

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 5 July 2023, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Jayne Dunn)

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| 1 <i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i>
Simon Clement-Jones
Richard Shaw
Sophie Thornton | 10 <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Craig Gamble Pugh
Robert Reiss
Alan Woodcock | 19 <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Nighat Basharat
Maroof Raouf
Ibby Ullah |
| 2 <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Kurtis Crossland
Ian Horner
Ann Woolhouse | 11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Barbara Masters
Shaffaq Mohammed | 20 <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Ben Miskell
Nabeela Mowlana |
| 3 <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan | 12 <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Fran Belbin
Abdul Khayum | 21 <i>Richmond Ward</i>
David Barker
Mike Drabble
Dianne Hurst |
| 4 <i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i>
Angela Argenzio
Maleiki Haybe
Brian Holmshaw | 13 <i>Fulwood Ward</i>
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft | 22 <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i>
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall |
| 5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i>
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones
Safiya Saeed | 14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i>
Alexi Dimond
Marieanne Elliot
Paul Turpin | 23 <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Jayne Dunn |
| 6 <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Ruth Mersereau
Martin Phipps | 15 <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Steve Ayris
Mohammed Mahroof | 24 <i>Stannington Ward</i>
Penny Baker
Richard Williams |
| 7 <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Ruth Milsom
Minesh Parekh | 16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Christine Gilligan Kubo
Henry Nottage | 25 <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Lewis Chinchin
Julie Grocutt
Janet Ridler |
| 8 <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz | 17 <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Terry Fox
Laura Moynahan
Sioned-Mair Richards | 26 <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Tom Hunt
Laura McClean |
| 9 <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith | 18 <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
Glynis Chapman
Tony Downing | 27 <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Alan Hooper
Mike Levery
Ann Whitaker |
| | | 28 <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Alison Norris |

1. MINUTE'S SILENCE

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) reported with sadness, the death, on 1st July 2023, of Lord Robert (Bob) Kerlake, former Chief Executive of the Council between 1997 and 2008. At the conclusion of the meeting, several Members of the Council spoke to pay tribute to Lord Kerlake.
- 1.2 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Lord Kerlake and also to pay respects to the hundreds of lives lost, including children below deck and relatives of residents in the city, due to the sinking of the Adriana fishing ship in the Mediterranean sea on 14th June 2023.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Tim Huggan, Bernard Little, Toby Mallinson, Abtislam Mohamed, Vickie Priestley, Mick Rooney, Gail Smith, Sophie Wilson and Paul Wood.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 3.1 There were no items of business identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 Personal interests in agenda item 9 (Notice of Motion regarding Reaffirming Sheffield As A City Of Sanctuary) were declared by (a) Councillor Alexi Dimond, on the grounds that he is an employee of City of Sanctuary Sheffield, (b) Councillor Angela Argenzio, on the grounds that she is an employee of City of Sanctuary Sheffield and (c) Councillor Minesh Parekh, on the grounds that his partner is employed by a migrant charity.
- 4.2 Councillor Douglas Johnson declared personal interests in items 8 and 9 (Notices of Motion regarding Responding to The Changing Shape Of The Cost Of Living Crisis Locally, and Reaffirming Sheffield As A City Of Sanctuary, respectively, on the grounds that he used to work at the Sheffield Law Centre and for other citizens advice services.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Mayoral Engagements/Events

- 5.1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) reported that this day was the 75th

anniversary of the launch of the National Health Service (NHS) and, on behalf of the Council, he wished to acknowledge this achievement and place on record general appreciation for the NHS.

- 5.1.2 The Lord Mayor then reported on the visit on 27th June 2023 by HRH The Prince of Wales to the Reach Up Youth Charity in the Burngreave area of the city, as part of his Homewards Programme, with Sheffield being one of only six places to benefit from the 5-year programme which aims to end homelessness in the UK. He congratulated all those involved in the bid and in hosting this high profile visit for the city, and expressed particular thanks to Councillor Safiya Saeed for her contribution in the royal visit.

5.2 Petitions and Public Questions

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) reported that one petition was to be presented at the meeting and questions would be taken from six members of the public. He stated that, in relation to questions, this would include two questions which had been received shortly after the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting, where he proposed to use his discretion, as chair of the meeting, and permit the questions to be asked on this occasion. He added that a question from another member of the public had been received immediately prior to the meeting, but he had decided not to permit the question to be asked on this occasion due to its late receipt and instead had asked that an answer be provided to the questioner, in writing, after the meeting.

5.3 Petition Calling on the Council to Take Action on Migrant and Asylum Seeker Rights

The Council received an electronic petition containing 455 signatures, calling on the Council to take action on migrant and asylum seeker rights.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Manuchehr Maleki Dizaji. Mr. Dizaji referred to the Notice of Motion which was to be considered later at the meeting covering issues relating to the right to work, stopping the Rwanda plan and anti-refugee laws, not passing information to the Home Office without the permission of the individual, and appointing a Migrant Champion, and he believed that, as the UK's first City of Sanctuary, the Council had a duty to support the Motion. He added, however, that in addition to supporting the Motion, the Council also needed to provide practical support and, working with South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group (SYMAAG), provide a long-term plan to support refugee and asylum seekers who were coming to the city in search of safety and sanctuary.

