



Council

**Thursday 18 November 2021
2.00 pm**

**The Octagon Centre, Clarkson
Street, Sheffield, S10 2TQ**

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COUNCIL

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at <http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=154>. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

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

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last.

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings of the Council have to be held as physical meetings. While ever the Council continues to apply social distancing and other public health safety measures, the meetings of the Council will be held at a venue that can accommodate all 84 Members of the Council, plus officers and a limited number of members of the public within a safe indoor environment.

If you would like to attend the meeting, you must register to attend by emailing committee@sheffield.gov.uk at least 2 clear days in advance of the date of the meeting. This is necessary to facilitate the management of attendance at the meeting to maintain social distancing. In order to ensure safe access and to protect all attendees, you will be required to wear a face covering (unless you have an exemption) at all times within the venue. It is also recommended that you undertake a Covid-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Test within two days of the meeting. You can order tests online to be delivered to your home address, or you can collect tests from a local pharmacy. Further details of these tests and how to obtain them can be accessed here - [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

We are unable to guarantee entrance to observers, as priority will be given to registered speakers.

Alternatively, you can observe the meeting remotely by clicking on the 'view the webcast' link provided on the [meeting page](#) of the website.

**COUNCIL AGENDA
18 NOVEMBER 2021**

Order of Business

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

(NOTE: There is a time limit of one hour for the above item of business. In accordance with the arrangements published on the Council's website in relation to meetings of the Council held whilst social distancing and other public health safety measures still apply, questions/petitions are required to be submitted in writing, to committee@sheffield.gov.uk, by 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 16th November.)

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEVELOPERS CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PETER GARBUTT

That this Council believes:-

- (a) that building regulations standards for energy efficiency are not sufficient to address the climate emergency;
- (b) that incorporating renewable energy is not encouraged sufficiently in new developments;
- (c) that actions taken to reduce the risk of flooding need to be encouraged better in new developments through natural flood management and measures such as tree and hedge planting to increase water absorption, catch rainfall and slow down surface water run-off and reduce water pollution;
- (d) that action to preserve and promote biodiversity is not sufficiently appreciated in new developments and should be promoted;
- (e) that developers who go beyond the minimum standards required by national government are not recognised;
- (f) that there is limited public visibility for developers who do more than the minimum they are required to;

That this Council resolves:-

- (g) that the Council will ask developers to give their answers to these questions as part of the Planning Application process by completing a **Developers Climate Change Declaration:-**
 - (i) What measures have been/will be taken to limit the carbon consumed through the implementation and construction processes? e.g. by reusing existing on-site materials, using low carbon materials and sourcing materials locally.
 - (ii) What measures have been/will be taken to utilise renewable or low carbon energy sources either in the course of development or for use by the occupiers of the completed development or both?
 - (iii) What measures have been/will be taken to reduce potential impacts of flooding associated with your proposed development? e.g. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, use of permeable materials, soakaways and leaving some land undeveloped to absorb rainfall.

- (iv) What measures will be taken to promote biodiversity in your proposed development?
- (h) that the Council will publicly recognise annually those developers who have gone above and beyond minimum Government requirements to address the climate and nature emergency;
- (j) that the Council will encourage and recognise developers who address the green skills gap by taking on local apprentices and training staff in the installation of new green technologies; and
- (j) that the Council will use the results of the Developers Climate Change Declarations as an evidence base to encourage Government to improve building regulations so they are more fit for purpose to address the climate emergency.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "WHITE RIBBON DAY AND ENDING MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GARRY WEATHERALL

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the Council must do everything it can to end male violence against women;
- (b) notes the work of White Ribbon UK in raising awareness and campaigning on this issue, with their particular focus on the need to engage with men and boys;
- (c) notes that November 25 is White Ribbon Day and many organisations across the country use this annual event as an opportunity to raise awareness about violence against women, and believes that Sheffield City Council should mark this occasion and show that the organisation is committed to being part of the solution;
- (d) believes that the White Ribbon Day should be marked by all areas of the Organisation, by undertaking the following:-
 - encourage all staff to wear a White Ribbon;
 - share messages about White Ribbon UK, including on social media, and why this is such an important issue to tackle;
 - particularly encourage men to wear a White Ribbon, and make the 'White Ribbon Promise' to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women;
 - display the White Ribbon symbol in and around council buildings – on windows and noticeboards;

- (e) directs that discussions should be undertaken with White Ribbon UK to investigate being part of their White Ribbon Accreditation scheme;
- (f) believes that raising awareness about violence against women, and acting to combat this, is not something that should be just shouted about one day a year, but all year round;
- (g) requests that all Local Area Committee chairs task their committees with investigating what work is being undertaken in their areas to combat violence against women; report on what action the committee will take; and report on how the Council can better support and educate communities on this issue;
- (h) shares concern that the Our Bodies, Our Streets installation on the Ponderosa, highlighting sexual harassment, was burned down, and shares the resolve of the woman who posted a sign reading 'this won't stop us' in the ashes;
- (i) resolves to work alongside the newly formed 'Claim Back West Street' Campaign - which aims to make West Street a safer place, following the recent escalation of drink spiking; and
- (j) reiterates the importance of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to address Violence Against Women and Girls in South Yorkshire, and notes that this constitutes a wide partnership of many organisations: South Yorkshire's four local authorities, youth offending teams, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, clinical commissioning groups/NHS, Department for Work and Pensions, voluntary and faith sectors, educational establishments and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) - and commits to working with the VRU to produce a strategy for South Yorkshire that will give greater coherence to what each organisation is doing individually, as well as putting front and centre the experience of victims.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "EMPOWERING LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT-JONES

