

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1 2BP, on Wednesday 6 October 2021, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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| 1 <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton                       | 10 <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Alan Woodcock                   | 19 <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Peter Garbutt<br>Maroof Raouf<br>Alison Teal           |
| 2 <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Chris Rosling-Josephs<br>Ann Woolhouse                                 | 11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed | 20 <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Ben Miskell   |
| 3 <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                               | 12 <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Fran Belbin<br>Abdul Khayum<br>Abtisam Mohamed      | 21 <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst  |
| 4 <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Brian Holmshaw<br>Kaltum Rivers | 13 <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Andrew Sangar<br>Cliff Woodcraft         | 22 <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Dawn Dale<br>Peter Price<br>Garry Weatherall         |
| 5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                          | 14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Alexi Dimond<br>Cate McDonald<br>Paul Turpin  | 23 <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Jayne Dunn   |
| 6 <i>City Ward</i><br>Douglas Johnson<br>Ruth Mersereau<br>Martin Phipps                         | 15 <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Sue Auckland<br>Steve Ayris        | 24 <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Penny Baker<br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams                  |
| 7 <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Mohammed Mahroof                          | 16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Josie Paszek            | 25 <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Francyne Johnson |
| 8 <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz                                  | 17 <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Sioned-Mair Richards                              | 26 <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Neale Gibson<br>Bernard Little                             |
| 9 <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Colin Ross<br>Martin Smith                       | 18 <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Kevin Oxley<br>Gail Smith                           | 27 <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Alan Hooper<br>Mike Levery<br>Ann Whitaker                      |
|  |  | 28 <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Mick Rooney<br>Jackie Satur<br>Paul Wood                               |

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Barker, Simon Clement-Jones, Tony Damms, Tony Downing, Terry Fox, Christine Gilligan, Bob McCann, Ruth Milsom, Moya O'Rourke, Jack Scott and Sophie Wilson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Councillor Cate McDonald declared a personal interest in item 4(b) (Petition Requiring Debate) (item 3.4 of these minutes) on the grounds that she is a Council-nominated observer on the Board of Sheffield City Trust.

- 2.2 In relation to agenda item 7 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Energy") (item 6 of these minutes), the following Members declared personal interests for the reasons stated:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Barbara Masters	She is one of the founder shareholders of Sheffield Renewables
Councillor Alexi Dimond	He is a shareholder in Sheffield Renewables and an employee of City of Sanctuary
Councillor Fran Belbin	She is a shareholder in Sheffield Renewables

- 2.3 In relation to agenda item 9 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Doing More For The Armed Forces Community") (item 8 of these minutes), the following Members declared personal interests for the reasons stated:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Bryan Lodge	He is a member of the Royal British Legion
Councillor Denise Fox	She is a member of the Royal British Legion; an honorary member of HMS Sheffield; and supporter of the Normandy Veterans
Councillor Karen McGowan	She is a member of the Royal British Legion
Councillor Paul Wood	He is a member of several organisations associated with veterans and the armed forces
Councillor Garry Weatherall	He is a member of the Royal British Legion

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

3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported that three petitions and questions from one member of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. A fourth petition had been received shortly after the deadline, which related to the subject matter of one of the Notices of Motion on the agenda for this meeting and accordingly, as chair of the meeting, the Lord Mayor had used her discretion and would permit the petition to be presented. Prior to the meeting, one of the petitioners had withdrawn their petition and would re-present it at the next meeting of the Council. This left three petitions, on which representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners. One further petition was to be debated at the end of the item, and this was referred to at item 4(b) on the agenda for the meeting.

#### **3.2 Petitions**

##### **3.2.1 Petition Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Psalter Lane, Near Osborne Road and Brincliffe Gardens**

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 448 signatures requesting a pedestrian crossing on Psalter Lane near Osborne Road and Brincliffe Gardens.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Helen Brown. Dr Brown stated that she and several parents who had children who attended the Hunters Bar School had put forward this petition following an accident involving a child earlier in 2021. She stated that although the accident was not serious, she and her fellow petitioners felt it was only a matter of time before a serious accident would take place. She said many people she had spoken with had reported 'near misses' on this road, and she said she felt without action these incidents would become dangerous accidents. Dr Brown said the road was increasingly busy and asked that local active travel journeys be prioritised over those taken by people who she said were predominantly out of neighbourhood motorists. She stated that both Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road had multiple crossing points, but that Psalter Lane had only one which was often overwhelmed.

Dr Brown said that pedestrians were forced to travel in a polluted area, passing waiting traffic, and stated that another crossing would allow for a more pleasant walking experience for pedestrians. Dr Brown said aside from the 3 schools in the area, there were several nurseries, a dance school, a pottery school and two new housing developments. She stated that a new crossing would benefit those who travel to and from these locations. She added that the diversions on the road to the existing crossing were a significant obstacle to pedestrians, particularly those with mobility issues or prams. Dr Brown added that cars parked on both sides of the road made crossing the road more challenging and she said that some parents drove their children less than 1.5 miles to school as they felt travelling on foot to be too dangerous. She referenced the Director of

Public Health, Greg Fell's, recent WordPress article, which she said encouraged a culture of walking and cycling in Sheffield. Dr Brown said she believed in order to reduce carbon emissions and the number of vehicles on the road, travelling on foot must be made safer.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson thanked Dr Brown for her petition. He agreed that there was a need for a crossing there; however, he stated that the Council was not currently able to implement one due to budget constraints. He stated that there were other roads in Sheffield which required work more urgently. Councillor Johnson referred to the 'near misses' mentioned by Dr Brown and asked that all citizens report these incidents whenever they occurred in order to ensure the Council had all relevant data when deciding where to make road safety changes. He added that without this data, it was less likely that road safety changes would be made. Councillor Johnson mentioned a recent tragedy which occurred in Darnall, an area which he stated more urgently required road safety changes.

### 3.2.2 Petition Requesting Road Safety Measures at the Junction of Knowle Lane, Hooper Avenue and Haugh Lane

The Council received an electronic petition containing 98 signatures requesting that the Council improve road safety at the junction between Knowle Lane, Hooper Avenue and Haugh Lane.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ann Rowan. Ms Rowan stated that she lived on Knowle Lane and said there had been an accident at this junction recently. She said that this junction was on the route of a number of schools and nurseries and added that many 'near misses' had taken place. She said that South Yorkshire Police had done a speed survey on this junction in recent months and had found a mean speed of 29 miles per hour on a 30 mile per hour road. Ms Rowan stated that petitioners felt that speed was not the issue here, but rather the geometry of the junction which she said was particularly steep and led to drivers over-shooting the junction bringing them into contact with oncoming traffic. She stated that petitioners were requesting that the Council bring in measures to reduce the number of cars in the area through double yellow lines and a pedestrian barrier around the corner of the junction where the accident occurred.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson stated that the roads in the area mentioned were particularly wide, in contrast to other roads within Sheffield which might more urgently require improved road safety measures. He stated that given the reference to geometry, he would ask officers to look at any low-cost measures which might be available to improve road safety within the parameters of the existing road safety budget. Councillor Johnson thanked Ms Rowan for presenting the petition and encouraged Ms Rowan and her fellow petitioners to report any road safety incidents when they occurred.

### 3.2.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Support the Electricity Bill

The Council received an electronic petition containing 139 signatures requesting that the Council support the Electricity Bill.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Matt Killeya. Mr Killeya asked that the Council declare support for the parliamentary Electricity Bill which aimed to restructure the energy market through making it possible for local areas to create and sell renewable energy. Mr Killeya referred to the cuts to Universal Credit, the end of the Furlough Scheme and the energy crisis. He stated that many vulnerable people were being impacted by these changes. He said that he believed jobs needed to be created and the Climate Crisis needed to be addressed. Mr Killeya stated that the parliamentary Energy Bill would establish a right to supply and would allow energy companies to adjust their costs based on their size. He said that the Bill would prevent the market working only for the largest suppliers and would enable a stronger local economy. Mr Killeya stated that 96 Local Authorities and County Councils and 262 MPs had declared their support for the Electricity Bill, and he urged Sheffield City Council to declare their support also.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills). Councillor Turpin stated that he would contact the relevant people to declare Sheffield City Council's support of the Electricity Bill.