The petition was referred to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Chair of the Housing Policy Committee) to respond. Councillor Johnson stated that he was pleased to say that the Council was able to agree to the petitioners' request for a debate on migrant and asylum-seeker rights, and that this would happen under item 9

on the agenda for today's meeting, which was to debate a Notice of Motion to reaffirm Sheffield as a city of sanctuary. He added that, in view of the number of campaigners present in the public gallery to show interest in this matter, he proposed to make a request for the Council to bring the item up the agenda so it can be debated after the public questions have been dealt with. Councillor Johnson acknowledged that the campaigners had done a great deal of work to design the Motion that was published on the agenda for debate at the meeting and he expressed thanks to the campaigners for that work. He added that he was aware that the Motion had been intended as a cross-party motion and expressed disappointment that that was not the case, despite the prior involvement of individual members from the parties. Councillor Johnson stated that the Green Group was the smallest group on the Council and get very few chances to submit a motion for debate by full Council over the course of the year, but had chosen to support this particular Motion because of the fundamental importance of treating everyone, and especially those who have been through the very worst of circumstances, with dignity and kindness. Councillor Johnson commented that, in terms of the specific requests in the petition, he would ask other Members of the Council to endorse these in the vote to be held on the Motion, and in particular, he hoped to see the Council introduce a new Migrant Champion for the future. He concluded his response by thanking the petitioners for bringing their petition and hoped that they find the debate of interest.

The Council noted the petition and response from Councillor Johnson.

5.4 Public Questions

Prior to inviting questioners to ask their questions, the Lord Mayor informed the meeting that public questions would be answered by the Leader of the Council where matters related to the city, or by the appropriate committee chair who would answer on behalf of their committee and not in a personal capacity. He added that reference should not be made in public questions to specific named officers or specific named councillors or posts.

5.4.1 Question From Val Wilson

Val Wilson stated that in August she will have been living in her Council house for 50 years, having moved in on 23rd August 1973, and she asked whether a plaque could be produced and installed at the property to state '50 Years Val's Bungalow', and whether the Lord Mayor would unveil the plaque.

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Chair of the Housing Policy Committee) stated that he would ask the relevant Ward Councillors to look into this matter for her. The Lord Mayor added that in the event that a plaque was to be installed, he would be happy to unveil it.

5.4.2 Questions From Justin Buxton

Justin Buxton stated that, at the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on

10th May 2023 to 'Consider the implications of the Street Tree Inquiry on the city, SCC and councillors involved in the decision making at that time', the following resolution was passed -

'[That the Council] believes that for individuals who were council cabinet members in the civic years 2015/16 to 2017/18, resignation from public office would be an appropriate indication of acceptance of responsibility for harms caused'. He asked please could the Council explain how a councillor could be subsequently appointed to a public office when they were a member of the Cabinet identified in the resolution passed.

Mr. Buxton also asked do Councillors, and the Labour Councillors in particular, agree with the conclusion drawn in the following statement published by the Labour Police and Crime Commissioner, Alan Billings, when commenting on the street tree scandal subject to the Lowcock report - "It was also blown out of all proportion...", bearing in mind the huge financial and reputational cost incurred by South Yorkshire Police having been persistently misled by the Council? Furthermore, will the Council publish the apology offered to South Yorkshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) stated that, in relation to Mr. Buxton's first question, all civic appointments and committee positions were agreed by Councillors at the Council's Annual Meeting on May 17th.

In response to Mr. Buxton's next questions, Councillor Hunt reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner's blog states that "the Sheffield Trees controversy was a traumatic time for the city of Sheffield, considerably damaging the reputation of the city council and upsetting many residents". Councillor Hunt stated that he agreed with this and believed that the response to the street trees dispute has been proportionate. He added that it was right to commission Sir Mark Lowcock to undertake a full inquiry and his report sets out clear findings and recommendations that help to move us forward. He reported that, at the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee meeting on June 19th, a report was unanimously endorsed that set out how the Council will act on all of the recommendations from the Sheffield Street Trees Inquiry. The Council aims to ensure that the lessons are learnt and that systematic change is made across the organisation to ensure that a dispute like this does not happen again. Councillor Hunt stated that, as the new Leader of the Council, he was committed to working with cross-party leaders, members and officers to make these changes happen, to rebuild trust, to change the culture of the organisation so that this doesn't happen again and we move forward together.

In relation to the question regarding publication of the apologies offered to South Yorkshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Councillor Hunt stated that, as a point of principle, the Council wouldn't automatically publish apologies to individuals or specific organisations, nevertheless this may be possible. As a matter of courtesy, the Council will need to ask South Yorkshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner whether they are willing for the apology to be published, and he stated that he will ask the Chief Executive's office to make contact with them to ask that question.

5.4.3 Questions From Russell Johnson

Russell Johnson asked the following questions:-

1. (i) Does the new Labour and Council Leader agree with me that any assurances of a new and honest approach to governance have little credibility whilst six former Cabinet Members responsible for the shocking street tree debacle remain as Members?

(ii) Does Councillor Hunt understand that ignoring the powerful and clear motion passed at the extraordinary meeting of the Council regarding the position of those people further undermines the new regime's legitimacy and claim of integrity?

2. (i) In view of the inadequacy of the now notorious apology recently issued, will the Leader publicly request apologies from former Elected Members implicated in the scandal? And will he support the Chief Executive in doing the same regarding former Officers?

(ii) Following the national and local press and broadcast coverage of the grovelling apology, does the Leadership now understand that length is no substitute for completeness?

3. Why is the Council resisting the obvious step of commissioning an independent forensic financial audit of spending decisions (during the scandal and since) as one step in securing the rehabilitation of this ailing organisation? This would help to demonstrate true remorse and a genuine desire to learn from mistakes rather than conveniently using the welcome, though limited, Lowcock findings as a screen.

4. (i) In view of the excessive Officer and other costs, the waste of Members' valuable time and the questionable origin and functioning of the Local Area Committee (LAC) structure, does the Leader agree that the LACs should be replaced with effective, less expensive mechanisms for involving a wide range of the citizenry in policy formation and decision-making?

