

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 3 April 2019, at 2.05 pm (following the Special Meeting held that day), pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Magid Magid)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Moya O'Rourke	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Mohammad Maroof Jim Steinke Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Sophie Wilson	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell
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 Magid Magid Kaltum Rivers	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> 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 &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> 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 Francyne Johnson
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> 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 Mike Levery
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lisa Banes, Keith Davis, Mohammed Mahroof, Ian Saunders and Jack Scott.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Personal interests in agenda item 6 – Notice of Motion regarding Ensuring Tenant Safety in Sheffield - were declared by (a) Councillors John Booker, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Bob Johnson, Abdul Khayum, Mike Levery, Abtisam Mohamed, Shaffaq Mohammed, Zahira Naz, Josie Paszek, Colin Ross and Paul Scriven, on the grounds of being private sector landlords, (b) Councillors Ian Auckland and Sue Auckland on the grounds of being private sector landlords as trustees for a minor and (c) Councillors Talib Hussain and Cliff Woodcraft on the grounds of their spouse being private sector landlords.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Requesting a Review of the Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues in the City

The Council received an electronic petition containing 27 signatures, requesting the Council to review the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues in the City.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Charlotte Mead and Lisa Markham. Charlotte Mead said that the Council had been urged to consider the effects that strip clubs had on communities. She said that this had not happened and some local people had therefore taken matters into their own hands.

Charlotte Mead stated that two male former police officers had visited the Spearmint Rhino on two occasions in February 2019 and had identified breaches of licensing conditions and possible unlawful activity. Lisa Markham read three excerpts from a report, which described in detail the type of activity that had taken place at the venue and Charlotte Mead then read the club's rules which set out expected behaviours for dancers and formed part of the licence. She said that the findings of this investigation showed the links between the so called acceptable part of the sex industry, sexual entertainment and prostitution and it appeared that there were breaches of licencing conditions and also unlawful activity taking place in the Spearmint Rhino.

Charlotte Mead said the Council was licensing the premises and that it was not acceptable for Councillors to choose not to be involved or pretend that issues were not happening. It was stated that this was a matter of upholding the law and the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty, which she said the Council had failed to do in recent years.

She said that objections had been made to the premises since 2015 and a request had also now been made to meet and share evidence with the Licensing Service and it was also requested that the Cabinet Member attended that meeting. It was requested that the licence for the Spearmint Rhino was immediately revoked. Councillors were requested to ensure that they had the relevant knowledge of the facts with regards these matters and to make Sheffield a sexual entertainment free city.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Lewis Dagnall, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Councillor Dagnall stated that issues concerning Sexual Entertainment Venues were sensitive and there were strong views on different sides of the argument on this issue. He said that Parliament had legislated for a framework permitting lawful sexual entertainment venues and which were regulated by local authorities. The Council had operated a policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues and it granted licenses appropriately.

Councillor Dagnall identified several issues in relation to Sexual Entertainment venues, as follows:

Firstly, issues concerning a potential breach of the law, which should be reported to South Yorkshire Police. Secondly, there were issues concerning a breach of the license, in relation to which he would pass the information provided by the petitioners to the Council's Licensing Service and the most appropriate course of action was for the petitioners to meet with the Licensing service and formally report the evidence which was available. The establishment to which the petitioners referred had a 12 month rolling license, which would be subject to review in April, so evidence would be taken into account when the Licensing Committee considered the matter.

Councillor Dagnall said that with regard to the Sexual Establishment Policy, the Council would be commencing a consultation and, if people had views with regard to policy he encouraged them to contribute to the consultation. He said that he understood that the petitioners had also written to the Leader of the Council and she had offered to meet with regard to these matters. Upon the completion of the consultation, the Council would carefully consider the evidence received and consider next steps. Licensing was a non-executive function of the Council and it was considered that the Licensing Committee was well placed to make decisions regarding these matters.

3.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Introduce Selective Landlord Licensing City-Wide

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 1,050 signatures, requesting the Council to introduce selective landlord licensing city-wide.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by James Rodgers. He asked that the Council consider the introduction of Landlord Licensing on a city-wide basis. He said that the private rented sector was changing and was not only a temporary housing option but was a long term option for many families. The numbers of families with children and that rented homes had risen significantly in the past decade and there was concern that children should not be adversely affected by living in poor housing.

He said the introduction of Landlord Licensing in some areas of the City was welcome, although issues of safety and security were not only confined to those areas and that was why the petition called for the introduction of Landlord Licensing for the City as a whole. He said that, whilst power to resolve the housing crisis rested with national government, it was also considered that, where solutions existed, local authorities should implement them.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety. Councillor Steinke welcomed the petition, which he said raised issues relating to standards in private rented housing and the need for policies and practices in that regard. He said that it was also recognised that Selective Licensing did work and he referred to the Selective Licensing schemes introduced on London Road, Chesterfield Road and Abbeydale Road. Landlords had signed up to the schemes and the Council had been successful in pursuing those landlords who had not registered and in taking necessary action. He said that the scheme in Page Hall had also resulted in clear improvements and it was recognised that there was a need to look beyond those particular schemes.

Councillor Steinke said that there were some very good landlords in the City and Council welcomed that fact and should continue to support them. However, it was recognised that there were also some rogue landlords and ways needed to be found to address the associated problems and without some of the restrictive regulations which existed at present. He said that the Council was also looking at practice in other places and he referred to Liverpool, which had introduced city-wide Selective Licensing. He also said that it was important to find solutions which worked effectively in relation to private rented housing.

3.1.3 Petition Requesting a Memorial for Anna Campbell, a former Sheffield Student who died fighting ISIS

The Council received an electronic petition containing 82 signatures, requesting a memorial for Anna Campbell, a former Sheffield student, who died fighting ISIS (Islamic State group).