### 3.3 Public Questions Regarding the Possible Closure of Pinstone Street to Traffic

Elaine Bird asked the following questions of the Council:

'With reference to the possible closure of Pinstone Street, we would like to know what and who the Council thinks the city centre is for.

How do they expect Sheffielders to access local businesses and services and were Raddison Blue given any assurances that buses/traffic would be removed or limited before they agreed to come to Sheffield?

If the city centre is for everyone in Sheffield, not just the fit and able, then everyone needs good and easy access, preferably not by expensive taxis. Council representatives repeatedly tell us that retail is not the future for the city centre as retail is moving online, but Leeds, Manchester and even Nottingham seem to think differently. We have few local banks now, so people need to access the centre for banking too. We have the Millennium Gallery and Library plus lots of other services. How does the Council expect Sheffielders to access these services? Established local businesses are suffering the loss of trade and are being told on a daily basis that regular customers won't be coming again as it is too difficult for them to reach us.

Cycling to work may be possible for council employees who will no doubt be provided with secure storage for their bikes. This is not an option for many, if not most, of the employers in the city centre. Can you please comment on the

recent report that the Council also provides over 300 parking spaces for their employees?

Could the Council outline their plans for bringing trade back to the city centre in the short term. Many small traders will not survive waiting until the city centre developments are completed. It took years for us to recover, if we ever did, after the tram works decimated our businesses. That was a prime example of what happens when access to the city centre is restricted. Please don't repeat that experience again.

We realise that the Council wishes to promote active travel, but surely that does not mean only active travel. At the moment, all buses have an element of active travel that people perhaps do not want. People with mobility issues and other disabilities, it does not just impact the elderly, but often those with children using prams. We are not asking that all transport return to the city centre, but just buses. Taylor's Barbers has been in the same position for over a hundred years. Their business is down 40% and shows no signs of recovering. Surrey Street parking is almost always full. Are Councillors aware that if you have the money, you can park there all day. Will you please think about reducing this facility?

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) thanked Ms Bird for her question. He stated that he had recently had discussions with Ms Bird and the staff at Taylor's Barbers and said that he was working to balance the needs of different citizens within Sheffield. Councillor Johnson said that things had changed a good deal in 100 years, and that Sheffield's centre was more of a residential area than it had previously been, with 20,000 people living in this area. He said that this change necessarily changed the way in which the city centre worked. Councillor Johnson stated there was still a focus on attracting visitors from other places to Sheffield. He added that the tram network was important when bringing people into the city. He said that there was also a focus on increasing space in the city centre for people with mobility issues. Councillor Johnson stated that decreasing traffic in the city centre allowed buses to move more quickly through the area. He said that the benefits of this might be more visible outside of the city centre.

Councillor Johnson responded to the question regarding parking for Council staff and stated that the Council should lead the way in encouraging staff to come to work by means other than private cars but recognised that some of the Council's employees required cars for their role. That did not necessarily mean providing parking for private cars and could instead be provided by ultra low-emission pool cars. He added that recent budget amendments by the Green Group had proposed that Councillors' parking should not be reimbursed unless they had a Blue Badge.

3.4 Petition Requiring Debate: Petition Asking Sheffield City Trust To Let Comedian, Roy Chubby Brown, Perform at the Sheffield City Hall

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing over 30,000 signatures, of which 7067 signatures were from individuals who live,

work or study in Sheffield, requesting Sheffield City Trust to allow Roy Chubby Brown to perform at the City Hall.

The Council's Petitions Scheme required any petition containing over 5000 signatures to be the subject of debate at the Council meeting. The wording of the qualifying petition was as follows:-

*“Requesting Sheffield City Trust to allow Roy Chubby Brown to perform at the City Hall”*

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Haley Madden, who stated that fans of Chubby Brown should be able to attend his shows if they chose to do so as they were taxpayers who fund the running of the City Hall. She acknowledged the fact that not everyone had the same taste in comedy, as with music and other types of entertainment. Ms Madden stated that it was not only fans of Chubby Brown who had signed the petition, but also people who believed that they should have the choice to attend this, and any future shows of his at the City Hall. She made reference to the statement he had made with regard to the recent protest in Whitby, suggesting that Members of the Council should read this. She stressed that Chubby Brown's shows were just an act, which took place behind closed doors, and the people who attended his shows were aware of his material, therefore wouldn't be offended. She did not believe that his material was as offensive as some people thought, and she was aware of people of various nationalities, creeds and sexual preference who had attended his shows, and continued to do so. Ms Madden made reference to the fact that Chubby Brown employed two homosexual men, one of whom had worked for him for 30 years, together with three women, and also had a good friend, of Jamaican origin. She stated that if he was homophobic, misogynistic and racist that a minority of people claimed he was, why would he employ such people and have such people continue working for him.

She stated that councillors had been elected to listen to the views of residents of the city, not to dictate and promote their own personal views if they did not agree with something. She believed it was a comedy show that could not possibly offend anyone, and those who chose to attend his shows know exactly what to expect. She concluded by stressing that people needed a laugh after such a terrible past few years due to the pandemic.

Councillor Julie Grocutt (Deputy Leader of the Council), in responding to the petition, commenced by stressing that the decision not to allow Chubby Brown to perform at the City Hall had been made by the Sheffield City Trust (SCT), a charitable trust, and independent of the Council, and not by the City Council. This also meant that the Council was not able to reverse the Trust's decision. Councillor Grocutt stated that, in her personal opinion, she agreed with the decision made. She stated that no one was suggesting that Chubby Brown could not appear to perform his act in Sheffield, but just could not perform at the City Hall and indicated that there were plenty of private venues in the city where he could perform.

Councillor Martin Smith (Shadow Executive Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration) stated that, in his personal opinion, he

would not attend one of Chubby Brown's performances. However, he believed that SCT's actions in terms of originally agreeing to the show, then rescinding its decision, had caused a considerable level of upset. Councillor Smith referred to other operational issues linked to SCT, and questioned whether the present relationship between the Trust and the City Council was fit for purpose, and suggested that action was required in this regard.

Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed stated that he would also choose not to go to one of Chubby Brown's performances, but believed that people should be able to make their own decisions as to whether they go and see him or not. He pointed out that Chubby Brown had been performing at the City Hall for many years, and questioned why it had taken until now for this decision to be made. He also questioned whether similar decisions would be made regarding other comedians, such as Jimmy Carr and Jo Brand, as well as other artists.

Councillor Abtisam Mohammed stated that she was puzzled by some of the recent comments made with regard to this issue. She accepted that comedy was an acquired taste, but stated that Chubby Brown's act included racist comments, referring specifically to derogative terms used as part of his act. She believed that a racist was a racist, whether they were comedians or not, and that the freedom of speech did not mean freedom from consequence. Councillor Mohamed believed that SCT had made the correct decision, particularly as it had recently given evidence to the Sheffield Race Equality Commission on how it proposed to promote equality in the city.

Councillor Mohammed Mahroof also questioned why it had taken until now to take action against Chubby Brown, particularly as he had been performing for around 50 years. He referred to the adverse effects of racism in all parts of society, and indicated that whilst he did not agree with the content of the act, or would never attend one of his performances, he defended his right to perform where he and his fans wanted him to. He believed that free speech should be supported, and that people should be able to go and see whoever they wanted.

Councillor Lewis Chinchen stated that the debate over whether Chubby Brown should be able to perform was not about whether you agreed with the content of his performances or not, or about whether you liked him as a person, but about whether you supported the fundamental principle of freedom of speech and respected the freedom of choice that people should have in deciding who they see and who they chose not to see. He believed that it shouldn't be SCT's decision to decide what people could or could not watch. Councillor Chinchen stated that we were meant to be living in a liberal society, where people could make their own decisions over who they wanted to see.

Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards stated that as part of her duty as a City Councillor, she had a legal duty to promote community cohesion, including the promotion of equality across the city. She believed that the city should not be welcoming someone who used derogative and racist terminology as part of his act, or giving him a public platform in any buildings owned or leased by the Council.

