;
- (h) further believes that a new Supertram/rail link would be efficient and convenient for both local residents and visitors to use, would be environmentally cleaner, and would alleviate much of the existing congestion at 'traffic pinch points' in the areas of Catch Bar Lane and Penistone Road which have for many years caused chaos for local people travelling to and from the city centre during the morning and evening rush hour;
- (i) also believes that for the Authority to take no pro-active measures is not an option, and that, if a new Supertram/rail link is not actioned as soon



as possible, traffic will crawl ever more slowly into and out of our city, increasing levels of air pollution, and resulting in all roads eventually leading to gridlock rather than the intended destination, impacting on the environment and the economy;

- (j) welcomes the interest of the Sheffield Star newspaper, who has added its weight to the issue of the expansion of the Supertram network by asking its readers (over 350,000 per week), in a survey, where the new Supertram routes should go; and where the survey found that 31% of Sheffield Star readers and web site responses stated that their overwhelming favourite destination was Stocksbridge; and
- (k) believes that strengthening the city's public transport network is essential to accommodating housing growth and believes that the Supertram network must be expanded to achieve this, and recognises that significant support and investment within Sheffield City Region and financial support from central government are essential in delivering this.

15.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (k), and voted against paragraph (c) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAGID MAGID**

### **Diversity in Sheffield Theatres**

16.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Magid Magid, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) believes we live in a remarkably diverse society and how we evolve and face the challenges of the future will be influenced by how we can use the creative resources that diversity gifts us;
- (b) believes that diversity in theatres has real value; that it doesn't just ensure survival, it can genuinely invigorate theatre organisations and be a spur to creativity and new ways of thinking; and that, therefore, it is vital theatres aspire to reflect the diversity of our culture in the work it produces on stage, in its performers, in its audiences, in the people it reaches through its learning activities and in the people who work there in ancillary positions;
- (c) welcomes the £150,000 funding boost Sheffield Theatres has won from the Arts Council England 'Change Makers Programme' for its work in bringing more black and minority ethnic staff and audience members into its theatres;

- (d) notes the importance this funding will have to help the growth of diversity in all areas of Sheffield Theatres by increasing its engagement with black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and artists, creating significant changes in its audiences, programming, recruitment and integrated casting; and that this will result in making a real and lasting difference to the Organisation and the industry as a whole; and
- (e) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to Sheffield Theatres to convey Sheffield City Council's full support for the initiative.

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA**

**Sheffield Theatres' UK Theatre Awards**

17.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Pat Midgley, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes Sheffield Theatres' success in this year's UK Theatre Awards, winning a record 6 awards;
- (b) notes that after being nominated for 8 awards, Sheffield Theatres won awards in 5 categories, including Best Musical Production, Best Supporting Performance, Best Performance in a Musical, Best Design and Best Play; and
- (c) pays tribute to the artists and staff of Sheffield Theatres for their contribution to the city and expresses delight that this has been recognised with these awards.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS PEACE**

**Sheffield Music Hub and Arts Education**

18.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Chris Peace, and formally seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble, that this Council:-

- (a) wishes to congratulate the Sheffield Music Hub on the recent Wider Music Network Conference it hosted at the Sheffield Town Hall, attended by music educators from across the city and beyond;
- (b) continues to recognise the importance of, and support the work that Sheffield Music Hub does in, providing a rich and varied music education by: -
  - (i) ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn a musical

- instrument, at no cost to them, in a classroom setting;
  - (ii) ensuring that those who want to, can progress regardless of means or background;
  - (iii) ensuring that every school is a singing school, with deep, high quality and meaningful singing happening every day;
  - (iv) ensuring that there are high quality ensembles in and out of school; and
  - (v) working in partnership with schools and other agencies to ensure that music remains a vital part of every child's school life; and
- (c) welcomes the recent Labour Party pledge to introduce an arts pupil premium for every primary school pupil in England in line with the existing PE pupil premium set up in 2013, as well as introduce a cross-department cabinet committee on the arts and creative industries tasked with increasing participation.

18.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (c), "and welcomes the Labour Party's acknowledgement of the success of the Pupil Premium, a Liberal Democrat flagship policy introduced in the Government by local MP, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, which has been shown in analysis by the Department for Education to close the attainment gap between rich and poor pupils, with those secondary schools using the Pupil Premium to best effect halving the gap in three years, and the best primary schools almost entirely removing it in two years, and contrasts this with the comments of the then Shadow Education Secretary, the Rt. Hon. John Denham, in 2010, who described the programme as "a con", and resolves to write to Nick Clegg MP thanking him for introducing the pupil premium."

