



Council

**Wednesday 31 March 2021
2.00 pm**

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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 & Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio 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 Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore & Topley 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
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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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.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
31 MARCH 2021**

Order of Business

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. 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.

(NOTE: There is a time limit of one hour for the above item of business. In accordance with the arrangements published on the Council's website in relation to meetings of the Council held remotely, questions/petitions are required to be submitted in writing, to committee@sheffield.gov.uk, by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 29th March.)

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

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

5.3 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>)

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THANKING THE CITY'S WORKERS AND DEMANDING PAY JUSTICE FOR THEM" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSIE PASZEK

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that keyworkers have kept the city's essential services going, working alongside communities, mutual aid groups, voluntary services, faith groups, businesses and schools to provide support to those in need;
- (b) believes that thanks and gratitude should be given to all keyworkers, not just those at the NHS, but also the city's teachers, police, bus drivers, postal workers, and shop workers – plus many more;
- (c) believes it is inexcusable that the Government have frozen public sector pay for at least a year, and that whilst they clapped for key workers on the steps of Downing Street the Government are now turning their backs on them at the first opportunity;
- (d) notes that public sector workers have already seen their pay decrease in real terms over the last decade – due to pay freezes first enacted by the coalition government from 2010;
- (e) believes that, like all the city's key workers, care workers have given so much during the pandemic and we should all be grateful for their dedicated work;
- (f) notes that the city's carers often work in difficult working conditions with inadequate pay, and believes that care workers deserve a pay rise and, therefore, welcomes that from April this Administration is investing £4.2 million into the care sector to enable Sheffield's care workers to receive a pay rise;
- (g) notes that this investment is the first step in this Administration's ambition to achieve pay, conditions and a career path in line with NHS Healthcare Assistants, and the Council will work with the city's care providers to deliver this;
- (h) believes that all our workers are public service super-heroes - they keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running, and that without the professionalism and dedication of staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable;
- (i) believes that local government workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase, and the Government needs to take responsibility and

fully fund this increase and should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone, and who have not been offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic;

- (j) notes that since 2010 there is a £475 million shortfall for council services due to central government funding cuts and increased service pressures – this is a huge 50% of the budget – and this is not even considering the current pandemic of which the full impact on council finances is not yet known;
- (k) resolves to support the pay claim submitted by GMB, Unison and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for a substantial increase with a minimum of 10 per cent uplift in April 2021, and calls on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim;
- (l) commits to writing to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government;
- (m) commits to meeting with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the Council can support the campaign; and
- (n) encourages all local government workers to join a union.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BUS SERVICES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the publication by the Department for Transport of “Bus Back Better - National Bus Strategy for England”;
- (b) believes that the City Region Mayor must exercise powers to bring bus services back under local control (franchising), at the earliest practicable date, and central government must continue to provide significant funding to revitalise local transport;
- (c) fears that once again the City Region Mayor has “missed the bus” regarding improving bus services in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, as we must, as an alternative, commit by 1st July 2021 to implementation of “Enhanced Partnership” arrangements;
- (d) supports Clive Betts MP’s call for the roll-out of Bus Franchising to be speeded up and fully endorses the consistent commitment, over very many years, of the major opposition party to introduce bus franchising in Sheffield;

- (e) believes that excellent public transport and people friendly neighbourhoods are key to reducing pollution, congestion, improving health, and contributing to zero carbon, and notes proposals, made within successive budget amendments proposed by the major opposition party, to devolve funding and powers to Community Assemblies which would have enabled them to introduce local highway schemes, which invariably aim to make neighbourhoods more accessible by walking and cycling to local services, and discourage very short trips by private car; and
- (f) regrets “eight wasted years” by the Administration, in bringing forward proposals for Local Area Committees, which this Council believes should be called Community Assemblies.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
DECLARES A BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY" -
GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PETER GARBUTT AND TO BE SECONDED
BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes with alarm that:-
 - (i) according to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), species extinction is running at between 10 and 100 times faster than historical averages;
 - (ii) the State of Nature 2019 UK report, published by a consortium of 70 nature organisations, finds that as little as 5% of land in the UK is being effectively looked after for nature, that 41% of species are in decline and 10% are threatened with extinction;
 - (iii) the UK only has half its biodiversity remaining, and is in the bottom 10% of countries on this measure; and
 - (iv) the RSPB reports that there are 40 million fewer birds in the UK than in 1970;
- (b) further notes that the biggest drivers of biodiversity decline nationally are climate change, habitat loss and intensive farming, and believes that, locally, mismanagement of moorland to the west of the city can be added;
- (c) believes that the health and well-being of the people of Sheffield depends crucially on maintaining a thriving and biodiverse natural environment;

- (d) therefore, declares a Biodiversity and Ecological emergency;
- (e) directs officers, in consultation with organisations such as Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Wildscapes CIC and ShefFood Partnership, to draw up plans to reverse declines in species and habitats in Sheffield, reporting back in July 2021, paying particular attention to the opportunities for:-
 - (i) natural solutions rather than technical and engineering fixes and especially when considering flood management;
 - (ii) change of use of grassed areas throughout the city to become areas of planting of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees, as well as being used to grow food, to bolster habitats for invertebrates and birds;
 - (iii) the inclusion in the emerging Sheffield Plan of the vital importance of habitat integrity and wildlife corridors;
 - (iv) the embedding in the Sheffield Plan of the use of green spaces for urban horticulture; and
 - (v) training and apprenticeship opportunities in horticulture and ecological management;
- (f) resolves in the meantime to immediately stop using any practices and materials detrimental to wildlife, including glyphosate; and
- (g) commits to negotiating with private landowners to initiate restoration of peat land and utilising natural flood management techniques to greatly reduce Sheffield residents and businesses exposure to flooding.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEMANDING AN END TO THE NATIONAL CLADDING SCANDAL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL WOOD AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JIM STEINKE

That this Council:-

- (a) notes it is now over three and half years since the tragic Grenfell Tower fire and yet the Government have failed to get to grips with the scandal of dangerous cladding;
- (b) notes that lack of proper action from government over covering the costs has affected Sheffield residents with many having bought their property in good faith, only to face both the immediate cost of having to fund 'waking watches', as well as not knowing whether they will one day be confronted by a financially crippling bill from

their building owner for remedial works;

- (c) believes it would be distressing to see anyone held to ransom in this way at any time, but it is even more concerning given the current economic uncertainty and pandemic, and that whilst all of this hangs over them, owners in these tower blocks have little chance of selling their flats, and it is not hard to imagine the impact this must be having on the mental wellbeing of the individuals affected;
- (d) believes it is time for firm action from the Government rather than continued broken promises, to avoid a repeat of the Grenfell Tower tragedy;
- (e) believes that government are not providing the support needed to deal with all the safety problems faced in high-rise homes, including those that relate to non-ACM cladding – such as Sheffield buildings like Metis and Wicker Riverside - and that, furthermore, there is no real help for buildings with other safety issues or buildings under 18 metres in height;
- (f) believes that this is inexcusable, and that the Government must come forward with proposals for comprehensive remediation for safety issues and all buildings, at no cost to leaseholders;
- (g) notes that locally this Administration is fully supporting Sheffield City Council tenants in high-rises and, having checked out all blocks, no further cladding is to be removed, and that all blocks are regularly checked for fire safety protection;
- (h) further notes that, as part of the Housing Revenue Account, the Council will invest £500 million into council housing stock over the next five years, including investment in further health and safety measures such as fire safety improvements;
- (i) notes, however, that far more needs to be done for those in private blocks and notes that the Leader of the Council has confirmed the Council's support for the campaign to 'End Our Cladding Scandal' which demands that Government leads a national effort to ensure safety in all tower blocks, with the prioritisation of those blocks most at risk;
- (j) confirms its backing for Sheffield Cladding Action Group and their calls on the Government to take these 10 steps to end the National Cladding Scandal:-
 - (i) the Government must lead an urgent national effort to remove all dangerous cladding from buildings by June 2022;
 - (ii) the Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless

of height, and a range of internal and external fire safety defects, not just cladding;

- (iii) the Government should provide the money up front and then seek to recover it from any responsible parties or via a temporary levy on development;
 - (iv) social housing providers must have full and equal access to the fund;
 - (v) the Government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects;
 - (vi) the Government should cover the cost of interim safety measures;
 - (vii) the Government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared;
 - (viii) a fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months;
 - (ix) mental health support must be offered to affected residents; and
 - (x) protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation; and
- (k) commits to putting this motion and the 10 demands directly to Government.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the records of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd February 2021 and the special meeting of the Council held on 3rd March 2021, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

11. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

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



Gillian Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 23 day of March 2021

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Meeting, to be held on 19 May 2021.

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

Further advice can be obtained from Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance on 0114 2734018 or email gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Agenda Item 10

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held on Wednesday 3 February 2021, at 2.00 pm, as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)
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Jayne Dunn |
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Douglas Johnson
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 |
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1. MINUTE SILENCE - DEATHS OF FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDY HINMAN AND CAPTAIN SIR THOMAS MOORE

1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported with sadness, the death, on 27th January 2021, of former Councillor Andy Hinman, who had served on the Council from 1995 to 1999.

1.2 The Lord Mayor also referred to the recent death of Captain Sir Thomas Moore and made the following statement -

“Captain Sir Tom Moore was a beacon of hope who lifted the nation when we needed it most and inspired people all over the world. His achievements are a reminder to us all of the power in working together to reach a common goal. The Town Hall flag is flying at half-mast today in tribute to Captain Sir Tom as we commemorate his extraordinary life. I’d like to invite you all to share in remembering Captain Sir Tom today. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to his family and friends at this sad time.”

1.3 Members of the Council observed a minute’s silence in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore and former Councillor Andy Hinman, and time was allocated at the end of the meeting for Members to pay tribute to their former colleague.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Mersereau and Kaltum Rivers.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported that two petitions and 38 questions from fifteen members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. He stated that ensuring that elected representatives are answerable to members of the public is a key part of the full Council meetings and that, in his time as Lord Mayor, he had always sought to hear as many questions from members of the public as the meeting’s format allowed. He added, however, that this meeting was scheduled for three and a half hours, with many other items on the agenda, including updates on the Covid Pandemic and the city’s response to this, and setting the rents for council housing for 2021/22. The Lord Mayor stated that, given the logistics of hosting a virtual meeting and the number and length of some of the questions received, he did not want to see public questions only asked on a ‘first come, first served basis’ and so he had

decided that Council officers shall read each public question on behalf of the questioner, as this will offer a more streamlined process and ensure time for all questions to be asked and, crucially, more time for proper answers to be provided.

4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Petition Concerning Support for Vulnerable People Over Winter

The Council received an electronic petition containing 587 signatures calling on the Council to urgently support vulnerable people over the next two months, and to lobby the Government to ensure no one is left in the cold this winter.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Rob Reiss and he asked that the winter fuel support provided to the elderly be extended to all vulnerable people in Sheffield living in fuel poverty. He asked that Members also lobby the Government to change this at a national level. He mentioned the crisis grant available and asked how many people in the city were aware of this. He also mentioned that the Council's website suggested this scheme was only available to those with pay-as-you-go fuel meters and asked if this could be extended to other heating types.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety). Councillor Wood responded and said he had considered how to better publicise the crisis fund across the city. He said the Council had distributed £331,000 over the last 13 weeks, to 576 residents, through the Local Assistance Scheme. He said the Council website provided detailed information on how to apply. Councillor Wood said that in addition to this there was a hardship fund through the Housing Revenue Account, which recently had a further £500,000 added to it. Additionally, the Government have provided a further £750,000 to add to the Local Assistance Scheme.

Councillor Wood suggested that Mr Reiss direct any vulnerable people to the Council's website or telephone number. He added that he would work with officers regarding better publicising the support which was available to people.

4.2.2 Petition Concerning an Ecological or Biodiversity Emergency

The Council received two electronic petitions containing 750 and 391 signatures, respectively, requesting the Council to declare a biodiversity/ecological emergency.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Anna Parkin, who asked if Sheffield City Council would declare an ecological or biodiversity emergency today - alongside the climate emergency.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change). Councillor Jones responded that councillors recognised the challenges to our environment and wildlife. He

said that the Council recognised the global, national and regional loss of biodiversity. Councillor Jones said that COVID 19 had not paused the climate emergency, but it might offer a chance to restart the conversation.

He made reference to the call for a green economic recovery to protect jobs, our communities and the planet. Councillor Jones said that councillors recognised the importance of this issue and said that the Urban Nature Project was one effort to protect native plants and animals in Sheffield. He said that the Council was looking to imbed Biodiversity Net Gain in district level licensing within the planning systems. He added that there were also natural recovery networks in place and that the Council was seeking to protect Sheffield's green belt. Significant bids were being made to Government to create greater nature-based solutions. Councillor Jones said that there was also the issue of invasive species, which needed to be addressed.

Councillor Jones said that he believed that declaring an ecological emergency would not help in getting Sheffield where it needs to be. He said an ecological emergency needed a full and collaborative approach and should not be put forward by the Council alone. Councillor Jones said that he was committed to moving this agenda forward and would share his work on these issues with Anna Parkin ahead of a meeting with her and others to discuss a draft ecological response for Sheffield.

4.3 Public Questions

4.3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) referred to his earlier statement that in order to include the many questions submitted by members of the public, and to allow full answers to these questions alongside the other agenda items, the Director of Legal and Governance (Gillian Duckworth) would read the questions submitted by the public, to which responses would be given by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

4.3.2 Public Question Concerning Communication to those with a Learning Disability or Disability in Sheffield

Adam Butcher asked how the Council can make sure that people with a learning disability or disability can understand what is going on within Sheffield.

Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families) thanked Mr Butcher for his questions and for all his work on ensuring that the voice and views of people with disabilities are heard, she then went on to outline some of the work that the Council was doing to address the issues he raised. She added that the Council also worked with Partners in Health, the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector, including the Burton Street Foundation, Speak Up and Disability Sheffield to create and distribute easy read publications on all sorts of issues including Covid-19 for people with disabilities. She acknowledged that more could always be done to improve services and ensure publications were timely and easy to understand. Councillor Drayton said she would provide a fuller written response to Mr Butcher, and, once again thanked him for taking the time to attend the Council

and raise these important issues.

4.3.3 Public Questions Concerning Gritting Bins and the Clearing of Key Commuting Routes for Bicycles and Pedestrians

Declan Walsh asked the following two questions:

Can you please tell me how the provision of gritting bins has changed since the Streets Ahead programme was instituted? i.e. how many bins were provided when they were distributed in-house versus by Amey.

Further to this, can you tell me the details of whether there is a programme to clear key commuting routes for bicycles and pedestrians during snow and icy conditions?

Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) responded to question one, stating the number of grit bins had increased by 10% over the last 8 years.

Councillor Jones responded to question two and said he would provide a written answer and that cycle routes were kept as clear as possible as a priority. He said that the use of salt on cycle paths near to waterways might not always be appropriate.

4.3.4 Public Questions Concerning Sheffield's Libraries

Matthew Smith asked the following three questions:

How do book loan issues for December 2020 compare with December 2019 for the Council run libraries?

Sheffield's two Carnegie libraries at Tinsley and Walkley were funded according to the "Carnegie Funding Formula" which required public support rather than making endowments because, as Andrew Carnegie wrote: "an endowed institution is liable to become the prey of a clique. ". What steps has the cabinet member for libraries taken to ensure the volunteer groups currently running the Associate libraries in Walkley and Tinsley maintain the same standards of neutrality as intended by Andrew Carnegie?

Could the Cabinet Member for libraries endeavour to hold a public open Question and Answer session via Zoom alongside the Head of Libraries at some point this year.

Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure) said that around 20% of the usual loans were made last year. These were via the order and collect system. Councillor Lea stated that when Sheffield was no longer subject to Coronavirus related restrictions, she hoped the libraries and book loaning would be running normally again.

In answer to question two, Councillor Lea said that the associate libraries had leases which tie them to the standards of the Council and that the Council continued to have good relationships with these libraries. She said she had no evidence that the libraries were not running an inclusive service. She said this applied to Walkley, as an associate library. The Carnegie building had not been used as a library since 1985, and the associate library there was run by Tinsley forum's one-stop-shop, having recently been renovated. Councillor Lea said that she hoped that once the restrictions were lifted, this will be up and running.

Councillor Lea responded to question three, stating there were no plans for a public meeting currently, but this would remain under review.

4.3.5 Public Question Concerning City Council Repairs

Ann Whitaker asked why does it take the City Council Repairs Department several days to repair a boiler, when it should be done within 24 hours and then leave the resident with only one available electric socket in the whole house for 3 weeks, the burst boiler having flooded the electrics. Then take almost 3 months to relocate a socket that was unsafe to use as it was situated under the boiler. She said this had happened recently to an elderly lady living in the High Green area, who had serious health issues, making her life even more difficult.

Further, Ann Whitaker asked what assurances the City Council could give to residents, that it is taking action to ensure that this doesn't happen in the future.

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) responded that an investigation had been carried out into the particular case to which the question referred and that showed that the electrics were on and working and there was photographic evidence of this. Councillor Wood said that he had instructed an Area Housing Officer to visit the resident concerned in relation to this particular case.

4.3.6 Public Questions Concerning Housing Repairs

Jim Coleman asked: can the Cabinet Member clarify what the waiting times are for the Council housing repairs service please?

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) said that he believed that there was some incorrect information being shared about this issue currently. He said that an emergency repair should be carried out within 4 hours, an urgent repair should be carried out within 24 hours and the other two repair categories had not yet been reactivated by the Council through the Coronavirus response group.

Councillor Wood said that in December 2020, there were 68 emergency calls and 4,476 urgent calls. Of those emergency calls, 61 were responded to in less than 3 hours, 7 were awaiting parts and took a further 12 hours. Councillor Wood said that of the urgent calls 3,461 were completed within 24 hours. Of the remaining, some took up to 3 days to be completed due to the ordering of

parts, sometimes over a weekend. He stated that if heating was needed by people waiting for repairs, it was provided.

4.3.7 Public Question Concerning Rental Contracts

Connor Shreeves asked the following 5 questions:

1. Why are you allowed to break your contracts with the tenant but as soon as the tenant break the contract with you there will be out on their ear?
2. As a landlord you have to organise the inspection like you have done but why have you not looked at other alterations to the property such as looking for leaking internal pipes, broken or faulty heating systems and cracked walls or rotten window frames?
3. Am I going to get a rent reduction as compensation for the 9 months last year you left me with rotten and mouldy walls from January to September 2020 and from December 2020 until you fix the problem again?
4. Are you going to replace the damaged plaster board, skirting boards, replace mouldy carpets and give me a redecorating grant to decorate the affected areas?
5. You as a landlord have to ensure that the house/ flat a tenant lives in is “fit to live in” so why are you letting tenants live in an unfit house if the mould is seriously effecting your health as it as mine as I’ve told you on multiple occasions. Please explain to me in detail why you are still allowing this to happen?

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) responded and requested that he be provided with the details of the case(s) referred to in the questions so that he could respond to Connor Shreeves in writing.

4.3.8 Public Questions Concerning Recycling, Air Quality, an Apology and the LGO Rustlings Road Report

Russell Johnson asked the following 4 questions:

1. Recycling
In 2018-19, (latest available figures) Sheffield was ranked 300 out of 345 Local Authorities for overall recycling performance. Why?
2. Air Quality
Is the Council aware that there is widespread abuse of clean air legislation by burning unauthorised materials and/or by using non approved stoves or fireplaces. Discussions on social media reveal the impression that SCC does not engage in effective action in accordance with its responsibilities, and that this was the case before the Covid crisis. Why?

3. Apology?

I urge the Leader, on behalf of the whole Ruling Group, to issue a sincere apology for the harm caused to Sheffield's people and their assets by the Council's behaviours during the tree felling debacle. To help Members appreciate the importance and value of moving towards atonement, I offer a short quotation from Nick Hayes' *Trespass*: *'An apology is an acknowledgment of responsibility, the moment an addict first looks in the mirror and sees himself. It is the first step to recovery. It is a spell that, once uttered, changes the story, resets the balance. It can level the fences, turning division into unity'*. A proper apology, followed by a shared collaborative process to uncover the truths beneath this most unfortunate chapter in the history of Sheffield local Governance, would be cathartic and restorative. (The proposed Archive could be helpful in this). Apologising will help to cleanse the toxic reputation of Labour in my city for the Party's natural supporters. I am one of those people.

4. SCC's response to the LGO Rustlings Road Report

Will the Council be making their response to the Ombudsman public? If yes, when? If no, why not?

Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) responded to question one. He said that the figures for Sheffield's recycling could and must be better, and that this was his intention. He said that household waste was decreasing, although COVID had impacted this, and that the Council would do more to ensure there were improvements on recycling.

In response to question two, Councillor Jones said that there might be an element of misunderstanding in terms of what goes on social media. He said that investigations were carried out when there are suggestions of problems in clean air sites. Councillor Jones said it was possible that people using burners are not complying with the use of those devices. Councillor Jones said that if Mr Johnson wanted to provide details of places he felt should be investigated, then he would ask officers to do this.

Councillor Bob Johnson (The Leader of the Council) responded to question three. He said that a full and frank apology had already been given.

In response to question four, Councillor Johnson stated the Ombudsman report was considered by Council's Cabinet at its meeting on the 21st October 2020 and a report and minutes confirming the Council's response were available on the website.

4.3.9 Public Question Concerning Rother Valley Car Park

Ann Woolhouse submitted the following question: 'I go to Rother Valley on a fairly regular basis; when I do I park in the car park at the back entrance. The car park is quite small and in a poor state of repair, which was one of the reasons people park their cars on the road and roundabout, The other was that

despite the poor condition it was often full. She asked what the Council intend to do about this? For clarification, this is the car park by the roundabout opposite Meadow Gate Avenue and is in the Sheffield area.

Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure) said that the Council acknowledged there were some issues at Rother Valley car park and that parking encroached on the local area. Councillor Lea stated that Councillor Julie Grocutt (the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) would be looking at this issue and possible solutions. Councillor Lea said that the Council wanted to encourage people to use green spaces, but it understood the difficulties that people can experience in relation to parking.

4.3.10 Public Questions Concerning Foundation Living Wage

Nigel Slack asked the following questions:

1. With the Government having given very clear indications that, despite pre-Brexit promises, they intend a bonfire of workers rights and protections, will this Council confirm that a commitment to paying the Foundation Living Wage will continue to be Council policy for their own employees?
2. Will Council also confirm that the same Foundation Living Wage will be expected of all contractors of Sheffield City Council and how they intend to enforce that within their 'Ethical Procurement Policy'?

Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader) responded that in respect of both questions, the answer was 'yes' and announcements in that regard would be made in the next few months.

4.3.11 Public Questions Concerning Sheffield Legal Services (SLS)

Justin Buxton submitted the follow questions:

1. Is SLS a commercial venture / enterprise?
2. What is the legal status of SLS as an entity?
3. What is the financial relationship between Sheffield City Council and SLS?
4. Who paid for setup costs and pays day-to-day costs incurred by SLS? What is the figure to date?
5. What happens to any profit made by SLS?
6. Who is responsible for any liability incurred by SLS (including being sued or similar)?
7. Was a business plan submitted to and approved by elected members? If so is this available for public scrutiny?

Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader) responded to these questions. He said that information concerning Sheffield Legal Services was available on the Council website. Councillor Fox stated that Sheffield Legal Services was not a separate legal entity.

4.3.12 Public Questions Concerning Repairs and Maintenance

John Hawkins submitted the following questions:

1. I would like to ask is can repairs and maintenance deal directly with tenants reporting repairs instead of waiting times in excess of 40 minutes with the call centre after initial contact and afterwards tenants are left in a loop.
2. Why are vacants left for months empty i.e. loss of revenue. One on Lowedges had been empty two and a half years and this is not an isolated occasion.
3. Why are board-ups left for months? Local housing officials' failure to monitor or address tenants, knock on effect stops repairs and maintenance completing repairs leading to estates looking deprived.

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) responded to question one. He said that there were some improvements that could be made and he stated that a new IT system was being introduced to allow tenants direct access to the Repairs Centre. He said that this system should be available around April/May this year.

In response to question two, Councillor Wood said that the average time a property is left vacant is under 50 days. He said that there might be extenuating circumstances with some properties, and in those cases, they may be vacant for longer.

On question three, Councillor Wood said that at the start of the lockdown in March 2020, only minimal and essential work was allowed and that this resulted in windows being left boarded up and created a backlog. He said this was now being addressed.

4.3.13 Public Questions Concerning Free School Meals, the Speed Limit in Westfield and the Crossing on Station Road

Kurtis Crossland submitted the following questions:

1. Will the Council commit to supporting children with free school meals for the entire pandemic?
2. Has Westfield moved up the list for a 20mph zone or does it remain "not a priority"?

3. Has the study taken place for the crossing on Station Road and can you give an approximate date for construction yet?

Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families) asked Councillor Abtisam Mohamed to respond to question one, as the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. Councillor Drayton wanted to thank Mr Crossland for bringing this question to the Council and for keeping this issue on the agenda.

Councillor Abtisam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) said that the Council had received money from the government for the Winter Grants Scheme and the Council had used this money to cover free school meals over Christmas and during the February half-term holiday for over 30,000 families. She said that from Easter the government was extending the Holiday Activities Fund which was piloted over the summer. Sheffield had been allocated up to £2.6 million to cover summer 2021.

Councillor Julie Grocutt responded to question two and said that delivering 20 mph speed limits across all residential areas in Sheffield was a priority. Councillor Grocutt said that the roll out of this scheme was a significant undertaking, and that in order to deliver this in a managed and affordable way the Council had identified priority areas in the city so that this can be delivered in phases. The primary source of funding for delivering 20mph limits and all of the local transport improvements across the city each year is from the £2.4 million annual allocation from the South Yorkshire Local Transport Integrated Grant. This fund covered a large number of requests to local transport improvements; therefore, the Council had to prioritise how this funding is spent. Councillor Grocutt said that the Council was looking for alternative additional funding to make these local road safety improvements and including the acceleration of the 20mph zone programme. She said that the Westfield area was ranked 11th on the list of priorities for the 20mph schemes and is likely to be progressed.

Councillor Grocutt responded to question three and gave an update on the crossing on Station Road. She said that the feasibility of improved pedestrian crossing on Station Road had been undertaken and following discussions with the team that had developed the proposals, arrangements for a local consultation would be confirmed shortly. She said once the findings of the consultation are known, the construction period for this crossing will be confirmed. Councillor Grocutt thanked Councillor Tony Downing for his work on promoting road safety and for his work on this proposal.

4.3.14 Public Question on the Climate Crisis

Lindy Stone asked the following question: 'In February 2019 Sheffield City Council recognised the urgency of the climate crisis and declared a Climate Emergency. Since this time they have been working on developing a clear data base and are now developing an action plan. In the intervening period, it has become even clearer that alongside the drive to meet a net zero target, it is essential that it is recognised there is an ecological crisis. Biodiversity is in

serious decline globally, nationally and locally as the State of Nature report demonstrated. The ecological crisis is both part of and feeds into climate crisis and for the health of the planet is equally dangerous. To name it is to note it. Specific plans do not need to be adopted and developed first. A Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is making its way through Parliament with extensive support. The Wildlife Trusts across the UK are calling on the government and councils to declare ecological emergencies and several councils have recognised this and done so - including Doncaster MBC. Will Sheffield do the same?'

Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) responded and said that he had sent on a draft on his response to the ecological issues the city faces to Lindy Stone. He referred to the answer given to the petition submitted earlier at this meeting on this subject and said he looked forward to working with Lindy Stone on these issues in the future.

4.3.15 Public Questions on the Council and the Public and Repairs

Sophie Thornton submitted the following questions:

1. What steps is the Leader taking to ensure this Council treats members of the public and campaigners with respect?
2. Can I have an update to the number of completed boarded up window repairs in Lowedges, Jordanthorpe and Batemoor since I last asked.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Bob Johnson), responded to question one. He said everyone should be treated with respect and if anybody had any concerns they should report these to the Council's Monitoring Officer. He said there is an independent procedure for this, through the Audit and Standards Committee and it will be followed.

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) responded to question two and said the Council had completed 18 of the boarded-up properties in the S8 postcode from the 1st November to the beginning of January.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor (Cllr Tony Downing) reported that he had received a request from Councillor Douglas Johnson for permission to ask a question relating to urgent business, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii). The question related to recent events in Myanmar and in Russia. The Lord Mayor stated that he would not grant permission for the question to be asked, for the reason that the question did not relate to urgent business that needed to be responded to at this meeting, but instead advised Councillor Johnson that he

may wish to seek a written response from the Leader of the Council, or alternatively, he may wish to consider submitting a notice of motion on the matter when this process resumes at the Council meetings.

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 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 16.6i), were not able to be asked before the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions.

6. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2021/22

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Paul Wood, and seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20th January 2021 in relation to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Budget 2021/22, be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 3rd February 2021 that:-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2021/22, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2021/22, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (c) rents for council dwellings are increased by 1.5% from April 2021 in line with the Regulator of Social Housing's Rent Standard;
- (d) rents for temporary accommodation remain unchanged for 2021/22;
- (e) garage rents for garage plots and garage sites are increased by 1.5% from April 2021;
- (f) the community heating standing charge is increased by £0.60 per week from April 2021, and the unit kWh price remains unchanged for 2021/22;
- (g) the sheltered housing service charge remains unchanged for 2021/22;

- (h) the burglar alarm charge remains unchanged for 2021/22; and
- (i) the furnished accommodation charge remains unchanged for 2021/22.”

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, as an amendment, that the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20th January, 2021, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2021/22, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-

- (j) welcomes that Sheffield has set an ambition to become a zero carbon city by 2030, and at the February 2020 full council meeting the Council accepted an amendment by the main opposition group to bring a report to Cabinet within six months setting out a programme outlining how all of the housing stock covered by the HRA will have had sufficient investment in both energy efficiency schemes and new heating systems to contribute to meet the city’s zero carbon target within the next ten years and, as this report has yet to go to Cabinet, requests that such a report should go to Cabinet in the next three months; and
- (k) notes the concerns of many council tenants with the backlog in council housing repairs over the past year, and requests that for all council tenants there is a single point of contact for all tenant issues, including repairs and maintenance, and that the Repairs and Maintenance Service aims for a one visit solution for all repair calls with, if required, a timely follow-up visit to fully complete the work.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20th January, 2021, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2021/22, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (m) as follows:-

- (j) is pleased to note the HRA Business Plan finally recognises the impact that housing can have in addressing the climate change emergency and that the Council will, this year, set a priority to develop plans to address climate change and contribute to achieving zero carbon emissions by 2030;
- (k) believes that effective mechanisms to measure and record the impact on the climate crisis are essential;
- (l) therefore requests officers to bring forward reports on:-
 - (i) how to measure (A) space heating demand in addition to Energy Performance Certificates and (B) carbon embodied in buildings;
 - (ii) options for the use of geothermal, ground- or air-source heat pumps and solar panels, to replace boiler houses; and

- (iii) maximising the scope for boosting biodiversity on housing land;
and
 - (m) believes that housing improvements are important but that the present backlog of housing repairs must be addressed, including those non-urgent repairs where there is a contractual duty.
- 6.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Paul Wood, the amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar was put to the vote and was negatived.
- 6.4.1 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-
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| For the amendment
(32) | - | The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery. |
| Against the
amendment (46) | - | The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood. |
| Abstained from
voting on the
amendment (0) | - | Nil |
- 6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt was then put to the vote and was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That:-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2021/22, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2021/22, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (c) rents for council dwellings are increased by 1.5% from April 2021 in line with the Regulator of Social Housing's Rent Standard;
- (d) rents for temporary accommodation remain unchanged for 2021/22;
- (e) garage rents for garage plots and garage sites are increased by 1.5% from April 2021;
- (f) the community heating standing charge is increased by £0.60 per week from April 2021, and the unit kWh price remains unchanged for 2021/22;
- (g) the sheltered housing service charge remains unchanged for 2021/22;
- (h) the burglar alarm charge remains unchanged for 2021/22;
- (i) the furnished accommodation charge remains unchanged for 2021/22;
- (j) this Council is pleased to note the HRA Business Plan finally recognises the impact that housing can have in addressing the climate change emergency and that the Council will, this year, set a priority to develop plans to address climate change and contribute to achieving zero carbon emissions by 2030;
- (k) this Council believes that effective mechanisms to measure and record the impact on the climate crisis are essential;
- (l) this Council therefore requests officers to bring forward reports on:-
 - (i) how to measure (A) space heating demand in addition to Energy Performance Certificates and (B) carbon embodied in buildings;
 - (ii) options for the use of geothermal, ground- or air-source heat pumps and solar panels, to replace boiler houses; and
 - (iii) maximising the scope for boosting biodiversity on housing land; and
- (m) this Council believes that housing improvements are important but that the present backlog of housing repairs must be addressed, including

those non-urgent repairs where there is a contractual duty.

- 6.6.1 (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, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

- 7.1 Greg Fell, the Director of Public Health, provided an update on the latest position in relation to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, including the latest epidemiology and key metrics. Mr Fell described the epidemiology and indicated that lateral flow testing was now being done in Sheffield although not in great volumes. He said there was a significant rise in cases between mid-December and the end of December 2020. Lockdown 3 started at New Year, and there was a decline from then on until mid-January where the rate of decline levelled. Mr Fell stated that the numbers were still going down; however, they are now going down quite slowly. He said that the biggest risk continued to be households mixing, but that this should decrease with the lockdown although some people are still going into work. Mr Fell said that all age cases were falling steadily, although this might fluctuate and the fall is happening quite slowly. He said that the over-60s cases were also falling. He stated that the measure of reproduction was just below 1, but warned that this could change quite quickly. 20% of hospital beds now had a patient with Covid-19 in them. He said that the cohort is younger than might be expected, with Intensive Care Unit patients including a large number of 45 to 65-year-old patients.
- 7.2 Mr Fell gave an update on the Kent variant, and stated that 70% of all cases in Sheffield were the new variant. He said that this strain had now taken over the original virus, and reinforced that it was more transmissible and possibly more lethal. He said there has been a small increase in case mortality rates. Mr Fell said that the control measures were exactly the same, and the key things were vigilance and lapses in adherence. Mr Fell said that there were two more variants of concern, the South African variant and the variant from Brazil. Both were real concerns, both in relation to effectiveness of the vaccine and the possibility of people being re-infected who already had antibodies to the initial virus.
- 7.3 Mr Fell spoke briefly about vaccinations and noted that inequality in coverage was not proving to be an issue currently, but it could be in future. He said that a lot was being done to improve access to the vaccine and to address people's concerns. Mr Fell stated that there are early signs that the vaccination process was working, and was beginning to reduce death and hospitalisation in the elderly. Mr Fell said that the effect of vaccination on transmission was not yet known. Mr Fell encouraged everyone to very cautious, even when they had received the vaccine, and to adhere to public health and hygiene methods. Mr

Fell stated that it would be foolish to allow unmitigated spread in an unvaccinated population as the virus would still cause harm to younger people and unmitigated transmission and replication could lead to virus mutation. Mr Fell said the Council were pushing for full vaccination as soon as possible.

- 7.4 Mr Fell said he expected things to ease as we entered Spring. He said there will be seasonality in the virus, with people spending more time outside in Spring and this would have an impact. There was also some uncertainty about how the variants might progress. Mr Fell said he supposed the government might gently and slowly relax measures from mid to late Spring, in order to observe what happened as each of the individual measures was relaxed. He said that there remained some risk in the medium term, and that next winter will be problematic. However, getting to a very low level of the virus circulating was viable.
- 7.5 Mr Fell said that the criteria for review included when the R number was well below one, when the community transmission rate is similar to last summer and when there was a well vaccinated population. Mr Fell added that the basic strategy was unchanged.
- 7.6 Dr Zak McMurray (Medical Director at the Clinical Commissioning Group) spoke about the vaccination process in Sheffield. Dr McMurray said that the vaccination process was 'the light at the end of the tunnel', but there was still some way to go. He said that the vaccination process was led nationally and medical practices had to opt-in to an additional service to provide vaccinations. He said only one practice in Sheffield had chosen not to offer this service. He said that the supply of vaccines was the limiting factor. Around 90,000 people in Sheffield had been immunised so far. He said that all Sheffield residents in nursing homes had been offered a vaccination, and two thirds of the housebound population had been vaccinated, alongside the large majority of over 80-year-olds. Significant progress had also been made in vaccinating those over 75-yearsold and those over 70-years-old. Both the Pfizer and Astra Zeneca vaccines were being administered. T When the second doses were due, it would be necessary to administer the same volume of vaccines but with the second doses in addition and this was when the mass vaccination centres would come into use.
- 7.7 Dr Oliver Hart (Clinical Director for the local Primary Care Network) gave an overview of the differences between the two vaccine types. He said that the GP centres had engaged well with the voluntary sector and the local community. He said most of the Primary care Networks (PCNs) had delivered 500 vaccines per day, totalling 2500 vaccines per week for each PCN. He said that in most practices 80% to 90% of the vaccines offered had been taken up, with some 10% declining to have the vaccine, and the remaining 10% being uncertain. Dr Hart asked for the Council's help working with the community to assure people that the vaccines were safe.
- 7.8 The presentations were followed by an opportunity for Members of the Council to ask questions and a summary of the questions and responses was as follows:

A question was asked about the risk of health inequality and what was being done to ensure people could access the vaccine if they did not drive and did not want to take public transport during the pandemic. Dr Hart said that campaigning for a more consistent approach to the vaccine in terms availability was essential, as people needed notice of their vaccination in advance. He said that particularly with the Astra Zeneca vaccine, GPs were going to people's home to administer the vaccine, and that pop up vaccine centres were being used in communities where the take up for the vaccine is lower. He said that most people were attending their vaccination appointment.

Questions were asked in relation to the numbers of people from the BAME communities that had been vaccinated, compared to the wider community in Sheffield and concerning the effectiveness of the vaccination with the gap between the first and second vaccination doses being longer than suggested by medical experts.

Dr McMurray responded that there currently did not appear to be a significant difference between the vaccination take up in BAME communities and the wider community in Sheffield, apart from a small difference in the African Caribbean community. He added that it was important to keep engaging with Elders in religious groups, and that there was some national communications due to be released in that regard. He said that so far, this has not been a major issue, but it may be as the process moved further down the cohorts.

A number of scientists had looked at the evidence and said that the gap between vaccinations was reasonable and only a minor reduction in effectiveness with an increased gap between the two vaccination had been seen. Mr Fell added that the data relating to BAME communities was limited and based on an old Census, but he added that the uptake in BAME communities was better than expected. Elderly Asian groups and the Black African population was a key concern, and work was being done to reassure people and improve access to the vaccination for these groups.

In response to a question about prioritisation of the vaccine, Greg Fell responded and said there were some nuances and difficulties in deciding who was high priority and what 'front line work' meant. He said that there was a national policy of age based vaccination and that on the basis of occupation alone, front line NHS and social care workers should be vaccinated.

A question was asked as to how data about reinfection rates in the new variants was being recorded and how this information would be shared with the public. A further question was raised about the gap extension with the Pfizer vaccine, and in reference to research from the University of Cambridge which suggested only 50% in the over-80s achieved neutralisation after one dose.

Greg Fell responded and said that based on the current data reinfection rates were very low. Whilst he had not seen any evidence to date of reinfection with the Kent/B117 variant, he said the Chief Medical Officer was concerned about reinfection with the Manaus variant, and that full vaccination was essential to minimise the effect of this variant and any others. The first vaccine jab did not

lower the risk of getting the virus but lowered the risk of serious illness because of the virus. Mr Fell stated that information concerning reinfection rates was being collected, but this data had not been made available to him yet.

A question was asked concerning whether it was possible for front line workers, such as supermarket staff, to be tested daily to prevent the spread of the virus. Mr Fell said the evidence did not suggest that this lowered the rate of transmission significantly and it was logistically problematic to test large populations. There was a move toward home based lateral flow testing, although approval was required. He said that there were not at present, sufficient resources to test all 'key workers'.

In response to a question concerning preparations in Sheffield for the South African and Brazilian variants of the virus, Greg Fell responded and stated that if these variants were linked to recent travel, then the process was to test everyone close to the person infected. If the case was not linked to recent travel then door to door testing was necessary.

A question was asked about the uptake of the vaccination in BAME communities and reference made to a pop-up vaccination centre in a local mosque and as to whether there was a plan to do more of these in future. Dr Hart responded and said that the importance of good relationships with communities was recognised. Dr McMurray added that GP Practices also had knowledge of the local population and links to their communities. It was important to encourage people with doubts about the vaccine to have conversations about it with their GP.

Questions were asked how the vaccination process would be affected once the second doses of the vaccines began, and if major changes would be needed during this time. Dr Hart responded that whilst this was a concern alongside GP's day work, there was a capability to deliver many vaccines each week and he said he felt confident there would be the ability to manage the increase in volume, although this would depend on supply of the vaccine. Dr McMurray added that there was capacity to increase the number of vaccinations administered, with capacity currently running at approximately 20% and there was some flexibility around capacity and resources between the Primary Care Networks, Hospitals and Sheffield Arena.

Questions were asked relating to difficulty vaccinating care home staff; whether if somebody declined to have the vaccine, they were offered more information about how to come back should they change their minds; and whether it was possible to prioritise teachers for the vaccine, and if would that work as a process.

In response to question one Dr McMurray said there are some issues with uptake for vaccinations from care home staff, but there are fewer issues than expected. Greg Fell added that Dr McMurray and Dr Hart were doing what they can to increase uptake of the vaccine by care home staff. In response to question two, Dr McMurray said there was a process in place for providing information to a person initially declining to the vaccinated. In response to

question three, he said that the priority for vaccination was decided nationally, and there is very little flexibility to deviate from this.

Questions were asked about the R rate in Sheffield; what could be done to keep the R rate below 1; and about the level of confidence of keeping the R rate below 1.

Greg Fell responded and said the R rate is not measured at city level, but the rate for Yorkshire and the North East is between 0.8 and 1.1. He said if the R rate was below 1, the epidemic would shrink. Mr Fell said the restrictions were having a downward impact on the R rate, and that he would predict a tier system after the current lockdown had ended.

A question was asked as to whether there was any research which looked at whether people who have had the vaccine still carry and pass on the virus. Greg Fell responded and said that his opinion was that being vaccinated would decrease the chance of transmission of the virus; however, it could still be passed on people's hands. Mr Fell said he expected to have more information on this over the next few weeks.

Questions were asked about whether enough was being done to make it clear that vaccination does not necessarily make people immune to the virus and to passing it on; whether the variants were more concerning than suggested by the news reports; and whether the rules for lockdown were being enforced firmly enough, in particular in supermarkets.

Dr Hart responded and said that the messaging when giving the vaccine was very important and could be improved. Mr Fell said that there was concern about the variants and the possibility of them being resistant to the vaccines. He stated that global vaccination is important, adding: 'nobody is safe until we're all safe'.

In response to question three, Mr Fell said that the present lockdown was less strict than the lockdown in March 2020 and more activity had been allowed. He said there were places that were not following the rules and Environmental Health Officers carried out enforcement as and when needed. People could raise a concern about breaches of COVID-19 guidelines with the health protection service.

In response to a question about whether the UK would be taking vaccines from suppliers other than Astra Zeneca and Pfizer, Members were informed that different vaccines might be accepted. The infrastructure was in place, although specific training might be required for new vaccines. Examples of other vaccines were the Moderna vaccine and Sputnik vaccine.

A question was asked about people in the S6 postcode having been sent to the Arena for their vaccinations and as to whether alternative options were available to them. A further question was asked about the durability of the vaccinations, and as to whether top-up injections would be needed in the future. Dr McMurray responded that S6 was the area that didn't have a Practice sign up. He said that

by the end of the weekend, all those over 80-years-old will have been vaccinated. He added if somebody could not travel to the Arena then an alternative arrangement would be made.

Greg Fell said it was not yet known how durable the vaccination was. He said it might be the case that there needed to be a booster vaccine each year, similar to the administration of the flu jab.

The Council noted the information reported and thanked all of the presenters for attending the meeting and providing their updates and for answering Members' questions.

8. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

- 8.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, that this Council (a) notes the minor/consequential changes to the Financial Procedure Rules (Financial Regulations) within Part 4 of the Constitution, made by the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, under delegated authority, as outlined in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, and its Appendix A and (b) approves the further changes to the Financial Procedure Rules, as set out in the report and its Appendices B and C.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record.

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 10.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, that:-

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

Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and - Councillors Lewis Dagnall, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Sophie Wilson to fill

Policy Development Committee	vacancies
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Substitute Members	- Councillors Ben Miskell and Moya O'Rourke to fill vacancies
Planning and Highways Committee	- Councillor Jim Steinke to fill a vacancy
Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members	- Councillor Bryan Lodge to replace Councillor Jim Steinke
Licensing Committee	- Councillor Neale Gibson to replace Councillor Jim Steinke
Admissions Committee	- Councillor Sophie Wilson to fill a vacancy
Senior Officer Employment Committee	- Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill a vacancy
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	- Councillor Denise Fox to replace Councillor Anne Murphy and Councillor Karen McGowan to fill a vacancy
Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member for Birley Ward	- Councillor Denise Fox to replace Councillor Karen McGowan
Corporate Parenting Board	- Councillor Jim Steinke to replace Councillor Sophie Wilson
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	- Councillor Jim Steinke to fill a vacancy
Place Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee	- Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill a vacancy

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

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Boards
(1 Member, plus 1 Reserve):-

Housing and Infrastructure Board	- Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill a vacancy as the SCC Member
Transport and the Environment Board	- Councillor Julie Grocutt to replace Councillor Bob Johnson as the SCC Member; and Councillor Bob Johnson to replace Councillor Abdul Khayum as the Reserve Member

- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit & Standards Committee - Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards to replace Councillor Josie Paszek and Councillor Ben Curran to fill a vacancy
- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Neale Gibson
- Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber - Councillor Bob Johnson to replace Councillor Tony Damms
- Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members - Councillor Ben Curran to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Neale Gibson

- (c) it be noted that, with effect from 6th January 2021, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Bob Johnson) has appointed Councillor Julie Grocutt to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee in place of himself, and that he will serve as a substitute member of that Committee; and
- (d) Mr. Mark Power be re-appointed to serve as a private sector representative on the Independent Remuneration Panel, for a further four-year term ending 6th February, 2025.

11. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDY HINMAN

- 11.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) provided an opportunity for Members of the Council to pay tribute to former Councillor Andy Hinman, who sadly had died on 27th January 2021.
- 11.2 Former Councillor Hinman had served as a Member of the Council from 1995 to 1999, representing the Nether Edge Ward.
- 11.3 Several Members of the Council spoke to pay tribute to him.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held on Wednesday 3 March 2021, at 2.00 pm, as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

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

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| <p>1 <i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i>
Simon Clement-Jones
Bob Pullin
Richard Shaw</p> | <p>10 <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Andy Bainbridge
Vic Bowden
Moya O'Rourke</p> | <p>19 <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Peter Garbutt
Jim Steinke
Alison Teal</p> |
| <p>2 <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Bob McCann
Chris Rosling-Josephs
Sophie Wilson</p> | <p>11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Barbara Masters
Shaffaq Mohammed</p> | <p>20 <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell
Jack Scott</p> |
| <p>3 <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan</p> | <p>12 <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Abdul Khayum
Abtisam Mohamed</p> | <p>21 <i>Richmond Ward</i>
Mike Drabble
Dianne Hurst</p> |
| <p>4 <i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i>
Angela Argenzio
Kaltum Rivers</p> | <p>13 <i>Fulwood Ward</i>
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft</p> | <p>22 <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i>
Dawn Dale
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall</p> |
| <p>5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i>
Jackie Drayton
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones</p> | <p>14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i>
Lewis Dagnall
Cate McDonald
Paul Turpin</p> | <p>23 <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn</p> |
| <p>6 <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Ruth Mersereau
Martin Phipps</p> | <p>15 <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Sue Auckland
Steve Ayris</p> | <p>24 <i>Stannington Ward</i>
David Baker
Penny Baker
Vickie Priestley</p> |
| <p>7 <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Tim Huggan
Mohammed Mahroof
Anne Murphy</p> | <p>16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek</p> | <p>25 <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Jack Clarkson
Julie Grocutt
Francyne Johnson</p> |
| <p>8 <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz</p> | <p>17 <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Terry Fox
Sioned-Mair Richards</p> | <p>26 <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Ben Curran
Neale Gibson</p> |
| <p>9 <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith</p> | <p>18 <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
Tony Downing
Kevin Oxley
Gail Smith</p> | <p>27 <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Alan Hooper
Adam Hurst
Mike Levery</p> |
| | | <p>28 <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Mick Rooney
Jackie Satur
Paul Wood</p> |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 An apology for absence from Councillor Alan Law was reported during the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR INABILITY TO VOTE ON THE SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX CHARGE

- 2.1 No Member declared an inability to vote on the setting of the Council Tax charge on the grounds of having Council Tax arrears of at least two months.

- 2.2 During the meeting, declarations of interests were made by Councillors Joe Otten and Mick Rooney as follows:-

(a) Councillor Otten declared a personal interest in item 8 on the agenda (item 6 of the minutes) - Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021-22 – in relation to the reference made to a proposed highway crossing on Hangingwater Road on the grounds that his daughter had been offered a place at High Storrs School next academic year and would therefore benefit from such a crossing; and

(b) Councillor Rooney declared a personal interest in item 4 on the agenda (item 3 of the minutes) - Public Questions – in relation to the questions regarding proposed job losses at the Rolls Royce Advanced Blade Casting Facility on the grounds that his brother-in-law had one of the jobs at risk.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported that three petitions and questions from five members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. He invited the petitioners to present their petitions, and the questioners to ask their questions.

3.2 Petitions

- 3.2.1 Petition Requesting Action to Tackle Parking Problems on the Road Around Rother Valley Country Park

The Council received a petition containing 241 signatures requesting the Council to urgently tackle the dangerous parking on the road around Rother Valley Country Park, and to work with the Country Park and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to come up with a long-term solution to the problem.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ann Woolhouse, who informed the Council that the car park at Rother Valley Country Park was small and in poor condition. There were problems with parking in the area and this was a concern for residents that lived in the area who had said that although

problems had been exacerbated by the coronavirus, the situation was also generally bad during summer. People parked vehicles on Meadowgate Drive and this adversely affected visibility for residents coming out from their driveway and there was a potential for accidents.

Ann Woolhouse said that cars parked on pavements and this obstructed pedestrians. She outlined the effect on wheelchair users and their ability to access the Park because of the potential danger of having to walk on the road due to pavements being blocked by visitors' cars. There was also concern about access for emergency vehicles, particularly when vehicles were parked on both sides of the road.

She asked what the City Council was going to do about the car park and the parking in the area.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development). Councillor Grocutt thanked Ann Woolhouse for presenting the petition. She confirmed that action would be taken to tackle the dangerous parking in the areas around Rother Valley Country Park and that the Council would work with the Country Park and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to find a long-term solution to the problem. Discussions had already begun with Rotherham and as Cabinet Member she explained that she had met with residents, the local Councillor and Member of Parliament to listen and understand the issues residents were facing.

Councillor Grocutt explained that she had asked officers in the Strategic Transport and Infrastructure service and Parking Services to coordinate with colleagues in the Parks and Countryside and Woodlands Service to propose a plan to tackle the issues. The plan would be co-operative with Rotherham Borough Council and the Country Park and the adjoining highways authority and the ambition was to develop a joined up coherent plan to minimise the impact on local residents, improve traffic management and options for short term parking for Rother Valley Country Park. Officers were investigating the funding options available to deliver an effective plan and the expectation was that the transport planning resource to develop and deliver the final plan was available to begin work on this project in mid-spring. In the meantime, the Council would continue to work with the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team to tackle the dangerous parking. She said that the local Councillor would be pleased to provide updates to the community.

3.2.2 Petition requesting the Council to Reduce the Waiting Times for Council House Repairs in Line with other Regional Local Authorities

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing 876 signatures requesting the Council to reduce waiting times for Council house repairs in line with other regional local authorities.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sophie Thornton who outlined various issues and concerns relating to people waiting for long periods of time for housing repairs, including someone being without a shower for over

six weeks, water leaks and roof leaks. She explained the effects on people and their families including in relation to their physical and mental health.

She said that the problem appeared to affect many people and that the petition showed the widespread dissatisfaction with the housing repairs service. She said that the Council could address the issues by admitting that there was a problem and apologising and committing to address the problems. She asked what the Council was going to do to tackle the issue.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety).

Councillor Wood apologised to the tenants including those mentioned by Sophie Thornton. He said he did not want to comment on individual cases, but would carry out investigations into each case.

Councillor Wood stated that the high average waiting time Sophie Thornton referred to applied to only one sector of repairs within the Housing Service. He said prior to COVID-19 the average waiting time across all sectors was 15.09 days; however, it was now 17.84 days. Councillor Wood stated that some increases in waiting times were due to tenants requesting their own supplies, which then needed to be ordered before work can be done.

Councillor Wood said that due to COVID-19, two sectors of the Housing Repairs service had been temporarily stopped, but were now due to be opened again. He said the Council would be creating extra capacity through offering over-time to existing staff and recruiting new Trade Operatives to fill vacancies. He added that 20 long-term apprentices were due to complete their qualification within the next month, and said that the Council was also considering increasing the work done with agency staff and sub-contractors.

Councillor Wood encouraged increased engagement with local Councillors across the city. He said he would respond to the individual cases and to Sophie Thornton as lead petitioner in writing.

3.2.3 Petition Requesting Road Safety Measures on Mortimer Road

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 375 signatures, requesting road safety measures on Mortimer Road. Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Julie Firth, who informed the Council that Mortimer Road is an unclassified country lane, which in some places is single track, with steep bends and drops. She said the road was increasingly popular, and that some motorcyclists did not adhere to the speed limit. She said there have been a number of accidents on the road, despite signs warning of the dangers. Julie Firth stated the petitioners would like the speed limit reducing from 60mph to 50mph.

Julie Firth stated that the speed limit in the nearby village of Midhopestones was 30mph. She requested that the sign indicating the change in speed limit be moved further up the road to allow drivers more notice. She added that the

petitioners would also like to see more warning signs, crash barriers and speed cameras.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development). Councillor Grocutt thanked Julie Firth for presenting the petition. She said that due to the number of road safety measure requests received, the Council had to assess and prioritise locations using a supporting evidence-based justification. She explained that the Council only had the budget to carry out three large area road safety schemes per year, and these were based on treating locations with high accident records.

Councillor Grocutt explained that Mortimer Road was almost 10 miles long, and that records show there had been 15 injury collisions across the 10-mile lane over the past 5 years. She said that there were areas across Sheffield with higher accident records and which must be treated as a priority. Councillor Grocutt said that changes had been made to Mortimer Road, including a new bend warning sign located on the first bend (after the Sugworth Rd turning when driving north). She added that maintenance work to clear overgrowing foliage had also been carried out, and bend marking posts had been replaced.

Councillor Grocutt said that the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership was responsible for deciding on locations for safety cameras, as it assessed the locations of community concern. She said she would arrange for the details of the petition concerning Mortimer Road to be given to the Safety Camera Partnership.

3.3 Questions

3.3.1 Public Question Concerning City-Wide Landlord Licensing

Caty Murray (Branch Secretary), on behalf of ACORN Sheffield, asked Councillor Paul Wood if he would commit to introducing city-wide landlord licensing following ACORN's accounts of bad landlords; presented to the Town Hall on Saturday 20th February.

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) responded and thanked Caty Murray for bringing this question to the Council. Councillor Wood said that the Council took private sector landlords and the quality of housing very seriously, and was committed to ensuring the highest standards for tenants both in private and public housing. He added that a Council accredited landlord scheme had been introduced.

Councillor Wood stated that there would be greater investment in private rented sector and enforcement teams and the Council budget showed the largest investment in recent years in the private rented sector. He explained that a working group had been set up to consider a city-wide licensing scheme, and the group will report back later in the year. There would also be increased monitoring of the private rented sector. Councillor Wood asked Caty Murray to forward any reports and concerns through to him, or to the tenant's local Councillor so these could be addressed.

3.3.2 Public Questions Concerning Proposed Job Losses at Rolls Royce

The Lord Mayor reported that Catherine Flannery and Dean Burgin had submitted questions concerning the proposed job losses at Rolls Royce. Both of them were not able to attend the Council meeting in person and Flis Callow would present the questions on behalf of Catherine Flannery and the questions of Dean Burgin would be dealt with in writing.

Flis Callow (on behalf of Catherine Flannery of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign) asked the following questions and read a letter sent to the Council:

“I am writing on behalf of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign about the proposed job losses at the Rolls Royce Advanced Blade Casting Facility at the Advanced Manufacturing Park. As Wednesday is the Council Budget meeting the threat of these job losses on top of those the city has already sustained is of particular importance.

Sheffield City Council have given our campaign considerable support and solidarity and we have been proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Council on many occasions to support our communities. We were extremely heartened, as you were, when the old and derelict Orgreave coking plant site was eventually going to be used for the benefit of our communities, providing local jobs and regenerating the area.

The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign is most concerned to see the proposed losses of 75 jobs at the Rolls Royce Advanced Blade Casting Facility at the Advanced Manufacturing Park. The legacy of the 1984/85 Miners’ Strike was huge job losses in this area, not just in the coal mining industry, but job losses as a result of the ripple down through the labour market. This had a devastating, heartbreaking and long lasting effect on many people's lives. The opening of the Advance Manufacturing Park in 2001 on the site of the Orgreave coking plant, the same site of the unprecedented use of police violence which this Council has condemned and called for the government to hold an inquiry into, has brought back some highly skilled jobs and some regeneration, one of the companies being the Rolls Royce Blade Casting Facility.

The Orgreave campaign stands shoulder to shoulder with Unite the Union who have been negotiating with Rolls Royce to stop these jobs losses. As trade unionists, we ask the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment:

1. Does the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member oppose these job losses, particularly given the budget decisions you will be making on 3rd March about the economic well being of our city?
2. If so, has the Council expressed their concerns to Rolls Royce already?
3. If not, will the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member contact Rolls Royce to do so?

4. Will the Leader and Sheffield Labour Group publicly condemn these job losses?
5. Will the Leader and Sheffield Labour Group publicly express support for Unite the Union's campaign against the job losses?"

Ms Callow requested both a verbal and written response to these questions.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment) responded to these questions. Councillor Iqbal thanked Flis Callow for presenting the questions. He stated that he had spoken with one of her colleagues from the union the previous day. Councillor Iqbal stated that job losses and redundancies were a global, national and city-wide issue due to the effects of COVID-19.

Councillor Iqbal stated that due to lack of funding from Government, Council budgets had been reduced over eleven years. He said he was able to speak with Rolls Royce, but he could not confirm that this would have an impact. Councillor Iqbal explained he was not able to condemn the job losses as people were not being fired but were being made redundant. He added that due to government cuts, the Council was also making redundancies.

Councillor Iqbal offered to meet with the union to discuss any ways in which the Council may be able to support them and those facing redundancies.

3.3.3 Public Questions Concerning Bins and Public Spaces

Rebecca Atkinson asked the following questions:

1. The Covid-19 pandemic has been a catalyst for many more people out walking, running and cycling - enjoying Sheffield's parks and public spaces. Our city's parks and trails have been a sanctuary during these difficult times. Enjoyment of the outdoors can and should be encouraged going forward. What plans are there for the future to further connect and promote our green spaces so that we can celebrate Sheffield as the outdoor city for residents and visitors to enjoy?
2. A number of extra bins were promised for the Bolehills over three weeks ago, but these have not materialised. When will they arrive?
3. Bins in parks across the city were full and overflowing across the weekend (27th - 28th Feb) – in the North West of the city residents have complained of littering due to shortage of bin space in Rivelin Valley, Crookes Valley Park and the Bolehills. What has the Council done to increase bin capacity in our parks and public spaces in Sheffield over the past year?
4. A lot of the material being put in the bins this weekend consisted of cardboard, aluminium cans and glass bottles. These are valuable

materials that are widely recycled. Can we have more segregated bins for recycling in our parks, please?

Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure) responded to these questions. She stated that the use of parks in Sheffield had increased significantly during the last year. Councillor Lea explained that there is a proposal for a Better Parks project to raise income for parks and to bring more facilities into parks. She added that over the past few years there had been an additional £400,000 per year of public health funding into Sheffield's parks. This investment would continue over the next two years, focused on areas where health had been poorest. Councillor Lea added that the General Cemetery had been the recipient of a Lottery Grant as a Heritage Site within Sheffield.

Councillor Lea thanked all friends of Sheffield's parks, including those who litter pick. She added that the Council worked closely with those groups. Councillor Lea stated that park activities will be developed over the next month and introduced over the summer, with a focus on children.

In response to the bins at Bolehills, Councillor Lea stated that the bin delivery had been delayed but that they would be installed as soon as possible.

Councillor Lea acknowledged that good weather at the end of February had increased use of the bins. She added that in response to increased use of Sheffield parks, more options to tackle litter had been implemented over the last year. She stated that over 20 permanent litter bins were installed, with a further 10 bins planned for the west of the city. 15 large temporary bins were also added. Councillor Lea said that additional weekend staff were put in place to increase litter collections, and additional temporary staff had been recruited in anticipation of the increased use of Sheffield's parks throughout summer 2021. She added that toilet and equipment cleaning had also been increased, alongside the 'take your litter home' campaign. Further measures were planned for this summer, including temporary bins where access was possible and in accordance with health and safety measures.

Councillor Lea stated that people taking litter home is the best thing to do; however, the Council would look at what could be done to increase recycling facilities in Sheffield parks. She added that the 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer' project would be introduced in four areas of the city and that a pilot was currently in progress.

3.3.4 Public Questions Concerning Referendum, November Full Council and Youth Services

Ruth Hubbard asked the following questions:

1. Sheffield People's Referendum

Across the country councils of all political hues operate under more democratic modern committee governance. Here in Sheffield the current administration has one of the smallest electoral mandates of any council

in the country where, under strong leader governance, over 90% of citizens have no rights to representation via their elected councillor in almost all decision-making. That's why citizens and communities working together have taken away this council's right to decide the way it works. The latest council changing to more democratic modern committee governance is Labour-led Cheshire East who are currently piloting their new committee system. Labour-led Newham also have a change of governance referendum (by choice) on 6th May. I was one of the speakers at the launch of their modern committee campaign, in their case almost wholly led by progressive labour supporters and activists. In Sheffield, branches and CLPs have passed motions to get rid of "strong leader" governance, and Labour supporters in the city widely support change and have been part of our community campaign. Although driven by the majority not linked to any party, is the new leader aware of the widespread (local and national) Labour support for change, along with other political party supporters, for getting rid of undemocratic, top-down strong leader governance?