Councillor Penny Baker questioned whether the City Council or SCT had the powers of censorship, and highlighted the right to free speech. She believed that as long as the act was deemed legal, no-one should be able to tell Chubby Brown that he could not perform in this city.

Councillor Ben Curran stated that he welcomed free speech, and questioned some of the views expressed during this debate. He referred specifically to a previous discussion during a Council meeting where Members had unanimously agreed to take a stand against “cat-calling” and derogatory comments made towards women, but questioned why people thought it was alright for a comedian to make such comments. He also made reference to comments made at previous Council meetings with regard to taking firmer action against people subjecting members of the LGBTQ community to inappropriate comments.

Councillor Colin Ross believed that SCT had handled this situation very badly. He considered it to be a very difficult situation as it was a subjective issue, and expressed concerns at the possibility of the Council or SCT censoring acts by other comedians or other artists in the future. The Council needed to be very mindful of the consequences such censorship could bring.

Haley Madden, in her right of reply, stated that some of the proceeds from the sale of merchandise at Chubby Brown’s shows went to various charities, one being Zoe’s Trust, a cancer charity for young children.

Councillor Julie Grocutt responded to issues raised during the debate and stated that, whilst there had been some compassionate views expressed as part of the debate, she still concurred with the decision taken by SCT. She expressed concern at comments raised by some Councillors with regard to them experiencing racism. She was also concerned about some people attending a Chubby Brown show, when not being familiar with his material, and being subject to inappropriate comments. She considered that the Council should support SCT in its decision in not allowing Chubby Brown to perform at the City Hall.

The outcome of the debate on the petition was as follows:-

#### Proposal 1

It was moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that:-

The petition be noted and no action be taken.

#### Proposal 2

It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that:-

The petition be noted and the matter be referred to the Co-operative Executive to review the performance of Sheffield City Trust and the governance

arrangements between the Council and the Trust.

The two motions were then put to the vote. Proposal 1 was carried and Proposal 2 was not carried. Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council notes the petition and agrees to take no action.

NOTE: The votes on Proposal 2 were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For Proposal 2 (27) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Against Proposal 2 (42) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Bernard Little, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on Proposal 2 (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith).

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

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

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

#### 4.2 Written Questions

A schedule of questions to Executive 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 Executive Members.

#### 4.3 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.

### **5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "STARK BUDGET CHALLENGE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE CHAPLIN**

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Cate McDonald, and seconded by Councillor Mike Chaplin, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Authority is facing an overspend of nearly £44million in 2021/22, caused by the continuing additional spending on Council services needed to respond to the pandemic, such as support for families and older people in need, and the sudden end of Covid-related funding from central Government;
- (b) notes that the single biggest financial issue facing councils throughout the country is addressing the social care crisis, and this pressure is particularly felt in metropolitan areas;
- (c) notes that despite the recent announcement from the Government to increase taxes to, in the words of the Prime Minister, 'fix the crisis in social care', it is far from clear how the Government's plan will deliver on this;
- (d) notes, in addition, that despite the promise of additional health and social care investment, it is not expected that this money will be allocated locally, or that councils will be sufficiently compensated for the spiralling costs they have faced in the last eighteen months;
- (e) notes that for over a decade (since 2010/11), in setting its budget, this Council has had to absorb Government funding cuts, and meet increased costs from pressures such as inflation and demand for services, particularly in social care, amounting to £475 million, which has meant a

31% real terms decrease in the Council's spending power;

- (f) notes that for all the Government's talk of 'levelling up', Sheffield continues to suffer austere cuts above the national average, and believes it is the hard-working people and the most at need who continue to shoulder the impact of this shortfall in funding, with government cutting public services to the bone;
- (g) believes that since 2011, everything possible has been done to challenge government to provide a better funding settlement for Sheffield, but successive governments have failed to deliver, and have appeared ideologically driven to cutting public services and pushing the burden of responsibility onto cash-strapped local authorities;
- (h) believes that no Members in the Co-operative Executive entered politics to make austere cuts to public services, but contends the same cannot be said with certainty for members of the opposition parties, as in 2010 the Conservative-Liberal Democrat national coalition embarked on savage spending cuts to Sheffield - which were consistently defended by both of these parties locally, despite the damage it was doing, and continues to, for Sheffield and its citizens;
- (i) believes that enough is enough, and the Government has to take responsibility and give a fair financial settlement to local authorities, and that, for all their posturing, their levelling-up agenda is empty rhetoric which spectacularly fails to deliver what is required;
- (j) contends that due to the Government's woeful financial settlement for Sheffield, the Council must enact schemes such as Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance and make tough decisions across all council portfolios, including in core services, in order to ensure the Council remains financially viable;
- (k) notes that there is very little detail from Government about how local authorities will be supported going forward, and believes the Council is in a precarious position and that, as such, this Co-operative Executive's approach is the right one - in taking decisive and considered leadership to do everything we can to reduce the budgetary overspend, to prepare for the year ahead, and limit the impact on the services people rely on;
- (l) believes that changes and compromises will have to be made but, as has been done for the last decade, this Council will do everything it can to ensure the most vulnerable are protected, and to continue delivering on our goal of creating a prosperous, fairer Sheffield - tackling inequalities and the climate emergency, strengthening the local economy with better jobs and opportunities, and with improved quality of life for all;
- (m) believes that despite the awful financial challenges over the last decade, successive Administrations have worked tirelessly to ensure that Sheffield remains a great place to live, work and play, with a strong and

growing local economy, with a city council that represents value for taxpayers, and that the Co-operative Executive remains ambitious for the future of this city; and

- (n) calls upon the Government to use the opportunity of the 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review to provide sustainable and sufficient long-term funding for councils based on:-
  - (i) fairness: so that citizens in the less wealthy council areas are not unfairly penalised;
  - (ii) incentives for local growth and innovation; and
  - (iii) promoting local democracy.

5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (e) to (m) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (m) as follows:-

- (e) notes that for all the Government's talk of 'levelling up', Sheffield continues to suffer funding cuts above the national average, and believes it is the hard-working people and the most at need who continue to shoulder the impact of this shortfall in funding, with government cutting public services to the bone;
- (f) particularly condemns the current Government's approach to funding the NHS and Adult Social Care, and believes that a properly thought-out new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital frontline services, particularly for places like Sheffield which has a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;
- (g) 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;
- (h) 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;
- (i) notes the October 2020 Medium Term Financial Analysis predicted a funding gap of £72M between 2021/22 to 2024/25, meaning that 60% of this gap is currently predicted in this financial year;
- (j) notes the 14% increase in this year's Adult Social Care budget raised from the 3% precept increase in Council Tax;
- (k) notes the efficiency savings of £14.9M brought forward from 2020/21

approved in the 2021/22 budget through services effectiveness, cost reduction and staff savings;

- (l) 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:-
  - (i) protecting taxpayer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding to local communities;
  - (ii) continuing to spend vast amounts on Council spin doctors whilst cutting front line services;
  - (iii) spending millions on costly consultants whilst allowing important road safety schemes to be delayed;
  - (iv) adopting a services insourcing policy which could lead to budget increases; and
  - (iv) increasing a youth services budget prior to insourcing 12 months ago and still having no plans on how to spend it; and
- (m) believes that a formal half year review is required urgently to clearly identify the budget overspend areas which lead to a predicted overspend of £44M, an increase of 12% on the approved budget, with a recovery plan to minimise the impact on reserves, and a clear indication of which earmarked reserves are affected.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (o) to (v) as follows:-

- (o) rejects austerity and notes that the Green Party is the only major political party to consistently oppose austerity;
- (p) recognises that the rise in national insurance is unfair and will not resolve the crisis in Health and Social Care, and believes that this Council would favour progressive taxes such as wealth, land and financial transaction taxes;
- (q) believes 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 notes that long-term costs of finance stretch into Sheffield's future until 2057;
- (r) notes that years of austerity have resulted in repeated recruitment freezes and a large number of redundancies;
- (s) believes that this has crushed the opportunities of a generation of young

people who might otherwise have been taken on as apprentices or in entry-level jobs;

- (t) notes that this has also led to the loss of years' worth of collective experience from the Council's workforce;
- (u) believes that many members of the workforce may benefit from a voluntary reduction in their working hours and that this may allow new opportunities for young recruits to learn additional skills by working alongside them; that there are benefits of intergenerational skills transfers and more fulfilling working environments for both younger and older workers; and
- (v) therefore requests officers in every portfolio to promote opportunities for reductions in hours for workers, and flexible retirement, in order to encourage new job opportunities for young people and to maintain their pride in jobs well done.

5.4 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Cate McDonald, the amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was negated.

5.4.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (i) to (m) and voted against paragraphs (e) to (h) of the amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and asked for this to be recorded.)

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (o) and (q) which were lost.

5.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and, on being put to the vote, the Substantive Motion was carried, except for paragraphs (h), (j) & (m) which were negated.

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Authority is facing an overspend of nearly £44million in 2021/22, caused by the continuing additional spending on Council services needed to respond to the pandemic, such as support for families and older people in need, and the sudden end of Covid-related funding from central Government;
- (b) notes that the single biggest financial issue facing councils throughout the country is addressing the social care crisis, and this pressure is particularly felt in metropolitan areas;
- (c) notes that despite the recent announcement from the Government to increase taxes to, in the words of the Prime Minister, 'fix the crisis in social care', it is far from clear how the Government's plan will deliver on this;

- (d) notes, in addition, that despite the promise of additional health and social care investment, it is not expected that this money will be allocated locally, or that councils will be sufficiently compensated for the spiralling costs they have faced in the last eighteen months;
- (e) notes that for over a decade (since 2010/11), in setting its budget, this Council has had to absorb Government funding cuts, and meet increased costs from pressures such as inflation and demand for services, particularly in social care, amounting to £475 million, which has meant a 31% real terms decrease in the Council's spending power;
- (f) notes that for all the Government's talk of 'levelling up', Sheffield continues to suffer austere cuts above the national average, and believes it is the hard-working people and the most at need who continue to shoulder the impact of this shortfall in funding, with government cutting public services to the bone;
- (g) believes that since 2011, everything possible has been done to challenge government to provide a better funding settlement for Sheffield, but successive governments have failed to deliver, and have appeared ideologically driven to cutting public services and pushing the burden of responsibility onto cash-strapped local authorities;
- (h) believes that no Members in the Co-operative Executive entered politics to make austere cuts to public services, but contends the same cannot be said with certainty for members of the opposition parties, as in 2010 the Conservative-Liberal Democrat national coalition embarked on savage spending cuts to Sheffield - which were consistently defended by both of these parties locally, despite the damage it was doing, and continues to, for Sheffield and its citizens;
- (i) believes that enough is enough, and the Government has to take responsibility and give a fair financial settlement to local authorities, and that, for all their posturing, their levelling-up agenda is empty rhetoric which spectacularly fails to deliver what is required;
- (j) contends that due to the Government's woeful financial settlement for Sheffield, the Council must enact schemes such as Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance and make tough decisions across all council portfolios, including in core services, in order to ensure the Council remains financially viable;
- (k) notes that there is very little detail from Government about how local authorities will be supported going forward, and believes the Council is in a precarious position and that, as such, this Co-operative Executive's approach is the right one - in taking decisive and considered leadership to do everything we can to reduce the budgetary overspend, to prepare for the year ahead, and limit the impact on the services people rely on;
- (l) believes that changes and compromises will have to be made but, as has

been done for the last decade, this Council will do everything it can to ensure the most vulnerable are protected, and to continue delivering on our goal of creating a prosperous, fairer Sheffield - tackling inequalities and the climate emergency, strengthening the local economy with better jobs and opportunities, and with improved quality of life for all;

- (m) believes that despite the awful financial challenges over the last decade, successive Administrations have worked tirelessly to ensure that Sheffield remains a great place to live, work and play, with a strong and growing local economy, with a city council that represents value for taxpayers, and that the Co-operative Executive remains ambitious for the future of this city; and
- (n) calls upon the Government to use the opportunity of the 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review to provide sustainable and sufficient long-term funding for councils based on:-
  - (i) fairness: so that citizens in the less wealthy council areas are not unfairly penalised;
  - (ii) incentives for local growth and innovation; and
  - (iii) promoting local democracy.
- (o) recognises that the rise in national insurance is unfair and will not resolve the crisis in Health and Social Care, and believes that this Council would favour progressive taxes such as wealth, land and financial transaction taxes;
- (p) notes that years of austerity have resulted in repeated recruitment freezes and a large number of redundancies;
- (q) believes that this has crushed the opportunities of a generation of young people who might otherwise have been taken on as apprentices or in entry-level jobs;
- (r) notes that this has also led to the loss of years' worth of collective experience from the Council's workforce;
- (s) believes that many members of the workforce may benefit from a voluntary reduction in their working hours and that this may allow new opportunities for young recruits to learn additional skills by working alongside them; that there are benefits of intergenerational skills transfers and more fulfilling working environments for both younger and older workers; and
- (t) therefore requests officers in every portfolio to promote opportunities for reductions in hours for workers, and flexible retirement, in order to encourage new job opportunities for young people and to maintain their pride in jobs well done.

- 5.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and against paragraphs (e) to (t) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.
2. Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (g), (i), (k), (l) and (n) to (t) of the Substantive Motion, and voted against paragraphs (h), (j) and (m) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.
3. Councillor Lewis Chinchin voted for paragraphs (b) and (n) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraphs (a), (c), (f) to (k) and (m) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (d), (e), (l) and (o) to (t) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

5.7 Therefore, the resolution which was passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Authority is facing an overspend of nearly £44million in 2021/22, caused by the continuing additional spending on Council services needed to respond to the pandemic, such as support for families and older people in need, and the sudden end of Covid-related funding from central Government;
- (b) notes that the single biggest financial issue facing councils throughout the country is addressing the social care crisis, and this pressure is particularly felt in metropolitan areas;
- (c) notes that despite the recent announcement from the Government to increase taxes to, in the words of the Prime Minister, 'fix the crisis in social care', it is far from clear how the Government's plan will deliver on this;
- (d) notes, in addition, that despite the promise of additional health and social care investment, it is not expected that this money will be allocated locally, or that councils will be sufficiently compensated for the spiralling costs they have faced in the last eighteen months;
- (e) notes that for over a decade (since 2010/11), in setting its budget, this Council has had to absorb Government funding cuts, and meet increased costs from pressures such as inflation and demand for services, particularly in social care, amounting to £475 million, which has meant a 31% real terms decrease in the Council's spending power;

- (f) notes that for all the Government's talk of 'levelling up', Sheffield continues to suffer austere cuts above the national average, and believes it is the hard-working people and the most at need who continue to shoulder the impact of this shortfall in funding, with government cutting public services to the bone;
- (g) believes that since 2011, everything possible has been done to challenge government to provide a better funding settlement for Sheffield, but successive governments have failed to deliver, and have appeared ideologically driven to cutting public services and pushing the burden of responsibility onto cash-strapped local authorities;
- (h) believes that enough is enough, and the Government has to take responsibility and give a fair financial settlement to local authorities, and that, for all their posturing, their levelling-up agenda is empty rhetoric which spectacularly fails to deliver what is required;
- (i) notes that there is very little detail from Government about how local authorities will be supported going forward, and believes the Council is in a precarious position and that, as such, this Co-operative Executive's approach is the right one - in taking decisive and considered leadership to do everything we can to reduce the budgetary overspend, to prepare for the year ahead, and limit the impact on the services people rely on;
- (j) believes that changes and compromises will have to be made but, as has been done for the last decade, this Council will do everything it can to ensure the most vulnerable are protected, and to continue delivering on our goal of creating a prosperous, fairer Sheffield - tackling inequalities and the climate emergency, strengthening the local economy with better jobs and opportunities, and with improved quality of life for all;
- (k) calls upon the Government to use the opportunity of the 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review to provide sustainable and sufficient long-term funding for councils based on:-
  - (i) fairness: so that citizens in the less wealthy council areas are not unfairly penalised;
  - (ii) incentives for local growth and innovation; and
  - (iii) promoting local democracy;
- (l) recognises that the rise in national insurance is unfair and will not resolve the crisis in Health and Social Care, and believes that this Council would favour progressive taxes such as wealth, land and financial transaction taxes;
- (m) notes that years of austerity have resulted in repeated recruitment freezes and a large number of redundancies;

- (n) believes that this has crushed the opportunities of a generation of young people who might otherwise have been taken on as apprentices or in entry-level jobs;
- (o) notes that this has also led to the loss of years' worth of collective experience from the Council's workforce;
- (p) believes that many members of the workforce may benefit from a voluntary reduction in their working hours and that this may allow new opportunities for young recruits to learn additional skills by working alongside them; that there are benefits of intergenerational skills transfers and more fulfilling working environments for both younger and older workers; and
- (q) therefore requests officers in every portfolio to promote opportunities for reductions in hours for workers, and flexible retirement, in order to encourage new job opportunities for young people and to maintain their pride in jobs well done.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ENERGY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TIM HUGGAN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH**

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, and seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, that this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges that this Council has declared a climate emergency and therefore needs to be doing all it can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (b) recognises that we are facing a sharp rise in energy prices this winter, in part due to the United Kingdom's reliance on fossil fuels;
- (c) notes that over 10% of Sheffield residents live in fuel poverty;
- (d) recognises that increasing investment in, and use of, renewable energy is one of the best ways to bring down the cost of energy supply to people's homes;
- (e) also recognises that increasing use of renewable energy will help Sheffield move towards achieving its environmental targets by reducing carbon emissions;
- (f) further recognises:-
  - (i) that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in

it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so;

- (ii) that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished; and
  - (iii) that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (g) notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;
- (h) accordingly, resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 264 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and that Sheffield City Council should work with partners across the city to make information accessible to private consumers and local businesses to access any such schemes;
- (i) believes that the emerging local plan should encourage the use of local renewable energy supply in any of its considerations; and
- (j) further resolves to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and seconded by Councillor Ben Miskell, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (u) as follows:-

- (k) notes the current gas crisis and believes that UK government needs to do significantly more to end the UK's dependence on overseas gas, and that the current energy crisis is borne out of political failings;
- (l) notes that despite headlines about record amounts of wind and solar power and record numbers of electric cars, climate change-causing greenhouse gas emissions and energy use continue to rise, and the world's thirst for fossil fuels still appears insatiable, and believes that failure to deal with these trends quickly and fairly as part of an organised and just transition will lead to further environmental destruction, social

injustice, and economic chaos;

- (m) believes today's soaring energy bills are also a glimpse into a future of what could happen if we do not change tack, and notes that there are myriad reasons for the current spike in gas prices: the sudden economic growth after the pandemic slump, a cold winter in Europe and Asia, local unplanned-for events, and complicated geopolitics are all partly responsible, but a domestic dearth of systemic thinking is also why many UK citizens are disproportionately affected by the increase in gas prices;
- (n) believes that what this current energy crisis shows us is that, in the 1980s, government should never have sold off our North Sea assets, and instead we could have invested the monies from North Sea exploration into renewables;
- (o) agrees with the comments of Tom Burke, Head of Climate Think Tank E3G, that "bad political ideas have helped pave the way for volatile gas prices. There is nothing new about volatility in commodity prices, but there has been a consistent failure to address reducing gas for heating. This is not an energy crisis, but a crisis of politics";
- (p) believes that we need to take a pragmatic approach to common ownership of the energy sector, and move away from the neoliberal dogmatic approach of recent government who have espoused a market-driven and privatised approach, which has led to spiralling fuel and energy costs;
- (q) notes that the Council is liaising with groups such as Sheffield Renewables to explore how we can deliver increased levels of renewable energy in the city, including community-owned renewable generation;
- (r) believes, however, that we need significant intervention from the Government to help us go further locally; including to help us turn our waste into biogas, and to help insulate all our homes to make them more energy efficient;
- (s) believes that electric heating, as it currently is, may not work for all homes, especially old houses with poor insulation and, therefore, putting in solar panels and swapping out the boiler is not necessarily the answer;
- (t) notes that due to actions of the previous Administration, the Council purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
- (u) requests the Co-operative Executive to direct the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee to undertake research, with recommendations, on what more the Council can do to help the city move to more sustainable energy and deliver on the goals of

the proposed Local Energy Bill.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. in paragraph (a), the substitution of the words “promote renewable energy” by the words “promote energy efficiency and renewable energy”;
2. the addition, at the end of paragraph (b), of the words “and the lack of investment in energy efficiency by previous governments”;
3. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
  - (d) recognises that increasing investment in, and use of, energy efficiency, followed by renewable energy, are the best ways to bring down the cost of energy supply to people's homes;”
4. in paragraph (e), the substitution of the words “increasing use of renewable energy” by the words “increasing the energy efficiency of buildings and use of renewable energy”;
5. in paragraph (h), the insertion of the words “community-owned and” before the words “local renewable electricity supply”;
6. in paragraph (i), the insertion of the words “community-owned and” before the words “local renewable energy supply”; and
7. the addition of new paragraphs (k) and (l) as follows:-
  - (k) further resolves to work with local experts, such as Sheffield Renewables, to address any local barriers to installation and work together to advance community-owned and local renewable energy supplies, including exploration of the use of Council-owned land and property to support community led renewable energy projects; and
  - (l) resolves to consider how best to incorporate the promotion of community-owned and local renewable energy supply in Sheffield's 10-point Decarbonisation Plan.

6.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Barbara Masters, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) and (l) as follows:-

- (k) believes that:-
  - (i) the emerging fuel crisis is pushing more and more Sheffield residents into fuel poverty as bills keep rising and that, as a

Council, we have a duty to act;

- (ii) the emerging fuel crisis demonstrates the need for Sheffield to have more control of its own energy supplies to prepare for the greater demand for electricity locally as measures to clean up our environment are rolled out; with this additional energy needing to come from renewable sources in line with the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency;
  - (iii) the infrastructure needed to provide access to clean and affordable energy should use existing networks as much as possible to reduce the use of new materials;
  - (iv) building on the existing district heating system would allow us to reduce Sheffield's carbon footprint and has the potential for a clean source of heat and power; and
  - (v) the Council should investigate innovative and sustainable forms of powering small scale and district heating systems that use the infrastructure already present in Sheffield; this includes exploring heat recovery from mine water which is being promoted by the Coal Authority working with academics, local authorities, central government, and others, to help realise the potential of mine water heat, and which is already being used to heat homes in the Northeast of England; and
- (l) requests that the requirement for new developments to link into a district heating system where this is the most sustainable option, be incorporated into future planning policy.

6.5 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Tim Huggan, the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones was put to the vote and was carried.

6.5.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (k) to (o) and (q) to (u), and voted against paragraph (p) of the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (r), (s) and (u), voted against paragraphs (k) and (p), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (l) to (o), (q) and (t), of the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and asked for this to be recorded.)

6.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was also carried.

6.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for parts 1, 3, 4 and paragraph (k) of part 7, voted against part 2 and paragraph (l) of part 7, and abstained from voting on parts 5 and 6 of the amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for parts 1, 3 and 4, voted against part 2, and abstained from voting on parts 5, 6 and 7 of the amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and asked for this to be recorded.)

6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Barbara Masters was then put to the vote and was also carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges that this Council has declared a climate emergency and therefore needs to be doing all it can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- (b) recognises that we are facing a sharp rise in energy prices this winter, in part due to the United Kingdom's reliance on fossil fuels and the lack of investment in energy efficiency by previous governments;
- (c) notes that over 10% of Sheffield residents live in fuel poverty;
- (d) recognises that increasing investment in, and use of, energy efficiency, followed by renewable energy, are the best ways to bring down the cost of energy supply to people's homes;
- (e) also recognises that increasing the energy efficiency of buildings and use of renewable energy will help Sheffield move towards achieving its environmental targets by reducing carbon emissions;
- (f) further recognises:-
  - (i) that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so;
  - (ii) that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant

- opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished; and
- (iii) that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (g) notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;
- (h) accordingly, resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 264 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote community-owned and local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and that Sheffield City Council should work with partners across the city to make information accessible to private consumers and local businesses to access any such schemes;
- (i) believes that the emerging local plan should encourage the use of community-owned and local renewable energy supply in any of its considerations;
- (j) further resolves to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support;
- (k) notes the current gas crisis and believes that UK government needs to do significantly more to end the UK's dependence on overseas gas, and that the current energy crisis is borne out of political failings;
- (l) notes that despite headlines about record amounts of wind and solar power and record numbers of electric cars, climate change-causing greenhouse gas emissions and energy use continue to rise, and the world's thirst for fossil fuels still appears insatiable, and believes that failure to deal with these trends quickly and fairly as part of an organised and just transition will lead to further environmental destruction, social injustice, and economic chaos;
- (m) believes today's soaring energy bills are also a glimpse into a future of what could happen if we do not change tack, and notes that there are myriad reasons for the current spike in gas prices: the sudden economic growth after the pandemic slump, a cold winter in Europe and Asia, local unplanned-for events, and complicated geopolitics are all partly

- responsible, but a domestic dearth of systemic thinking is also why many UK citizens are disproportionately affected by the increase in gas prices;
- (n) believes that what this current energy crisis shows us is that, in the 1980s, government should never have sold off our North Sea assets, and instead we could have invested the monies from North Sea exploration into renewables;
  - (o) agrees with the comments of Tom Burke, Head of Climate Think Tank E3G, that “bad political ideas have helped pave the way for volatile gas prices. There is nothing new about volatility in commodity prices, but there has been a consistent failure to address reducing gas for heating. This is not an energy crisis, but a crisis of politics”;
  - (p) believes that we need to take a pragmatic approach to common ownership of the energy sector, and move away from the neoliberal dogmatic approach of recent government who have espoused a market-driven and privatised approach, which has led to spiralling fuel and energy costs;
  - (q) notes that the Council is liaising with groups such as Sheffield Renewables to explore how we can deliver increased levels of renewable energy in the city, including community-owned renewable generation;
  - (r) believes, however, that we need significant intervention from the Government to help us go further locally; including to help us turn our waste into biogas, and to help insulate all our homes to make them more energy efficient;
  - (s) believes that electric heating, as it currently is, may not work for all homes, especially old houses with poor insulation and, therefore, putting in solar panels and swapping out the boiler is not necessarily the answer;
  - (t) notes that due to actions of the previous Administration, the Council purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy;
  - (u) requests the Co-operative Executive to direct the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee to undertake research, with recommendations, on what more the Council can do to help the city move to more sustainable energy and deliver on the goals of the proposed Local Energy Bill;
  - (v) further resolves to work with local experts, such as Sheffield Renewables, to address any local barriers to installation and work together to advance community-owned and local renewable energy supplies, including exploration of the use of Council-owned land and property to support community led renewable energy projects;

- (w) resolves to consider how best to incorporate the promotion of community-owned and local renewable energy supply in Sheffield's 10-point Decarbonisation Plan;
- (x) believes that:-
  - (i) the emerging fuel crisis is pushing more and more Sheffield residents into fuel poverty as bills keep rising and that, as a Council, we have a duty to act;
  - (ii) the emerging fuel crisis demonstrates the need for Sheffield to have more control of its own energy supplies to prepare for the greater demand for electricity locally as measures to clean up our environment are rolled out; with this additional energy needing to come from renewable sources in line with the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency;
  - (iii) the infrastructure needed to provide access to clean and affordable energy should use existing networks as much as possible to reduce the use of new materials;
  - (iv) building on the existing district heating system would allow us to reduce Sheffield's carbon footprint and has the potential for a clean source of heat and power; and
  - (v) the Council should investigate innovative and sustainable forms of powering small scale and district heating systems that use the infrastructure already present in Sheffield; this includes exploring heat recovery from mine water which is being promoted by the Coal Authority working with academics, local authorities, central government, and others, to help realise the potential of mine water heat, and which is already being used to heat homes in the Northeast of England; and
- (y) requests that the requirement for new developments to link into a district heating system where this is the most sustainable option, be incorporated into future planning policy.

6.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (o), (q) to (v), (x) and (y), and voted against paragraphs (p) and (w), of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (a), (c) to (g), (j), (r), (s), (u), (x) and (y), voted against paragraphs (b), (k) and (p), and abstained from voting

on paragraphs (h), (i), (l) to (o), (q), (t), (v) and (w), of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "CRISIS IN SOCIAL CARE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), that this Council:-

- (a) notes that for over a decade central government have promised a white paper on social care reform – to provide a long-term vision and a financial package to resolve the current crisis in care – and believes that what has now been put forward is a huge, missed opportunity by this Government;
- (b) notes also that the Prime Minister claimed he will ‘fix social care once and for all’, and yet it is this Council’s contention that the recent announcements will make little impact in addressing the scale of the problems, in both the short and long-term and, once again, it will be left on local authorities to pick up the pieces;
- (c) notes that the extra funding for social care is not even enough to deal with the immediate pressures on the system, and that social care is the single biggest financial pressure on this Council;
- (d) believes that the Government’s social care announcement could, in the words of the Local Government Association (LGA), create ‘a situation where the care sector ends up being worse off’ and will put more future pressures on councils, not less, as they may have to cover some of the costs of the cap, as the Government are likely to have under-costed, and it is highly unlikely that the Government will be able to move funding initially flowing to the NHS towards social care at a later point, as at no point in British history has money from the NHS been taken back out of it and redirected to elsewhere in the British state;
- (e) notes that much needed improvements to care sector work is still outstanding from government and believes that without proper investment and decent pay and working conditions the sector will never deliver as it should;
- (f) notes that in Sheffield the previous Administration invested £4.2 million into the care sector to enable Sheffield’s care workers to be given a pay rise and believes that such funding investment was not only the right thing to do, for the extraordinary effort of care workers throughout the pandemic, but that it also ensures a better service to the benefit of those relying on support; and
- (g) believes that the future of social care should be about building communities where people can live healthy independent lives, with a new

deal for care workers, and with a new partnership built with families – so they do not put their own health and livelihoods at risk looking after the people they love, or to lose their home to pay for care – but that, sadly, the Government's proposed reforms fail to deliver on every metric you could think of.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (m) as follows:-

- (h) notes that the Liberal Democrats on this Council proposed putting an additional £200,000 into vocational development for front-line care workers in the financial year 2021/2022 over and above the £4.2m enhanced pay provision agreed, as a way of boosting the esteem of the caring vocation and the role it plays as a valuable employer;
- (i) notes the plight of unpaid carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic;
- (j) also calls on the Government to raise the Carer's Allowance by £1000 a year and not what this Council believes to be the insultingly low 5p a day announced in April, allowing our carers to lead decent lives, after recent research suggested a third struggle to make ends meet;
- (k) believes that with over 120,000 vacancies in the sector, professional care staff are overstretched and unable to give people the time and attention they need;
- (l) further believes that the Government's announcement will mean nothing to the staff who need it and that care staff deserve better pay, recognition and career progression, not vague promises of training and a tax on low paid workers, and therefore that the Government's plan is neither the way to reform social care nor the way to pay for it; and
- (m) calls upon the Government to work to improve the care sector by investing in staff development, offering good rates of pay, good working conditions and developing a positive culture where staff are valued.

7.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and formally seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (l) as follows:-

- (h) thanks social care workers for their hard work and sacrifices to care for the people of Sheffield;
- (i) believes that social care workers should be well paid and social care should be properly funded, universal and free-at-the-point of delivery;
- (j) believes that major reform is needed to address the crisis in social care and that, in line with the above principles, a National Care Service should

be established;

- (k) applauds the work taking place in Scotland by the Scottish Greens and SNP in forming a National Care Service; and
- (l) resolves to support the introduction of a National Care Service and to write to Sheffield MPs to lobby Parliament for the introduction of this.

7.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraph (h) which was negated.

7.4.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (i) and (m), voted against paragraph (l), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (h), (j) and (k), of the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraph (k) which was negated.

7.5.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraph (h), voted against paragraphs (j) to (l), and abstained from voting on paragraph (i), of the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraph (h) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (i) to (l), of the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that for over a decade central government have promised a white paper on social care reform – to provide a long-term vision and a financial package to resolve the current crisis in care – and believes that what has now been put forward is a huge, missed opportunity by this Government;
- (b) notes also that the Prime Minister claimed he will ‘fix social care once and for all’, and yet it is this Council’s contention that the recent announcements will make little impact in addressing the scale of the problems, in both the short and long-term and, once again, it will be left on local authorities to pick up the pieces;
- (c) notes that the extra funding for social care is not even enough to deal

- with the immediate pressures on the system, and that social care is the single biggest financial pressure on this Council;
- (d) believes that the Government's social care announcement could, in the words of the Local Government Association (LGA), create 'a situation where the care sector ends up being worse off' and will put more future pressures on councils, not less, as they may have to cover some of the costs of the cap, as the Government are likely to have under-costed, and it is highly unlikely that the Government will be able to move funding initially flowing to the NHS towards social care at a later point, as at no point in British history has money from the NHS been taken back out of it and redirected to elsewhere in the British state;
  - (e) notes that much needed improvements to care sector work is still outstanding from government and believes that without proper investment and decent pay and working conditions the sector will never deliver as it should;
  - (f) notes that in Sheffield the previous Administration invested £4.2 million into the care sector to enable Sheffield's care workers to be given a pay rise and believes that such funding investment was not only the right thing to do, for the extraordinary effort of care workers throughout the pandemic, but that it also ensures a better service to the benefit of those relying on support;
  - (g) believes that the future of social care should be about building communities where people can live healthy independent lives, with a new deal for care workers, and with a new partnership built with families – so they do not put their own health and livelihoods at risk looking after the people they love, or to lose their home to pay for care – but that, sadly, the Government's proposed reforms fail to deliver on every metric you could think of;
  - (h) notes the plight of unpaid carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic;
  - (i) also calls on the Government to raise the Carer's Allowance by £1000 a year and not what this Council believes to be the insultingly low 5p a day announced in April, allowing our carers to lead decent lives, after recent research suggested a third struggle to make ends meet;
  - (j) believes that with over 120,000 vacancies in the sector, professional care staff are overstretched and unable to give people the time and attention they need;
  - (k) further believes that the Government's announcement will mean nothing to the staff who need it and that care staff deserve better pay, recognition and career progression, not vague promises of training and a tax on low paid workers, and therefore that the Government's plan is neither the way to reform social care nor the way to pay for it;

- (l) calls upon the Government to work to improve the care sector by investing in staff development, offering good rates of pay, good working conditions and developing a positive culture where staff are valued;
- (m) thanks social care workers for their hard work and sacrifices to care for the people of Sheffield;
- (n) believes that social care workers should be well paid and social care should be properly funded, universal and free-at-the-point of delivery;
- (o) believes that major reform is needed to address the crisis in social care and that, in line with the above principles, a National Care Service should be established; and
- (p) resolves to support the introduction of a National Care Service and to write to Sheffield MPs to lobby Parliament for the introduction of this.

7.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (m), voted against paragraphs (o) and (p), and abstained from voting on paragraph (n), of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for paragraph (h), (l) and (m), voted against paragraphs (a) to (e) and (k), and abstained from voting on paragraph (f), (g), (i), (j) and (n) to (p), of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DOING MORE FOR THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS CHINCHEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER**

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchen, and formally seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks all members of the Armed Forces Community (AFC) who have sacrificed so much for the benefit of the nation;
- (b) understands that there is a moral duty on the Administration, and indeed on all Councillors, to do more to support members of the AFC;
- (c) notes the challenges which the AFC (including those who serve as a regular or reservist, veterans and family members of those who serve and have served) face in a range of areas such as housing, employment,

finance, skills and health;

- (d) recognises the opportunities from an economic and social perspective of more seamlessly integrating veterans back into civilian life and improving support for all members of the AFC who may be facing a range of challenges additional to those experienced by the average citizen;
- (e) notes a survey conducted as part of Sheffield Hallam's South Yorkshire Armed Forces Covenant Project – Mapping of the Armed Forces Community Across the Region (July 2018) showed that more than half of Armed Forces respondents were unaware that Councils in South Yorkshire had signed the Armed Forces Covenant and 53% of respondents had a poor awareness of specific support services available to them;
- (f) notes that the Community Covenant Annual Newsletter published on Sheffield City Council's Armed Forces webpage is outdated, having been written in 2018, and believes that this is indicative of wider issues in communication with the AFC;
- (g) also notes that Sheffield is one of the only major cities in England who will not be hosting a City Poppy Day in aid of the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion (RBL); and
- (h) therefore resolves to request the Administration to:-
  - (i) produce an Action Plan specific to the needs of the AFC in Sheffield within 6 months;
  - (ii) use the Action Plan to ensure Sheffield City Council progresses to becoming a Gold-accredited employer as part of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme;
  - (iii) provide appropriate training to Council Officers to ensure they are aware of advice, options and support available to the AFC, particularly in relation to physical and mental health, housing, employment, education and finance;
  - (iv) be more proactive in applying for grants from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to achieve the aims in the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Action Plans;
  - (v) become a leading regional partner of the RBL by engaging more with their fundraising and remembrance events at a city-wide level;
  - (vi) ensure the production of the updated Sheffield Armed Forces Community Directory of Local Support remains on schedule so members of the AFC are able to easily identify available support;

- (vii) routinely publish the minutes of the Sheffield Community Covenant Partnership Board on the Sheffield City Council website to enable members of the AFC and the people of Sheffield to see what action is being taken; and
- (viii) update the Community Covenant Annual Newsletter on Sheffield City Council's Armed Forces webpage and increase the frequency of the newsletter from annual to semi-annual.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (e) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (j) as follows:-

- (e) notes that following the publication of the original motion, there has been confusion from some residents about Poppy Days and the city's Poppy Appeal, and we want to make it categorically clear that there is a full programme of remembrance planned for Sheffield, in partnership with the Royal British Legion (RBL), as we have always done;
- (f) believes it is important to note that remembrance events are led by the Royal British Legion, but the Council must do everything in its power to support the RBL and the Armed Forces Community;
- (g) notes that the RBL holds City Poppy Days, which are different from a general Poppy Appeal, in various locations across the country, and that the RBL only host City Poppy Days where they can rely on the availability of members of the Armed Forces - including uniformed personnel from the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force - and as such Sheffield have not been asked to host a City Poppy Day, though the Council would, undoubtably, actively support the RBL if this were the case;
- (h) believes that supporting our Armed Forces Community should never be politicised, and that councillors throughout the city must work together to deliver for our service personnel, veterans, and their families;
- (i) believes that consideration needs to be given to how the Council can go further in supporting our Armed Forces Community – including proposals outlined in the original Notice of Motion, including updating the Community Covenant Annual Newsletter on Sheffield City Council's Armed Forces webpage, looking into increasing the frequency of the newsletter from annual to semi-annual, and ensuring appropriate training to Council Officers – and calls for a cross-party committee to be set-up to look into this, to be led by the Lord Mayor and the Council's Military Champion, and including members from all of the Council's political parties; and
- (j) believes, fundamentally, that any proposals need to be developed alongside the AFC and the RBL.

8.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (g) and (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (t) as follows:-

- (g) recognises the best way to protect our armed forces is to not send them to war;
- (h) recognises that the war on terror has cost 900,000 lives;
- (i) recognises that the bombing of Yemen has cost 130,000 lives, and spawned the world's worst humanitarian crisis in a country that was already the Arab world's most impoverished nation;
- (j) believes that by providing better social services all people will be better cared for;
- (k) believes that a properly funded NHS with universal mental health care and trauma counselling for everybody is a standard that the Government is failing to meet;
- (l) believes that the pandemic showed us that there is no reason for anyone to be homeless and that homelessness, like poverty, is a political choice made by the Government;
- (m) resolves to always argue in favour of peace and robustly against war and violence;
- (n) resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP, asking him to:-
  - (i) raise the UK Foreign Aid budget to 1% in order to help prevent future wars and humanitarian crises caused by war; and
  - (ii) properly fund the NHS so universal mental health care and trauma counselling for everybody, including the armed forces, is standard;
- (o) resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, asking him to:-
  - (i) stop British Forces supporting the bombing of Yemen; and
  - (ii) to ban the sale of arms;
- (p) resolves to never knowingly provide any business that is involved in the arms trade with financial support from the Council either directly or via grant funding schemes;
- (q) resolves to fulfil Sheffield's commitment as a City of Sanctuary by helping all people who supported Allied forces in Afghanistan and any other

places of conflict;

- (r) resolves to be more proactive in applying for grants from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust;
- (s) resolves to ensure the production of the updated Sheffield Armed Forces Community Directory of Local Support remains on schedule; and
- (t) resolves to publish the minutes of the Sheffield Community Covenant Partnership Board on the Sheffield City Council website.

