



Council

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Magid Magid)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)

1	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Moya O'Rourke Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i> Mohammad Maroof Jim Steinke Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders Sophie Wilson	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park & Arbourthorne Ward</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 & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Magid Magid Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen & 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> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Robert Murphy Martin Phipps	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayriss	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i> Adam Hanrahan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Keith Davis Francyne Johnson
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 & Topley 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 Mike Levery
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

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Chief Executive

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk. You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings and recording is allowed under the direction of the Chair. Please see the website or contact Democratic Services for further information regarding public questions and petitions and details of the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at council meetings.

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

FACILITIES

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

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

**COUNCIL AGENDA
6 JUNE 2018**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

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

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

(NB. Minutes of recent meetings of the two South Yorkshire Joint Authorities have been made available to all Members of the Council via the following link -

<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13165&path=0>)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "RECENT TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS AND INVESTMENT IN SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHELLE COOK

That this Council:

- (a) notes the recent innovations and changes in how people are able to travel throughout Sheffield and believes that, under this Administration, travelling in the city is becoming more integrated

and greener;

- (b) notes the recent success of the Ofo bikes, which are proving so popular that the innovative bike sharing scheme is now the country's second largest outside of London;
- (c) notes that this Administration is investing £1.9 million to provide cleaner buses and bring them up to the E6 standard, which will in turn be one of the best standards set outside of London;
- (d) further notes that record investment in tackling air pollution in Sheffield is now underway with the beginnings of £1.3m investment from the "Early Measures Fund" to help transform the City's air;
- (e) notes that the funding secured from the Early Measures Fund is a direct result of this Administration's successful lobbying in order to meet the ambitious standards set out in its Air Quality Strategy;
- (f) notes that under this Administration, the Council will be making Sheffield's largest ever investment in specific Air Quality Measures;
- (g) recalls the miserly £5,000 of investment for electric taxi leasing proposed by the Green Group in its budget amendments for 2017/18, and that this is in the sharpest possible contrast to the actions from this Administration who have secured around £500,000 to electrify and revolutionise Sheffield's taxi fleet for the year ahead;
- (h) notes under this Administration we have seen the opening of the first new park and ride of recent years through IKEA and celebrates its popularity, convenience and environmental impact;
- (i) believes that the Better Bus funding agreement will make journeys quicker and more reliable and prioritise public transport;
- (j) notes that this Administration's Clean Air strategy commits the Council to working alongside the city's bus companies to improve the bus fleet and reduce emissions through replacement low-emission buses or re-powering vehicles with cleaner engine technology;
- (k) further notes that as part of the Clean Air Strategy the Administration is rolling out anti-idling zones outside schools, and other targeted locations, and is establishing 20mph speed limits across the city centre to make roads safer and to encourage more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling and walking;
- (l) notes the decisions last month by the Council's Cabinet to invest £2.5m in cycle infrastructure and invest in new schemes for pedestrians;

- (m) highlights that the new Parking Strategy has put environment issues at its core, encouraging active modes of transport and, in addition, that attention should be drawn to the highly successful first ever “+1” scheme which encouraged public transport use in to the city centre in the weeks running up to Christmas;
- (n) believes that the new transport vision and strategy is likely to further revolutionise travel in the city, and is encouraged that this strategy will be going to Cabinet in the near future;
- (o) notes that a future Labour government would bring the railways back into public ownership and believes that it is becoming increasingly clear that rail privatisation has been a terrible deal for passengers and UK taxpayers, as further demonstrated recently with rail services on the East Coast Mainline needing to be brought under government control following the abject failure of the current franchise;
- (p) welcomes that the East Coast Mainline rail service will once again be ran publically, and hopes that the line is not returned to another private provider to once again provide a failed service;
- (q) notes that this Administration has called for greater powers for local authorities to determine the type of bus services that should be delivered locally, including the possibility of running bus services “in-house”; and
- (r) expresses its warm congratulations to the first directly elected mayor for the Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis M.P., and welcomes the opportunities that this may provide for bus re-regulation and greater regional transport integration.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO IMPOSE FRACKING ON SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARK JONES AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOYA O'ROURKE

That this Council:

- (a) believes local communities do not want fracking in their area and that the locally elected Labour Administration have supported our communities' ability to decide what the future of fracking should be in their areas, rather than having to endure the diktats from on high by an over-zealous Government;
- (b) supports the actions of local community groups, such as Sheffield Climate Alliance, Frack Free South Yorkshire and Mosborough Against Fracking in opposing the policy framework initiated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition government in what

this Council believed to be its wholly reckless and irresponsible dash for shale gas;