This this Council:-

- (a) believes that decisions by democratically elected councillors should be taken at the lowest practical level, so that individuals and communities are empowered to influence decisions which affect their lives;
- (b) believes that the new Local Area Committees are an important step in revolutionising the way the Council runs and how accountable it

is to local residents, alongside the new committee system voted for by the people of Sheffield;

- (c) recognises that the formation of the new Local Area Committees is an important step towards giving communities across Sheffield the decision-making involvement they desire to determine their own futures;
- (d) understands that for this Council both the new committee system and Local Area Committees offer a great opportunity to work more constructively across political parties;
- (e) believes, however, that the Local Area Committees have been given relatively limited powers and budgets to spend on the priorities of local residents;
- (f) therefore believes that as part of its current reorganisation, this Council should investigate and explore ways that would enable many more decision making powers to be devolved to Local Area Committees;
- (g) requests that this Council works to devolve powers and budgets; and as a minimum, these powers must be greater than those of the community assemblies at the time when they were abolished in 2013; and that there must be a concomitant decrease in the powers of the centre;
- (h) believes that amongst those services where decision making powers should be devolved to Local Area Committees are libraries, parks, management of local centres and streetscene including dealing with fly-tipping;
- (i) also believes that areas of Council responsibility such as elements of housing, public health, local transport, highways, road safety, and youth services could benefit from localised decision making and budgeting;
- (j) further believes that Local Area Committees should work in partnership with other services in the community including police, health, and social care organisations to enable better co-ordination of provision;
- (k) believes there should be a presumption in favour of decision-making powers at the Local Area Committee level in respect of service delivery; and
- (l) further requests that a greater proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 funding is devolved to Ward Councillors via the Local Area Committees to allow more money to be spent in the communities which live with these new

developments.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COP26 : NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOSIE PASZEK AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANNE MURPHY

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that in November the UK will host an event many believe to be the world's best last chance to get climate change, and carbon emissions, under control;
- (b) believes that this is an ideal opportunity for us all to take stock of what we are doing to reduce carbon emissions and build towards a more sustainable future;
- (c) believes that Sheffield should lead the way in fighting the climate emergency and do everything possible to work with citizens and partners across the city to foster an understanding of the emergency – taking action that needs to be done, and taking full advantage of the hugely positive changes that a more sustainable economy will produce;
- (d) believes that though tough choices will inevitably need to be taken to address the crisis, this must be done in a fair and just way;
- (e) believes that addressing climate change should not be seen as an economic challenge but an economic opportunity, and that proper government investment into a decarbonised steel industry would help secure the future of steel in the North of England and deliver thousands of jobs in a revitalised green steel industry;
- (f) notes that Sheffield has been crowned the UK's most environmentally-friendly big city by the independent Green Cities Report, and notes that tackling the climate emergency and making the city more sustainable is not just something that has recently become important to the Council;
- (g) notes that under the administrations since 2011, the Council took radical and forward thinking action to make Sheffield more sustainable, protect the environment, and clean up the city's air, including:-
 - (i) a commitment to bring forward the city's carbon neutral target from 2050 to 2030;
 - (ii) making Sheffield the first local authority in the country to ban fracking applications on council owned land;

- (iii) improved kerbside waste collection with a 'Twin Bin' recycling service, replacing the blue box, which the previous Liberal Democrat administration brought in, with a brown bin for Metals, Glass and Plastics, and relaunched the Green Bin service;
 - (iv) developed a Trade Waste Recycling Facility to encourage recycling by businesses, and improved recycling facilities for shared properties such as flats, high density housing, and student accommodation;
 - (v) household waste recycling centres kept open throughout the pandemic, something not achieved by many local authorities;
 - (vi) rollout of electric bin lorries powered by the very waste they have collected, with the re-powered lorries having zero carbon emissions and producing no air pollution;
 - (vii) working with the city's schools to see a reduction in plastic, including huge reductions in the amount of single use plastics used at school meal times;
 - (viii) a commitment to plant 100,000 extra trees as part of the Trees and Woodland Strategy;
 - (ix) promoting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
 - (x) secured an £85m programme for cycling, walking and bus corridor improvements as part of a further Sheffield City Region Transforming Cities Fund bid;
 - (xi) purchase of electricity generated from 100% renewable sources;
 - (xii) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating a 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
 - (xiii) secured funding worth over £22 million to protect the city from flooding;
- (h) notes that rather than letting waste be put in UK landfill, or sent to landfill abroad as is sadly often the case, the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) in Sheffield generates electricity for the National Grid and heat for the city's award-winning District Energy Network from rubbish from black wheelie bins;
- (i) notes that Sheffield, therefore, sends less than 0.5% of waste to

landfill and that the ERF reduces greenhouse gas emissions because it avoids the need to burn fossil fuels to produce energy, preventing around 21,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from being released every year, as well as generating energy for the city's schools, council owned buildings and hundreds of homes;

- (j) notes that a Clean Air Zone will be enacted in September 2022 – targeting the most polluting buses, taxis, vans, coaches and lorries - a historic step towards making the city's air cleaner;
- (k) believes that fairness is at the core of everything we do and before any clean air zone plan was to be implemented, the previous administration worked hard to secure a range of support packages for drivers of older more polluting vehicles to assist them in upgrading their vehicles, instead of paying a daily charge, and secured funding to deliver these from Government; and
- (l) believes that whilst these changes are laudable, much more needs to be done to tackle the climate and that we must not shy away from doing what needs to be done, and regrets that for too long successive UK governments have failed to deliver what is needed, and that locally we are showing government how to take innovative, radical action to address the climate and ecological emergency.

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

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



Gillian Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 10 day of November 2021

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 1 December 2021

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

You **must**:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You have a personal interest where –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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