There was no speaker to the petition and, at the request of the lead petitioner, Kevin Kennedy Ryan, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) read a statement accompanying the petition and which explained that Anna Campbell was a student at the University of Sheffield and had been active in student politics and she had travelled to Syria to fight. Her sacrifice was likened to that of international brigades who fought in the Spanish Civil war and were remembered in memorials, including the Peace Gardens in Sheffield and it was felt to be fitting that Anna was similarly remembered.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Olivia Blake. Councillor Blake commented that it was tragic that Anna Campbell had lost her life. She said that the Leader of the Council would be approaching the University of Sheffield and the Students' Union to discuss an appropriate memorial because Anna Campbell had been a student in Sheffield.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Question Concerning Sheffield City Region

Nigel Slack referred to the Sheffield City Region deal and asked whether Councils throughout the region would be working with the Mayor to secure retroactive access to the funding that had been available to other city regions for the last two years?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, affirmed that she would expect Councils to work with the Mayor.

3.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Webcasting Council Meetings

Nigel Slack asked the following questions in relation to webcasting of Council meetings:

1. Was any attempt made to consult with campaigning members of the public or community groups over their understanding of the needs of such a system for webcasting?
2. There is no mention in the contract specification over the means of archiving the recordings or of any intention to index, identify speakers, or to enable the public to select individual segments of a recording. Was this part of the solution chosen and if so how is that to be done?

3. There is a list of things this supplier has not been asked to provide and whether they will be provided under this project is completely opaque. The winning supplier is neither a specialist in streaming services nor a leader in the public sector. Why choose someone apparently new to this sector when other suppliers have over 100 councils using their services and years of experience?
4. No consultation with interested community parties, no open call for suppliers to bid on this project (including Sheffield not for profits), bid details not made public for comment or potential improvement, where is the transparency in this decision?

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that a new conferencing system had been introduced in the Council Chamber, which was a replacement for the previous ageing system and had capabilities to facilitate the Council to conduct meetings and was portable. Cameras had also been installed and a further provider (Public-i) was being used by the provider of the conferencing system to deliver functionality, including on line access for the public. She said that a written answer would also be provided to Mr Slack with more detailed answers.

Councillor Blake commented that this would be an improvement and something which the Council had set out to do, including in relation to openness and democracy. The review of full Council had also given an opportunity for consultation on what people wanted to see with regards meetings of Council.

### 3.2.3 Public Question Concerning Policing

Nigel Slack commented that the impact of austerity cuts on police budgets was affecting front line responses and that evidence was mounting of increased levels of break-ins in the city centre, including extensive damage to Council assets. He said that the City's Ambassadors were now acting as part time security patrols for buildings and were themselves being left unsupported by police in sometimes dangerous situations to which they end up being the only responders. He also said that businesses were even being forced to close after being targeted multiple times in short periods.

He asked what the Council was doing to pressure the Police and Crime Commissioner to maintain front line services, despite the other pressures on his budgets.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, stated that he had recently met with the Police Commissioner to discuss issues and he also attended the monthly Police and Crime Commissioner Public Accountability Board at which such issues were raised. He said that an increase in police numbers had been

agreed by the Commissioner with the Police and decisions were to be made as to where those additional police officers would be deployed. There had been an argument presented for more police officers in the city centre, which was being considered. There was also a review concerning the role of PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) and a local authority response would be made to that review and to the potential options presented.

In terms of the focus of Police and Crime Commissioner grants budget, he said that work was being done to look at how that might be utilised in Sheffield in relation the Council's priorities, including community safety and the City Centre.

Councillor Steinke said that there had been recent incidents in which the City Centre Ambassadors, the Police and City Centre CCTV had worked together to prevent significant incidents and that type of activity could be built upon further.

#### 3.2.4 Public Question Concerning Verdon Street Sports Centre

Safiya Saeed referred to sessions provided for boys and young men aged 11 to 20 at the Verdon Street recreation centre and which had so far, engaged up to 75 boys and including those with mental health needs, learning difficulties, drug problems, identity issues and those excluded from school.

She made reference to issues of concern in Burngreave, including stabbings which had taken place and to the effect on residents. She also said that the recreation centre had thrived and had a part time worker in place there, but that job role had now ended. She said that there was a need for such a worker to be in place to support individuals and community and voluntary groups using the recreation centre.

Safiya Saeed explained that some 25 to 30 boys attended sessions on Saturdays and more help was needed to support the provision of activities, including access and ownership, together with access to the building and field. She said that the charges for activities for young people should be reduced and the wider benefits considered of such activities provided by volunteers. She was a volunteer, but she felt alone and ignored. She said that she wanted some action to be taken and for work to be done together on these issues.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, stated that the issues outlined in the question by Safiya Saeed were also described in the notice of motion for this meeting of Council concerning the effects of austerity on children. She congratulated her for what she had achieved and suggested that a meeting was arranged to look together at the range of issues described. She said that she was aware that local councillors were also involved in the issue and she would include them in invitations to that meeting. She noted that the building on Verdon Street

was the responsibility of a number of Council portfolios, including her own Cabinet portfolio and the property portfolio.

### 3.2.5 Public Question Concerning Community Safety

Sahira Irshad referred to issues which had previously been raised on behalf of Mums United and concerning community safety and to the response from the Cabinet Member in which the potential use of a mobile camera had been mentioned. She commented that responses had not been made to subsequent requests for further meetings.

She said that there were increasing cases of knife crime relating to young people and problems including cultural and social isolation, exclusion, apathy and austerity. The community wanted children to be safe and the problems faced in Lansdowne were also experienced in other communities. She said that parents were disillusioned and urgent action was required and this included listening to mothers and a commitment to take action in relation to community safety. She said that Mums United would work with the Council and asked that the Council listened to them. She asked how long people had to wait until a commitment was made by the Council for action on this issue.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, stated that action had been taken and Council Officers and local Councillors had worked closely with residents in Lansdowne and specifically with the Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) and there was a wish to demonstrate some of the positive things that had been done in relation to Lansdowne, including regular needle searches taking place, and increased police patrols. In relation to mobile cameras, this was a responsibility of the police and whilst the details of mobile camera activity would not necessarily be publicised, there was need to reassure residents, which was being done with the Lansdowne TARA.

