

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 14 September 2022, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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| 1 <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton | 10 <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Craig Gamble Pugh<br>Alan Woodcock               | 19 <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Nighat Basharat                                    |
| 2 <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Kurtis Crossland  | 11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed                  | 20 <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Ben Miskell<br>Nabeela Mowlana<br>Sophie Wilson           |
| 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>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst                        |
| 4 <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio                                     | 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                         |
| 5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones   | 14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Marieanne Elliot<br>Paul Turpin                                | 23 <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Jayne Dunn   |
| 6 <i>City Ward</i><br>Douglas Johnson   | 15 <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Sue Auckland<br>Steve Ayris                         | 24 <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams                             |
| 7 <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Ruth Milsom<br>Minesh Parekh               | 16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan Kubo<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Henry Nottage | 25 <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Janet Ridler |
| 8 <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz                                   | 17 <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Terry Fox<br>Anne Murphy   | 26 <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Tom Hunt   |
| 9 <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Martin Smith                                      | 18 <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Tony Downing<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. MINUTE SILENCE - DEATH OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

- 1.1 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**2. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

- 2.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and seconded by Councillor Terry Fox, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking an urgent item of business (Notice of Motion Regarding "The Passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II") at this point in the proceedings.

- 2.2 The Lord Mayor stated that Council Procedure Rule 26 states that "An item of business may be considered at a meeting of the Council as a matter of urgency, where it has not been possible to give five clear working days' notice, on the recommendation of the Chair, but the reason for such urgency must be recorded in the minutes". The Lord Mayor stated that there were clear reasons for taking a Notice of Motion regarding the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, as an urgent item of business, given that the Queen died after the agenda for this meeting had been published.

- 2.3 The proposed Motion had been circulated to all Members of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and had been published on the Council's website. Copies of the Motion were available at the meeting.

- 2.4 On the motion moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and after contributions from four other Members, it was -

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That this Council:-

- (a) notes with great sadness the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II;
- (b) on behalf of the citizens of Sheffield, offers its sincere condolences to members of the Royal Family at this time of great sadness and personal loss;
- (c) notes that during her extraordinary 70-year reign, Her Majesty demonstrated unwavering dedication to serving the nation and the Commonwealth;
- (d) believes her reign will be acknowledged in history as one of the greatest of all monarchs and, through years of major challenges and difficulties for the country, she retained a true sense of dignity;

- (e) affirms that, as a mark of respect, flags are being flown at half-mast on Civic buildings until the period of national mourning ends on 19th September;
- (f) also affirms that, should citizens of Sheffield wish to pay their respects:-
  - (i) books of condolence are open in Sheffield and Stockbridge Town Halls, the Parish Council Offices in Low Bradfield and Ecclesfield and other civic and religious buildings across the City Council area;
  - (ii) an eBook of condolence is open on the Council's website; and
  - (iii) an area of the Peace Gardens in Sheffield City Centre and in the Clocktower Gardens, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, have been designated as areas to place floral tributes; and
- (g) resolves to ask that the Lord Mayor sends this Council's condolences to His Majesty, King Charles III and the Royal Family.

### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 3.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Penny Baker, Tony Damms, Alexi Dimond, Peter Garbutt, Maleiki Haybe, Brian Holmshaw, Bernard Little, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Maroof Raouf, Colin Ross, Safiya Saeed, Garry Weatherall and Ann Woolhouse.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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

#### **5.1 Kate Sheldon, Member Support and Civic Manager**

- 5.1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported with sadness that Kate Sheldon, Member Support and Civic Manager, had died on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- 5.1.2 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Kate, after which the Lord Mayor and former Lord Mayors, Councillors Gail Smith, Peter Price, Vickie Priestley and Denise Fox, spoke to pay tribute to Kate.

#### **5.2 Petitions and Public Questions**

- 5.2.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that, in view of this meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death

of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, she had used her discretion, as Chair of the meeting, and had not invited petitioners to present their petitions or questioners to ask their questions at the meeting, nor would she invite the relevant Policy Committee Chairs to respond to the petitions and public questions at the meeting. Instead, questioners will be supplied with written answers and the questions and answers will be published on the Council's website on the webpage for this meeting.

- 5.2.2 The Lord Mayor stated that one ordinary petition (received from Lily Grayson) and questions from two members of the public (Geoffrey Cox and Rob Udale) had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. A question from another member of the public (James Martin) had been received early this morning and she proposed to use her discretion, as chair of the meeting, and permit the question to be processed with the other questions received. In addition, the agenda published for this meeting contained an item to debate a petition relating to the Graves Park Rose Garden Café building.

### 5.3 Petitions

#### 5.3.1 Petition Requesting A Pedestrian Crossing on Cross Hill, Ecclesfield

The Council received an electronic petition containing seven signatures, requesting a pedestrian crossing on Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. The Council referred the petition to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee.

#### 5.3.2 Petition Requiring Debate Regarding The Graves Park Rose Garden Café Building

The joint electronic and paper petition containing over 8,700 signatures asking the Council to repair, not demolish, Rose Garden Café, Graves Park, which was to have been debated under item 4(b) on the agenda, will now be debated at the next meeting of the Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The lead petitioner, Liz Hnat, had agreed to this deferral subject to receiving assurances that no decisions about the café would be made prior to that date. This assurance had been provided to her by the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance.

### 5.4 Public Questions

#### 5.4.1 Public Question Regarding The Council's Plans To Reduce Its Carbon Emissions

Geoffrey Cox asked the following question:-

*“SCC Officers have confirmed that approximately one third of the entire carbon budget available to Sheffield for the period from our Climate Emergency declaration to achieving net zero has now been spent. Will the leadership of the City Council speak at a public meeting to report on this spend, on the progress the city has made against its 10 point plan for reducing emissions*

*down to net zero by 2030, and on its future carbon spend forecasts?”*

A written answer, provided by Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee), will be published on the Council’s website [here](#).

5.4.2 Public Question Regarding The Council’s Food Policy And The Serving Of Plant-Based Food At Its Events

Rob Udale asked the following question:-

*“Sheffield prides itself on being one of the more forward-thinking cities in the UK, putting climate considerations at the heart of its policies. This awareness should include every aspect of council activities, including food provision. Other councils, including Oxfordshire and Cambridge City, have committed to serve only plant-based food at their meetings and events. Given that animal agriculture is a major contributor to climate emissions, and reducing consumption of meat & dairy is known to be the single most effective way to reduce impact, will you show climate leadership by committing to serve only plant-based food at Council events? Even if largely symbolic, this will be a positive and forward-thinking step, sending a powerful message which will help normalise plant-based eating and bring council food policy into line with other climate-aware policies.”*

A written answer, provided by Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee), will be published on the Council’s website [here](#).

5.4.3 Public Question Regarding The Ability Of Local Area Committees To Support Residents During The Cost Of Living Crisis

James Martin asked the following question:-

*“Considering the rising concerns of people being able to cope with the rising cost of energy and food, are Local Area Committees (LACs) able to readjust their budget expenditure plans where necessary or do governance rules prevent such adaptations? I am concerned that if governance rules currently prevent LACs from responding to this emergency, this will undermine local groups of councillors from providing support where one or more wards is unable to provide a support location for warmth and advice this winter. I hope all councillors will carefully take in this question as though awkward amending budgets after much consultation, this could be the more compassionate thing to do – particularly if your ward has a venue to provide support but where vast fuel increases would mean that venues finances are unable to facilitate opening without assistance. The distance to travel for support being a barrier for many in the city.”*

A written answer, provided by Councillor Terry Fox (Leader of the Council), will be published on the Council’s website [here](#).

## **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **6.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **6.2 South Yorkshire Joint and Combined Authorities**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) stated that, in view of this meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, she proposed not to invite Members to ask questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions and of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i), at this meeting, but instead suggested that any such questions be submitted in writing to the Director of Legal and Governance by the end of the day, and the Director would arrange for answers to be supplied to the questioners by the appropriate Council spokespersons on those Authorities.

### **6.3 Written Questions**

6.3.1 A schedule of questions to Chairs of Policy Committees, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated.

6.3.2 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) stated that, on this occasion, she proposed not to invite Members to ask supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, at this meeting.