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) wishes to congratulate the Sheffield Music Hub on the recent Wider Music Network Conference it hosted at the Sheffield Town Hall, attended by music educators from across the city and beyond;
- (b) continues to recognise the importance of, and support the work that Sheffield Music Hub does in, providing a rich and varied music education by: -
  - (i) ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, at no cost to them, in a classroom setting;

- (ii) ensuring that those who want to, can progress regardless of means or background;
  - (iii) ensuring that every school is a singing school, with deep, high quality and meaningful singing happening every day;
  - (iv) ensuring that there are high quality ensembles in and out of school; and
  - (v) working in partnership with schools and other agencies to ensure that music remains a vital part of every child's school life; and
- (c) welcomes the recent Labour Party pledge to introduce an arts pupil premium for every primary school pupil in England in line with the existing PE pupil premium set up in 2013, as well as introduce a cross-department cabinet committee on the arts and creative industries tasked with increasing participation.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER**

**Kashmir (2)**

19.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Penny Baker, and formally seconded by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Kashmir issue has been ongoing for over 69 years;
- (b) acknowledges that Sheffield has strong ties with Kashmir as thousands of Sheffields have a Kashmiri heritage and links to the region;
- (c) is shocked and deeply concerned by the killing of over 150 people and hundreds of civilians, including children, being blinded by the use of pellet guns by the Indian security forces since July 2016;
- (d) also believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue and once resolved it will bring peace and stability to the region;
- (e) calls upon the Administration to write to the High Commissioners of both India and Pakistan demanding:-
  - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
  - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
  - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;

- (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and
- (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured; and
- (f) directs the Administration to write to all Sheffield MPs, to raise this matter with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to do all they can for the implementation of UN resolutions on Kashmir and to push for a diplomatic solution.

19.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, and formally seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain, 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) is conscious about the current serious situation in Kashmir and deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the families and friends of many Sheffielders living in the region;
- (b) is disturbed by the recent violence where use of pellet guns, tear gas shells, rubber bullets, as well as assault rifles, resulted in the deaths of more than 110 civilians, with over 7,000 civilians injured;
- (c) recognises Amnesty International's criticism of Indian security forces for the use of arbitrary and excessive force to deal with the protests in Kashmir and they also criticised the use of pellet guns, stating they had been used 100 times in Kashmir during the first week of September 2016;
- (d) believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue to bring peace and stability to the region;
- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;
- (g) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the High Commissioners of India and Pakistan calling for:-
  - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
  - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
  - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;
  - (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and

- (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured; and
- (h) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) is conscious about the current serious situation in Kashmir and deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the families and friends of many Sheffielders living in the region;
- (b) is disturbed by the recent violence where use of pellet guns, tear gas shells, rubber bullets, as well as assault rifles, resulted in the deaths of more than 110 civilians, with over 7,000 civilians injured;
- (c) recognises Amnesty International's criticism of Indian security forces for the use of arbitrary and excessive force to deal with the protests in Kashmir and they also criticised the use of pellet guns, stating they had been used 100 times in Kashmir during the first week of September 2016;
- (d) believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue to bring peace and stability to the region;
- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;
- (g) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the High Commissioners of India and Pakistan calling for:-
  - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
  - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
  - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;
  - (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and
  - (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured; and

- (h) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

**20. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS**

**Disappearance of Ben Needham**

- 20.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, and formally seconded by Councillor John Booker, that this Council:-
- (a) cannot begin to understand the heartbreak felt by Mrs. Kerry Needham, and her family, since her 21 month old son, Ben, went missing twenty five years ago;
  - (b) believes that in this instance, South Yorkshire Police have been impeccable in the way they have supported the Needham family whilst resolutely continuing to pursue all eventualities in an attempt to determine the fate of young Ben;
  - (c) regrets that the recent excavations on Kos Island, Greece, have failed to provide concrete evidence to support the whereabouts of the missing toddler; and
  - (d) suggests the Leader of the Council writes to Mrs. Needham offering sympathy and support and also to the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police commending their diligence and dedication to duty.
- 20.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, and formally seconded by Councillor Alan Law, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted by amended by the addition of a paragraph (e) as follows:-
- (e) thanks Angela Smith, Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge, for her work campaigning on behalf of the family for many years for the resources from central government to ensure the case can be investigated further by the police.
- 20.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 20.4 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) cannot begin to understand the heartbreak felt by Mrs. Kerry Needham, and her family, since her 21 month old son, Ben, went missing twenty five years ago;