8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst was put to the vote and was carried.

8.4.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for paragraphs (h) to (j) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (e) to (g) of the amendment moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Paul Turpin was then put to the vote and was negatived.

8.5.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for paragraphs (j) and (q) to (t), voted against paragraphs (g) to (i), (k) to (m) and (n)(i), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (n)(ii), (o) and (p), of the amendment moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) thanks all members of the Armed Forces Community (AFC) who have sacrificed so much for the benefit of the nation;
- (b) understands that there is a moral duty on the Administration, and indeed on all Councillors, to do more to support members of the AFC;
- (c) notes the challenges which the AFC (including those who serve as a regular or reservist, veterans and family members of those who serve and have served) face in a range of areas such as housing, employment, finance, skills and health;
- (d) recognises the opportunities from an economic and social perspective of more seamlessly integrating veterans back into civilian life and improving support for all members of the AFC who may be facing a range of challenges additional to those experienced by the average citizen;
- (e) notes that following the publication of the original motion, there has been confusion from some residents about Poppy Days and the city's Poppy Appeal, and we want to make it categorically clear that there is a full

programme of remembrance planned for Sheffield, in partnership with the Royal British Legion (RBL), as we have always done;

- (f) believes it is important to note that remembrance events are led by the Royal British Legion, but the Council must do everything in its power to support the RBL and the Armed Forces Community;
- (g) notes that the RBL holds City Poppy Days, which are different from a general Poppy Appeal, in various locations across the country, and that the RBL only host City Poppy Days where they can rely on the availability of members of the Armed Forces - including uniformed personnel from the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force - and as such Sheffield have not been asked to host a City Poppy Day, though the Council would, undoubtedly, actively support the RBL if this were the case;
- (h) believes that supporting our Armed Forces Community should never be politicised, and that councillors throughout the city must work together to deliver for our service personnel, veterans, and their families;
- (i) believes that consideration needs to be given to how the Council can go further in supporting our Armed Forces Community – including proposals outlined in the original Notice of Motion, including updating the Community Covenant Annual Newsletter on Sheffield City Council’s Armed Forces webpage, looking into increasing the frequency of the newsletter from annual to semi-annual, and ensuring appropriate training to Council Officers – and calls for a cross-party committee to be set-up to look into this, to be led by the Lord Mayor and the Council’s Military Champion, and including members from all of the Council’s political parties; and
- (j) believes, fundamentally, that any proposals need to be developed alongside the AFC and the RBL.

8.6.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (h) to (j) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (e) to (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **9. THE MAKING OF DORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that approval be given to the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director, Place, now submitted, on the result of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and outlining the steps to be taken in consequence of its outcome.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the

recommendations in the report of the Executive Director, Place, be approved with the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) notes the increase in the local portion in the plan area from 15% to 25% as required by legislation; believes that this requirement is vitiated by the current policy of redistribution of the local Community Infrastructure Levy portion between areas of Sheffield, and asks the Co-operative Executive to bring forward proposals to ensure that areas covered by Neighbourhood Plans should retain the full 25% local portion for expenditure in the plan area, control of such expenditure to be delegated to the relevant Local Area Committees.

9.3 The amendment was put to the vote and was negatived.

9.4 The recommendations in the report were then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the outcome of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, as outlined in the report of the Executive Director, Place, now submitted; and
- (b) resolves to 'make' the Dore Neighbourhood Plan such that it is adopted as a planning document as part of Sheffield's Statutory Development Plan.

## **10. UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that approval be given to the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, regarding changes to the Constitution as a result of the establishment of Local Area Committees, Transitional Committees and the Governance Committee, and changes to the number and remits of Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees, in this municipal year.

10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, as an amendment, that the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance be approved, subject to the inclusion of the following addition to the terms of reference of the Transitional Committees:-

(e) Supporting Transition

Consider what powers and budgets under the related portfolio areas should be devolved to Area Committees, and to make recommendations to the Co-operative Executive.

- 10.3 The amendment was put to the vote and was carried.
- 10.4 The recommendations in the report, as now amended, were then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That the amendments to Part 3 (Responsibility For Functions) and Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Constitution made by the Director of Legal and Governance by the insertion of (a) Terms of Reference for the Area Committees, the Governance Committee, the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees and the Transitional Committees and (b) Procedure Rules for the Area Committees, attached to the report of the Director of Legal and Governance, now submitted, be approved subject to the inclusion of the following addition to the terms of reference of the Transitional Committees:-

(e) Supporting Transition

Consider what powers and budgets under the related portfolio areas should be devolved to Area Committees, and to make recommendations to the Co-operative Executive.

**11. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES : REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Grocutt, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and its recommendations, set out in the report of the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted;
- (b) approves the addition of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for the following roles in the Schedule of Special Responsibility Allowances in the Members' Allowances Scheme as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), and authorises that these SRAs be backdated to 19th May 2021 and be payable from the dates that Members were formally appointed to those roles:-
- (i) Local Area Committee Deputy Chairs at Band E (£3,269.28 per annum)
  - (ii) Transitional Committee Chairs at Band B (£8,107.82 per annum)
  - (iii) Transitional Committee Vice/Deputy Chairs at Band E (£3,269.28 per annum); and
- (c) approves the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to Special Responsibility Allowances for Opposition Group

office holders, as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the Executive Director's report.

## **12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- 12.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, be approved as true and accurate records, subject to the alteration of the recorded vote set out at paragraph 10.3.1 of the minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, to show that Councillor Lewis Chinchen abstained from voting on Part A of the amendment concerned, and voted for Part B of that amendment.

## **13. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

- 13.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that:-

(a) it be noted that Councillor Fran Belbin, who was elected on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a Firth Park Ward Councillor, has joined the Labour Group on the Council, thereby restoring the political composition of the Council to the position that was reported to the Council's Annual General Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, i.e. 41 Labour : 29 Lib Dem : 13 Green : 1 Other (Councillor Lewis Chinchen, Conservative), and that, accordingly, there is no change required to be made to the allocation of seats on Council Committees to the political groups, as approved at the Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021;

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

Transitional Committee Substitute (non-Executive) Members - Councillor Fran Belbin to fill a vacancy; Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Mike Levery to replace Councillors Sue Alston and Richard Shaw

North East Local Area Committee - Councillor Fran Belbin to fill a vacancy

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

South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - Councillor Fran Belbin to fill a vacancy

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Audit & Standards Committee - Councillor Tim Huggan to fill a substitute Member vacancy

- Together Housing – Local Panel - Councillor Josie Paszek to fill a vacancy
  
- Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber - Councillor Tony Downing to replace Councillor Tony Damms; Councillor Denise Fox to fill a substitute Member vacancy
  
- Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board - Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall

(d) it be noted that the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority changed its name to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

#### **14. VOTE OF THANKS TO FORMER COUNCILLORS**

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Prior to concluding the meeting, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) suggested that a resolution of thanks should be passed for the service provided to the Council by former Councillors who had not been re-elected at the Municipal elections held in May 2021 or who had recently retired.
  
- 14.2 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith), seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), that this Council places on record its thanks and appreciation to former Councillors Andy Bainbridge, David Baker, Jack Clarkson, Lewis Dagnall, Julie Dore, Jackie Drayton, Adam Hurst, Bob Johnson, Alan Law, Bob Pullin and Jim Steinke, for their hard work and service to the City of Sheffield.