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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

1	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Vic Bowden Moya O'Rourke	19	<i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i> Peter Garbutt Jim Steinke Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Bob McCann Chris Rosling-Josephs Sophie Wilson	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Barbara Masters Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park & Arbourthome Ward</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Michelle Cook Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald Paul Turpin	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Ruth Mersereau Martin Phipps	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Julie Grocutt Francyne Johnson
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Pat Midgley Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> Tony Downing Kevin Oxley Gail Smith	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Alan Hooper Adam Hurst Mike Levery
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Chief Executive

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

FACILITIES

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

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
6 NOVEMBER 2019**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ACTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF SHEFFIELD AND THOSE WHO LIVE HERE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAUL TURPIN

That this Council endorses, and requests the Administration to consider implementation of, the following policies and actions designed to make life better for the people of Sheffield:-

(a) to implement a Workplace Parking Levy for Sheffield, raising funds

to improve public transport, walking and cycling routes, making it easier for people to choose to leave their cars at home;

- (b) to consult the public on the draft local plan at the earliest opportunity, including stronger policies on building more affordable housing and tackling the climate emergency;
- (c) to establish a climate emergency committee to develop strategies, and implement actions to bring about the necessary changes to meet our zero carbon emissions target by at least 2030;
- (d) to introduce an effective climate change impact assessment for every formal decision of the Council;
- (e) to adopt a "Wellbeing Economy" for Sheffield: placing the health and wellbeing of the people of Sheffield at the heart of all decision-making, and measuring the success of Sheffield's economy not just by GDP, but by how the economy has improved people's quality of life, through measurements like the Happy City Index and Free Time Index;
- (f) to reduce inequality by introducing a maximum 10:1 pay ratio for the City Council;
- (g) to establish a properly resourced team of sustainability officers to work on real progress towards making Sheffield carbon-neutral;
- (h) to recognise the ongoing value of the city's library service and reward the hard work of volunteers who have supported their local branch libraries by providing funding for a paid, professional librarian in every branch library; and
- (i) to improve democracy in Sheffield City Council by developing the long-standing Green Party campaigns of creating a modern committee system with webcasting, with further improvements including publishing in writing the public questions and answers, including those answered later in writing, and Members' questions and answers, including supplementary answers and those answered later in writing.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE BIG CITY CONVERSATION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRYAN LODGE

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that as part of the recent *Local Democracy Week* a drop in-stall was set-up at the Moor Market for three days, with people asked for their views about the issues that affect them and how they

want to have their say in the upcoming Big City Conversation;

- (b) notes that many conversations were held over these days with Sheffield shoppers and there were 433 written responses recorded, with the key issues being transport, the environment, homelessness, rough sleeping and begging in the city centre, anti-social behaviour, housing and city centre regeneration;
- (c) notes that on 5th November, the Big City Conversation launches across Sheffield, and that this is a chance for everyone in the city to get involved and have their say on the things that really matter;
- (d) believes that this is a positive opportunity to seek improvements to how the Council works and gain a wide range of views from different people, groups and partners across the city through community engagement, to not only look at different governance systems, but to hear about the how Council can better engage and serve the people of Sheffield;
- (e) believes that it is crucially important to hold consultation events in every ward of the city and that this should be directed to where people actually are, such as tenant and resident associations, shopping centres, sports centres, community groups, and online, to ensure that as many opinions as possible are heard;
- (f) notes that a series of events is under way, the first one will be on 30th October specifically looking at governance issues, which will hear from a range of national experts, local business and community groups to discuss how the Council operates, and these events will be independently chaired; and
- (g) believes that this is a fantastic opportunity to explore how decisions are made that affect everyone in Sheffield and that people's views must be properly heard in how to best approach this.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ENDING INDEFINITE IMMIGRATION DETENTION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ZAHIRA NAZ AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANNE MURPHY

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the UK remains the only country in Europe with no time limit on immigration detention, and that last year over 24,000 people entered detention in the UK, with around 50% of those entering detention having sought asylum in the UK, with many fleeing from conflict and persecution;
- (b) notes that at any given time around 2,500 people are being detained indefinitely with those entering detention not knowing if

they will be there for weeks, months or years while their immigration or asylum application or appeals are being processed;