- (c) believes Britain urgently needs a renewable energy revolution and 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; in contrast to the Conservative Party's apparent fixation on shale gas - regardless of evidence, public opinion or the impacts this will have on local communities;
- (d) notes with bitter disappointment that the Government have recently announced a series of measures to support the development of shale gas extraction which are being imposed on local communities, local councils and local wishes, to force through changes at the behest of fracking companies;
- (e) notes that at present, decisions on shale gas exploration planning applications have a statutory time frame of 16 weeks, where an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, and that the stated aim of the new measures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is supposedly in order to meet these time frames;
- (f) believes, however, that all applications where an EIA is required already have significant central government provisions over performance - including Right of Appeal against timely non-determination, call-ins, and special measures designation, and therefore begs the question that with such powers already in place why does fracking require more?;
- (g) contends that the emphasis and support for all types of planning applications should be a government priority, including addressing the long standing delays in the planning inspectorate, and, furthermore, as delays in the Planning Inspectorate system are a big problem on all fronts, believes it is likely that other schemes, such as prioritising housing and strategic infrastructure planning, will suffer delays if fracking is given special and preferential treatment;
- (h) believes that giving fracking special treatment will be counter-productive as it will reinforce public concerns that government wants to press on with fracking regardless of public opinion or evidence on the potential environmental and health impacts;
- (i) believes that the Government's measures appear to be a toxic combination of caving into the fracking industry and reinforcing existing bad policy, which will set a dangerous precedent in taking away local decision making on planning decisions;

- (j) contends that it is scandalous to take away local decision making powers and put it in the hands of government ministers and that such a change will likely see fracking unfairly imposed on areas against the will of local communities; and
- (k) reaffirms the Administration's commitment to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so, and laments that the Government's changes appear to make it increasingly hard for local authorities to exercise democratic oversight and control over the planning process.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT DECISION MAKING AT SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

That this Council:

- (a) thanks everyone involved in the running of this year's local elections and thanks the people of Sheffield for exercising their right to vote;
- (b) notes that this Council moved to a strong leader and cabinet model of governance under provisions within the Local Government Act 2000 introduced by the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair's government, and believes that recently it has been clear that there is a disconnect between the Executive and backbench councillors at this Council;
- (c) notes that under the powers of the Localism Act 2011, Sheffield City Council has the ability to move from the current system of strong leader and cabinet to a committee system of governance;
- (d) notes that since the Localism Act 2011 came into law a number of councils have chosen to move to a committee system and more are considering the change;
- (e) notes that when the Liberal Democrats were in control of Sheffield City Council, the Localism Act had not yet come into law and therefore were unable to use its powers to change the council structure at the time;
- (f) notes that even Labour councillors have called in decisions made by their own Cabinet and Cabinet Members, for example, the executive decisions made on the development of Central Library and Mount Pleasant;
- (g) believes that, currently, too many decisions that affect local people are not transparent and are made away from public scrutiny, and introducing a committee system would mean that decision making would be more transparent and help to restore public confidence in

Sheffield City Council;

- (h) resolves to investigate a switch to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few; allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures; and
- (i) believes that there is a better, different way for a city council to operate and that this motion demonstrates that it is possible, even in difficult times, to be responsive and work with local people.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROMOTING HEALTH AND REDUCING CONSUMPTION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KALTUM RIVERS

That this Council:

- (a) notes the world-wide scourge of modern society consuming and disposing of large amounts of single-use plastic;
- (b) notes the recent analysis of public health data by the Local Government Association showing that one in 25 school children aged 10 or 11 are severely obese;
- (c) notes that tooth decay in children is a strong indicator of inequality and has a serious adverse effect on childhood health and life chances, leading to school absence and unnecessary surgery;
- (d) notes that Green Group councillors asked for the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to look at the issue of dental health in 2017;
- (e) notes that the Green Group budget amendment in 2018 included a proposal to introduce drinking water fountains in the city centre and major parks, helping to improve health and reduce consumption of disposable plastics; and
- (f) therefore welcomes the introduction of new publicly accessible drinking fountains in Sheffield City Centre.

9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY RECORDER OF SHEFFIELD

Report of the Chief Executive.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the record of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 28th March, and the annual meeting of the Council held on

16th May 2018, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

11. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

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

NOTE: At an appropriate point in the meeting, to be determined by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and expected to take place between 3.30pm and 4.00pm, a comfort break of 10-15 minutes will be provided. During the break, a short talk will be given in the Council Chamber from Hassun El Zafar entitled "What Is This Thing Called Science" – further details are provided below.

Hassun El Zafar – What Is This Thing Called Science?!

Remember those old pesky science lessons in school? The ones where you have to memorise equations of big words you still don't know? Or burn something for no apparent reason?

Hassun El Zafar is a science educator from Sheffield. He'll be presenting an exciting alternative creative view of what science lessons should be like, starting from the question, what is this thing called science?

Chief Executive

Dated this 29 day of May 2018

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 4 July 2018 at the Town Hall