2. Action following November Full Council

In January I asked about the incidents in November's full council when a member of the public presenting a petition was, in my view, humiliated and bullied in response by the then Leader, and what actions (if any) were taken, including by the Monitoring Officer, following those incidents. In response to my question I was told about the political opportunism of the Lib Dems, but no answer to my question. Likewise another member of the public in Cabinet, in pointing out the contradictions in the treatment of petitioners and asking for a clear protocol was told his question would be treated as a statement, not a question. Am I to assume that no action was taken by anyone following the November incident, and that no protocol in the treatment of petitioners will be agreed?

3. Youth Services

In September I asked about Youth Services being brought 'in-house' and the loss of significant stakeholders and partners in running the service, concerns about council in-house expertise and understanding of youth work, and about strategic and operational links with community and volunteer-run youth provision across the city (and in diverse communities) especially given the massive cuts in youth work of the last ten years. I received full, but very general, answers and clearly the priority at that time was managing the transfer.

(a) Can you please tell me how many managers and workers employed by the new service are JNC-recognised professional youth workers?
(I notice that the advert for a new Head of Youth Services does not require applicants to have a professional youth work qualification)

(b) Sheffield Futures was run by a multi-agency Board, in bringing services in-house how have the benefits of that been built in or

replicated?

(c) What are the mechanisms through which community-led youth service providers can be part of actively shaping and contributing to a better city youth work strategy and delivery of services?

Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader of the Council) stated that he had responded on many occasions that the work that the 'It's Our City' campaign had done was to be commended. He said that all City Councillors democratically and passionately represented all residents in Sheffield and made decisions such as in respect of planning and licensing and audit and standards matters or sitting on scrutiny committees to scrutinise the work of the Council's Cabinet. Councillor Fox thanked all Councillors for the work they do.

Councillor Bob Johnson (the Leader of the Council) responded to Ruth Hubbard's questions and said that if any complaints were received by the Monitoring Officer about the conduct of any Member, including following the November Council meeting, these would be considered in line with the Council's procedures. Standards were the remit of the Audit and Standards Committee and the process was independent of Cabinet Members.

Councillor Johnson said that with regard to a protocol concerning petitions, he would be pleased to see whether that was feasible and he would discuss the matter with officers and other political groups.

Councillor Abtisam Mohamed (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) stated that there were 4 managers and 14 workers with the recognised qualifications referred to in Ruth Hubbard's questions. She added that multi-agency working was continuing on a localised level at present. However, the Council was looking to have a multi-agency board involving stakeholders established following a consultation.

In relation to how people can actively get involved, Councillor Mohamed stated that the Council really wanted community groups to be as actively involved as possible. A consultation would be undertaken to help shape the design of youth services in Sheffield. She asked Ruth Hubbard to let her know if she was aware of any groups who did not yet know the dates of activities such as the workshops that were due to take place and stated she would then share those details with them. The Council wanted to make sure local communities were involved to help shape and design how youth services would look locally, recognising that different areas had different needs.

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS RELATING TO URGENT BUSINESS

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

5. PROPER OFFICER DESIGNATIONS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF RETURNING OFFICER & UPDATED LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION

- 5.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Terry Fox, that approval be given to the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, to (a) adopt the changes to the Management Structure and Statutory/Proper Officers section of the Constitution to transfer the functions of the Returning Officer for Local and Parliamentary elections from the Director of Policy, Performance and Communications to the Chief Executive and (b) note the approval of an updated Leader's Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions, and the Leader's Notice of Appointment of Executive Members.

6. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021-22

- 6.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):-

- (a) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 be suspended to remove the 2 minute time limit on the speeches of the movers and seconders of amendments and a new time limit be set whereby a total of 20 minutes will be shared by the mover and seconder of each amendment, and all other speakers shall have 2 minutes;
- (b) Council Procedure Rule 17.6 be suspended to remove the 25 minute time limit for the item of business; and
- (c) Council Procedure Rules 17.7(d) and 17.12(a) be suspended to remove the right of reply for the mover of the motion.

- 6.2 It was formally moved by Councillor Tony Damms and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17th February, 2021, arising from its consideration of a report of the Executive Director, Resources on the Council's Revenue Budget for 2021/22 and the Capital Strategy 2021-26, be approved:-

"RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 3rd March 2021:-

- (a) to approve a net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 amounting to £365.812m;
- (b) to approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,702.31 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (c) to approve the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty

Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 47 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2021;

- (d) to note that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 17 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (e) to approve the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (f) to approve the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
- (g) to note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in Appendix 3 to the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in part B of Appendix 6 of the report would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2021/22, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (h) to note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (i) to note the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £637,944 to the calculation of the budget requirement, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (j) to approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (k) to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report; which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2021/22 onwards;
- (l) to agree that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (m) to approve a Pay Policy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (n) to agree that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19,

2019/20, and 2020/21 be also implemented for 2021/22;

- (o) to approve the contents of the Capital Strategy and the specific projects included in the years 2021/22 to 2025/26; that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures; and
- (p) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2025/26, as per appendix 2 of the Capital report.”

6.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Bob Johnson, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th February 2021, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

1. believes the last twelve months have been some of the most challenging in Britain's recent peacetime history and that, against this backdrop, Sheffield staff (every single one of them a key worker) deserve the upmost praise for helping the city through the crisis and for their continued dedication;
2. believes that challenge will not diminish in the short term, and that we must rise to the new challenges still to come; the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our City and its people, but we must also be aware of adverse climate change and that the window for implementing meaningful change diminishes with each passing year;
3. notes that, against this challenging backdrop, this Administration will spend our resources as effectively as it can to 'build back better' from the pandemic, improving our resilience and sustainability for the long term, and that our Administration will respond swiftly and with flexibility to emerging needs and trends to support the City in its recovery and, as ever, we will strive to deliver the best possible value to the taxpayer;
4. notes that throughout the pandemic this Administration's focus has been working alongside our partners and communities to keep people safe and well, protect the most vulnerable, help people to get back to school and work, and support economic recovery and this has included helping 22,000 people through our community helpline, distributing hundreds of thousands of PPE items per week, and supporting schools to stay open for children of key worker and vulnerable families;
5. believes the Government have been placed in a difficult position in these unprecedented times, but that, however, clear mistakes have been made and they have failed to act sufficiently on numerous occasions, and where the Government have failed to deliver, this Administration has acted for Sheffield including:-

- (i) providing 6,000 laptops to school children of all age for home schooling during lockdown, with connectivity also funded for families who do not have access to education resources at home;
 - (ii) providing free school meal vouchers to over 22,000 children to help feed children over school holidays, after the Government initially refused to act; and
 - (iii) providing additional support from Council funds to residents struggling to pay for heating, utilities, or food, via hardship schemes;
6. notes/believes the following in response to the pandemic support for businesses:-
- (i) the demand for support has been vast and the Council has delivered over £100 million in grant funding, assisting 4,700 businesses across the city;
 - (ii) believes staff have worked hard to spend every penny of support available for businesses, but notes that there is strict funding criteria which is set by Government, and the Council has no power to alter the criteria, meaning some businesses have missed out; and
 - (iii) the small underspend favours well compared with other local authorities – delivering a higher percentage of grants than our South Yorkshire neighbours and comparable core cities such as Manchester and Nottingham, and thanks staff for their hard work in delivering this;
7. notes/believes the following in regard to managing the city's finances:-
- (i) we have achieved a balanced position, but there remains an uncertain picture beyond 2022 as the impact of responding to the pandemic continues;
 - (ii) after setting a balanced budget in 2020/21 we faced unprecedented resource and financial pressures when coronavirus plunged the country into lockdown last March;
 - (iii) reiterates that throughout the pandemic the focus has been on working alongside our partners and communities to keep people safe and well, protect the most vulnerable, help people to get back to school and work, and support economic recovery;
 - (iv) however, the impacts of the pandemic on people's livelihoods and businesses, the care sector, and on families, and the additional support they may need, will continue well into the future;
 - (v) there is no indication from Government as to whether any additional financial support will continue beyond 2021/22, and there is the very real prospect of an even harsher period of austerity than we have already

had to endure;

- (vi) notes that a balanced position has been reached for the coming financial year, but this relies on increasing council tax and delivering £21 million of in-service and corporate savings;
 - (vii) believes that Government are wilfully passing the burden of responsibility onto Sheffield tax payers, but that this Administration will always do what it can to support those struggling to pay and have increased the Council Tax Hardship Fund by £200k for 2021/22, meaning the Hardship Fund now totals £1.8m per year; and
 - (viii) agrees with the comments of Liberal Democrat Group Councillor, Mike Levery, at February's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting who stated that the Council has used "*financial management, prudence and adequate reserves. Congratulations to the finance team, this is a well-run council*";
8. believes that the Budget clearly shows that under this Administration the Council continues to push forward with a programme to transform its services, whilst putting citizens at the heart of these services, via learning lessons from how we have all adapted to the pandemic by making better use of technology to provide services in a more accessible way, focusing on preventing family breakdown and ill-health, and in enabling vulnerable people to live safely in their own homes wherever possible;
9. believes this Administration's funding programme for next year will enable citizen-centred services to be provided, whilst helping to contain costs, allowing scarce resources to be used to support social services for both adults and children;
10. notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) (A) the rising cost of social care for our elderly people, as our population ages, remains a national issue that urgently needs addressing, (B) it is accepted by most commentators that the current model for adult social care is unsustainable, (C) however, despite various reviews over the past 10 years, no solution has emerged from Central Government, and one is urgently required and (D) this lack of funding puts additional operational and financial pressures on the Council and on its partners; and
 - (ii) notes that over the last 4 years, the Council has provided these vital services with above inflation funding increases and this year is no different; a 14% increase for 2021/22 and an average of 11% over the last 4 years has seen the budget for adults and children's social services rise by a total of £88m;
11. believes that Sheffield can 'Build Back Better' under this Administration and that key to our activities over the coming years will be helping Sheffield to recover

from the effects of the pandemic and our careful financial management in recent years means that we are starting from a position of relative financial strength; we want to make Sheffield a great place for everyone to live, work and enjoy themselves, building on the spirit of its people, and the many great amenities in the City and its beautiful surrounding countryside;

12. notes that the Budget details numerous ways in which we intend to match this ambition including, but not limited to:-
 - (i) £5.3m towards growing an inclusive economy;
 - (ii) £6.1m for transport;
 - (iii) £6.8m in the 'People Portfolio' to support children, young people and their families, and adults and communities; and
 - (iv) £55.6 million for a 'Cleaner, Greener, Sheffield';

13. believes that following the economic impact of the pandemic and lockdown over the past year, it is more important than ever that the Council takes action to boost the economy, and welcomes the proactive partnership with the Business Recovery Group to produce the city's Business Recovery Plan, and this Administration will continue to prioritise new initiatives to support the economic development of the city;

14. notes the additional investment commitments in the 2021/22 Budget also include:-
 - (i) £4.2million extra into the Care Sector to improve pay for the staff providing services on behalf of the Council; we plan to work with care providers to deliver enhanced pay terms for front line workers in 2021/22;

 - (ii) £2million for Youth Services - This investment is planned to increase delivery of youth clubs and social action groups, provide youth services to the most deprived areas in the city promoting positive engagement and activities, enable keyworkers to support young people experiencing difficulties, and support partnership working with the voluntary sector; and

 - (iii) £1million extra for Community Safety – to provide better joint working across the Council, and with partners such as South Yorkshire Police, Voluntary Community Faith sector, Health and Schools, as well as our communities and local Members, to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce exploitation of the young and vulnerable with emphasis on prevention and early intervention work;

15. believes that due to this Administration's prudent handling of the budget, we have been able to set an ambitious budget for the future which is underpinned by key labour values – to put wealth in our communities, to invest in people, and to ensure that sustainability and tackling adverse climate change runs through everything we do, for example:-

- (i) sustainability is at the heart of our decision-making process with nearly £140m of projects in our capital programme have a direct impact on the City’s sustainability and resilience;
 - (ii) Consideration of Carbon ‘net zero’ is now embedded in Council decision making and we’re mindful of the environmental impact of our own assets – namely our buildings and fleet – and have been investing for several years to begin to mitigate this;
 - (iii) ethical procurement practices drive real social value for our City and maximise the benefits for our residents; we have a strong tradition of delivering employment and skills outputs for the communities we serve, and coupled with our focus on sustainability, we’re driving social value through our contracts;
 - (iv) we’ll support our local economy wherever we can and do what we can to keep Sheffield’s economy moving; and
 - (v) we’re empowering communities and providing effective governance, both of which are critical to the success of our capital programme and we will always look to strengthen locality working – to make the Council more responsive to local needs;
16. therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
17. approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2021/22 to 2025/26, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
18. approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2025/26, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report;
19. after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2021/22, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 amounting to £365.812m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Restated 2020/21	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2021/22
£000		£000
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	Portfolio budgets:	
214,443	People	243,745

111,626	Place	130,965
2,158	Policy Performance and Communications	2,335
<u>42,285</u>	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	<u>43,369</u>
370,512		420,414

Corporate Budgets:

Specific Grants

-5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-4,844
-5,834	Business Rates Inflation Cap Grant (BRIC)	-7,543
-6,852	Small Business Rates Relief	-7,340
-2,312	Retail Relief	0
-600	Health Income	0
0	Covid Funding one-off	-17,664
0	Lower Tier Services Grant	-900
0	Local Council Tax Support Grant	-5,612

Corporate Items

5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	4,844
3,000	Better Care Fund	0
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	0
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	0
900	Infrastructure Investment	0
11	Payment to Parish Councils	0
1,500	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
0	Managing Employee Reduction programme	-4,000
0	Target Operating Model	-1,500
0	Customer Focus	-500
0	Council Tax Support Protection	500
0	Corporate Savings Project Costs	1,160
1,975	Other	5,100

Capital Financing Costs

13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
5,473	Heart of the City 2	1,473
12,730	Streets Ahead Investment	12,387
6,134	MSF Capital Financing Costs	6,516

Reserves Movements

7,082	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	-57,341
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<u>420,171</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>365,812</u>
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Financing of Net Expenditure

-37,494	Revenue Support Grant	-37,694
-103,828	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,512

-43,222	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-207,615	Council Tax income	-208,795
-8,236	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	49,590
-19,776	Social Care Precept	-26,179
<u>-420,171</u>	Total Financing	<u>-365,812</u>

20. approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,702.31 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
21. approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 47 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2021;
22. notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 17 of the Revenue Budget report;
23. approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
24. approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
25. approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
26. approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2021/22 onwards;
27. agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
28. approves a Pay Policy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
29. agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, be also implemented for 2021/22;
30. notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £637,944 to the

calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

31. notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
32. notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £365.812m set out in paragraph (19) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2021/22, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2021/22
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2021, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :
138,032.6368 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£234,973,700.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,521,459,644** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,285,848,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£235,611,644** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

- (d) **£1,706.9271** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£637,944** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,702.3054** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£26,178,793** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2021/22

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83
Bradfield Parish Council	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2020/21				
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)
Bradfield	5,838.92	249,542	42,7378	4,098	253,640
Ecclesfield	9,237.21	263,622	28,5392	4,113	267,735
Stockbridge	3,831.33	129,669	33,8443	2,959	132,628
Total/Average	18,907.46	642,834	105.12	11,170	654,004

Parish Council	2021/22					
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,822.23	248,829	42,7378	-	248,829	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,145.00	260,991	28,5392	-	260,991	0.00%
Stockbridge	3,785.69	128,124	33,8443	-	128,124	0.00%
Total/Average	18,752.92	637,944	105.12		637,944.06	0.00%

- 6.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th February 2021, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

1. would like to thank the staff who have been so helpful and accommodating during this budget setting process, and all of Sheffield City Council's staff who continue to work so hard for the people of Sheffield especially during these unprecedented times and thanks them in advance for the hard work to come to help Sheffield recover from the impact of Covid;
2. believes this budget amendment sets out a positive liberal vision for Sheffield that will support employment and business recovery, improve our natural environment and cut emissions, and devolve power and decision-making back to local communities;
3. is concerned that the 2020 spending review only set out funding for local government until 2022 and that public finances will undoubtedly be under huge strain in the years ahead but investment in our local public services is critical to our national recovery next year and beyond;
4. believes that this uncertainty forces Local Authorities to raise regressive Council Tax, instead of funding local government more fairly out of general taxation;
5. particularly condemns the current Government's approach to funding the NHS and Adult Social Care, and believes that a new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital services, particularly for places like Sheffield which had a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;
6. believes that the Liberal Democrat proposal of raising income tax by a penny in the pound will make progress in meeting this need for a long term funding settlement and greatly relieve the pressure on adult social care and the NHS;
7. believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is aggravated by the potential impact of Brexit, and on the capacity of both the local and national economy to generate the resources that our public services badly need;
8. believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is aggravated by the infighting and parochialism of South Yorkshire Labour leaders who have squandered many of the wider benefits of Sheffield City Region, and deprived Sheffield of automatic early access to £10's of millions of central government funding;
9. specifically calls upon the City Region Mayor to more urgently take action to improve our local bus network, to exercise powers to bring bus services back

- under local control (franchising), and calls on central government to provide significant long-term funding to revitalise local transport and aid Covid recovery;
10. believes that although the Council is facing financially difficult times, the current Administration has still had choices about where to spend our money, and have often made the wrong choices over the past ten years, for example:-
 - (a) protecting taxpayer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding to local communities;
 - (b) continuing to spend vast amounts on Council spin doctors whilst cutting front line services;
 - (c) spending millions on costly consultants whilst allowing important road safety schemes to be delayed; and
 - (d) spending thousands on hospitality of no-hope investors whilst ignoring struggling local businesses in the city centre and across the city;
 11. further believes that this city still suffers from the poor choices made by previous Labour Administrations, particularly the financial burden of around £19million every year until 2024 to repay the debt from the major sports facilities associated with the financially disastrous World Student Games, even after Don Valley Stadium has now been demolished;
 12. notes that, further to this, the Administration is now giving millions to Sheffield International Venues (SIV) to keep the venues open after what the Liberal Democrat Group believe are years of poor oversight by Sheffield City Council including SIV propping up failing venues as far away as Scarborough;
 13. believes that to recover from the pandemic Sheffield needs clear leadership and a clear, positive vision for business in the city, flexible enough to adapt to a changing economy; the multi-national firm of accountants and business advisers, KPMG, estimate that 30% of Sheffield's retail jobs will be lost; Sheffield needs investment and a wide range of businesses to improve our prosperity and enable us to compete on equal terms with other major UK cities;
 14. believes that bringing inward investment and jobs to the city supporting people to start their own business should always be a priority for the Council;
 15. notes that we are in a Climate Emergency and if we do not act now to reduce carbon emissions we will soon be in a Climate Catastrophe;
 16. believes that this Council currently has no real plan to tackle the climate emergency and is falling behind on its commitments to be carbon neutral by 2030;
 17. believes the Liberal Democrats are the only party with a full plan to tackle climate change and this budget includes proposals that will help Sheffield achieve its target of carbon zero by 2030 by increasing Sheffield's tree cover,

- making recycling easier and investing in infrastructure that will help to mitigate climate change;
18. believes that by making Sheffield a greener place to live and supporting community gyms and sports projects will improve people's health and well-being across the city; as well as helping to tackle knife crime by treating it as a public health issue;
 19. believes that, even more concerning than some of their financial choices, is the way this Administration operates, centralising decision making and often ignoring the concerns and wishes of the people of Sheffield;
 20. condemns Labour's mismanagement of the 'Streets Ahead' contract, particularly with the felling of healthy street trees, and that for more than three years the Council refused to engage with residents about the implementation of the 'Streets Ahead' contract; trees were felled; and tax-payers' money wasted on huge legal costs; and believes that the Council needs to learn lessons from this episode and the report of the Local Government Ombudsman and engage in a meaningful way with Sheffield's citizens;
 21. asserts that the purpose of this Council is to represent, work for and be the voice of the people of Sheffield, and that it is important that our decision making reflects the interests of the city as a whole and always putting people at the forefront of our choices;
 22. further asserts that this could be better achieved by the Liberal Democrat policy of devolving local decision-making to give local areas as much control as possible over decisions that directly affect their communities;
 23. supports the proposed change to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few;
 24. believes that proposed Local Area Committees would need significant initial investment and our budget would commit £1million into realising an open and transparent system for the governance of Sheffield;
 25. resolves to include in any new system significant delegation of powers and budgets to formal Area Committees which comprise all the elected members in an area, allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures;
 26. understands the huge financial strain this Council has been put on by central government cuts to local government and that this was needed to reduce the deficit bought on by recession;
 27. however, believes that there is a better, different way for a city council to operate and that this budget amendment demonstrates that it is possible, even in difficult times, to be responsive and work with local people;
 28. believes that local Councillors and local people are often best placed to take

decisions over the things that affect them and their local areas and therefore wants to revolutionise how decisions are made in this Council, by devolving real budgets over to communities, to be spent on their priorities, not the Labour Party's;

29. asserts that, by making some simple savings and spending the same money differently, the Liberal Democrat alternative budget would:-

Demand a More Successful Sheffield

- (i) invest £2million in local and district shopping centres to support businesses outside the city centre, in Woodseats, Chapelton, Hillsborough, Woodhouse, Darnall, Crookes, Page Hall and Mosborough;
- (ii) double Council funding for the Launchpad business support programme, with particular emphasis on young people who want to start their own business and introducing a grant/award scheme to support the above;
- (iii) increase funding to Business Sheffield and work collaboratively with local chambers of commerce to support business owners recovering from the economic impact of Covid, providing a one-stop shop for businesses to access information, support, marketing, communications and networking events;
- (iv) reinstate a free city centre bus service to reduce journeys by car into the city centre and recognise the city centre as a vibrant hub to live, work and play; the buses will be electric and run every 30 minutes around the city;
- (v) provide cycle storage at key points in the city centre and at local centres;
- (vi) invest £1million in all road safety schemes; such as, traffic systems, pedestrian crossings and school crossing patrols, paying particular attention to where the community have made a call for a particular scheme in their area;
- (vii) put aside extra funding for more school crossing wardens to help children get to school safely;
- (viii) over the medium term, use at least 10% of the unallocated community infrastructure levy (CIL) money to support small business infrastructure to allow the city's independent businesses to flourish by amending the Regulation 123 list which governs how CIL can be spent; and
- (ix) support Associate Libraries and their volunteers by providing £144k's worth of professional librarian support;

Demand a Better Environment

- (i) double the city's current tree planting target to 200,000 trees over the next 10 years;
- (ii) recognise that walking and cycling is by far the best way to travel for the environment and for the health of people in Sheffield and would ensure at least 10% of CIL is invested over the medium term in major cycling schemes to encourage uptake of cycling and improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in our city;
- (iii) provide businesses with E-cargo bikes to reduce congestion emissions by vans across Sheffield;
- (iv) over the medium term ensure at least 20% of city wide CIL is used for infrastructure that will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, such as planting trees, flood defences and improved moorland management;
- (v) invest in the creation of an energy efficiency service in the Council's Private Sector Housing service which will provide the go to place for people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and for landlords to improve homes for their tenants;
- (vi) improve Sheffield's recycling record by committing more than £600k to pilot a scheme to increase the types of plastic that can be recycled here in our city;
- (vii) invest almost £0.9million in increasing the size of the blue bin so the first 10% of households in Sheffield who request them are able to recycle cardboard and paper more easily;
- (viii) commit more than £500k to keep all Sheffield City Council recycling centres open seven days a week to improve access for everyone;
- (ix) provide "Bring Out Your Rubbish" days in areas where there is typically low car ownership; residents will be provided with a skip for large items of rubbish from their homes, to help reduce fly tipping in our local areas;
- (x) increase the number of on-street recycling bins across Sheffield by replacing single bins for rubbish only with double bins for rubbish and glass, paper and plastic, making it easier for people to recycle;
- (xi) investigate a food waste collection scheme to help people in Sheffield lower their wastage and use the food waste to generate electricity or fertilise farmer's fields;
- (xii) investigate a reverse vending recycling system where people will receive a cash reward for recycling cans and plastic bottles;
- (xiii) clean up Sheffield by investing £150k in a task force to crack down on litter, fly tipping, graffiti and dog mess, and reversing a cut to this budget;

- (xiv) investigate the organisation of volunteer graffiti teams so residents who want to help clean up graffiti in their areas are supported to do so;
- (xv) create a £50k fund available to local communities from a 'Greener Sheffield' pot, an additional pot of money to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment;
- (xvi) investigate providing all schools with air-quality monitors to educate children on the importance of air quality and to monitor carbon levels around schools;
- (xvii) start a climate warden scheme, giving local people the support to clear icy footpaths and roads in their local communities, support communities in times of severe flooding and help with adapting to a changing climate;
- (xviii) reduce rents on community allotments by half to encourage more people to grow their own food and reap the mental health benefits of spending times outdoors; and
- (xix) encourage wildlife by planting wildflowers and rewilding areas to improve Sheffield's natural environment;

Demand a Better Council

- (i) invest £1million into reinstating Local Area Committees;
- (ii) increase the neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30% for use by local communities to spend money on infrastructure and fully compensate them for the disruption and pressures that come from big developments in their area; and
- (iii) create a fund available to local councillors to use on projects and capital investments in their wards through boosting ward pots to £10,000 in every ward;

Demand Better Health and Social Care

- (i) strive to improve the quality of care and the retention of staff in the crucial social care sector by investing in a training and development supplement for front line, paid physical & mental health and disability carers;
- (ii) invest £250k in a pot of money that community groups who provide sports activities can bid for, in recognition that knife crime is a public health issue and these groups and projects are vital to reduce knife crime in Sheffield;
- (iii) support Sheffield's foster carers, who look after some of our city's most challenging and vulnerable children, and encourage more people to sign up to become foster families with a discretionary reimbursement of

Council Tax; this has the potential to save the Council significant sums in reducing the amount spent on agency foster placements;

- (iv) invest £60k in Sheffield Young Carers so they can provide their service users' free bus travel across Sheffield;
 - (v) provide support for mental health in schools following disruption to pupils during the pandemic;
 - (vi) support Citizen's Advice Bureau with an increase of £50k in grant funding;
 - (vii) recognise the importance of Ward luncheon clubs and provide an extra £50k to reinstate clubs and help their recovery post covid; and
 - (viii) invest in extra members of staff in the Council's Private Sector Housing team to deal with some of the problems in the city's fast growing private housing sector;
30. believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a City Council that provides good value for money for all residents of Sheffield, is open for business, is responsive to and works with the people of Sheffield and protects our natural environment and heritage which make our city such a great place to live;
31. therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/2022 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget Proposals

	2021/22		2021/22
Savings Proposals	(£'000)	Spending Proposals	(£'000)
Allocate part of the New Homes Bonus	3,380	Grant for local sports clubs and community groups to bid on for sport activities	250
Reduce posts within the Communications team	75	Community Assemblies	500
Delete 3 senior manager posts	100	Private housing sector officers (x 2)	64
Cut to taxpayer subsidy to trade unions	353	100% Council tax relief for Foster Carers (up to Band D)	300
Reallocation of Invest in Sheffield Fund	430	Free bus pass for members of Sheffield Young Carers	60

Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region (conditional on agreement with other bodies; an additional £100k of NHB would be used to fund proposals if the conditional saving is not achieved)	100	Provide additional professional librarian support for associate libraries	144
		Increase grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau	50
		Community allotments (50% discount)	2
		Invest in crossing patrols for schools which currently fall below threshold for wardens, and where road safety conditions allow	40
		Support young people who want to start their own business in Sheffield	95
		Mental Health in schools	50
		Ward Based Luncheon Club Covid Recovery Fund	25
		Fund training for front line staff who provide direct care to those with physical and mental health needs or disability in order to improve the quality of care and the retention of staff.	200
		Wild Flowers / Rewilding	20
		Business Support for "Local Committees" - Buy Local 6 month (Marketing)	50
		A one-stop shop for businesses to access information & support, marketing, communications & networking events - Grant	30
		A one-stop shop for businesses to access information & support,	126

	marketing, communications & networking events - Officers	
	Reverse cut in fly tipping and graffiti contract budget	9
	Reinstatement of free, city centre electric bus - revenue element (Every 30min*2 buses)	285
	Volunteer Graffiti Teams - Investigate	25
	Reinstate snow wardens/Climate Wardens (kit, etc.)	35
	Create a Greener Sheffield fund	50
	Bring Out Your Rubbish Days	108
	Double tree strategy planting target	98
	Increase funding for the Environmental Enforcement team for a "Clean Up Sheffield" task force with a target of 25% recovery, via fines, for littering, fly tipping, dog fouling and graffiti	150
	Energy efficiency advice service for householders	48
	Investigate reverse vending machines	25
	Investigate food waste collection scheme	50
	Increased blue bin capacity collection - revenue costs of providing bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households who request them	290
	Explore air quality monitors for schools	25
	Introduce a six month pilot to increase the types of plastic that can be recycled in Sheffield - e.g. yoghurt pots, carrier bags,	684

		margarine tubs, food trays and bottle tops (half year)	
		Keep recycling centres open seven days a week	550
Savings Total	4,438	Spending Total	4,438

Capital Budget Proposals

	2021/22		2021/22
Savings Proposals	(£'000)	Spending Proposals	(£'000)
New Homes Bonus	2,163	Road Safety (Local schemes)	670
CIL	2,670	Increase ward pots to £10,000 across the city as a minimum (to be used for capital purposes)	50
		Additional spending on walking and cycling schemes	200
		Reinstatement of free, City Centre electric bus (capital element)	720
		Provide bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households that request them	603
		Local and District Centres - Woodseats, Chapelton, Hillsborough, Woodhouse, Darnall, Crookes, Page Hall and Mosborough	2,000
		Additional spending on road safety schemes to be allocated over the year	500
		E-Cargo Bikes	50
		Replace 50 single street bins with double aperture bins with recycling facility	40
Over the medium term, ensure at least 40% of CIL is devoted to these proposals, which would be in addition to any spend	Cost Neutral	Walking, Cycling and Active Travel Schemes, Green and Small Business Infrastructure	Cost Neutral

subsequently agreed via TCF, Active Travel Fund, Road Safety Fund, etc.			
Devote 30% of CIL to the neighbourhood portion on an ongoing basis	Cost Neutral	Increase neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30%	Cost Neutral
Financing of Capital Proposals	4,833	Capital Proposals	Spending 4,833

Local Transport Plan Budget Proposal

	(£'000)		(£'000)
Devolve decision making over up to £1.3 million of transport funding (assuming at least this much is available when the grant award is confirmed) away from Cabinet Member to local communities to be allocated via Community Assemblies.	Cost Neutral	Nil	Cost Neutral

32. approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2021/22 to 2025/26, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (31) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
33. approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2025/26, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (31) above;
34. after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2021/22, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 amounting to £366.242m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (31) above, as follows:-

Restated 2020/21	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2021/22
£000		£000
	-	
	Portfolio budgets:	
214,443	People	244,866
111,626	Place	133,782
2,158	Policy Performance and Communications	2,760
42,285	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	42,816
<u>370,512</u>		<u>424,224</u>
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-4,844
-5,834	Business Rates Inflation Cap Grant (BRIC)	-7,543
-6,852	Small Business Rates Relief	-7,340
-2,312	Retail Relief	0
-600	Health Income	0
0	Covid Funding one-off	-17,664
0	Lower Tier Services Grant	-900
0	Local Council Tax Support Grant	-5,612
	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	4,844
3,000	Better Care Fund	0
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	0
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	0
900	Infrastructure Investment	0
11	Payment to Parish Councils	0
1,500	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
0	Managing Employee Reduction programme	-4,000
0	Target Operating Model	-1,500
0	Customer Focus	-500
0	Council Tax Support Protection	500
0	Corporate Savings Project Costs	1,160
1,975	Other	5,100
	Capital Financing Costs	
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
5,473	Heart of the City 2	1,473
12,730	Streets Ahead Investment	12,387
6,134	MSF Capital Financing Costs	6,516
	Reserves Movements	
7,082	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	-60,721

<u>420,171</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>366,242</u>
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-37,494	Revenue Support Grant	-37,694
-103,828	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,942
-43,222	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-207,615	Council Tax income	-208,795
-8,236	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	49,590
-19,776	Social Care Precept	-26,179
<u>-420,171</u>	Total Financing	<u>-366,242</u>

35. approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,702.31 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
36. approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 47 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2021;
37. notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 17 of the Revenue Budget report;
38. approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (31) above;
39. approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (31) above;
40. approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
41. approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2021/22 onwards;
42. agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;

43. approves a Pay Policy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
44. agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, be also implemented for 2021/22;
45. notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £637,944 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
46. notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
47. notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £366.242m set out in paragraph (34) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2021/22, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2021/22
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2021, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :
138,032.6368 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£234,973,700.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,525,269,644** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) **£1,289,658,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£235,611,644** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,706.9271** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£637,944** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£1,702.3054** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
 5. **£26,178,793** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
 6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08

Council 3.03.2021

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83
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Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2021/22

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83
Bradfield Parish Council	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2020/21				
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)
Bradfield	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640
Ecclesfield	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735
Stocksbridge	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	2,959	132,628
Total/Average	18,907.46	642,834	105.12	11,170	654,004

Parish Council	2021/22					
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,822.23	248,829	42.7378	-	248,829	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,145.00	260,991	28.5392	-	260,991	0.00%
Stockbridge	3,785.69	128,124	33.8443	-	128,124	0.00%
Total/Average	18,752.92	637,944	105.12		637,944.06	0.00%

6.5 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th February 2021, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

1. recalls the Director of Public Health's briefing to this Council, at the March 2020 budget-setting meeting, where it was advised that coronavirus was a developing situation and changing rapidly but there were no cases in Sheffield;
2. notes how the global and local situation changed so dramatically so soon after that, in ways that were then unimaginable; and believes that the global pandemic has changed all of our lives for ever;
3. reminds itself of another global issue with local impacts, namely climate change, and notes the need to address it as the emergency it is;
4. believes that central Government has failed to manage the coronavirus pandemic well and that too many premature deaths have resulted from inadequate and ineffective testing and tracing at a national level;
5. therefore has little confidence that central government will rise to the challenge of tackling climate change;
6. believes it is therefore vital for councils to take a lead on acting locally; and that cities, in particular, are uniquely placed to respond to climate change;
7. notes the shifting burden of local government funding from central government (through national redistribution of wealth) to greater taxation on Sheffield residents;
8. acknowledges the very substantial need for care of older and disabled people and in children's services and that, even passing on extra costs through council tax increases, the sum raised is still wholly inadequate to meet the cost of social care;
9. nevertheless, supports the necessary increase in council tax rates, whilst

- remembering the need to protect the poorest households;
10. notes, however, that long-term, outsourced contracts with big private businesses have not taken an equivalent share of the cuts to council services over the last ten years; and that long-term costs of finance stretch into Sheffield's future until 2057;
 11. believes that Elected Members in Sheffield, however difficult the crisis we face, have a responsibility to do the best we can for the people of Sheffield, prioritising the available resources to protect communities and the most vulnerable and working towards a more equitable and resilient city;
 12. thanks staff in the Council, voluntary and private sectors for the way they have responded to austerity, worked through the pandemic and made sacrifices;
 13. welcomes the progress now being made on issues in previous amendments submitted by the Green Group, including:-
 - (a) webcasting of council meetings;
 - (b) mental health resilience work in schools;
 - (c) steps towards re-opening the Don Valley Railway;
 - (d) supporting the least well-off with council tax bills;
 - (e) funding to prepare brownfield sites for development, in order to save greenfield locations;
 - (f) the recruitment of safer neighbourhoods co-ordinators with a focus on young people;
 - (g) bolstering the work of the private sector housing team to take enforcement action on substandard rented housing in the private sector;
 - (h) putting greater resources into working in local areas;
 - (i) recognising climate change as a priority for the housing service;
 - (j) commitment not to hold any direct investments in fossil fuels or companies involved in tax evasion or grave misconduct;
 - (k) more resources into cycling and walking infrastructure;
 - (l) a scheme to provide e-cargo bikes;
 - (m) electric vehicles charging points in and around the city centre;
 14. believes that the city's resilience will be tested by the climate crisis and is therefore disappointed that, despite declaring a "climate emergency" in 2019,

- no substantial proposals appear in the Administration's revenue budget to address the climate emergency;
15. will therefore provide funding to recruit an entire team of environmental sustainability officers to address the need for warmer homes; locally-owned, clean energy production, such as solar farms; increased walking, cycling and public transport; and to support businesses and householders to make carbon-reducing changes in response to the climate emergency;
 16. will support this with funds specifically to investigate a large-scale solar farm;
 17. will support this further by the creation of a Carbon Reduction Investment Fund of £3 million, setting aside funds to complete new sustainability projects that reduce carbon consumption in order to avoid unnecessary delay in achieving a 2030 net carbon zero targets;
 18. regrets the lost opportunity of jobs in the renewable energy industry and thousands of cheaper energy bills for council tenants when proposed by Green Councillors in 2014;
 19. will, however, still promote energy efficiency schemes in maintained schools by using £500,000 of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy receipts;
 20. will go further and set aside £1 million of unallocated New Homes Bonus to introduce solar panels on council housing, to generate energy and to reduce tenants' bills;
 21. will build climate resilience into the city's housing stock by ensuring that all funding for new-build council housing is only used for housing designed at high standards of thermal efficiency, so that future tenants do not risk fuel poverty;
 22. will earmark £1 million for walking and cycling, offering people riding bikes the protection of segregated cycle lanes and secure bike storage, thereby increasing the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health and better air quality;
 23. will recognise the failure to build this city's cycling infrastructure and will therefore appoint a cycling officer to promote the ability of Sheffield residents to choose this form of transport;
 24. welcomes the take-up of the e-cargo bikes promoted in the Green Group's 2020 budget proposals; and will develop this idea further through working up ideas to create a zero-emission last-mile distribution hub, to allow the Council, businesses and organisations to deliver goods around the city in a cleaner, quieter, more sustainable way;
 25. will ensure that all future Local Transport Plan spending is used only on sustainable modes of transport that do not have any adverse impact on air quality;

26. in line with this principle, will encourage use of public transport by providing free bus and tram travel on the six Sundays before Christmas, in place of the current subsidy for free car parking in the city centre;
27. will take steps to reduce the demand for individual car ownership by investing in a new scheme to develop car-sharing in line with the “liftshare” scheme;
28. believes the public is becoming more aware and concerned at the dangers of illegal levels of air pollution and will therefore invest in public-facing visual displays on the city’s air quality monitoring stations, to ensure the public can see and monitor the measure of air pollution affecting them in real time;
29. will stop reimbursing car-parking claims for Elected Members who do not have a blue badge;
30. will tackle dangerous and irresponsible parking, by creating 6 new jobs for parking enforcement officers, to be provided with e-bikes instead of patrol cars, where possible;
31. will develop proposals to introduce a workplace parking levy for larger employers, in order to generate additional long-term revenue to invest in the city’s public transport, whilst improving air quality and encouraging more active forms of travel to work;
32. will reduce the price of residents’ parking permits to 2010 levels and dissuade commuters from driving into the city centre by increasing on-street parking by 40p, meaning that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas of the city are not subsidising other transport services;
33. will re-introduce the FreeBee bus service in the city centre, operating every 10 minutes, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, by investing in 3 new electric buses owned directly by the local authority;
34. will take steps to increase the potential for more affordable housing in the city by funding a pilot project of a small number of energy-efficient “container homes”, such as those already being pioneered at Heeley City Farm;
35. will create an additional officer post to bring empty homes back into use, in order to tackle the blight and waste of empty houses and increase housing supply with far less energy consumption than new buildings;
36. will reduce the cost to low-income households for bulky waste collections, reversing the Administration’s previous cut imposed on the poorest households and reducing fly-tipping and the burden on volunteer litter-pickers;
37. notes the growing demand for food waste collections and better recycling and will therefore examine a wider recycling offer, including food waste and further plastics collection, as well as repair and reuse models;
38. recognises the cultural and economic importance of the city’s heritage and will

- therefore expand skills in the Planning Service with funding for a dedicated heritage officer;
39. asserts that in a properly regulated planning system, it is essential that developers comply with planning conditions and will therefore fund an additional planning enforcement officer to maintain high standards for the benefit of the public;
 40. will maximise the expertise of our planning officers and bring fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers into line with other major cities;
 41. will improve transparency by separately publishing the accounts of the licensing service, which are still not made available, despite statements to the contrary by the Leader of the Council;
 42. will cut political spin from the Town Hall and will remove the posts of Group Policy Officers from the Council payroll, requiring politicians to do their own research and press work;
 43. will support the voluntary sector with a substantial increase of £142,000 for anti-poverty work in advice centres, which was previously cut by this Administration, thus protecting jobs and helping people facing the real difficulties of universal credit and other issues arising from the Covid pandemic;
 44. and, recognising the number of people in serious financial hardship, will increase the council tax hardship fund to £2 million, to protect the poorest families in the city;
 45. will recognise the expertise of the voluntary sector in obtaining external funding by providing money for a post in a voluntary sector organisation to assist the council in monitoring and applying for funding from central government and elsewhere, thus maximising future revenue to the city;
 46. recognises the particular difficulties faced by young people leaving care setting up their own homes for the first time and will therefore set aside funds to meet council tax bills paid until the age of 25;
 47. recognises the ongoing value of the city's library service and rewards the hard work of volunteers who have supported their local branch libraries by providing funding to ensure a paid, professional librarian in every branch library;
 48. will pilot the development of a "Library of Things" in a staffed library to reduce individual consumption of occasionally-used household items;
 49. will continue funding for music lessons for children from low-income households, who experience significant barriers to culture and learning;
 50. notes that Green Councillors first proposed the Council adopt a Living Wage in 2008 to address low pay and will now tackle the principle of income inequality

head-on by reducing the pay of senior officers on salaries over £50,000 a year, narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest paid in the Council to within a 10:1 ratio;

51. will further reduce eight posts in the HR function to protect frontline services;
52. notes that the proposals in this amendment will provide over £1 million in every future year for social care;
53. will promote health, activity and fun by funding outdoor gym equipment in the city's parks and developing the network of park runs throughout the whole city, working alongside community organisations;
54. will commemorate the very origins of a municipal authority for public health by providing the public with clean, fresh water through the provision of new drinking fountains in major parks, thereby reducing waste and litter from single-use disposable plastics;
55. will also support community environmental activism through Friends of Parks groups;
56. recognises the benefits of community growing schemes and will therefore fund initial work on urban food production;
57. remembering that parks are for people, not cars, will support these further improvements in the city's parks by increasing car parking charges for those who choose to drive to them;
58. will also invest in planting trees bearing edible fruit in open spaces and parks, to be decided and distributed fairly on a Ward basis;
59. will promote the city's economic opportunity of specialist tourism by engaging two part-time ecologists to market and lead specialist nature tours on Sheffield's nearby and unique moorland, thereby generating further income for the Council and for the city's economy;
60. will fund an extra four Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs);
61. will support the many voluntary, business and public sector agencies trying to address homelessness, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and aggressive begging in the city centre, by providing funds for a new worker under the Help Us Help umbrella;
62. will put further resource into prevention work by supporting an additional substance misuse worker;
63. will extend the contracts of the business advisers to the end of 2021 to support local businesses with recovery from lockdown and the coronavirus pandemic;
64. believes these overall proposals would result in the creation of over 50 new

jobs;

- 65. recognises the hard work of Sheffield citizens who have highlighted the economic risks attached to fossil fuels and the need for Sheffield City Council to do business ethically, and welcomes the inclusion, in its Treasury Management Strategy, of commitments not to hold any direct investments in fossil fuels or companies involved in tax evasion or grave misconduct;
- 66. approves the updating of the statutory Regulation 123 list to include the spending of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy within the limits set out above;
- 67. therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources, to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget Proposal

	2021/22		2021/22
Savings proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
<u>Recurrent</u>			
Remove Elected Members' car parking claims	2	Recruitment of a 6 person sustainability team (1xG10, 4xG8 and 1xG5 - 9 months allowing for recruitment of full team)	212
Additional 40p on street parking charge	772	Cycling officer (grade 8)	48
Increase fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers	74	Free Christmas bus / tram travel on 6 Sundays before Christmas	66
Remove Group Policy Officers (half year saving)	51	Recruitment of 6 extra parking enforcement officers at net £4k each	24
Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	67	Reduce Parking Permit Fees to 2010 levels	322

Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	57	Re-introduce the Free Bee Bus - low emission vehicle at 10 minute frequency, 12 hrs/ day , 6 days / week	427
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	1,033	Additional Empty Homes Officer to bring empty properties back into use (grade 7)	42
Remove 8 posts in HR (assume half-year saving)	162	Reinstate reduced-cost bulky waste collection for low-income households	25
Increase parking fees in parks from 50p to £1 per hour	82	Heritage officer (grade 8)	48
Remove free City Centre parking at Christmas	83	Extra Planning enforcement officer (grade 7)	42
		Publish licensing accounts	10
		Increase funding to voluntary sector for advice work	142
		Increase Council Tax hardship fund to £2 million	200
		Fund voluntary sector (SYFAB) to work on external grant funding for SCC including green grants	40
		Provide Young Care Leavers with a fund to cover Council Tax bills	30
		Staff for branch libraries (based on 16 PT members of staff)	336
		Fund for music lessons for children from low-income households (to replace lost grant)	17

		Investment in parks, including maintenance of drinking fountains (8k) & gym equipment (4k), & developing park runs in all areas of the city	50
		Community liaison officers for parks (G6)	36
		Ecology officers to promote nature tourism (2 half-time G8 posts)	48
		Four extra Police Community Safety Officers	138
		Help Us Help worker (grade 5) to assist DACT with admin work, liaison and co-ordination with relevant agencies.	32
		Additional substance misuse worker in DACT	48
	2,383		2,383
<u>Non-recurrent</u>			
Use of New Homes Bonus	398	Feasibility study on a Warrington-style solar farm	25
		Feasibility study on a zero-emission last-mile delivery hub	25
		Promote car-sharing with "Liftshare" scheme	100
		Workplace Parking Levy Study (Grade 8 post to develop work)	48
		Feasibility study in to a wider recycling offer, including food waste and further plastics collection, repair and reuse	50

		Library of Things pilot	30
		Feasibility study in to urban food production	25
		Continue team of business advisers (2.3 FTE) to support local businesses for a further 6 months	95
	398		398
Savings – subtotal	2,781	Spending - subtotal	2,781

Capital Budget Proposal

	2021/22		2021/22
Savings proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,000	Introduce further Solar Panels on the HRA Estate	1,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	3,000	Creation of a Carbon Reduction Investment Fund	3,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,080	Purchase of 3 x Electric Freebee buses	1,080
Reprioritise funding for acquiring new council homes	250	Fund to establish low-energy "container homes" pilot	250
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending if available (figure not confirmed yet) - if not use CIL	1,000	Improved transport infrastructure, including segregated cycle lanes & bike storage	1,000
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending if available (figure not confirmed yet) - if not use CIL	54	Air Quality Monitoring Digital Displays	54
Use of unallocated CIL	500	Energy efficiency for schools fund	500

Use of unallocated CIL	40	Outdoor gym equipment in parks	40
Use of unallocated CIL	100	Provision of fruit trees on a ward basis	100
Use of unallocated CIL	24	Drinking Fountains for City Centre & parks	24
Financing of capital proposals total	7,048	Capital spending total	7,048

68. approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2021/22 to 2025/26, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (67) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
69. approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2025/26, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (67) above;
70. after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2021/22, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 amounting to £365.812m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (67) above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Restated 2020/21	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2021/22
£000	-	£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
214,443	People	243,639
111,626	Place	131,723
2,158	Policy Performance and Communications	2,301
42,285	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	42,949
370,512		420,612
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-4,844
-5,834	Business Rates Inflation Cap Grant (BRIC)	-7,543
-6,852	Small Business Rates Relief	-7,340

-2,312	Retail Relief	0
-600	Health Income	0
0	Covid Funding one-off	-17,664
0	Lower Tier Services Grant	-900
0	Local Council Tax Support Grant	-5,612
Corporate Items		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	4,844
3,000	Better Care Fund	0
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	0
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	0
900	Infrastructure Investment	0
11	Payment to Parish Councils	0
1,500	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
0	Managing Employee Reduction programme	-4,000
0	Target Operating Model	-1,500
0	Customer Focus	-500
0	Council Tax Support Protection	500
0	Corporate Savings Project Costs	1,160
1,975	Other	5,300
Capital Financing Costs		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
5,473	Heart of the City 2	1,473
12,730	Streets Ahead Investment	12,387
6,134	MSF Capital Financing Costs	6,516
Reserves Movements		
7,082	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	-57,739
420,171	Total Expenditure	365,812
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-37,494	Revenue Support Grant	-37,694
-103,828	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,512
-43,222	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-207,615	Council Tax income	-208,795
-8,236	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	49,590
-19,776	Social Care Precept	-26,179
-420,171	Total Financing	-365,812

71. approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,702.31 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);

72. approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 47 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2021;
73. notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 17 of the Revenue Budget report;
74. approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (67) above;
75. approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (67) above;
76. approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
77. approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2021/22 onwards;
78. agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
79. approves a Pay Policy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (67) above relating to salary reductions;
80. agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, be also implemented for 2021/22;
81. notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £637,944 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
82. notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
83. notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £365.812m set out in

paragraph (70) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2021/22, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2021/22
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2021, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :
138,032.6368 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£234,973,700.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,521,857,644** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,286,246,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£235,611,644** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,706.9271** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£637,944** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the

attached Appendix 6b).

- (f) **£1,702.3054** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£26,178,793** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08

Council 3.03.2021

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31
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Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2021/22

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14

South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83
Bradfield Parish Council	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2020/21				
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)
Bradfield	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640
Ecclesfield	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735
Stockbridge	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	2,959	132,628
Total/Average	18,907.46	642,834	105.12	11,170	654,004

Parish Council	2021/22					
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,822.23	248,829	42.7378	-	248,829	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,145.00	260,991	28.5392	-	260,991	0.00%
Stockbridge	3,785.69	128,124	33.8443	-	128,124	0.00%
Total/Average	18,752.92	637,944	105.12		637,944.06	0.00%

6.6 After contributions from another 35 Members, the amendment moved by Councillor Terry Fox was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the amendment (44) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy,

Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the amendment (26)

- 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, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (9)

- Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.

6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was then put to the vote and was negated.

6.7.1 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the amendment (26)

- 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, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Against the amendment (44)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek,

Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (8) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

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

6.8.1 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the amendment (8) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

Against the amendment (70) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Kevin Oxley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - Councillor Jack Clarkson.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

1. believes the last twelve months have been some of the most challenging in Britain's recent peacetime history and that, against this backdrop, Sheffield staff (every single one of them a key worker) deserve the upmost praise for helping the city through the crisis and for their continued dedication;
2. believes that challenge will not diminish in the short term, and that we must rise to the new challenges still to come; the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our City and its people, but we must also be aware of adverse climate change and that the window for implementing meaningful change diminishes with each passing year;
3. notes that, against this challenging backdrop, this Administration will spend our resources as effectively as it can to 'build back better' from the pandemic, improving our resilience and sustainability for the long term, and that our Administration will respond swiftly and with flexibility to emerging needs and trends to support the City in its recovery and, as ever, we will strive to deliver the best possible value to the taxpayer;
4. notes that throughout the pandemic this Administration's focus has been working alongside our partners and communities to keep people safe and well, protect the most vulnerable, help people to get back to school and work, and support economic recovery and this has included helping 22,000 people through our community helpline, distributing hundreds of thousands of PPE items per week, and supporting schools to stay open for children of key worker and vulnerable families;
5. believes the Government have been placed in a difficult position in these unprecedented times, but that, however, clear mistakes have been made and they have failed to act sufficiently on numerous occasions, and where the Government have failed to deliver, this Administration has acted for Sheffield including:-
 - (i) providing 6,000 laptops to school children of all age for home schooling during lockdown, with connectivity also funded for families who do not have access to education resources at home;
 - (ii) providing free school meal vouchers to over 22,000 children to help feed children over school holidays, after the Government initially refused to act; and
 - (iii) providing additional support from Council funds to residents struggling to pay for heating, utilities, or food, via hardship schemes;
6. notes/believes the following in response to the pandemic support for

businesses:-

- (i) the demand for support has been vast and the Council has delivered over £100 million in grant funding, assisting 4,700 businesses across the city;
- (ii) believes staff have worked hard to spend every penny of support available for businesses, but notes that there is strict funding criteria which is set by Government, and the Council has no power to alter the criteria, meaning some businesses have missed out; and
- (iii) the small underspend favours well compared with other local authorities – delivering a higher percentage of grants than our South Yorkshire neighbours and comparable core cities such as Manchester and Nottingham, and thanks staff for their hard work in delivering this;

7. notes/believes the following in regard to managing the city's finances:-

- (i) we have achieved a balanced position, but there remains an uncertain picture beyond 2022 as the impact of responding to the pandemic continues;
- (ii) after setting a balanced budget in 2020/21 we faced unprecedented resource and financial pressures when coronavirus plunged the country into lockdown last March;
- (iii) reiterates that throughout the pandemic the focus has been on working alongside our partners and communities to keep people safe and well, protect the most vulnerable, help people to get back to school and work, and support economic recovery;
- (iv) however, the impacts of the pandemic on people's livelihoods and businesses, the care sector, and on families, and the additional support they may need, will continue well into the future;
- (v) there is no indication from Government as to whether any additional financial support will continue beyond 2021/22, and there is the very real prospect of an even harsher period of austerity than we have already had to endure;
- (vi) notes that a balanced position has been reached for the coming financial year, but this relies on increasing council tax and delivering £21 million of in-service and corporate savings;
- (vii) believes that Government are wilfully passing the burden of responsibility onto Sheffield tax payers, but that this Administration will always do what it can to support those struggling to pay and have increased the Council Tax Hardship Fund by £200k for 2021/22, meaning the Hardship Fund now totals £1.8m per year; and

- (viii) agrees with the comments of Liberal Democrat Group Councillor, Mike Levery, at February's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting who stated that the Council has used "*financial management, prudence and adequate reserves. Congratulations to the finance team, this is a well-run council*";
8. believes that the Budget clearly shows that under this Administration the Council continues to push forward with a programme to transform its services, whilst putting citizens at the heart of these services, via learning lessons from how we have all adapted to the pandemic by making better use of technology to provide services in a more accessible way, focusing on preventing family breakdown and ill-health, and in enabling vulnerable people to live safely in their own homes wherever possible;
9. believes this Administration's funding programme for next year will enable citizen-centred services to be provided, whilst helping to contain costs, allowing scarce resources to be used to support social services for both adults and children;
10. notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) (A) the rising cost of social care for our elderly people, as our population ages, remains a national issue that urgently needs addressing, (B) it is accepted by most commentators that the current model for adult social care is unsustainable, (C) however, despite various reviews over the past 10 years, no solution has emerged from Central Government, and one is urgently required and (D) this lack of funding puts additional operational and financial pressures on the Council and on its partners; and
- (ii) notes that over the last 4 years, the Council has provided these vital services with above inflation funding increases and this year is no different; a 14% increase for 2021/22 and an average of 11% over the last 4 years has seen the budget for adults and children's social services rise by a total of £88m;
11. believes that Sheffield can 'Build Back Better' under this Administration and that key to our activities over the coming years will be helping Sheffield to recover from the effects of the pandemic and our careful financial management in recent years means that we are starting from a position of relative financial strength; we want to make Sheffield a great place for everyone to live, work and enjoy themselves, building on the spirit of its people, and the many great amenities in the City and its beautiful surrounding countryside;
12. notes that the Budget details numerous ways in which we intend to match this ambition including, but not limited to:-
- (i) £5.3m towards growing an inclusive economy;
- (ii) £6.1m for transport;
- (iii) £6.8m in the 'People Portfolio' to support children, young people and

- (iv) their families, and adults and communities; and
£55.6 million for a 'Cleaner, Greener, Sheffield';
- 13. believes that following the economic impact of the pandemic and lockdown over the past year, it is more important than ever that the Council takes action to boost the economy, and welcomes the proactive partnership with the Business Recovery Group to produce the city's Business Recovery Plan, and this Administration will continue to prioritise new initiatives to support the economic development of the city;
- 14. notes the additional investment commitments in the 2021/22 Budget also include:-
 - (i) £4.2million extra into the Care Sector to improve pay for the staff providing services on behalf of the Council; we plan to work with care providers to deliver enhanced pay terms for front line workers in 2021/22;
 - (ii) £2million for Youth Services - This investment is planned to increase delivery of youth clubs and social action groups, provide youth services to the most deprived areas in the city promoting positive engagement and activities, enable keyworkers to support young people experiencing difficulties, and support partnership working with the voluntary sector; and
 - (iii) £1million extra for Community Safety – to provide better joint working across the Council, and with partners such as South Yorkshire Police, Voluntary Community Faith sector, Health and Schools, as well as our communities and local Members, to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce exploitation of the young and vulnerable with emphasis on prevention and early intervention work;
- 15. believes that due to this Administration's prudent handling of the budget, we have been able to set an ambitious budget for the future which is underpinned by key labour values – to put wealth in our communities, to invest in people, and to ensure that sustainability and tackling adverse climate change runs through everything we do, for example:-
 - (i) sustainability is at the heart of our decision-making process with nearly £140m of projects in our capital programme have a direct impact on the City's sustainability and resilience;
 - (ii) Consideration of Carbon 'net zero' is now embedded in Council decision making and we're mindful of the environmental impact of our own assets – namely our buildings and fleet – and have been investing for several years to begin to mitigate this;
 - (iii) ethical procurement practices drive real social value for our City and maximise the benefits for our residents; we have a strong tradition of delivering employment and skills outputs for the communities we serve,

and coupled with our focus on sustainability, we're driving social value through our contracts;

- (iv) we'll support our local economy wherever we can and do what we can to keep Sheffield's economy moving; and
 - (v) we're empowering communities and providing effective governance, both of which are critical to the success of our capital programme and we will always look to strengthen locality working – to make the Council more responsive to local needs;
16. therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
 17. approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2021/22 to 2025/26, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
 18. approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2025/26, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report;
 19. after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2021/22, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 amounting to £365.812m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Restated 2020/21	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2021/22
£000	-	£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
214,443	People	243,745
111,626	Place	130,965
2,158	Policy Performance and Communications	2,335
42,285	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	43,369
370,512		420,414
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-4,844
-5,834	Business Rates Inflation Cap Grant (BRIC)	-7,543
-6,852	Small Business Rates Relief	-7,340

-2,312	Retail Relief	0
-600	Health Income	0
0	Covid Funding one-off	-17,664
0	Lower Tier Services Grant	-900
0	Local Council Tax Support Grant	-5,612
Corporate Items		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,929	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	4,844
3,000	Better Care Fund	0
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	0
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	0
900	Infrastructure Investment	0
11	Payment to Parish Councils	0
1,500	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
0	Managing Employee Reduction programme	-4,000
0	Target Operating Model	-1,500
0	Customer Focus	-500
0	Council Tax Support Protection	500
0	Corporate Savings Project Costs	1,160
1,975	Other	5,100
Capital Financing Costs		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
5,473	Heart of the City 2	1,473
12,730	Streets Ahead Investment	12,387
6,134	MSF Capital Financing Costs	6,516
Reserves Movements		
7,082	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	-57,341
<u>420,171</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>365,812</u>
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-37,494	Revenue Support Grant	-37,694
-103,828	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,512
-43,222	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-207,615	Council Tax income	-208,795
-8,236	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	49,590
-19,776	Social Care Precept	-26,179
<u>-420,171</u>	Total Financing	<u>-365,812</u>

20. approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,702.31 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);

21. approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 47 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2021;
22. notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 17 of the Revenue Budget report;
23. approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
24. approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
25. approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
26. approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2021/22 onwards;
27. agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
28. approves a Pay Policy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
29. agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, be also implemented for 2021/22;
30. notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £637,944 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
31. notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
32. notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £365.812m set out in paragraph (19) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2021/22, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2021/22
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2021, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :
138,032.6368 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£234,973,700.
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 - (a) **£1,521,459,644** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
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 - (c) **£235,611,644** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,706.9271** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£637,944** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£1,702.3054** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by

the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£26,178,793** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2021/22

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,134.87	1,324.02	1,513.16	1,702.31	2,080.60	2,458.89	2,837.18	3,404.61
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.71	59.17	67.62	76.07	92.97	109.88	126.78	152.14
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	142.03	165.70	189.37	213.04	260.38	307.72	355.07	426.08

Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,327.61	1,548.89	1,770.15	1,991.42	2,433.95	2,876.49	3,319.03	3,982.83
Bradfield Parish Council	1,356.10	1,582.13	1,808.15	2,034.16	2,486.18	2,938.22	3,390.26	4,068.31
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,346.64	1,571.09	1,795.52	2,019.96	2,468.83	2,917.72	3,366.60	4,039.91
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,350.18	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.44	4,050.53

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2020/21				
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)
Bradfield	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640
Ecclesfield	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735
Stockbridge	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	2,959	132,628
Total/Average	18,907.46	642,834	105.12	11,170	654,004

Parish Council	2021/22					
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants (£)	Total Precept (£)	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,822.23	248,829	42.7378	-	248,829	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,145.00	260,991	28.5392	-	260,991	0.00%
Stockbridge	3,785.69	128,124	33.8443	-	128,124	0.00%
Total/Average	18,752.92	637,944	105.12		637,944.06	0.00%

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

For the Substantive Motion (44)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike

Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the
Substantive Motion
(34)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting
on the Substantive
Motion (1)

- Councillor Jack Clarkson.

7. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

7.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, that:-

- (a) Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards be appointed to replace Councillor Dawn Dale on the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) Councillor Jayne Dunn be appointed to serve on the Access Liaison Group, filling a vacancy; and
- (c) Councillor Tony Damms be appointed to serve as a substitute Member for Councillor Bob Johnson on the Yorkshire and Humber Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

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