- (c) notes that detention is not a criminal process, but believes that detention centres are being used like prisons and some people are even being held in prisons under immigration detention powers;
- (d) believes that indefinite detention is inhumane and negatively impacts on an individual's physical and mental wellbeing and, with reports of widespread abuse in detention centres, believes that the Government should plan for the permanent closure of all detention centres for undocumented migrants;
- (e) notes that the use of indefinite detention also means that there is no pressure on the Home Office and on the immigration system to make swift decisions on individuals' cases, and that there is a rapidly growing consensus amongst medical professionals, independent inspectorate bodies, people with lived experience and other key stakeholders on the urgent need for a maximum time limit;
- (f) notes that the majority of detainees are eventually released into the community and the Home Office's detention programme costs the tax payers £125 million a year and has proven to be both costly and ineffective;
- (g) notes that Sheffield City Council has a long and proud history of supporting refugees and asylum seekers, and is proud to be known as the first City of Sanctuary, and aims to welcome people from around the world who are refugees and asylum seekers, and those who come to the city to live, work, and study here, and has previously raised concerns about the current immigration system;
- (h) believes that the UK's immigration detention system is still not fit for purpose and the Government must end indefinite detention; and
- (i) therefore:-
 - (i) endorses the *These Walls Must Fall* Campaign to end the injustice of immigration detention, as supported by ASSIST Sheffield, Sheffield Campaign to Defend Asylum Seekers, South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group, Sheffield Student Action for Refugees, Sheffield Trades Council, City of Sanctuary Sheffield, South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice, Sheffield Unite Not for Profit, and Sheffield Conversation Club;
 - (ii) calls on the Government to immediately implement the recommendations of the Home Affairs Select Committee report into detention from March 2019, which proposes major

reforms to immigration detention decision-making, including better access to legal advice, more protection for the vulnerable and improved detention conditions and a maximum time limit for detentions;

- (iii) asks Sheffield's Members of Parliament to support the spirit of the motion, raising the matter in the House of Commons, and to support changes in current laws and procedures to introduce alternatives to detention;
- (iv) seeks further support for the motion via the Local Government Association, and by encouraging other Councils in the UK to show their support on this issue; and
- (v) reaffirms Sheffield as a City of Sanctuary.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ACTIVE TRAVEL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR TIM HUGGAN

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that every person's journey, regardless of whether they walk, cycle, take public transport or private car, is of equal importance and that every person should be able to make any journey within Sheffield by foot, by cycle or by public transport as safely as they would otherwise by car;
- (b) believes that every community across Sheffield could benefit from infrastructure improvements to active travel, walking or cycling, in particular improvements to public health;
- (c) notes that 29% of journeys less than 500m in South Yorkshire are by car, rising to 72% of journeys of less than 5km;
- (d) notes that The Propensity to Cycle Tool based on Government data suggests Sheffield could achieve 24-27% share of all journeys by cycle;
- (e) notes the current Sheffield City Council target of 4% cycling share of journeys by 2034, compared with the Sheffield City Region target of 11% by 2040;
- (f) notes that current modal share for cycles in Sheffield is less than 1%;
- (g) believes therefore that many short car journeys are possible via walking, cycle or public transport and that their current share is due to a poor public transport system and a built environment that

discourages people from making journeys by foot or cycle instead of by car;

- (h) believes that this Authority must invest in walking and cycling networks and provide people with a genuine choice between using the car, or walking, cycling or using public transport;
- (i) notes the proposed Bee Network active travel network in Manchester, a joined up cycling and pedestrian network with segregated lanes for walkers and cyclists;
- (j) welcomes the appointment this year of Dame Sarah Storey, Great Britain's most decorated female Paralympian, as the active travel commissioner for Sheffield City Region, and supports her four pledges for improving active travel:-
 - (i) being led by communities;
 - (ii) enabling walking and cycling rather than encouraging it;
 - (iii) requiring infrastructure to meet or exceed requirements; and
 - (iv) requiring infrastructure to be accessible for all;
- (k) calls for the Administration to work with Sheffield City Region, Sustrans and neighbouring authorities to design and create an active travel network for Sheffield, so that any citizen can travel safely by walking or cycling from any part of Sheffield to another; and
- (l) calls for the creation of a local cycling and walking improvement plan for every ward in Sheffield through working with local ward councillors, to identify and prioritise improvements for every community in Sheffield.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd October 2019, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

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

Chief Executive

Dated this 29 day of October 2019

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 4 December 2019 at the Town Hall