(ii) Does the new Leader regret that the behaviours of some of his Councillors have been less than ideal at LAC meetings, clearly not assisting in the much-needed reputational uplift for the Labour Party in this city?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) stated that, at the extraordinary meeting of the Council on May 10th, we heard from Sir Mark Lowcock directly. Sir Mark offered us his view that he is sceptical of the value of relitigating things that happened in the dispute and cautioned that this is not likely to help us move forward. Councillor Hunt stated that he agreed with that. He added that having identified a number of lessons from the dispute, the task now was to learn from them and to look forward, and he referenced the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee held a couple of weeks ago which accepted all of the recommendations from the Sheffield Street Trees

Inquiry and set out how the Council will act on all of those recommendations. Councillor Hunt commented that, as the new Council Leader, he was now focused on that task and he expected that all elected members, in his party and from others, and all officers, understand the seriousness of what happened during the dispute and commit to work together to ensure a dispute of that magnitude can never happen again.

Councillor Hunt, in responding to questions 2(i) and (ii), stated that the Council has gone beyond the Inquiry recommendations on apologies by making direct apologies to organisations and groups and setting up a mechanism for individual apologies. He added that the Council cannot compel either former Members or former officers to make apologies, and has been clear on this point throughout.

In relation to question 3, Councillor Hunt stated that, as the Council set out in its full response to the Sheffield Street Trees Inquiry on 19 June 2023, we have spoken to our auditors. This was in the context of the publication of the Inquiry report and the calls by Mr. Johnson himself, and others, for a public interest report. He commented that the consideration of whether there needs to be a public interest report is a matter for the auditor, but if they want to understand the views of those who have suggested it, the Council will provide them with contact details. Councillor Hunt added that the auditors have a statutory right of inspection and the Council fully engages with that process. The Council has ensured that the auditor has the Inquiry's report and they can take up any line of enquiry on spending that they think appropriate. He stated that the same principle will hold in terms of the call in the question for a forensic financial audit, which may or may not be the same as a public interest report.

Councillor Hunt responded to question 4(i) by stating that the question's characterisation of the Local Area Committees was not one that he recognised. He believed that LACs have been successful in bringing together communities with Elected Members and with local partners across the city, setting clear priorities for their areas through community plans and working to engage the public and communities in the issues that are most important to them in their localities, as well as making decisions and allocating funding at that level. He added that, through the work of the Governance Committee, the Council was giving further consideration to how the LACs can be strengthened and empowered to support and champion communities across the city.

In relation to question 4(ii), Councillor Hunt stated that all Members were bound by the Councillor Code of Conduct, and added that if there are any potential breaches of that, then they can be investigated through the Council's standards regime if a complaint is made.

5.4.4 Questions From Ruth Hubbard

Ruth Hubbard asked three questions, which were answered one at a time, as follows:-

Question 1. - It is five years ago last week that I had the pleasure and privilege

of announcing in a press conference the end of strong leader governance, at the start of what would become the largest ever citizen mobilisation for governance change in the country. As reported to Council, to date the transition has concentrated on “logistical and practical” considerations. This approach was, in my view, deeply misconceived and really should be to this Council’s shame as governance change was wholly delivered by citizens who sought democratised local governance. The transition process and review sought to exclude these considerations. The legally required technical change is a better starting point but has failed to embed democratic value in the constitution, and to deliver against this.

At the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee I asked the Council Leader about these issues and he provided quite a long answer, a bit (or some) of which I agreed with. But, essentially, the ‘solution’ that he suggested is public engagement and involvement, which he stated is a priority over the next year. A priority of public engagement doesn’t really have much to do with what I mean by democratising local governance and embedding or delivering democratic value. It doesn’t really relate to the core citizens agenda on governance change collated from 20k citizen conversations that I, along with others, was charged with representing, and following through on, after the referendum on behalf of *It’s Our City!*

I see there have been significant changes to the membership of the Governance Committee. Who can I talk to about the issues of democratising local governance and the kinds of things this actually means, including for the constitution?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) stated that Councillor Fran Belbin is the Chair of the Governance Committee and would be happy to meet with Ms. Hubbard to discuss the points raised, as would James Henderson, the Director of Policy and Democratic Engagement. He added that the Governance Committee will be engaging with a range of local people and stakeholders as part of its task and finish work over the course of this year on public questions and on public involvement and engagement in the work and life of the Council.

Question 2. - At the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee I also told the Leader that groups of citizens and stakeholders are having informal discussions considering setting up a Sheffield, citizen-led, oversight and scrutiny (SOS) group or network. I asked the Leader what encouragement or support he might want to offer to an independent scrutiny and oversight initiative.

He responded by saying he wants “to ensure all residents get the input into the decisions that affect them across all Council services; doing that will be a systematic process which we cannot cut short by endorsing any one group.”

I think the Leader misunderstood the point – this is about independent citizen-led scrutiny and oversight and obviously citizens and stakeholders can self-organise and take independent and collective action as they wish. I was certainly not seeking some kind of Council permission or “endorsement”. In fact

it's probably the other way round isn't it - it is for citizens to 'endorse' and approve of, or not, what the Council is doing.

One of the main cultural, and democratic, challenges to this Council is not about the Council responding to what it itself owns, controls, defines, organises, or manages. The cultural and democratic challenge is in many ways quite the opposite. It is to respond differently to people organising outside the Council, independently, and who offer alternative viewpoints and agendas, expertise, and critique of what the Council is doing. In fact it should also protect and promote independent voices.

To not understand that one big cultural and democratic challenge to respond differently to things that the Council is not in charge of, is to have not read the Lowcock report and understand how this Council created political enemies of tree campaigners, treated them with hostility, misrepresented and persecuted them and sought to crush them. Other groups in the city have also experienced similar hostility.

Is the Council going to continue to treat with hostility those who offer independent and alternative viewpoints, experience, knowledge, expertise, and scrutiny and challenge? What is it going to do differently from what it has done in the past to promote and protect independent and pluralist voices for our local democracy?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) stated that the Council was not seeking to treat anyone with hostility and he apologised if this is how its approach has been experienced. He commented that the Council was genuinely committed to creating a more open, more transparent and a more different organisation in everything that it does; and that would represent learning the lessons from the Lowcock Inquiry. He added that this would not just be limited to the Council's formal governance and decision-making arrangements, but the Council will and must value different voices, views and opinions. Councillor Hunt stated that the Council won't always agree with those views and opinions - working in a representative democracy means that councillors will continue to be the decision-makers - but the Council wants those decisions to be based on the best available evidence, of every type. He added that this will be achieved by listening to as wide a range of voices as we can, and that means promoting and protecting those voices and being a champion for a pluralistic society and a pluralistic democracy and to work with those voices.

Question 3. - My last question is about public questions, and in a way, it highlights an example of the failure to take seriously, and to deliver, democratic value in basic constitutional arrangements.

Since COVID the Council has gradually introduced more restrictions and hoops to jump through in order to ask and get public questions and responses on the record. But who on earth can give up half a day – from work, children and caring responsibilities, pay money to get into town and so on, to be able to attend a meeting to ask a question?

Yet all I see, again and again in Council reports, is that “citizens are at the heart of everything we do”.

Does no one in the Council notice these things, including obvious direct and indirect discrimination? Recently several disabled people have contacted me and indicated that they simply cannot get to the Town Hall to exercise their democratic right.

Public questions is an extremely thin little right, a small thing, but they are currently the only thing in the governance architecture of the city that allows for direct citizen voice and getting something on public record.

I raised a myriad of issues to do with public questions in a question to the Governance Committee last October, including the discriminatory lack of access and also inconsistencies in practice, difficulties with responses and so on. To be fair the Governance Committee has agreed they want to look at this. But this is glacial. Is it not the job of public servants to act with urgency when obvious issues of discrimination and exclusion are involved? They appear to be barely, if at all, noticed, even when raised.

I contrast this with the recent experience of asking a question at the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board. They were surprised that I even thought I had to clear space and make my way down to attend in person.

Can I please ask for immediate action – starting today – to ensure that at the very least, reasonable adjustments are in place so that people who simply cannot get to Council meetings are not prevented from exercising their democratic right to ask a public question and get it on public record.

In response, Councillor Fran Belbin (Chair of the Governance Committee) thanked Ms. Hubbard for her questions and for her contribution to the Council’s governance review, and confirmed that, as mentioned earlier in the meeting by the Leader of the Council, she would be happy to meet with her to discuss the matters she has raised.

In relation to public questions at meetings, Councillor Belbin reported that the Governance Committee was in the process of establishing a task and finish group to review the Council’s approach to public questions, and she agreed that the facility for putting questions to the Council should not just be for those people with the time and ability to attend meetings. She stated that the Council do make provision for written questions to be submitted and responded to publicly on the website, but agreed that this provision was not enough and the task and finish group would look specifically at how the public questions process can be further enhanced and greater access provided. She believed that the review should draw upon the experience of those people who have asked questions and also from people who may have wanted to ask questions but who hadn’t done so for one reason or another, as well as learning from experience and best practice in other organisations, as suggested by Ms. Hubbard.

Councillor Belbin stated that she would keep Ms. Hubbard informed of the review work in its aim to improve the process, to create accessible opportunities and make sure the Council is as open, transparent and accountable as possible.

5.4.5 Question From Sam Gregory

Ruth Hubbard asked the following question on behalf of Sam Gregory - Urban Splash have announced plans to pave over a section of the garden at Park Hill to build new surface car parks. In the middle of a climate emergency, and in the face of enormous opposition from residents, are the Council prepared to let this company destroy well-used green space in one of the most deprived areas of Sheffield?

In response, Councillor Ben Miskell (Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) commented that Park Hill was an iconic development in the city and he was pleased to see that plans were in place to bring forward stage 4 of the project. He stated that, due to the fact that the Council was dealing with a live planning application, he needed to refrain from making specific comments. He reported, however, that he was aware that the Manor Castle Ward Councillors had met with Urban Splash, and had advocated for the greatest preservation of open spaces within the development. He added that he looked forward to further collaboration with Urban Splash and local residents in the coming weeks and was open to scheduling a meeting on site to discuss the matter further with residents.

Councillor Miskell pointed out that, in his question, Mr. Gregory highlights the challenges posed by the climate emergency and Councillor Miskell stated that it was crucial that this was borne in mind when making decisions, especially regarding large-scale regeneration projects such as at Park Hill.

5.4.6 (NOTES: 1. The question which had been submitted by Julie Pearn, but which had not been asked at the meeting due to her absence, would receive a written response from the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) and be published on the website; and

2. The Lord Mayor reported that questions had been received from Michael Mullin, who had indicated that he would not be present to ask them at the meeting. The questions were on three topics which were non-ionising radiation risks, the street trees inquiry and “undemocratic”. Answers to Mr. Mullin’s questions would be provided to him and be published on the Council’s website in due course, although there were several questions which, in accordance with his discretion as chair of the meeting, the Lord Mayor had decided shall not be permitted to be asked or answered. For the record, the questions that were ruled out of order, and the reasons for the ruling were as follows –

Questions Received Regarding Non-Ionising Radiation Risks

Although questions 1, 2 and 3 relate to questions that Mr Mullin asked at the Council meeting in February and have been substantively answered, they do ask further points about the technical detail and, as such, these will be responded to in writing following the meeting.

Question 4 will not be published or answered on the grounds that it relates to a named officer of the Council. Although the question does not identify the officer by name and uses his job title instead, as the only officer with that job title, it is clear to whom the questioner is referring.

Questions Received Regarding the Street Trees Inquiry

All questions received, other than Question 10a, shall be provided with a written response. However, some of the questions ask for information that will not be provided.

Question 10a will not be published or answered on the grounds that it relates to a matter not being within the responsibility of the City Council, namely the position of the Green Party.

Questions Received Regarding "Undemocratic"

Questions 1a, b, c and d will not be published or answered on the grounds that they relate to matters not being within the responsibility of the City Council, namely being specific to the Labour Party.

Question 2 will not be published or answered both on the grounds that it relates to named Members of the Council and because it relates to matters not being within the responsibility of the City Council, namely an internal matter within the Green Party.)

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

6.1 Prior to the commencement of this item of business, a motion moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson and seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking agenda item 9 as the next item of business, was put to the vote by show of hands, and was lost.

6.2 Urgent Business

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

6.3 South Yorkshire Joint and Combined Authorities

There were no 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).

6.4 Written Questions

A schedule of questions to Chairs of Policy Committees, 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 Policy Committee Chairs until the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A BETTER, BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TOM HUNT AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FRAN BELBIN**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Tom Hunt, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the hugely positive recent developments in our city, including:-
 - (i) the exciting proposals for the Cole Brothers building;
 - (ii) the ongoing progress with the Heart of the City developments; improvements to Fargate; pedestrianisation of Division Street and the planning permission to transform Castlegate;
 - (iii) over £100m to be invested in Sheffield's leisure and entertainment venues;
 - (iv) the development agreement for Attercliffe Waterside which will see the creation of a new low-carbon neighbourhood with 1000 homes;
 - (v) the creation of the Sheffield Policy Campus which will further develop Sheffield as a leading centre for policy making in Britain; and
 - (vi) the two fantastic promotions for Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday;
- (b) notes new developments that will help to improve the lives of people in Sheffield:-
 - (i) the launch of Family Hubs, one-stop shops supporting families, children and young people to have the best start in life; and
 - (ii) Sheffield being chosen to be part of a new five-year project which will support early intervention work to prevent homelessness;

- (c) believes that:-
 - (i) Sheffield is changing for the better and will continue getting better still; and
 - (ii) it is time to talk Sheffield up – not talk it down;
- (d) further believes that:-
 - (i) the Council’s Future Sheffield programme will deliver a modern council with a culture founded on trust and openness, with greater connection to our communities, where staff are engaged and where equality and diversity are celebrated; and
 - (ii) the City Goals is a great initiative that will provide a set of goals, shaped by residents, and shared with our partners, that will guide the future of Sheffield; and
- (e) resolves to:-
 - (i) serve the people of Sheffield;
 - (ii) work collaboratively through our committees and with our partners to continue to:-
 - (A) help people with the cost-of-living crisis;
 - (B) fix our public transport and make it easier to get around our city;
 - (C) secure new investment in the city;
 - (D) ensure that public money is always spent wisely;
 - (E) invest in our neighbourhoods and devolve power to communities;
 - (F) tackle the climate emergency; and
 - (G) ensure that politics in Sheffield is conducted in a competent, open and inclusive way; and
 - (iii) always be guided by our values: people are at the heart of what we do; openness and honesty are important to us, and together we get things done.

7.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) on behalf of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Tom Hunt), the Motion as published on the agenda was altered by the removal of the words “serve the people of Sheffield” at the end of sub-paragraph (e)(iii) of the Motion, which were a duplication of the words already used in sub-paragraph (e)(i) of the Motion and had been repeated by mistake due to a processing error.)

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by

Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d);
2. the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-
 - (c) believes however, that the above developments will only be successful if they are subject to robust scrutiny;
 - (d) restates the findings from the Lowcock Inquiry which states that during the street tree dispute a 'bunker mentality' developed within the Council, with a culture that was 'unreceptive to external views [...] and prone to group think';
 - (e) believes that within the Council Chamber, the role of elected members is not only to 'talk Sheffield up' but to act as a 'critical friend' to officers, external partners, and each other, to ensure better, more well-rounded decisions are made; and
3. the re-lettering of the original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f).

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Brian Holmshaw, and seconded by Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (a) to (e) as new paragraphs (b) to (f):-
 - (a) thanks the voters of Sheffield for turning out at the May 2023 elections and taking part in the democratic exercise of their vote;
2. the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-
 - (g) believes that our city is best served with all parties co-operating under No Overall Control, where councillors from all groups have to work together in the modern committee system in Sheffield's best interests.

7.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Tom Hunt, the amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was carried in part. Part 1 of the amendment was lost and Parts 2 and 3 of the amendment were carried.

7.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 70 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Although the Labour Group and Green Group members voted for, they voted against Part 1 of the amendment.)

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Brian Holmshaw was then put to the vote and was carried.

7.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 70 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Although the Labour Group members voted for, they voted against Part 2 of the amendment.)

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) thanks the voters of Sheffield for turning out at the May 2023 elections and taking part in the democratic exercise of their vote;
- (b) notes the hugely positive recent developments in our city, including:-
 - (i) the exciting proposals for the Cole Brothers building;
 - (ii) the ongoing progress with the Heart of the City developments; improvements to Fargate; pedestrianisation of Division Street and the planning permission to transform Castlegate;
 - (iii) over £100m to be invested in Sheffield's leisure and entertainment venues;
 - (iv) the development agreement for Attercliffe Waterside which will see the creation of a new low-carbon neighbourhood with 1000 homes;
 - (v) the creation of the Sheffield Policy Campus which will further develop Sheffield as a leading centre for policy making in Britain; and
 - (vi) the two fantastic promotions for Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday;
- (c) notes new developments that will help to improve the lives of people in Sheffield:-
 - (i) the launch of Family Hubs, one-stop shops supporting families, children and young people to have the best start in life; and
 - (ii) Sheffield being chosen to be part of a new five-year project which will support early intervention work to prevent homelessness;
- (d) believes however, that the above developments will only be successful if they are subject to robust scrutiny;
- (e) restates the findings from the Lowcock Inquiry which states that during the street tree dispute a 'bunker mentality' developed within the Council,

with a culture that was 'unreceptive to external views [...] and prone to group think';

- (f) believes that within the Council Chamber, the role of elected members is not only to 'talk Sheffield up' but to act as a 'critical friend' to officers, external partners, and each other, to ensure better, more well-rounded decisions are made;
- (g) believes that:-
 - (i) Sheffield is changing for the better and will continue getting better still; and
 - (ii) it is time to talk Sheffield up – not talk it down;
- (h) further believes that:-
 - (i) the Council's Future Sheffield programme will deliver a modern council with a culture founded on trust and openness, with greater connection to our communities, where staff are engaged and where equality and diversity are celebrated; and
 - (ii) the City Goals is a great initiative that will provide a set of goals, shaped by residents, and shared with our partners, that will guide the future of Sheffield;
- (i) resolves to:-
 - (i) serve the people of Sheffield;
 - (ii) work collaboratively through our committees and with our partners to continue to:-
 - (A) help people with the cost-of-living crisis;
 - (B) fix our public transport and make it easier to get around our city;
 - (C) secure new investment in the city;
 - (D) ensure that public money is always spent wisely;
 - (E) invest in our neighbourhoods and devolve power to communities;
 - (F) tackle the climate emergency; and
 - (G) ensure that politics in Sheffield is conducted in a competent, open and inclusive way; and
 - (iii) always be guided by our values: people are at the heart of what we do; openness and honesty are important to us, and together we get things done; and
- (j) believes that our city is best served with all parties co-operating under No Overall Control, where councillors from all groups have to work

together in the modern committee system in Sheffield's best interests.

- 7.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 72 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Although Labour Group Members voted for, they voted against paragraph (j) of the Substantive Motion. Although Liberal Democrat Group Members and Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, they abstained from voting on paragraph (g) of the Substantive Motion.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "RESPONDING TO THE CHANGING SHAPE OF THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS LOCALLY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE THORNTON

- 8.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Sophie Thornton, that this Council:-

- (a) praises the cross party response to the Cost of Living crisis, which has delivered 173 welcome places, £15m in hardship payments to residents, and support for affected businesses;
- (b) notes with concern that despite the Council's interventions, the Cost of Living crisis is now impacting a much larger group of people, as:-
 - (i) Council Homeless Services received 500 more presentations in 2022/23 than in 2021/22;
 - (ii) the Trussell Trust delivered 28% more food parcels across Yorkshire in 2022/23 than in 2021/22, with 27 Trussell Trust and Independent food banks in Sheffield;
 - (iii) nationally, food prices have risen by 18.4% since January; and
 - (iv) the recent rise in the Bank Base Rate to 5% will seriously impact many of Sheffield's low income mortgage holders;
- (c) notes that:-
 - (i) research has found that an estimated £18.7bn in benefits and social tariffs go unclaimed across the UK every year;
 - (ii) similarly, an estimated £17m of Pension Credit goes unclaimed in Sheffield every year;
 - (iii) take-up is lower for locally administered benefits such as Council Tax Support than DWP administered benefits; and
 - (iv) Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau (which provides support to maximise household income) has provided primarily online

support since the pandemic, which can be challenging to access for residents who are elderly or facing digital exclusion;

- (d) believes that accessing locally administered benefits in Sheffield is made more difficult due to the many barriers residents face in contacting the Council, and reaffirms that the Council has an utmost responsibility to assist residents to access *all* the benefits and support they are entitled to;
- (e) notes that the Local Area Committees have been a vital part of the Cost of Living response in their localities, including working closely with Welcome Places, providing grants to Voluntary, Community and Faith organisations, and producing locally tailored communications; and
- (f) therefore, requests that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee considers allocating from unallocated resources from the 2023/24 budget setting process:-
 - (i) £200k in additional grant funding to Citizens Advice Services, to expand their employment of Volunteer Trainers and provide increased face to face support; and
 - (ii) £400k in additional citywide LAC funding, to be allocated by Indices of Multiple Deprivation and spent on the response to the Cost of Living crisis.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Nighat Basharat, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the re-lettering of paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (d)(i) and the addition of a new paragraph (d)(ii) as follows:-
 - (d)(ii) notes that at the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on 31st May 2023, councillors agreed that developing a new Customer Services strategy, that will be focused on the experience that the people of Sheffield have when accessing our services, is a key priority for the Committee;
- 2. the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-
 - (g)(i) notes the important work of the cross-party and cross-sector Cost-of-Living Strategy Group and the expertise and front-line experience that this Group has;
 - (ii) notes the belief shared by the Strategic Group that a long-term strategic approach to preventing and reducing poverty and inequality in Sheffield is needed;
 - (iii) therefore, believes that any decisions to allocate additional

funding to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living crisis should be made after consultation with that Group; and

- (iv) believes that Local Area Committee funding needs to be put on a sustainable footing and calls for a fundamental review of LAC funding.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Marieanne Elliot, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the words “and renters” at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(iv);
2. the addition of the words “or who speak English as a second language” at the end of sub-paragraph (c)(iv); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (h) and (i):-

- (e) recalls that this Council passed a motion in June 2022, not just requesting the establishment of the Cost of Living Crisis Working Group but also requiring a “Customer Services Improvement Plan to be in place within 4 months, to show how it will aim to improve response times and accessibility to services, regardless of the community that customers come from or their background, language or disability; and recognising that the Council’s services also need to be available to people without access to the phone or internet”;

- (f) therefore asks the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider and report on a Customer Services Improvement Plan at the earliest opportunity;

- (g) believes that timely access to independent advice on civil rights and obligations is fundamental and necessary in a fair society, whilst recognising that this does not relieve public authorities of their duty to carry out their services effectively and fairly;

8.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Nighat Basharat was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Marieanne Elliot was then put to the vote and was also carried unanimously.

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That this Council:-

- (a) praises the cross party response to the Cost of Living crisis, which has delivered 173 welcome places, £15m in hardship payments to residents, and support for affected businesses;
- (b) notes with concern that despite the Council's interventions, the Cost of Living crisis is now impacting a much larger group of people, as:-
 - (i) Council Homeless Services received 500 more presentations in 2022/23 than in 2021/22;
 - (ii) the Trussell Trust delivered 28% more food parcels across Yorkshire in 2022/23 than in 2021/22, with 27 Trussell Trust and Independent food banks in Sheffield;
 - (iii) nationally, food prices have risen by 18.4% since January; and
 - (iv) the recent rise in the Bank Base Rate to 5% will seriously impact many of Sheffield's low income mortgage holders and renters;
- (c) notes that:-
 - (i) research has found that an estimated £18.7bn in benefits and social tariffs go unclaimed across the UK every year;
 - (ii) similarly, an estimated £17m of Pension Credit goes unclaimed in Sheffield every year;
 - (iii) take-up is lower for locally administered benefits such as Council Tax Support than DWP administered benefits; and
 - (iv) Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau (which provides support to maximise household income) has provided primarily online support since the pandemic, which can be challenging to access for residents who are elderly or facing digital exclusion or who speak English as a second language;
- (d) (i) believes that accessing locally administered benefits in Sheffield is made more difficult due to the many barriers residents face in contacting the Council, and reaffirms that the Council has an utmost responsibility to assist residents to access all the benefits and support they are entitled to and (ii) notes that at the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on 31st May 2023, councillors agreed that developing a new Customer Services strategy, that will be focused on the experience that the people of Sheffield have when accessing our services, is a key priority for the Committee;
- (e) recalls that this Council passed a motion in June 2022, not just

requesting the establishment of the Cost of Living Crisis Working Group but also requiring a “Customer Services Improvement Plan to be in place within 4 months, to show how it will aim to improve response times and accessibility to services, regardless of the community that customers come from or their background, language or disability; and recognising that the Council’s services also need to be available to people without access to the phone or internet”;

- (f) therefore asks the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider and report on a Customer Services Improvement Plan at the earliest opportunity;
- (g) believes that timely access to independent advice on civil rights and obligations is fundamental and necessary in a fair society, whilst recognising that this does not relieve public authorities of their duty to carry out their services effectively and fairly;
- (h) notes that the Local Area Committees have been a vital part of the Cost of Living response in their localities, including working closely with Welcome Places, providing grants to Voluntary, Community and Faith organisations, and producing locally tailored communications;
- (i) therefore, requests that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee considers allocating from unallocated resources from the 2023/24 budget setting process:-
 - (i) £200k in additional grant funding to Citizens Advice Services, to expand their employment of Volunteer Trainers and provide increased face to face support; and
 - (ii) £400k in additional citywide LAC funding, to be allocated by Indices of Multiple Deprivation and spent on the response to the Cost of Living crisis; and
- (j)
 - (i) notes the important work of the cross-party and cross-sector Cost-of-Living Strategy Group and the expertise and front-line experience that this Group has;
 - (ii) notes the belief shared by the Strategic Group that a long-term strategic approach to preventing and reducing poverty and inequality in Sheffield is needed;
 - (iii) therefore, believes that any decisions to allocate additional funding to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living crisis should be made after consultation with that Group; and
 - (iv) believes that Local Area Committee funding needs to be put on a sustainable footing and calls for a fundamental review of LAC funding.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "REAFFIRMING SHEFFIELD AS A CITY OF SANCTUARY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ALEXI DIMOND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALEIKI HAYBE

9.1 It was moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and seconded by Councillor Maleiki Haybe, that this Council:-

(a) notes that:-

- (i) Sheffield, the UK's first City of Sanctuary, has a proud history of welcoming people seeking safety;
- (ii) the climate crisis increases the risk of displacing people;
- (iii) the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament has already been voted through by the majority of the House of Commons;
- (iv) people seeking safety, including children, will be effectively detained in camps, barges, large-scale institutional accommodation, containment sites; segregated from communities, and denied support and threatened with removal to Rwanda; and
- (v) over 500 charities and faith groups have signed a pledge to 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws', including at least 7 local groups such as City of Sanctuary Sheffield, ASSIST Sheffield, DEWA, South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group (SYMAAG) and Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English (SAVTE);

(b) believes that:-

- (i) everyone's claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly;
- (ii) the Government's anti-refugee laws deny internationally recognised rights and will create ever-longer delays in the asylum process;
- (iii) the UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives, not segregated but housed as our neighbours, enabling communities to welcome them; and
- (iv) the Illegal Migration Bill punishes people and will effectively destroy the right to seek safety in the UK; and

(c) resolves to:-

- (i) sign the 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge and join the "Lift the Ban" coalition;

- (ii) use our powers to ensure migrants do not suffer lengthy stays in temporary, sub-standard or far-distant accommodation;
- (iii) ask the Chief Executive to make representations to HM Government expressing this Council's deep concern about the impact of the new housing regulations¹;
- (iv) call on the Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act and Illegal Migration Bill;
- (v) call on the Government to recognise the impact of climate change as a legitimate reason to seek safety;
- (vi) reaffirm our status as a City of Sanctuary, and work with the Local Authorities of Sanctuary network to ensure we are meeting the accreditation criteria;
- (vii) investigate ways to fund advice to asylum seekers which was previously delivered by the Sheffield Law Centre;
- (viii) work in partnership with organisations and people with lived experience of the asylum system to identify strategies for mitigating the adverse effects of government policies within Sheffield; and
- (ix) introduce a Councillor 'Migrant Champion' who would:-
 - (A) be a point of contact for migrants, community groups and organisations to raise concerns;
 - (B) seek to ensure council services are open and available to migrants who need them;
 - (C) seek to ensure that the Council is not sharing information about individual migrants in the area with the Government unless there is a lawful basis for doing so; and
 - (D) seek to make sure the needs of vulnerable migrants are met.