Councillor Steinke said that there had also been concerns about lighting at the football pitch and these were being discussed with the TARA, which from the Council's perspective, was the body of people which the Council was currently working with. He said that Mums United also had a role and a meeting had been held with Mums United. He said that he would be pleased to meet with them again to explain action which had been taken and he suggested that a face to face meeting was arranged to examine the outstanding issues that Mums United would wish to be addressed.

### 3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Sexual Entertainment Venues

Naomi referred to the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues and stated that in circumstances where women worked in a Sexual Entertainment Venue, they should be safe and have rights. She referred to the circumstances with regard to the Spearmint Rhino, which she said had shown that this was not the case. She said that women were not able to make money there without engaging in sex acts and breaking rules

concerning their health and safety. She also asked whether the Council would acknowledge failures in regard to the safety of women and the protection of their workers' rights.

Councillor Lewis Dagnall, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, stated that he would invite Naomi to write to the Licensing Service in relation to any evidence of the allegations and which could then be treated formally and he emphasised that such allegations would be taken very seriously and he would expect allegations to be subject to due process so they could be appropriately considered.

#### **4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

##### **4.1 Urgent Business**

- 4.1.1 With the permission of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid), Councillor Paul Scriven asked the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) the following question relating to urgent business, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii):-

“In light of the issues that have emerged at Welcome to Yorkshire over the last 24 hours of over £40,000 of expenses having been falsely claimed and internal investigations having been set up and West Yorkshire Police now looking into possible criminal offences, will the Council suspend its £50,000 membership fees until such time as West Yorkshire Police and the internal investigations have been completed to ensure that Sheffield council tax payers' money is safe?”

- 4.1.2 In response, Councillor Dore stated that the Council had not yet paid its membership fee for the coming year, and payment of the membership fee would be withheld until the Authority was satisfied that it was appropriate to do so. She added that the issues that had recently emerged were allegations and that there was an investigation ongoing. The Council had been alerted to the matter, and the Chief Executive had written to Welcome to Yorkshire (WTY) asking for assurance that the funding provided by the Council had been used appropriately. The payment of the fees now due would be withheld pending receipt of a satisfactory response from WTY.

##### **4.2 Written Questions**

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

##### **4.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the

South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue or Pensions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "EFFECTS OF AUSTERITY ON CHILDREN AND GOVERNMENT FAILURE TO INVEST" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACKIE DRAYTON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BARKER**

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, and seconded by Councillor David Barker, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that it is a national scandal that child poverty is rising and school budgets are being cut, and that the country's children deserve much better than this Government are providing;
- (b) notes that child poverty is rising and food bank usage is increasing for those in and out of work, caused in part by the following:-
  - (i) damaging changes to benefits such as universal credit and child benefits;
  - (ii) a lack of investment in youth services;
  - (iii) cuts to funding for Sure Start;
  - (iv) a shortfall worth millions in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities funding;
  - (v) supposed fair funding for schools, which this Council believes is anything but fair, as Sheffield schools are losing out on millions;
  - (vi) the scrapping of the Educational Maintenance Allowance; and
  - (vii) children and young people's mental health is suffering at the same time as mental health services are becoming increasingly stretched;
- (c) congratulates children and young people for speaking up and protesting about austerity and on the impact of climate change and the need to radically improve our environment, and tribute is paid to the local school children of Watercliffe Meadow Primary School, and children joining from other schools, for their recent demonstrations and for the many letters they have sent to the Government demanding more for their school;
- (d) believes that it does not need to be like this for the city's young, as continued austerity is a political choice and a Labour government would instead listen to the concerns of young people by reversing the negative impacts of austerity and take head on the challenges of

climate change and environmental degradation; and

- (e) notes that a Labour government would give votes to 16 year olds, invest in a proper National Education Service, invest millions more for Sheffield schools and colleges, scrap tuition fees and give our young people the skills and labour market they deserve.

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

1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

- (c) notes subjects such as languages, music, drama and art are increasingly being cut from the curriculum to balance budgets;
- (d) is dismayed that there are cases of state schools crowd funding to keep music lessons on the curriculum, and believes education at state schools should be free;

2. the deletion of original paragraphs (d) and (e), and the re-lettering of original paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (e); and

3. the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (h) as follows:-

- (f) further notes that our 16 year olds are politically active, therefore should have the right to vote;
- (g) believes strongly in our children and young people and their right to the education of their choice; and
- (h) asks that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills write directly to the Secretary of State for Education to demand fairer funding and a reverse to cuts.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) and (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (j) as follows:-

- (d) also congratulates High Storrs School for showcasing ways to reduce carbon with its Eco-Expo day;
- (e) believes that it is a scandal that the Labour Administration seeks only to blame the Government and accepts no responsibility for the problems with children's services and education in the city;
- (f) notes that, in the motion on the agenda, the Administration proposes no action whatsoever be taken to help ameliorate the effects of austerity on children;

- (g) calls on the Government to urgently implement Fairer Funding for schools so that Sheffield children do not continue to be disadvantaged;
- (h) believes the implementation of emotional well-being support for children transitioning to high school, as outlined in the Green Party budget, would be a step towards supporting children more effectively to cope with the challenges they face;
- (i) believes the public health approach with the foundation of understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences can make a significant positive difference for children and their families; and
- (j) calls upon the Chief Executive to report back to the next Council meeting on the range of actions the Council is currently taking to address child poverty.

5.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Mohammad Maroof, the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Smith was put to the vote and was carried, except for part 2 of the amendment, which was negated. The new paragraphs set out in parts 1 and 3 of the amendment were carried on the basis that they were to be additional paragraphs to the motion.