- (b) believes that in this instance, South Yorkshire Police have been impeccable in the way they have supported the Needham family whilst resolutely continuing to pursue all eventualities in an attempt to determine the fate of young Ben;
- (c) regrets that the recent excavations on Kos Island, Greece, have failed to provide concrete evidence to support the whereabouts of the missing toddler;
- (d) suggests the Leader of the Council writes to Mrs. Needham offering sympathy and support and also to the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police commending their diligence and dedication to duty; and
- (e) thanks Angela Smith, Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge, for her work campaigning on behalf of the family for many years for the resources from central government to ensure the case can be investigated further by the police.

## **21. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

### **Bus Services Bill and Public Bus Companies**

- 21.1 It was formally moved by Councillor John Booker, and formally seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-
- (a) notes that Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill, currently going through Parliament, stands to effectively ban local authorities from setting up new publicly owned bus companies, and believes that this is an unnecessary and ideological move that ignores the evidence, lacks public support and undermines localism;
  - (b) further notes there are twelve local authority-run bus companies in the UK and they provide some of the best bus services in the country, with local authority-run bus companies, like Reading Buses and Nottingham City Transport, having won bus operator of the year in four of the last five years, and believes that, looking at the stated objectives of the Bus Services Bill, of increasing passenger numbers and improving quality, it is clear that council-run bus companies are more than able to help achieve these objectives;
  - (c) also notes that (i) Nottingham and Reading have the second and third highest journey per head of population outside London, (ii) prior to 2014, Nottingham increased passenger numbers 13 years in a row and (iii) Nottingham City Transport and Reading Buses also deliver in terms of quality, environmental standards and innovation, with that combination having led to the numerous awards, and believes that much of this was made possible by maintaining high levels of investment, even through the recession, and by offering a truly joined-up transport policy through



strong partnership with the local authority;

- (d) whilst recognising that financial constraints might realistically prevent the establishment of a new public bus company, believes the evidence suggests that councils should at least be legally allowed to consider following in the successful footsteps of Nottingham and Reading;
- (e) contrasts Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill with the Government's commitment to localism and devolution enshrined in the 2011 Localism Act which gave more power to councils to provide services unless other laws explicitly prevent them from doing so, and believes, in short, that ideology shouldn't get in the way of effective service provision; and
- (f) therefore supports the campaign against Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill.

21.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, and formally seconded by Councillor Zoe Sykes, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (g):-

- (f) welcomes the work of Sheffield Trades Council in campaigning on this issue;

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill, currently going through Parliament, stands to effectively ban local authorities from setting up new publicly owned bus companies, and believes that this is an unnecessary and ideological move that ignores the evidence, lacks public support and undermines localism;
- (b) further notes there are twelve local authority-run bus companies in the UK and they provide some of the best bus services in the country, with local authority-run bus companies, like Reading Buses and Nottingham City Transport, having won bus operator of the year in four of the last five years, and believes that, looking at the stated objectives of the Bus Services Bill, of increasing passenger numbers and improving quality, it is clear that council-run bus companies are more than able to help achieve these objectives;
- (c) also notes that (i) Nottingham and Reading have the second and third highest journey per head of population outside London, (ii) prior to 2014, Nottingham increased passenger numbers 13 years in a row and (iii) Nottingham City Transport and Reading Buses also deliver in terms of

quality, environmental standards and innovation, with that combination having led to the numerous awards, and believes that much of this was made possible by maintaining high levels of investment, even through the recession, and by offering a truly joined-up transport policy through strong partnership with the local authority;

- (d) whilst recognising that financial constraints might realistically prevent the establishment of a new public bus company, believes the evidence suggests that councils should at least be legally allowed to consider following in the successful footsteps of Nottingham and Reading;
- (e) contrasts Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill with the Government's commitment to localism and devolution enshrined in the 2011 Localism Act which gave more power to councils to provide services unless other laws explicitly prevent them from doing so, and believes, in short, that ideology shouldn't get in the way of effective service provision;
- (f) welcomes the work of Sheffield Trades Council in campaigning on this issue; and
- (g) therefore supports the campaign against Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill.