Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 4 September 2019, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

1 *Beauchief & Greenhill Ward*
Simon Clement-Jones
Bob Pullin
Richard Shaw

2 *Beighton Ward*
Bob McCann
Chris Rosling-Josephs
Sophie Wilson

3 *Birley Ward*
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan

4 *Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward*
Angela Argenzio
Michelle Cook

5 *Burngreave Ward*
Jackie Drayton
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones

6 *City Ward*
Douglas Johnson
Ruth Mersereau
Martin Phipps

7 *Crookes & Crosspool Ward*
Tim Huggan
Mohammed Mahroof
Anne Murphy

8 *Darnall Ward*
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz

9 *Dore & Totley Ward*
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith

10 *East Ecclesfield Ward*
Andy Bainbridge
Vic Bowden
Moya O'Rourke

11 *Ecclesall Ward*
Roger Davison
Barbara Masters

12 *Firth Park Ward*
Abdul Khayum
Abtisam Mohamed

13 *Fulwood Ward*
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft

14 *Gleadless Valley Ward*
Lewis Dagnall
Cate McDonald
Paul Turpin

15 *Graves Park Ward*
Ian Auckland
Sue Auckland
Steve Ayris

16 *Hillsborough Ward*
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek

17 *Manor Castle Ward*
Terry Fox
Pat Midgley
Sioned-Mair Richards

18 *Mosborough Ward*
Tony Downing
Kevin Oxley
Gail Smith

19 *Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward*
Peter Garbutt
Jim Steinke
Alison Teal

20 *Park & Arbourthorne*
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell

21 *Richmond Ward*
Dianne Hurst
Peter Rippon

22 *Shiregreen & Brightside Ward*
Dawn Dale
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall

23 *Southey Ward*
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn

24 *Stannington Ward*
Penny Baker
Vickie Priestley

25 *Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward*
Jack Clarkson
Julie Grocutt
Francyne Johnson

26 *Walkley Ward*
Olivia Blake
Ben Curran
Neale Gibson

27 *West Ecclesfield Ward*
Alan Hooper
Adam Hurst
Mike Levery

28 *Woodhouse Ward*
Mick Rooney
Jackie Satur
Paul Wood

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Baker, Mike Drabble, Alan Law, Shaffaq Mohammed, Kaltum Rivers and Jack Scott.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Councillor Angela Argenzio declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Notice of Motion regarding Recognising Palestine As A Full State – on the grounds of being a Trustee of Sheffield City of Sanctuary.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Objecting to the Poor Bus Service Between Totley and the City Centre

The Council received a petition containing 53 signatures, objecting to the poor bus service between Totley and the City Centre.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sudir Narraidoo who said that the matter had also been raised with the operator First Bus. He explained that Totley had a population which included a large number of older people who relied upon buses and it was frustrating that buses were late or did not arrive and people were left stranded or buses were too full to take more passengers. The Council was urged to confront First Bus about these concerns and it was also pointed out that people should be encouraged to use buses rather than cars due to concerns regarding climate change and a comment was made on the state of the public transport system.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development and Councillor Johnson responded to the petition, together with two other petitions relating to bus services (see below).

3.1.2 Petition Requesting the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to Save the No. 56 Bus Service, Linking Gleadless Valley and Heeley to the City Centre

The Council received a petition containing 449 signatures, requesting the SYPTE to save the No. 56 bus service, linking Gleadless Valley and Heeley to the City Centre.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Nadia Jama (see below).

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development and Councillor Johnson responded to the petition, together with two other petitions relating to bus services (see below).

3.1.3 Petition Requesting the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority to Save the No. 31 Bus Service

The Council received a petition containing 138 signatures, requesting the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority to save the No. 31 bus service.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners and in respect of the No.31 and No.56 Bus Services were made by Nadia Jama. The No. 31 service connected Walkley with Hillsborough but was cancelled as at 31 August, particularly affecting people living between Langsett Road and South Road and including older people that may find it difficult to get up and down hill to go to the doctors, friends or local shops. The Council was urged to lobby the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority regarding this matter and to help reinstate the bus services.

Similar problems had been experienced in relation to other bus services with most places having been affected by alterations to routes or the cancellation of bus services. The petitioners called upon the Cabinet Member to work with Louise Haig MP with regard to the introduction of bus franchising by the City Region Mayor. She commented that change was needed if there was to be a bus service which was led by peoples' needs, rather than profit.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson stated that he shared peoples' frustrations concerning bus services and those concerns expressed by the petitioners. The cuts to bus services were made without interaction with elected Members. He said that he had made the concerns known to the managing directors of First and Stagecoach and to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

Councillor Johnson also made reference to the Bus Partnership established in 2012, which he said was, at that time, the only way to improve the interconnectivity between places. However, service delivery was not acceptable and government cuts had also affected bus services. There was also disparity between spending between north and south of the country.

He said that he would wish to see bus services of which people could

be proud and he proposed a new bus charter to supplement the arrangements which were already in place with bus operating companies and would welcome support regarding that idea and possibly working through a Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

Councillor Johnson referred to a bus review led by Clive Betts MP, which could lead to change to a franchise model. However, he said that such decisions were that of the Mayor of the South Yorkshire City Region. The petitions would also be passed to the appropriate committee. He said that it was clear that something needed to be put in place and he believed that public services should be in public ownership.

3.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Introduce Speed Reduction Measures on Greenhow Street

The Council received an electronic petition, containing 47 signatures, requesting the Council to introduce speed reduction measures on Greenhow Street.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Claire Walker who stated that Greenhow Street in Walkley was a steep and straight road and there was a doctors, a church and a chemist. There had been an incident in July involving a car joy-riding and in which the vehicle was speeding and then crashed, damaging vehicles and abandoning the car. There had also been other serious incidents in the past year. Vehicles were damaged and there were financial implications as a result of such incidents, including for people who owned the vehicles. There was concern relating to traffic speed and it was suggested that measures be taken to reduce vehicle speeds, such as the introduction of speed bumps and it was noted that consultation might also be required regarding proposals. Concern was expressed regarding people's safety and that measures should be taken to improve safety and to save lives in the future.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson stated that the issues of concern had been set out by the petition and that he would work with the petitioners and local councillors regarding this issue.

3.1.5 Petition Requesting Further Assistance for Taxi Drivers Accessing the Proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone

The Council received an electronic petition containing 178 signatures, requesting more assistance for taxi drivers accessing the proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone.

Representations on behalf of the petitions were made by Ibrar

Hussain. He stated that a large proportion of the taxi trade had responded to the consultation regarding a Clean Air Zone. He said that many drivers would not be able to afford to continue, especially if Euro 6 diesel vehicles were not permitted and he also commented on the cost of electric vehicles. He requested that the matter be considered by a Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to consider the responses to consultation and views of the taxi trade prior to submission to government in December. He said that this issue affected some three thousand taxi drivers and their families.

He thanked the Cabinet Member and indicated that there was a wish to work together on this issue and said that lessons might also be learned from other places where such schemes had been introduced and which allowed Euro 6 vehicles. He also asked that a review be undertaken of delegated powers in the licensing service and that more generally work be conducted with the taxi trade prior to policies being introduced.

3.1.6 Public Questions Concerning Taxi Drivers and the Proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone

Javid Ahmed stated if the Council did not allow Euro 6 standard vehicles, he would not be able to afford a new vehicle.

Tariq Nasir referred to the cost to purchase a new vehicle and he asked, if it was the case that Euro 6 vehicles would not be accepted in the future, whether he would be compensated for the cost of a recently purchased vehicle.

Nasar Raoof referred to concerns regarding clarity with regard to the potential effects of a clean air zones on taxi drivers in Rotherham and as to whether Rotherham would get assistance as part of the funding; the status of the bid to government for £50 million; and whether there would any exemptions or discount available for Rotherham drivers in relation to Euro 4 and 6 vehicles. He also asked whether the Council understood how much custom and business Rotherham drivers brought to Sheffield and asked whether an impact assessment had been undertaken in that regard. Further, he asked whether the Council would acknowledge the effect on Rotherham taxi drivers and families of other changes by Rotherham Council in relation to vehicles and the installation of CCTV and asked whether those factors would be considered as part of the City Council's decision making.

The Council referred the petition and public questions on this matter to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the taxi trade for the excellent response to the consultation regarding a clean air zone. He referred to recent meetings held with the trade since the consultation had closed and said that he had committed to continue to meet with the taxi trade and small businesses.

He said that the submission had asked for £50 million from government for a CAZ C option, which would target support to people most affected. The intention was to reduce pollution and not simply to collect fines and to address the problem of vehicles that produced the most pollution from exhaust fumes. Rotherham had requested a proportion of funding as part of the bid and for a small number of roads in Rotherham and he suggested that further questions regarding Rotherham be directed to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

As regards Euro 6 vehicles, there was a wish to help drivers to change to electric or hybrid vehicles and that was one of the reasons why the Council had wished to pursue a CAZ C option. He said that the remarks concerning a review of licensing were something that he would speak about with officers.

3.1.7 Petition requesting the Council to Change the Give Way Sign at the Top of Hagg Hill to a Stop Sign

The Council received an electronic petition containing 54 signatures, requesting the Council to change the Give Way sign at the top of Hagg Hill to a Stop Sign. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Questions Concerning Access Officers

James Martin asked a question concerning the importance of the role of Access Officers in the Council's Planning service.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development stated that there was a restructure of the Planning service taking place and he did not believe that it would be appropriate for him to comment on the matter at this time. However, he would be pleased to arrange a meeting regarding the concerns raised in the question.

3.2.2 Public Question Concerning Transition from Child to Adult Social Care

Peter Handford-Styring made reference to the transition process from children's to adult social care and to issues relating to some services not being made available, which was something that caused great stress to families.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children and

Families, referred to young people moving from children's to adult services and to the different thresholds which sometimes existed. She said there was a wish to create an all-age disability service to look at points of transition and where barriers existed and what might be changed. Councillor Drayton said that she would be pleased to meet to listen to Mr Handford-Stying's views on the issue.

3.2.3 Public Question Concerning 31 and 31b Bus Service

Bernard Little informed the Council of a petition to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive Combined Authority Board for the immediate reinstatement of the 31 and 31b bus service. He asked whether Members of the Council would support the petition and oppose cuts to the 31b bus service in Walkley.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that he would refer to the previous answers that he had given to issues concerning bus services and said that he would support a petition opposing cuts to the 31b bus service.

3.2.4 Public Question Concerning the Situation in Kashmir

Nasar Raoof made reference to the situation in Kashmir and to people grieving the loss of loved ones there. He stated that the Council had supported Kashmir in the past and he asked for reassurance that it would renew its commitment to the Kashmiri community and to reassure them. He asked what lobbying and activity had taken place. He also gave congratulations to Councillor Zahira Naz in relation to a recent demonstration that was organised concerning the situation in Kashmir. He asked what more could be done to lobby and create awareness of the issue.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that the Council had committed to addressing to the serious situation in Kashmir. However, the situation there had worsened and she referred to a recent letter describing the situation in Kashmir at the present time, which she urged people to read. The Council had debated the matter and had also established a working group, led by former Councillor Mohammed Maroof. She said that she believed that Councillor Zahira Naz was the right person to now lead a cross party working group to look at how the Council might work to help address serious concerns relating to Kashmir and for those people who were hurting and grieving. She would ask that Councillor Zahira Naz make contact as appropriate regarding this matter.

3.2.5 Public Question Concerning Page Hall

Nasar Raoof thanked the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety for his intervention in relation to issues in Page Hall. He commented that the circumstances in Page Hall had

deteriorated. People were not able to sleep because of noise and nuisance and there had been incidents relating to a care home, including theft and people having been attacked. He asked what action would be taken in terms of urgent intervention and commented that the community was concerned about the situation and attacks on vulnerable people. He asked whether the Council would consider the use of a Public Space Protection Order in relation to Page Hall.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety responded to the question. Councillor Wood paid tribute to the work which Nasar Raoof had done in Page Hall and in relation to helping to avert some difficult problems there.

He said that he had been to Page Hall on a regular basis in recent months and had made a promise to residents with regards to the situation there and to put in place a plan to help deal with the problems in Page Hall.

As regards progress with that plan, he explained that it involved a number of different agencies and included the commitment of Executive Directors of the Council. Measures included increases in the number of Environmental Enforcement Officers, Housing Officers, Housing Inspection Officers and additional Wardens.

He had held discussions with the Police with regards to potential powers that might be available to Environmental Health Officers and liaison with the Police to obtain a quick response, if necessary.

Councillor Wood said that a clear message would also be given to all the landlords in the area and a letter would be sent to landlords. The approach to be taken was not to introduce selective licensing. However, the policy was very clear in that, if landlords had tenants that caused problems and they approached the Council, the Council would help them to resolve the problems. However, if it was found that landlords were causing problems, they would be prosecuted.

Landlords would not be given further chances and they would need to come to the Council if they needed help to solve problems. If it was found that landlords caused problems through overcrowding, for example, the Council would prosecute and that would be made very clear to them.

He had also had discussions with the new Executive Director of People and both he and the Executive Director would be visiting Page Hall and community groups would be invited and a further meeting would also be set up with the community groups. He said that he expected to deal with the community as a whole, working together in order to solve the problems in Page Hall.

Councillor Wood explained that this activity would be financed

through some of the controlling migration fund. He explained that the Council policy was only to apply for money which helped to put resources and facilities into the community. It did not apply for money for the enforcement fund which led to reporting people to the UK Border Agency.

He said that he also needed to give a detailed briefing to the Burngreave ward councillors on this issue and would go through the draft plan with them.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Change to Council Governance Arrangements

Ruth Hubbard made reference to the petition for a change in the Council's governance arrangements. She asked whether the Council would now be willing to commit to changes and to embrace an agenda of embedding more democratic arrangements and planning for a committee based governance model as it would have to do prior to a referendum. She also asked whether the Council would commit to a process, which would also involve other people, including experts, stakeholders, opposition parties and communities.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded to the question and said that she appreciated it when people told her about the situation in local communities. She said that she did not agree with the premise of the question regarding the Council making decisions behind closed doors. As part of the Council's constitution and Leader's Scheme of Delegation, decisions were taken by officers and by individual Cabinet Members. She believed that under the previous committee system, officers actually made more decisions than was the case with the Cabinet system.

Councillor Dore said that Cabinet meetings were held in public and there had been initiatives, including Cabinet in the Community, Cabinet in the Star and Cabinet on the radio. However, she fully accepted that the Council should always be looking for continuous improvement and engagement. She referred to the importance of consultation including, for example, in respect of areas such as tenant engagement and housing. She said that she believed the Council was in a strong position on this matter and made reference to the meeting of Council on 3 July, at which there was a commitment to undertaking a review regarding governance.

She said that she did not personally object to a Committee system and would wish to look at what the issues were and what it was thought the barriers were to be addressed under the current governance model.

Councillor Dore stated that the Council also made joint decisions, such as at Sheffield City Region, the statutory Safety Partnership and

Accountable Care Partnership. People in the city and including the private sector, which delivered many jobs within economy, were also dependent on how the Council took decisions. There was a wide-range of stakeholders, individual groups and communities affected by decisions and Councillor Dore said that she wanted to open up a wider conversation with all of them.

She applauded the petitioners for collecting all of the signatures that they had and referred to the amendment numbered 2 to item number 5 on the Council agenda, which also welcomed the petition concerning a change to the Council's governance model.

Councillor Dore also said that she applauded anyone that went out and had conversations with the population and found out what they think. She said it was important for her to hear people's views from across the city and she wanted to have proper engagement with them and the wider population and to get the right system of governance for the city. She had also had conversations with the opposition parties on the Council regarding how engagement might be improved.

She also hoped that the engagement would include the It's Our City group, on behalf of those that had signed the petition and Sheffield for Democracy, the third sector and other community groups and that there could be a big conversation about how decisions were made that improved people's lives. A new Cabinet Member was in post and these issues were within his remit and he was scoping out how the Council could engage and embark on a serious conversation across the City.

3.2.7 Public Questions Concerning Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast

John Grayson said that the Council's priority housing team had tried to place a family with children in the Earl Marshall bed and breakfast and he asked whether the Council had changed its policy, which he understood was to not put children in that bed and breakfast accommodation which, he said was totally unsuitable.

He said that since 2016 there had been a campaign to stop the Council putting homeless children in dangerous or unsuitable bed-and-breakfast accommodation. Questions had been asked of the Council and petitions submitted. Meetings had taken place with senior officers and Cabinet Members and it was understood that the Council were not going to put children into the Earl Marshall. This was monitored and it looked as though that was the case until recently when a family with leave to remain (as referred to above) was told that they had to go to the Earl Marshall. In the event, the family did not go there and went instead to stay with friends.

It had been reported that Council officers were now putting forward a policy that the Council will not put families with no recourse to public

funds in the Earl Marshall for long periods and that other homeless children, including refugees might be put in there on a temporary basis. He stated that the Earl Marshall was an unsuitable and at times dangerous place for children and campaigners were trying to get the Council to pledge that it would not put children into the Earl Marshall.

Violet Dickenson stated that campaigners had investigated the poor safeguarding and security provided at the Earl Marshall and had a guarantee from the Council that they were going to look into the matter. She asked what the Council investigation had found.

Manuchehr Maleki Dizaji asked how many families with children the Council had placed at the Earl Marshall from 1 May to 1 September 2019.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety thanked the questioners. He said that with regard to the second and third questions, he would provide the information to them.

He said that the Council had not changed the policy, which was to avoid, wherever possible, putting in any children and families into the Earl Marshall. However, there were times when accommodation had to be found at very short notice and only for a very short period.

One of the ways that the Council was trying to deal with this was the commissioning of three temporary supported housing accommodation units, the first of which would start to be built in the next three weeks and it was hoped that the other two would be signed off before the end of the year.

Councillor Wood said that it was felt that the three units would give enough facility so as not to use the Earl Marshall at all. He said the policy had not changed and the Earl Marshall was a last resort for families with children, used in emergency situations and until alternatives could be found.

3.2.8 Public Questions Concerning Bus Services in High Green

Sue Thorne stated that there were two bus services in High Green and a lot of people relied on public transport. She said that the bus services were not meeting the needs of the community. Revisions to First Bus 135 service times meant that the last bus to High Green from Rotherham and Sheffield was at 1815 and this adversely affected people working in the city centre and people wishing to visit cinemas or theatres in the city centre were also not served by the Stagecoach number 1 bus service. Later buses had been cancelled so that the last bus was between 2145 and 2230. She asked what improvements the Council would be recommending urgently to the bus operators.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, responded that services in many areas had been affected by these cuts. He said that he had tried to take the bus companies to task and whilst he had asked them about particular bus services, there was no movement from them.

He said that he believed that a transport charter as he had suggested earlier at this meeting, working cross party with other Councillors and with communities and passengers, was the way forward. He said that powers relating to buses and franchising was not currently within the Council's control. However, if it was within the Council's power and the Council was able franchise and bring buses back into public ownership, he said would have announced that this day.

3.2.9 Public Question Concerning Cemeteries

Ibrar Hussain asked a question concerning Shiregreen Cemetery and in relation to the Muslim section, which he said was full and it had been confirmed to him that Q plot would be dedicated from November for burials. He said that a review was needed of other sites in the city and to plan ahead. He asked that Bereavement Services and other Council departments work together to resolve the issue and for a Scrutiny Committee to look at the matter for the future.

Further, he asked a question concerning the burial of Quranic papers and as to the recovery of costs requested by the Council's Bereavement Services and for the Cabinet Member to explore this matter.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, stated that she had been assured, at a briefing with regards to capacity at cemeteries, that capacity was satisfactory. She said that she would ask again for assurance regarding capacity both now and in the future. This was reviewed constantly as it was across all cemeteries and in relation to all religions and for non-religious provision.

In relation to the Quranic Papers, she said that she was not certain about what the arrangements may have been and as to any charges which may be made. However, she would discuss this matter with the Federation of Mosques and local councillors and provide a response to Ibrar Hussain concerning the issues he had raised. She stated that Local Area Partnerships had small budgets and that she could not commit funding from the Partnerships, which would also have other demands on them.

3.2.10 Public Question Concerning UK Exit from the European Union

Nigel Slack referred to the situation in Parliament and with regard to

the UK withdrawal from the European Union, plans for a withdrawal bill and the possibility of a no-deal Brexit.

He referred to the Government already having drawn up plans for troops on the streets in case of unrest and provision of body bags, and asked if civil unrest occurred in the City, what would be the Council's stance and what would the Council do?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, referred to an urgent item of business regarding this particular issue to be considered at this meeting of the Council. She commented that, with regard to the events in Westminster, she felt quite depressed at the situation and noted that some MPs had attempted to do what they could to win back parliamentary sovereignty. She also believed that the issue directly affected Sheffield.

She said that she would be pleased to write to Mr Slack regarding what the Council was doing and she referred to a Member's question earlier in the year on the subject of preparations for a no-deal Brexit. Over the past six months, work had been done at a South Yorkshire level to prepare and a range of things were in place. She said that she also hoped that the best efforts could be made to stop a no-deal Brexit.

3.2.11 Public Question Concerning Bus Services

Diane Leek asked whether, with the regards recent bus changes, the Council accepted that this has caused great difficulties for a great number of vulnerable people who relied upon public transport. She raised the following issues:

- ⇨ Removal of the 31 and 31b bus, replaced by the Number 135, which did not serve many areas of the community and made it very difficult for people. The Sunday service had also been affected.

- ⇨ Implications of changes made to the 135 service for Grenoside, High Green and to Rotherham and that bus drivers were not able to keep to the timetable and found the topography of Walkley to be difficult.

- ⇨ Changes to the bus numbers 10 and 95, whereby the 95 outbound from the City to Walkley missed out the city centre.

- ⇨ Only a few bus carousels had the new information displayed, which should have been replaced before the changes and the printed information also contained an error because it incorrectly showed 'Whitehouse Lane' instead of 'Whitehouse Road'.

- ⇨ It was important that people were able to get out and about for

their health and wellbeing and to encourage people to use public transport.

She asked what the Council intended to do to help people affected by this situation and with regards to bus services.

Councillor Bob Johnson explained that he was also most frustrated and concerned about this matter and he shared the frustrations of all bus users throughout the City. He was also aware of the effect this had on communities. He made reference to the same bus service which ran through his own Ward and onto Loxley and said that the changes had not been addressed satisfactorily. No-one had asked him as Cabinet Member what he thought about the proposed changes. He believed that a transport charter had become increasingly urgent and he would welcome any input which Diane Leek would like to make on these matters.

4. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS - NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROROGUING OF PARLIAMENT"

4.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) announced the proposal that an urgent item of business be considered at this point in the proceedings. Council Procedure Rule 26 states that "An item of business may be considered at a meeting of the Council as a matter of urgency, where it has not been possible to give five clear working days' notice, on the recommendation of the Chair, but the reason for such urgency must be recorded in the minutes. Any non-confidential or non-exempt report relating to such item must be made available for public inspection once it has been issued.".

4.2 The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) had requested that the Council considers an additional Notice of Motion regarding the Proroguing of Parliament, following the Prime Minister's decision made after the Council agenda had been published in the previous week. In view of the nature and timing of the issue, the Lord Mayor stated that he was satisfied that there were clear reasons for taking the Notice of Motion as an urgent item of business.

4.3 The proposed Motion was circulated to all Members of the Council on 3rd September 2019 and was published on the Council's website. Copies of the Motion were made available in the Council Chamber and Public Gallery.

4.4 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

(a) profoundly opposes the decision made by the Prime Minister last week to prorogue Parliament, believes that this is a cynical tactic attempting to facilitate a no-deal Brexit and is an affront to

our parliamentary democracy;

(b) believes this is compounded by the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP refusing to rule out the Government ignoring legislation that could be passed by Parliament and believes this would be an unprecedented move and undermine the principle of parliamentary sovereignty;

(c) urges all Members of Parliament – from all parties – to work together in the national interest to stop the devastating effects of a reckless, divisive and destructive no-deal Brexit; and

(d) asks that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister to reverse this appalling decision.

4.5 After contributions from eight other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the Motion was put to the vote and carried as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

(a) profoundly opposes the decision made by the Prime Minister last week to prorogue Parliament, believes that this is a cynical tactic attempting to facilitate a no-deal Brexit and is an affront to our parliamentary democracy;

(b) believes this is compounded by the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP refusing to rule out the Government ignoring legislation that could be passed by Parliament and believes this would be an unprecedented move and undermine the principle of parliamentary sovereignty;

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5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 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 until the expiry of the 30 minute time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

Questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i) were not able to be asked before the expiry of the 30 minute time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "RECOGNISING PALESTINE AS A FULL STATE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

6.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Julie Dore and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking item 6 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Recognising Palestine As A Full State") as the next item of business.

6.2 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, and seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, that this Council:-

(a) believes that there must be recognition of the rights of Palestinians to their own state, and thanks the petitioners for bringing this important issue to Full Council in July;

(b) notes that 138 nations of the UN, out of 193 (71.5%), recognise Palestine as a state and in 2012 the UN General Assembly moved to do so - though this was blocked from full UN membership by the Security Council;

(c) notes that the current UK Government appears to have no intention of recognising Palestine, and notes that this is in contrast to the Labour Party's commitment to recognise Palestine as a full state as part of the United Nations and under UK law;

(d) believes that the recognition of Palestine as a state is one step towards a genuine two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine

conflict;

(e) believes there has to be a peace process and there has to be a right of the Palestinian people to live in peace and security as well as the right of Israel;

(f) believes that whilst Sheffield is just one city, it is important to make this symbolic gesture to formally recognise Palestine as a full state, and hope that this will increase pressure on the UK Government to do likewise; and

(g) requests that this Motion is submitted to the Foreign Office, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

6.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (m) as follows:-

(h) recognises that, in 2005, the EU monitoring centre on Racism and Xenophobia (now the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) adopted the following working definition of antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

(i) notes that the working definition has become the standard definition used around the world;

(j) notes that this definition has been adopted by the European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Dept of State, the US Senate and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance;

(k) recognises that, in 2016, the British Government also formally adopted this working definition of antisemitism;

(l) in view of recent controversy over the precise definition of antisemitism, this city with its proud history of religious tolerance and the first UK City of Sanctuary proclaims its support for the published international definition of antisemitism; and

(m) directs Sheffield City Council to formally adopt the official and international recognised working definition of antisemitism for this city.

6.4 After contributions from seven other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment moved by Councillor Joe Otten was put to the vote and was carried.

6.5 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form, and paragraphs (a) to (g) were carried and paragraphs (h) to (m) were negatived:-

(a) believes that there must be recognition of the rights of Palestinians to their own state, and thanks the petitioners for bringing this important issue to Full Council in July;

(b) notes that 138 nations of the UN, out of 193 (71.5%), recognise Palestine as a state and in 2012 the UN General Assembly moved to do so - though this was blocked from full UN membership by the Security Council;

(c) notes that the current UK Government appears to have no intention of recognising Palestine, and notes that this is in contrast to the Labour Party's commitment to recognise Palestine as a full state as part of the United Nations and under UK law;

(d) believes that the recognition of Palestine as a state is one step towards a genuine two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict;

(e) believes there has to be a peace process and there has to be a right of the Palestinian people to live in peace and security as well as the right of Israel;

(f) believes that whilst Sheffield is just one city, it is important to make this symbolic gesture to formally recognise Palestine as a full state, and hope that this will increase pressure on the UK Government to do likewise;

(g) requests that this Motion is submitted to the Foreign Office, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition;

(h) recognises that, in 2005, the EU monitoring centre on Racism and Xenophobia (now the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) adopted the following working definition of antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

(i) notes that the working definition has become the standard

definition used around the world;

(j) notes that this definition has been adopted by the European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Dept of State, the US Senate and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance;

(k) recognises that, in 2016, the British Government also formally adopted this working definition of antisemitism;

(l) in view of recent controversy over the precise definition of antisemitism, this city with its proud history of religious tolerance and the first UK City of Sanctuary proclaims its support for the published international definition of antisemitism; and

(m) directs Sheffield City Council to formally adopt the official and international recognised working definition of antisemitism for this city.

6.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (g), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (h) to (m) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

6.6 Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

(a) believes that there must be recognition of the rights of Palestinians to their own state, and thanks the petitioners for bringing this important issue to Full Council in July;

(b) notes that 138 nations of the UN, out of 193 (71.5%), recognise Palestine as a state and in 2012 the UN General Assembly moved to do so - though this was blocked from full UN membership by the Security Council;

(c) notes that the current UK Government appears to have no intention of recognising Palestine, and notes that this is in contrast to the Labour Party's commitment to recognise Palestine as a full state as part of the United Nations and under UK law;

(d) believes that the recognition of Palestine as a state is one step towards a genuine two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict;

(e) believes there has to be a peace process and there has to be a

right of the Palestinian people to live in peace and security as well as the right of Israel;

(f) believes that whilst Sheffield is just one city, it is important to make this symbolic gesture to formally recognise Palestine as a full state, and hope that this will increase pressure on the UK Government to do likewise; and

(g) requests that this Motion is submitted to the Foreign Office, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "CONSULTING THE PUBLIC " - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED MAHROOF

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Maroof, that this Council:-

(a) notes the request of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee that the consultation period in respect of proposals for a clean air zone be extended beyond August, was declined by the Cabinet Member;

(b) in contrast, welcomes the decision of Mayor Dan Jarvis to extend the period for consultation in respect of Bus Services, particularly noting yet another round of damaging service reductions taking place with effect from 1st September, and would urge especially passengers finding their service have disappeared, to make their opinions plain;

(c) repeats the call (last made by the Liberal Democrat Group at the Council meeting in February 2019) for the Council to give notice to terminate the Sheffield Bus Partnership Agreement, as improved bus services will be an essential requirement if the Council is to secure cleaner, greener, safer travel, reducing the number of cars on the road and encouraging cycling and walking;

(d) deplores the fact that the opportunities for involvement in decision making by citizens and Members have been much reduced by the current Administration;

(e) accepts that it is not possible to be exactly prescriptive with regard to the time period for consultation exercises, but agrees that major consultations require a minimum period of 8 weeks and that 12 weeks should be considered desirable, in the interest of Truth, Trust, and Transparency;

(f) declares that for the purposes of calculating the desired period for public consultation, the month(s) of August and the Christmas and New Year period, be disregarded;

(g) further notes that Part 2 Article 3 of the Constitution of the Council "Citizens and the Council" makes no reference to the Right of Citizens to be consulted, and the Council duty to consult;

(h) notes that the duty to consult may be prescribed by legislation specifically, or be necessary to meet the requirements of Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010, or from the common law duty of a public authority to act fairly, and the public law principle of legitimate expectation; and

(i) calls on the Director of Legal and Governance to bring forward proposals to incorporate a "Citizens Right to be consulted" in Article 3, and address the other provisions in this Motion.

7.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Ian Auckland), the Motion as published on the agenda, was altered by the substitution of the words “be necessary to meet the requirements of” for the words “generally under” in the 2nd line in paragraph (h).)

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, 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 the success of recent Clean Air Zone consultation, with nearly 12,000 Sheffield residents and businesses having their say, with more people responding than in similar consultations held in Leeds and Birmingham about how to significantly reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air;

(b) believes it is imperative that action is taken to improve air quality in the city and welcomes the proposals brought forward for a Clean Air Zone;

(c) disagrees with the comments of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP that the Clean Air Zone is a ‘bonkers idea’;

(d) notes that Sheffield City Council is seeking £50m of Government support to help drivers upgrade their vehicles and the Council wants to work with taxi and van drivers, as well as every other fleet of vehicle affected, to encourage this, and only the most polluting taxis, buses, vans, coaches and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will be affected;

(e) reconfirms it is the policy of this Council to support reregulation of the buses and that this should be enacted by Sheffield City Region; and

(f) believes that the number of responses generated by the Clean Air Zone consultation and the forthcoming citizens assembly demonstrate positive recent examples of consultation, engagement and involvement, however, believes it is important to continue to look at any potential improvements that can be made and asks that the Council's consultation processes be considered in the review of Council governance resulting from the outcome of the petition debate at the July Full Council meeting.

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

(e) recalls, however, that the opportunity for all councillors to propose motions on this agenda was severely curtailed by changes to the constitution that both the larger parties voted for;

(f) believes that, far too often, this Administration offers presentation not consultation;

(g) is disappointed when petitions carrying thousands of names are ignored by the Administration;

(h) welcomes the 26,000 signatures on the It's Our City petition and looks forward to proposals on proper consultation on a new committee system;

7.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Colin Ross, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (l) as follows:-

(j) condemns yet another round of bus cuts just implemented, leaving too many areas of the city without an adequate service or indeed without any service;

(k) believes that a cleaner greener bus service that goes where people want to go, at an affordable price, is the basis for a welcoming and environmentally friendly city of the future; and

(l) calls upon the Cabinet to ensure that Sheffield people have a

bus service fit for purpose now and in the future.

7.5 Following a right of reply from Councillor Ian Auckland, the amendment moved by Councillor Bob Johnson was put to the vote and was carried.

7.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negatived, except for paragraph (h) of the amendment, which was carried on the basis that it was to be an additional paragraph to the Substantive Motion.

7.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (g) and (h), and voted against paragraphs (e) and (f) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Colin Ross was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraph (l) of the amendment, which was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

(a) notes the success of recent Clean Air Zone consultation, with nearly 12,000 Sheffield residents and businesses having their say, with more people responding than in similar consultations held in Leeds and Birmingham about how to significantly reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air;

(b) believes it is imperative that action is taken to improve air quality in the city and welcomes the proposals brought forward for a Clean Air Zone;

(c) disagrees with the comments of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP that the Clean Air Zone is a ‘bonkers idea’;

(d) notes that Sheffield City Council is seeking £50m of Government support to help drivers upgrade their vehicles and the Council wants to work with taxi and van drivers, as well as every other fleet of vehicle affected, to encourage this, and only the most polluting taxis, buses, vans, coaches and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will be affected;

(e) reconfirms it is the policy of this Council to support reregulation of the buses and that this should be enacted by Sheffield City Region;

(f) believes that the number of responses generated by the Clean Air Zone consultation and the forthcoming citizens assembly demonstrate positive recent examples of consultation, engagement and involvement, however, believes it is important to continue to look at any potential improvements that can be made and asks that the Council's consultation processes be considered in the review of Council governance resulting from the outcome of the petition debate at the July Full Council meeting;

(g) welcomes the 26,000 signatures on the It's Our City petition and looks forward to proposals on proper consultation on a new committee system;

(h) condemns yet another round of bus cuts just implemented, leaving too many areas of the city without an adequate service or indeed without any service; and

(i) believes that a cleaner greener bus service that goes where people want to go, at an affordable price, is the basis for a welcoming and environmentally friendly city of the future.

7.8.1 (NOTE: 1. The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e) and (g) to (i), and voted against paragraphs (c) and (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

2. Councillors Angela Argenzio, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (b), (d), (e) and (g) to (i), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (c) and (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN SHEFFIELD IMPROVING AND RATED GOOD BY OFSTED" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACKIE DRAYTON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAWN DALE

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, and formally

seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale, that this Council:-

(a) notes that following three weeks of inspection by Ofsted, they have noted that 'Children's Services in Sheffield are good';

(b) notes that the report detailed that, despite 10 years of austerity, Sheffield had made steady progress since the last inspection in 2013, by working through our comprehensive improvement plan, that has children and young people at the heart of it:-

(i) securing significant additional corporate investment;

(ii) support from Senior Management and Leaders across all areas of the Council and Partner Organisations; and

(iii) as noted in the report, 'Corporate parenting is 'highly effective and emulates what a good parent should be' and that 'the local authority sense of corporate responsibility for children in care and care leavers is unambiguous' and senior leaders provide proactive and committed corporate parenting; the report also highlights examples of practice that 'exemplifies excellence in corporate parenting';

(c) notes that, in addition, the Council was commended for putting children at the centre of practice, with children and young people across the city benefiting from child focused staff and services and that the views of children and young people are valued at all levels, and the Local Authority has created an environment in which good social work is nurtured and celebrated, with a skilled and confident workforce;

(d) notes that, although Ofsted highlighted many positive areas of practice, they also highlighted some areas that 'requires improvement to be good', which we identified in our self-assessment form sent to the Inspectors prior to their visit, but that the report also acknowledged in all those areas of concern senior management and leaders were aware of those weaknesses, had effective plans in place to mitigate risk and were taking action to improve each area of practice;

(e) believes that this is a fantastic achievement, and all the more remarkable given increasing financial difficulties and increasing demand as more children and young people are coming into care with more complex needs, and thanks must go to the dedicated staff in children's services, all council staff, foster carers, adopters, our agency partners, the community sector, Councillors, and all corporate parents who work so hard to ensure our children and young people and their families are safe, happy, secure, and achieve their full potential; and

(f) notes that under this Administration the aim is to continue to improve the service the Council provides and reach 'outstanding', and believes that by working together we will achieve this in the future.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Sue Alston, and formally seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, from paragraph (b), of the words "despite 10 years of austerity";

2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

(f) resolves to continue to work with partners with the aim to continue to improve the service the Council provides and reach 'outstanding', and believes that by working together we will achieve this in the future;

3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (l) as follows:-

(g) congratulates and thanks the staff at all levels who work incredibly hard to support the most vulnerable young people in our city and have been recognised by Ofsted as providing a good and improving service;

(h) thanks foster carers in particular, for the incredible job they do in welcoming young people into their homes and providing the stable home life they need;

(i) however, notes the concern expressed in the report that children who go missing are not seen soon enough after the missing episode;

(j) notes that there are insufficient placements available for those young people with the most complex needs;

(k) requests a report to the Corporate Parenting Board and to the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, within 4 months, to update Members on progress made in addressing these and the other concerns raised in the report; and

(l) notes that Leeds, as a comparable local authority, has achieved an outstanding Ofsted rating for children's services, and that investigating how they achieved this could provide a way forward.

8.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-

   (a) welcomes the improvement in Ofsted rating since the previous report on children's social care services in 2013;

2. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (g) as follows:-

   (d) notes that Ofsted found that the following areas require improvement to be "good":

   - the consistent application of the threshold to step up to children's social care from early help.
   - the use of screening tools to update and inform plans for children who are at a lower risk of exploitation.
   - arrangements for children who go missing from home and care.
   - arrangements to manage allegations against professionals.
   - placement sufficiency for the most complex and vulnerable children and adolescents.

(e) believes that the need for improvement in arrangements for children who go missing from home and care is deeply concerning; 36 looked-after children were reported missing in 125 incidents in June 2019, out of a total of 652 looked after children at the time;

(f) believes improvements to the service since 2013 are pleasing and thanks must go to the dedicated staff in children's services, all Council staff, foster carers, adopters, our agency partners, the community sector, Councillors, and all corporate parents who work so hard to ensure our children and young people and their families are safe, happy, secure, and achieve their full potential; and

(g) believes that the Ofsted judgement of children's social care services needs to be rated "Good" as a minimum standard and this Council's focus must be on the development of a children's social care service that is judged to be "Outstanding".

8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Sue Alston was put to the vote and was negatived, except for paragraphs (g) and (h) of part 3 of the amendment, which were carried.

8.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for parts 2 and 3 and against part 1 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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) notes that following three weeks of inspection by Ofsted, they have noted that 'Children's Services in Sheffield are good';

(b) notes that the report detailed that, despite 10 years of austerity, Sheffield had made steady progress since the last inspection in 2013, by working through our comprehensive improvement plan, that has children and young people at the heart of it:-

(i) securing significant additional corporate investment;

(ii) support from Senior Management and Leaders across all areas of the Council and Partner Organisations; and

(iii) as noted in the report, 'Corporate parenting is 'highly effective and emulates what a good parent should be' and that 'the local authority sense of corporate responsibility for children in care and care leavers is unambiguous' and senior leaders provide proactive and committed corporate parenting; the report also highlights examples of practice that 'exemplifies excellence in corporate parenting';

(c) notes that, in addition, the Council was commended for putting children at the centre of practice, with children and young people across the city benefiting from child focused staff and services and that the views of children and young people are valued at all levels, and the Local Authority has created an environment in which good social work is nurtured and celebrated, with a skilled and confident workforce;

(d) notes that, although Ofsted highlighted many positive areas of practice, they also highlighted some areas that 'requires

improvement to be good', which we identified in our self-assessment form sent to the Inspectors prior to their visit, but that the report also acknowledged in all those areas of concern senior management and leaders were aware of those weaknesses, had effective plans in place to mitigate risk and were taking action to improve each area of practice;

(e) believes that this is a fantastic achievement, and all the more remarkable given increasing financial difficulties and increasing demand as more children and young people are coming into care with more complex needs, and thanks must go to the dedicated staff in children's services, all council staff, foster carers, adopters, our agency partners, the community sector, Councillors, and all corporate parents who work so hard to ensure our children and young people and their families are safe, happy, secure, and achieve their full potential;

(f) notes that under this Administration the aim is to continue to improve the service the Council provides and reach 'outstanding', and believes that by working together we will achieve this in the future;

(g) congratulates and thanks the staff at all levels who work incredibly hard to support the most vulnerable young people in our city and have been recognised by Ofsted as providing a good and improving service; and

(h) thanks foster carers in particular, for the incredible job they do in welcoming young people into their homes and providing the stable home life they need.

8.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (g) and (h), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (d), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "VALUE FOR MONEY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MERSEREAU

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

(a) notes that, despite the destructive cuts inflicted by the policy of austerity, this Administration is still responsible for spending hundreds of millions of pounds each year;

(b) believes this Administration should get the best value for money it can because, if money is wasted, this means cuts to other areas of spending, especially at a time when budgets are under pressure;

(c) also believes that a failure to do routine work quickly and cheaply leads to inertia and a lack of action;

(d) notes the following examples of work that this Council believes is over-priced:-

(i) £3,500 to install just two cycle parking hoops; and

(ii) installation of park benches at £1,100 each; and

(e) therefore calls on the Administration to examine areas of spending where more might be obtained for the Council's resources.

9.1.1 (NOTE: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.3(e) (Scope of Notices of Motion), paragraphs (d)(i), (ii) and (iv) of the Motion, as published on the agenda, were rejected at the meeting by the Chief Executive on the grounds of being factually inaccurate. This followed the Council agreeing not to give its consent (under Council Procedure Rule 17.10(a) – Alteration of Motion or Amendment) to a request made on behalf of the mover of the Motion to alter the wording of those three paragraphs in order to make them factually accurate.)

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, 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) unequivocally condemns what has now been nearly a decade of austerity inflicted on this Council and believes that it is a matter of plain fact that it is not possible to impose the level of cuts that have been forced on this Council without having a significant impact on services and the projects delivered by the Council;

(b) believes that public money should always be spent wisely and confirms that the present Administration is continuously maximising value for money and the amounts delivered for the Council's resources, and believes that nine years into austerity it is incredulous that the Green Group have called on "the Administration to examine areas of spending where more might be obtained for the Council's resources", as this is, of course, already done through the budget process;

(c) regrets that the politics of this motion is akin to the language used by former Conservative Minister, the Rt. Hon. Lord Eric Pickles when the Coalition government first began austerity and the attack on local government funding, and also of the tactics of the Tax Payers Alliance, and implies that the Green Party feel that it is not austerity that is the problem, but how councils spend money based on erroneous and misleading information, in an echo of the Conservative Party's defence of austerity and public spending cuts;

(d) notes that, since 2010, the Council has lost 50% of its Government grants, and seen cuts and financial pressures amounting to £460 million over this time, and with the Council already being cut to the bone, for the Green Group to suggest that there is inertia and a lack of action in tackling this is disrespectful to all Council staff, from care workers and teachers to Council officers, who work hard to ensure that the very best is made of every Council resource;

(e) notes that the original motion contained a number of highly misleading inaccuracies, and asks the Chief Executive to provide a response to the movers of the motion as to how the Council has maximised value for money in relation to all the schemes listed in the original motion; and

(f) asks that a copy of this motion is sent to all Council trade unions to make it clear that the Council does not agree with the Green Party attacks on public spending and Council workers.

9.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, and formally 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 the Administration is responsible for spending hundreds of millions of pounds each year;

(b) believes this Administration should get the best value for money it can because, if money is wasted, this means cuts to other areas of spending, especially at a time when budgets are under pressure;

(c) believes that the recent £1million 'loan' to Sheffield International Venues (SIV) shows the Administration is not taking care of money and assets of the great city of Sheffield;

(d) notes that the Administration could have chosen to change to a committee system without a referendum and save tax payers hundreds of thousands of pounds, and voted against a

proposal to change to a committee system in June 2018;

(e) believes that local people are best placed to make decisions about how tax payers' money is spent and the Administration needs to trust the people of Sheffield in how it is spent;

(f) believes central control from the Town Hall will always cost more and mean decisions are made by the very few who only represent a small part of Sheffield;

(g) believes that devolution will provide value for money and Community Assemblies showed that devolution can provide solutions and works at a lower price that involves the local communities; and

(h) resolves to investigate increased devolution and bring a report back to full Council.

9.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Bob Johnson was put to the vote and was carried.

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was put to the vote and was negatived.

9.5.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the Amendment (24)	-	The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
Against the Amendment (51)	-	Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie

Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Garbutt, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the Amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

(a) unequivocally condemns what has now been nearly a decade of austerity inflicted on this Council and believes that it is a matter of plain fact that it is not possible to impose the level of cuts that have been forced on this Council without having a significant impact on services and the projects delivered by the Council;

(b) believes that public money should always be spent wisely and confirms that the present Administration is continuously maximising value for money and the amounts delivered for the Council's resources, and believes that nine years into austerity it is incredulous that the Green Group have called on "the Administration to examine areas of spending where more might be obtained for the Council's resources", as this is, of course, already done through the budget process;

(c) regrets that the politics of this motion is akin to the language used by former Conservative Minister, the Rt. Hon. Lord Eric Pickles when the Coalition government first began austerity and the attack on local government funding, and also of the tactics of the Tax Payers Alliance, and implies that the Green Party feel that it is not austerity that is the problem, but how councils spend money based on erroneous and misleading information, in an echo of the Conservative Party's defence of austerity and public spending cuts;

(d) notes that, since 2010, the Council has lost 50% of its Government grants, and seen cuts and financial pressures amounting to £460 million over this time, and with the Council already being cut to the bone, for the Green Group to suggest that there is inertia and a lack of action in tackling this is

disrespectful to all Council staff, from care workers and teachers to Council officers, who work hard to ensure that the very best is made of every Council resource;

(e) notes that the original motion contained a number of highly misleading inaccuracies, and asks the Chief Executive to provide a response to the movers of the motion as to how the Council has maximised value for money in relation to all the schemes listed in the original motion; and

(f) asks that a copy of this motion is sent to all Council trade unions to make it clear that the Council does not agree with the Green Party attacks on public spending and Council workers.

10. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

10.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that this Council approves the changes to the following parts of the Council's Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and its appendices:-

(a) Part 4 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules;

(b) Part 5 – Officer Code of Conduct; and

(c) Part 7 – Management Structure and Statutory/Proper Officers).

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd July 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

12. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

(a) it be noted that the Leader of the Council had appointed (i) Councillor Mark Jones to serve as Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change, with effect from 29th August 2019, (ii) Councillor Terry Fox to serve as Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, with effect from 3rd September 2019, and (iii) Councillor Terry Fox to serve as Deputy Leader of the Council (the appointment to take

effect on 11th September 2019), following the resignations from those positions of Councillors Olivia Blake and Lewis Dagnall on 23rd and 25th August, respectively;

(b) it be noted that the Leader of the Council had appointed Councillors Terry Fox and Mark Jones to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee, in place of Councillors Olivia Blake and Lewis Dagnall;

(c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 15th May 2019, the Chief Executive had authorised the appointment of Councillor Tony Damms to serve on the South Yorkshire Local Pension Board;

(d) it be noted that Lucy Davies had been appointed as a HealthWatch observer on the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, with effect from 15th July 2019, and that Margaret Kilner and Clive Skelton are no longer serving in that role;

(e) it be noted that Gillian Foster had resigned as the Church of England Diocese representative on the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee;

(f) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc.:-

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy; Councillor Olivia Blake to replace Councillor Andy Bainbridge
Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor Lewis Dagnall to replace Councillor Mark Jones
Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Remove Councillor Terry Fox and create a vacancy
Audit and Standards Committee	-	Councillors Pat Midgley, Josie Paszek and Sioned-Mair Richards to replace Councillors Francyne Johnson, Mark Jones and Alan Law
Senior Officer Employment	-	Councillors Terry Fox and Mark

Committee		Jones to replace Councillors Olivia Blake and Lewis Dagnall
Access Liaison Group	-	Councillor Neale Gibson to fill a vacancy
Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions	-	Councillors Terry Fox and Mark Jones to replace Councillors Olivia Blake and Lewis Dagnall
Corporate Members Group	-	Councillor Terry Fox to replace Councillor Olivia Blake, and Councillor Simon Clement-Jones to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed
Joint Commissioning Committee	-	Councillors Terry Fox and Mark Jones to replace Councillors Olivia Blake and Lewis Dagnall
Place Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee	-	Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Lewis Dagnall
Resources/CEX Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee	-	Councillor Terry Fox to replace Councillor Olivia Blake

(g) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies as follows:-

South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	-	Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs to replace Councillor Dianne Hurst
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel	-	Councillor Michelle Cook to replace Councillor Abdul Khayum
Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee	-	Councillor Terry Fox to replace Councillor Olivia Blake

(h) approval be given to revisions to appointments to positions of Cabinet Advisers as follows:-

Business and Investment	-	Councillor Ben Miskell (replacing Councillor Moya O'Rourke)
Finance, Resources and Governance	-	Councillor Bryan Lodge (replacing Councillor Ben Miskell)
Health and Social Care	-	Councillor Dianne Hurst (replacing

		Councillor Francyne Johnson)
Neighbourhoods and Community Safety	-	Councillor Garry Weatherall (replacing Councillor Sophie Wilson)
Transport and Development	-	Councillor Abdul Khayum (replacing Councillor Mark Jones)