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was negated, except for paragraph (d) of the amendment, which was carried on the basis that it was to be an additional paragraph to the motion.

5.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (d) to (g), (i) and (j) of the amendment, and voted against paragraph (h) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

5.6 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 it is a national scandal that child poverty is rising and school budgets are being cut, and that the country's children deserve much better than this Government are providing;
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  - (i) damaging changes to benefits such as universal credit and child benefits;

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  - (vii) children and young people's mental health is suffering at the same time as mental health services are becoming increasingly stretched;
- (c) notes subjects such as languages, music, drama and art are increasingly being cut from the curriculum to balance budgets;
- (d) is dismayed that there are cases of state schools crowd funding to keep music lessons on the curriculum, and believes education at state schools should be free;
- (e) congratulates children and young people for speaking up and protesting about austerity and on the impact of climate change and the need to radically improve our environment, and tribute is paid to the local school children of Watercliffe Meadow Primary School, and children joining from other schools, for their recent demonstrations and for the many letters they have sent to the Government demanding more for their school;
- (f) also congratulates High Storrs School for showcasing ways to reduce carbon with its Eco-Expo day;
- (g) believes that it does not need to be like this for the city's young, as continued austerity is a political choice and a Labour government would instead listen to the concerns of young people by reversing the negative impacts of austerity and take head on the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation;
- (h) notes that a Labour government would give votes to 16 year olds, invest in a proper National Education Service, invest millions more for Sheffield schools and colleges, scrap tuition fees and give our young people the skills and labour market they deserve;
- (i) further notes that our 16 year olds are politically active, therefore should have the right to vote;

- (j) believes strongly in our children and young people and their right to the education of their choice; and
- (k) asks that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills write directly to the Secretary of State for Education to demand fairer funding and a reverse to cuts.

5.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (i) to (k), and against paragraphs (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Rob Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (i) to (k), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

3. Councillors Jack Clarkson and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (i) to (k), and against paragraphs (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ENSURING TENANT SAFETY IN SHEFFIELD, AND DEMANDS FOR GOVERNMENT TO DO MUCH MORE " - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JIM STEINKE AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE WILSON**

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Jim Steinke, and seconded by Councillor Sophie Wilson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that following sustained pressure from Sheffield City Council, the Government have finally agreed to cover the cost of re-cladding of Hanover Tower – the only council-owned tower block which failed the post-Grenfell safety test;
- (b) notes that following the Grenfell disaster, Councillors acted quickly and decisively to reassure tenants by moving forward plans to fit sprinklers in all 24 council-owned tower blocks;
- (c) believes that this was the right thing to do and that the Authority needed to do this for tenant safety, regardless of the cost or the fact that national regulations did not at the time require this;
- (d) notes that the Labour Party has always maintained that the cost of post-Grenfell safety measures should not fall on cash-strapped local authorities and that the Government needs to fund this;

- (e) notes that, together with ten local authorities, of different political persuasions, this Authority is demanding that the Government funds the sprinkler systems for all tower blocks, all of which are now recommended under national fire regulations, and notes that Sheffield Councillors took this case direct to 10 Downing Street on 26 March;
- (f) believes that by working in collaboration with other councils and a wider national campaign, it gives added weight to our demands to fund sprinkler safety measures for all council-owned tower blocks;
- (g) further notes this Council's commitment to social housing and that this year's Housing Revenue Account means that tenants will also see around £400 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained;
- (h) notes, in addition, that Sheffield Councillors are calling for government action to make private tower blocks in Sheffield safe for residents and to ensure that those living in the buildings are not left having to pay for this;
- (i) notes that Sheffield Councillors are supporting the work of Labour MPs in their demands to the Government to hold developers and freeholders to account for the situation, and believes that if the law is currently not up to the task, then the Government needs to change it; and
- (j) believes that private rented tenants should have greater protection – and calls on the Government to end Section 21 eviction powers which means private tenants can be evicted through no fault of their own; so that private rented tenants in Sheffield know that as long as they meet their legal obligations, the home is theirs, instead of the current situation whereby landlords can evict a blameless tenant which means the rental market will keep failing to provide the certainty we associate with having a place to call home.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the substitution, in paragraph (d), of the words "Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats have", for the words "Labour Party has";
2. the addition of the words " , including consultation with tenants" at the end of paragraph (f);
3. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows:-
  - (i) believes that central government are not holding developers to task and that the law is not robust enough to hold developers to

account for the situation;

- (j) calls on the Government to tighten up the law and make sure tenants are not left covering the cost of important safety measures, and hold developers to account;

4. the re-lettering of original paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (k), and the addition of a new paragraph (l) as follows:-

- (l) is concerned that almost two years following the Grenfell Tower disaster, the Government's 'Building a Safer Future: An Implementation Plan' contains little or no detail on timetables for implementing the recommendations set out by Dame Judith Hackitt in her Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, and therefore calls on the Government to:-

- (i) publish its timetable for when legislation will be brought forward on Building Regulations and Fire Safety and on holding developers to account through stricter accountability and enforcement; and

- (ii) ensure that tenants of neither the social-rented nor private-rented sector are left to cover the cost of vital safety measures.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Rob Murphy, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (u) as follows:-

- (k) notes that re-cladding work on Hanover Tower is still not complete, but is pleased that residents will soon have safe cladding and restored insulation to keep their homes warm and fuel bills down;

- (l) notes that one firm of private contractors was paid to put the cladding up in the first place, then paid again to take it down, then paid a third time to put the right cladding up;

- (m) notes that the cost of this removal and reinstatement of cladding is costing almost £4m, after councillors were originally informed the cost would be a tenth of that amount, but welcomes the fact that Council tenants will now be relieved of this cost by taxpayer funding;

- (n) requests the Administration to report back to the next Council meeting on proposals to spend the £3.9m funding now released to the Housing Revenue Account;

- (o) notes that the Council's inquiry into how the original, defective cladding was approved, fitted and signed off is still ongoing, nearly two years after the Grenfell Tower disaster, with no answers as to who was responsible or lessons to be learnt;

- (p) notes that the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee was “concerned that conflicts of interest are pervasive within the industry. From builders choosing their own inspection services, manufacturers selecting product testers for their perceived leniency, Fire Rescue Authorities inspecting the work of their own commercial trading arms, to private sector companies’ influence over the fire safety guidance in which they have a commercial interest.”
- (q) believes that residents in private sector high-rise housing across the city may remain in buildings with combustible cladding that has been signed off by building inspectors and that their situations remain unresolved;
- (r) notes that the Council has the information as to which buildings are at risk, but has declined to release it, on the grounds it is commercially sensitive;
- (s) therefore, calls on the Administration to ensure residents have accurate and up-to-date information about the safety of their homes;
- (t) asks the Administration to ensure, so far as possible, that no tenant or leaseholder loses out as a result of increased heating costs; and
- (u) resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call on the Government to fund replacement cladding which is a product of a failed building regulation system.

6.4 After contributions from two other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Jim Steinke, the amendment moved by Councillor Penny Baker was put to the vote and was carried, except for part 1 of the amendment which was negatived. Furthermore, the new paragraphs set out in parts 3 and 4 of the amendment were carried on the basis that they were to be additional to the motion and that the original paragraph (i) was not to be deleted, as had been proposed within part 3 of the amendment.

6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Rob Murphy was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that following sustained pressure from Sheffield City Council, the Government have finally agreed to cover the cost of recladding of Hanover Tower – the only council-owned tower block which failed the post-Grenfell safety test;
- (b) notes that following the Grenfell disaster, Councillors acted quickly

- and decisively to reassure tenants by moving forward plans to fit sprinklers in all 24 council-owned tower blocks;
- (c) believes that this was the right thing to do and that the Authority needed to do this for tenant safety, regardless of the cost or the fact that national regulations did not at the time require this;
  - (d) notes that the Labour Party has always maintained that the cost of post-Grenfell safety measures should not fall on cash-strapped local authorities and that the Government needs to fund this;
  - (e) notes that, together with ten local authorities, of different political persuasions, this Authority is demanding that the Government funds the sprinkler systems for all tower blocks, all of which are now recommended under national fire regulations, and notes that Sheffield Councillors took this case direct to 10 Downing Street on 26 March;
  - (f) believes that by working in collaboration with other councils and a wider national campaign, it gives added weight to our demands to fund sprinkler safety measures for all council-owned tower blocks, including consultation with tenants;
  - (g) further notes this Council's commitment to social housing and that this year's Housing Revenue Account means that tenants will also see around £400 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained;
  - (h) notes, in addition, that Sheffield Councillors are calling for government action to make private tower blocks in Sheffield safe for residents and to ensure that those living in the buildings are not left having to pay for this;
  - (i) notes that Sheffield Councillors are supporting the work of Labour MPs in their demands to the Government to hold developers and freeholders to account for the situation, and believes that if the law is currently not up to the task, then the Government needs to change it;
  - (j) believes that central government are not holding developers to task and that the law is not robust enough to hold developers to account for the situation;
  - (k) calls on the Government to tighten up the law and make sure tenants are not left covering the cost of important safety measures, and hold developers to account;
  - (l) believes that private rented tenants should have greater protection – and calls on the Government to end Section 21 eviction powers which means private tenants can be evicted through no fault of their own; so that private rented tenants in Sheffield know that as long as they meet their legal obligations, the home is theirs, instead of the current

situation whereby landlords can evict a blameless tenant which means the rental market will keep failing to provide the certainty we associate with having a place to call home; and

- (m) is concerned that almost two years following the Grenfell Tower disaster, the Government's 'Building a Safer Future: An Implementation Plan' contains little or no detail on timetables for implementing the recommendations set out by Dame Judith Hackitt in her Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, and therefore calls on the Government to:-
- (i) publish its timetable for when legislation will be brought forward on Building Regulations and Fire Safety and on holding developers to account through stricter accountability and enforcement; and
  - (ii) ensure that tenants of neither the social-rented nor private-rented sector are left to cover the cost of vital safety measures.

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

For paragraphs (a), (c) to (h) and (j) to (m) of the Substantive Motion (73)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Rob Murphy, Martin Phipps, Adam Hanrahan, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, 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, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

- Against paragraphs (a), (c) to (h) and (j) to (m) of the Substantive Motion (0) - NIL
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (c) to (h) and (j) to (m) of the Substantive Motion (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).
- For paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (68) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Adam Hanrahan, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, 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, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (5) - Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Rob Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal
- Abstained from voting on paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).
- For paragraph (i) of the Substantive Motion (54) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kaltum

Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Rob Murphy, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against paragraph (i) of the Substantive Motion (19) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on paragraph (i) of the Substantive Motion (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SUPPORTING AND DELIVERING A THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL SCRIVEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, and seconded by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, that this Council:-

(a) notes:-

- (i) the importance of local businesses across the city to the prosperity and vibrancy of Sheffield;
- (ii) that local economies and opportunities are improved when local businesses can thrive and be encouraged by public bodies;
- (iii) the employment and wealth that local business contributes to Sheffield; and

- (iv) that according to the Centre for Cities, the Sheffield economic area needs to improve on key areas such as business closures (ranked 44th of 62 areas), business start-ups (50th of 62), GVA per employee (53rd of 62) and ratio of private to public sector employment (45th of 62);
- (b) also notes that Sheffield is home to many innovative and successful businesses that create employment and wealth, but, like all cities that want to improve business friendly policies, local growth and employment opportunities, knows more can always be done;
- (c) wishes to do all it can to foster a culture of making Sheffield a great place to do business, encourage local small and medium sized businesses to set up and thrive here and to complement larger businesses by being part of their supply chains;
- (d) believes that more should be explored to support and encourage local business and help the local economy to grow; and
- (e) directs the Chief Executive to bring a report back to this Council within three months to give practical examples of what more can be done to support the local economy, including such ideas as:-
  - (i) a local currency called the Sheffield Pound to encourage people to spend their money with local, independent businesses;
  - (ii) more pop up shops in local shopping areas and the city centre;
  - (iii) a full weekend festival of busking and street art to be held across the City;
  - (iv) improving the amount of goods and services the public sector buys from local small business;
  - (v) encouraging large companies engaged on public sector contracts to use at least 50% of local businesses in their supply chain;
  - (vi) supporting and developing local cooperative and community interest companies in the City;
  - (vii) developing and supporting "pop up market days" in the city centre and local shopping areas that promote and celebrate local food and drink, arts, gifts and crafts;
  - (viii) offering business rates relief on office space for tech start-ups that offer jobs to first-time employees such as school and college leavers and graduates from local universities;

- (ix) offering business rates relief to landlords who volunteer their vacant properties for pop up shops; and
- (x) training and support for 'getting the most from online trading' for local small and medium sized businesses, including retail business.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Abtisam Mohamed, 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 Sheffield has had the most successful period of inward investment ever over recent years – landing household names like McLaren and Boeing as well as numerous smaller firms choosing Sheffield as their home because of the skills of the local workforce and the positive business climate here;
- (b) believes, however, that inward investment is only ever a small part of overall business growth, which is why this Administration continues to support local residents to start or grow a business through our business support programme, 'Business Sheffield', that delivers:-
  - (i) 100 Start Up Workshops each year on all aspects of running a business, engaging over 1,100 individuals;
  - (ii) delivering start up workshops for Sheffield Hallam University and 1-2-1 support for University of Sheffield students;
  - (iii) hosting a large scale networking event each quarter for 100+ businesses each time;
  - (iv) directly supporting 400 individuals at pre-start stage and 300 early stage and small businesses receiving 1-2-1 support from a Business Advisor; and
  - (v) supporting 350 established businesses through ongoing growth support from a Growth Advisor/Tech Scale Up Advisor;
- (c) notes that, under this Administration, the Council supports local business through its ethical procurement policy that:-
  - (i) mandates that one quote must be from a local supplier as a minimum, resulting in half of our contracts being awarded to local business since implementation;
  - (ii) removes administrative burdens by increasing the tender threshold to £150k, meaning less administration for small local business;

- (iii) works in partnership with the NHS, CCG, College and Universities to replicate this across the public sector in Sheffield;
  - (iv) weights 15% of tender evaluation for Social Value, with 5% of this being local economic impact of contracts; this is a significant departure from most public procurements that focus on just price / quality ratios; and
  - (v) measures and monitors large contractors' local sourcing activity as part of contract terms and conditions to encourage engagement with local supply chains;
- (d) believes that this Administration actually understands the Business Rates system (seemingly unlike the proposers of the original notice of motion), as the vast majority of businesses referenced in the original motion will already receive some form of rate relief – and that, of 19,000 businesses in Sheffield, around 11,000 already receive some form of rate relief;
- (e) notes that this Administration wants every business in Sheffield to receive the rate relief they are due and will help businesses understand how to access this;
- (f) notes increasing momentum and confidence in a vibrant and busy city centre – with footfall on the Moor bucking the national trend, up 20% from last year, with further investments from the private sector and the Council through Heart of the City 2 set to sustain this clear momentum, and Future High Streets Fund bids prepared;
- (g) notes a successful Renew Sheffield programme in conjunction with the University of Sheffield and the city centre BID that already helps bring vacant shops into use; and
- (h) notes continued support for our major events programme, like DocFest, Off the Shelf, Sheffield Adventure Film Festival and many more, despite sustained budget cuts since 2010 and the formation of the coalition government.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (e) as new paragraphs (i) to (k):-

- (c) notes the increasing reliance of the Council on business rates funding due to cuts in central government grant funding;
- (d) believes that big businesses already have very significant advantages over the small, independent and social sector businesses that do so much to enhance the character of Sheffield;

- (e) is saddened by the loss of Sheffield businesses such as Rare & Racy, and other shops on Division St, on Chapel Walk, and many others;
- (f) notes with concern, recent comments by the Administration that the proposed Castlegate conservation area should “accelerate” development, not “get in its way”, and the threat to review all of the city’s Conservation Areas;
- (g) believes that all new development must build without destroying the assets Sheffield already has; and
- (h) believes that the city’s heritage buildings offer opportunities (including through leisure and tourism) for local business which have yet to be realised and offer future potential;

7.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Paul Scriven, the amendment moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal was put to the vote and was carried.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that Sheffield has had the most successful period of inward investment ever over recent years – landing household names like McLaren and Boeing as well as numerous smaller firms choosing Sheffield as their home because of the skills of the local workforce and the positive business climate here;
- (b) believes, however, that inward investment is only ever a small part of overall business growth, which is why this Administration continues to support local residents to start or grow a business through our business support programme, ‘Business Sheffield’, that delivers:-
  - (i) 100 Start Up Workshops each year on all aspects of running a business, engaging over 1,100 individuals;
  - (ii) delivering start up workshops for Sheffield Hallam University and 1-2-1 support for University of Sheffield students;
  - (iii) hosting a large scale networking event each quarter for 100+ businesses each time;
  - (iv) directly supporting 400 individuals at pre-start stage and 300 early stage and small businesses receiving 1-2-1 support from

- a Business Advisor; and
- (v) supporting 350 established businesses through ongoing growth support from a Growth Advisor/Tech Scale Up Advisor;
- (c) notes that, under this Administration, the Council supports local business through its ethical procurement policy that:-
  - (i) mandates that one quote must be from a local supplier as a minimum, resulting in half of our contracts being awarded to local business since implementation;
  - (ii) removes administrative burdens by increasing the tender threshold to £150k, meaning less administration for small local business;
  - (iii) works in partnership with the NHS, CCG, College and Universities to replicate this across the public sector in Sheffield;
  - (iv) weights 15% of tender evaluation for Social Value, with 5% of this being local economic impact of contracts; this is a significant departure from most public procurements that focus on just price / quality ratios; and
  - (v) measures and monitors large contractors' local sourcing activity as part of contract terms and conditions to encourage engagement with local supply chains;
- (d) believes that this Administration actually understands the Business Rates system (seemingly unlike the proposers of the original notice of motion), as the vast majority of businesses referenced in the original motion will already receive some form of rate relief – and that, of 19,000 businesses in Sheffield, around 11,000 already receive some form of rate relief;
- (e) notes that this Administration wants every business in Sheffield to receive the rate relief they are due and will help businesses understand how to access this;
- (f) notes increasing momentum and confidence in a vibrant and busy city centre – with footfall on the Moor bucking the national trend, up 20% from last year, with further investments from the private sector and the Council through Heart of the City 2 set to sustain this clear momentum, and Future High Streets Fund bids prepared;
- (g) notes a successful Renew Sheffield programme in conjunction with the University of Sheffield and the city centre BID that already helps bring vacant shops into use; and

(h) notes continued support for our major events programme, like DocFest, Off the Shelf, Sheffield Adventure Film Festival and many more, despite sustained budget cuts since 2010 and the formation of the coalition government.

7.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Rob Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (h), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (d), (f) and (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BREXIT: LET IT BE DONE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

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

(a) (i) believes joining the European Union was the biggest political blunder in Great Britain's history, and that, had we not joined, Britain would be more democratic, significantly richer and happier and (ii) further believes that never in living memory have the citizens in the United Kingdom been so at odds with their elected representatives;

(b) notes that (i) the Conservative Party contested the 2015 General Election on the explicit promise of a binding referendum on membership of the EU, (ii) on 7th September 2015, a bill setting out its terms and format passed by 316 votes to 53 votes, a huge 85.6% mandate, (iii) in the "people's vote" that followed on 23rd June 2016, despite "Project Fear" and incessant media and government propaganda, a decisive 7.9% (1.3m) more people voted to leave than remain, (iv) on 8th February 2017, Parliament passed the Article 50 Bill, explicitly setting the 29th of March 2019 as the exit date, by 494 votes to 122 votes, a massive 80.2% vote to leave the EU, and on that date, and (v) the 29th of March 2019 will be 1,009 days after the Referendum, and believes that another delay after this date accomplishes nothing but damage to the UK;

(c) contends that once the momentous decision was taken to proceed with a Referendum on continued membership of the EU, and after the result to leave was officially declared, the duty of all elected representatives should have been to work in a professional and diligent way, free of discrimination, to carry out the democratic will of the people, working for a positive future and leaving self-interest and personal ambition behind;

(d) believes that the behaviour of the majority of MPs in the House of Commons over a considerable number of months has been disgraceful, and that, despite both the Conservative Party and the

Labour Party stating in their General Election Manifestos that they would take the United Kingdom out of the EU, they now appear to be captivated by the EU; and

- (e) (i) notes that, should the United Kingdom Independence Party's position on the EU be adopted, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland can look forward to the day when it becomes a sovereign nation once again; where all citizens can unite as one, working for a better society, free from discrimination on the grounds of their race, religion, ethnic origin, education, beliefs, sexual orientation, class, social status, sectarianism or any other basis prescribed by law and (ii) believes this would be in the interests of promoting liberty, democracy and respect for human rights and the essential, traditional freedoms of the people of the United Kingdom and those under the protection of the United Kingdom.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Miskell, seconded by Councillor Chris Peace, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council", and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that the wishes of the people must be respected and the underlying reasons as to why so many people feel disenfranchised should be addressed;
- (b) notes the disillusionment that people on both sides of the referendum vote are feeling towards the current government and that only the Labour Party remains committed to bringing together both those who voted leave and those who voted remain;
- (c) believes that a hard Brexit would be a disaster for the majority of those who voted for change and would instead exacerbate economic problems, with the only real winner being a wealthy few and not the many, and that every effort must be made to avoid this outcome;
- (d) notes that, as soon as Article 50 was triggered, the Labour position has been clear that they will not give the Government a blank cheque to drive through a destructive Brexit deal, and is why Labour set out its six tests at the start of the Article 50 process;
- (e) believes that a hard Brexit, as championed by UKIP and many Conservatives, could mean a future of inequitable trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity;
- (f) supports the Labour Party in remaining resolute in opposition to this form of Brexit and the threat of no deal, and notes that, because of Labour's opposition, there is no majority in Parliament for crashing out of the EU without a deal;

- (g) believes that the Prime Minister is refusing to show any real leadership, and is instead stubbornly persisting with a damaging approach which is focused more on appeasing factions of her party than finding a sensible solution that works for the whole country;
- (h) supports the following position put forward by the Labour Party, setting out credible approaches to prevent no deal or the damaging withdrawal agreement as it presently stands:-
  - (i) a close economic relationship based around a permanent Customs Union, close alignment to the Single Market and robust protections for rights, and notes that a similar option came within 4 votes of a consensus in Parliament earlier this week; and
  - (ii) in the event of no parliamentary majority on any further meaningful votes, the Prime Minister should accept her Government's failings, step aside and call a General Election, and if the Prime Minister stubbornly continues to try and govern, then any damaging deal should be put to a confirmatory vote, in accordance with the commitment made at the Labour Party Conference;
- (i) notes that since the referendum, due to prolonged uncertainty caused by the disastrous handling of Brexit by the Government, this has badly damaged our economy and that Brexit has already cost the UK economy £40 billion a year, or £800 million per week, according to Bank of England economist Gertjan Vlieghe;
- (j) believes that since the 2016 referendum result, the UKIP Party has moved further and further to the right, and now hold abhorrent views which are completely at odds with those who had previously voted for the Party in such significant numbers; and
- (k) believes that this Council should take no lessons from UKIP councillors about discrimination, given that their Party's advisor is the right-winger Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, or Tommy Robinson as he likes to be known, a man who is regarded by many as someone who actively encourages discrimination and hatred.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, 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 various businesses and organisations have closed or are in the process of closing operations in the UK, resulting in job losses across the country and knock on economic impact; a no-deal scenario could leave the UK economy 6.3% to 9% smaller after 15 years, compared to what it would have been, and believes this will be

disastrous for business and the people of Sheffield;