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COST OF LIVING CRISIS - NATIONAL FAILINGS AND A LOCAL RESPONSE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NABEELA MOWLANA AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ABTISAM MOHAMED**

7.1 At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Nabeela Mowlana), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Abtisam Mohamed) and of the meeting, item 6 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Cost of Living Crisis - National Failings And A Local Response"), was withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the arrangements referred to earlier in the meeting by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) in recognition of the meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BEST VALUE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MIKE LEVERY AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN**

8.1 At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Mike Levery), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Joe Otten) and of the meeting, item 7 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Best Value Services for the People of Sheffield"), was withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the arrangements referred to earlier in the meeting by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) in recognition of the meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY FOR SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE GILLIGAN KUBO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON**

9.1 At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Douglas Johnson) and of the meeting, item 8 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "A Renewable Energy Strategy for Sheffield"), was withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the arrangements referred to earlier in the meeting by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) in recognition of the meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COMMITTING THE COUNCIL TO TACKLING THE STIGMA OF MENOPAUSE AND PERIOD POVERTY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROUTT**

10.1 At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Jayne Dunn), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Julie Grocutt) and of the meeting, item 9 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Committing the Council to Tackling the Stigma of Menopause and Period Poverty"), was withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the arrangements referred to earlier in the meeting by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) in recognition of the meeting being held during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

11.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that this Council approves the appointment of David Waxman and Karen Widdowson, for a term of four years, as two Independent Persons to assist the Monitoring Officer in

dealing with Standards complaints.

**12. PROPER OFFICER DESIGNATIONS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

12.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the creation of the temporary post of Director of Children's Services and that the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Adult Health and Social Care will both report directly to the Chief Executive for this interim period;
- (b) designates the new post of Director of Children's Services as the Director of Children's Services in accordance with section 18 of the Children Act 2004;
- (c) agrees the appointment of Andrew Jones as Director of Children's Services and his designation as the Council's Director of Children's Services in accordance with section 18 of the Children Act 2004;
- (d) agrees the appointment of David Hollis as interim Director of Legal and Governance from 24th September 2022 and his designation as Monitoring Officer in accordance with section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- (e) agrees the changes to the Statutory Officer and Proper Officer designations within Part 7 of the Constitution as set out at Appendix A;
- (f) agrees that references to the Executive Director, People in the Terms of Reference of the Admissions Committee, in the Employment Procedure Rules and in Appendix J to the Officer Code of Conduct are to be read as referring to the Director of Children's Services; and
- (g) agrees that Part 7B – Management Structure of the Constitution shall be read as though the reference to the Executive Director, People Services being designated as the Director of Children's Services under the Children Act 2004 had been removed.

**13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

13.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain, that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, and the ordinary meetings of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, be approved as true and accurate records.



#### **14. MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES**

14.1 Following a short adjournment of the meeting to enable clarification to be sought in relation to the Council's representation on the Sheffield Business Improvement District Board, it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Talib Hussain and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, that:-

(a) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18th May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

- Strategy and Resources Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022 (*due to an administrative oversight, this appointment had not been reported to either of the Council meetings held from the date of appointment*).
- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillors Douglas Johnson and Martin Phipps to fill vacancies as substitute members of the Sub-Committee, with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee - Councillors Alexi Dimond, Maroof Raouf and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee - Councillors Brian Holmshaw and Henry Nottage to fill vacancies as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- Housing Policy Committee - Councillor Mike Chaplin to fill a vacancy as substitute member, with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.
- Charity Trustee Sub-Committee - (1) Councillor Mick Rooney to replace Councillor Mike Levery, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022; (2) Councillors Terry Fox and Paul Wood to be appointed as substitute members of the Sub-Committee, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022; and (3) Councillor Zahira Naz be removed as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

- Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Ruth Milsom to replace Councillor Mary Lea as a member of the Committee; and (2) Councillors David Barker, Mary Lea and Jackie Satur to be appointed as substitute members, all with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - (1) Councillor Abtislam Mohamed to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall; (2) Councillors Dawn Dale and Mike Drabble to fill vacancies as members of the Sub-Committee; and (3) Councillors George Lindars-Hammond, Mick Rooney and Safiya Saeed to be appointed as substitute members, all with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

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

- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Nabeela Mowlana to fill a vacancy as a substitute member
- Adult Health and Social Care Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Ruth Milsom to fill a vacancy
- Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Mary Lea to replace Councillor Mike Drabble
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillor Mary Lea to replace Councillor Mike Drabble
- Licensing Committee - (1) Councillors Mike Drabble and Talib Hussain to replace Councillors Dawn Dale and Mick Rooney; and (2) Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to be removed as a member, creating a vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillor Talib Hussain to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall

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

- South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives - Councillor Brian Holmshaw to replace Councillor Douglas Johnson

(d) the Chair of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee (Councillor Joe Otten) be appointed to serve as the Sheffield City Council Board Member on the Sheffield Business Improvement District Board, in place of Councillor Mazher Iqbal.