- (b) believes there is no deal that could be negotiated that could be more beneficial than continued membership of the EU, and that leaving the EU would therefore be damaging to the UK's fundamental national interests and the interests of Sheffield and South Yorkshire;
- (c) notes that Sheffield and South Yorkshire has received multiple grants and huge amounts of funding from the EU that has contributed to prosperity and the growing economy of the local area;
- (d) notes that over 50,000 people in Sheffield have signed the petition to revoke Article 50 and remain in the EU;
- (e) further notes that over 6 million people in total have signed the petition to revoke Article 50 and this is the largest and fastest growing petition in history;
- (f) notes that many Sheffield residents attended the million strong march for a People's Vote on 23rd March 2019;
- (g) notes that 49% of people in Sheffield voted to remain in the EU in 2016, one of the closest results in the country;
- (h) believes that, if there was a People's Vote now, the people of Sheffield would vote to remain in the EU, and notes that a poll revealed that 54% of Sheffield voters would now vote to stay in the EU;
- (i) notes that the Liberal Democrats campaigned to stay in the EU during the 2016 referendum and have led the campaign for a People's Vote with the option to stay in the EU;
- (j) is dismayed that the main opposition party has no opinion and no voice on Brexit, with a leader who continues to ignore the majority view of his party to pursue his own pro-Brexit agenda;
- (k) notes that the parliamentary motion from 1st April 2019, if passed, would have triggered a People's Vote and specifically, for the public to confirm the deal struck by MPs or remain in the EU, only lost by 12 votes;
- (l) agrees with the Rt. Hon. Sir Vince Cable MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, that "A fourth meaningful vote without a referendum attached will be a meaningless and fruitless exercise.";
- (m) calls on the Government to create an emergency Brexit Support Fund of at least £7.5 billion to mitigate job losses caused by Brexit uncertainty, a No Deal Brexit or the Prime Minister's deal, with the fund being ring-fenced to support UK workers made redundant as a

result of businesses leaving the UK, closing down or downsizing as a result of the impact of Brexit, and to offer workers the chance to receive advice or re-training to help them secure employment or start a new business; and

- (n) calls on the Prime Minister to hold a People's Vote with an option to remain in the EU and with the Liberal Democrats campaigning for Britain to remain a full and active member of the EU.

8.4 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor John Booker, the amendment moved by Councillor Ben Miskell was put to the vote and was carried.

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Joe Otten was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the wishes of the people must be respected and the underlying reasons as to why so many people feel disenfranchised should be addressed;
- (b) notes the disillusionment that people on both sides of the referendum vote are feeling towards the current government and that only the Labour Party remains committed to bringing together both those who voted leave and those who voted remain;
- (c) believes that a hard Brexit would be a disaster for the majority of those who voted for change and would instead exacerbate economic problems, with the only real winner being a wealthy few and not the many, and that every effort must be made to avoid this outcome;
- (d) notes that, as soon as Article 50 was triggered, the Labour position has been clear that they will not give the Government a blank cheque to drive through a destructive Brexit deal, and is why Labour set out its six tests at the start of the Article 50 process;
- (e) believes that a hard Brexit, as championed by UKIP and many Conservatives, could mean a future of inequitable trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity;
- (f) supports the Labour Party in remaining resolute in opposition to this form of Brexit and the threat of no deal, and notes that, because of Labour's opposition, there is no majority in Parliament for crashing out of the EU without a deal;

- (g) believes that the Prime Minister is refusing to show any real leadership, and is instead stubbornly persisting with a damaging approach which is focused more on appeasing factions of her party than finding a sensible solution that works for the whole country;
- (h) supports the following position put forward by the Labour Party, setting out credible approaches to prevent no deal or the damaging withdrawal agreement as it presently stands:-
  - (i) a close economic relationship based around a permanent Customs Union, close alignment to the Single Market and robust protections for rights, and notes that a similar option came within 4 votes of a consensus in Parliament earlier this week; and
  - (ii) in the event of no parliamentary majority on any further meaningful votes, the Prime Minister should accept her Government's failings, step aside and call a General Election, and if the Prime Minister stubbornly continues to try and govern, then any damaging deal should be put to a confirmatory vote, in accordance with the commitment made at the Labour Party Conference;
- (i) notes that since the referendum, due to prolonged uncertainty caused by the disastrous handling of Brexit by the Government, this has badly damaged our economy and that Brexit has already cost the UK economy £40 billion a year, or £800 million per week, according to Bank of England economist Gertjan Vlieghe;
- (j) believes that since the 2016 referendum result, the UKIP Party has moved further and further to the right, and now hold abhorrent views which are completely at odds with those who had previously voted for the Party in such significant numbers; and
- (k) believes that this Council should take no lessons from UKIP councillors about discrimination, given that their Party's advisor is the right-winger Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, or Tommy Robinson as he likes to be known, a man who is regarded by many as someone who actively encourages discrimination and hatred.

8.6.1

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

**9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019, and the special meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, be approved as true and accurate records.

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

- 10.1 There were no changes made to the membership of Committees, or the appointment of representatives to serve on external bodies.