¹ *Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Amendment) (England) Order 2022, (SI 521/2022), as amended by the 2023 order which extends the effect of the Regulations until 1 June 2024.*

9.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and seconded by Councillor Ann Whitaker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the words “, as climate change is a contributing and exacerbating factor in migration and conflict”, at the end of sub-

- paragraph (a)(ii);
2. the deletion of sub-paragraph (a)(v) and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (a)(v) and (vi) as follows:-
 - (v) a pledge to 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' has received national support by Labour, the Green Party, and the Liberal Democrats; and
 - (vi) Sheffield City Council is the regulator for residential property in the City, including Home Office accommodation and that suitable education is provided;
 3. the deletion of sub-paragraph (b)(iii), the re-lettering of sub-paragraph (b)(iv) as a new sub-paragraph (b)(iii), and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(iv) and (v) as follows:-
 - (iv) the UK must fix our broken asylum system, including through significantly improving the time taken to process applicants by removing asylum powers from the Home Office and granting them to a new dedicated unit, and providing safe and legal routes to sanctuary for refugees from all countries; and
 - (v) the streamlined asylum processing model concentrates on asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Libya, Syria, and Yemen - this should be extended to all countries where refugees are displaced, such as Lebanon;
 4. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (c)(vii) and (viii) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraphs (c)(vii) and (viii) as new sub-paragraphs (ix) & (x):-
 - (vii) call on the Government to set a clear target for processing future asylum claims;
 - (viii) call on the Government to ensure that families who have children settled in schools are no longer required to move accommodation;
 5. the deletion of the original sub-paragraph (c)(ix) and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(xi) as follows:-
 - (xi) make all councillors aware of the Council's Asylum and Migration Team, who coordinate with education services and facilitate meetings with the Home Office and contracted Home Office accommodation.
- 9.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (c)(iv) to (ix) as new sub-paragraphs (c)(v) to (x):-

(c)(iv) request that the Housing Policy Committee considers adding to its work programme an item on Council powers and resources to protect migrants from discriminatory housing regulations, upholding locally defined standards and inspection processes;

2. the deletion of new sub-paragraph (c)(x)(C) [original sub-paragraph (c)(ix)(C)] and the re-lettering of sub-paragraph (c)(x)(D) as a new sub-paragraph (c)(x)(C); and

3. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(xi) as follows:-

(c)(xi) requests that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee considers adding to its work programme consideration of the Council's relationship with the Home Office and immigration enforcement, and an assessment of its current practices and the impact of the Hostile Environment policy on inclusion, equality and cohesion in Sheffield.

9.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Alexi Dimond, the amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was carried in part. Parts 1, 2 and 4 of the amendment were carried, and Parts 3 and 5 of the amendment were lost.

9.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 57 Members; AGAINST - 12 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 1 Member. Although Labour Group Members voted for, they voted against Parts 3 and 5 of the amendment. Although Councillor Lewis Chinchon abstained, he voted for the new sub-paragraph (a)(vi) in Part 2 of the amendment, the new sub-paragraph (c)(viii) in Part 4 of the amendment, and Part 5 of the amendment.)

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio was then put to the vote and was carried.

9.5.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for Part 2 of the amendment and abstained from voting on Parts 1 and 3 of the amendment, and asked for his vote to be recorded.)

9.6 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:-

(i) Sheffield, the UK's first City of Sanctuary, has a proud history of

- welcoming people seeking safety;
 - (ii) the climate crisis increases the risk of displacing people, as climate change is a contributing and exacerbating factor in migration and conflict;
 - (iii) the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament has already been voted through by the majority of the House of Commons;
 - (iv) people seeking safety, including children, will be effectively detained in camps, barges, large-scale institutional accommodation, containment sites; segregated from communities, and denied support and threatened with removal to Rwanda;
 - (v) a pledge to 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' has received national support by Labour, the Green Party, and the Liberal Democrats; and
 - (vi) Sheffield City Council is the regulator for residential property in the City, including Home Office accommodation and that suitable education is provided;
- (b) believes that:-
- (i) everyone's claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly;
 - (ii) the Government's anti-refugee laws deny internationally recognised rights and will create ever-longer delays in the asylum process;
 - (iii) the UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives, not segregated but housed as our neighbours, enabling communities to welcome them; and
 - (iv) the Illegal Migration Bill punishes people and will effectively destroy the right to seek safety in the UK; and
- (c) resolves to:-
- (i) sign the 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge and join the "Lift the Ban" coalition;
 - (ii) use our powers to ensure migrants do not suffer lengthy stays in temporary, sub-standard or far-distant accommodation;
 - (iii) ask the Chief Executive to make representations to HM Government expressing this Council's deep concern about the impact of the new housing regulations¹;
 - (iv) request that the Housing Policy Committee considers adding to its

work programme an item on Council powers and resources to protect migrants from discriminatory housing regulations, upholding locally defined standards and inspection processes;

- (v) call on the Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act and Illegal Migration Bill;
- (vi) call on the Government to recognise the impact of climate change as a legitimate reason to seek safety;
- (vii) reaffirm our status as a City of Sanctuary, and work with the Local Authorities of Sanctuary network to ensure we are meeting the accreditation criteria;
- (viii) call on the Government to set a clear target for processing future asylum claims;
- (ix) call on the Government to ensure that families who have children settled in schools are no longer required to move accommodation;
- (x) investigate ways to fund advice to asylum seekers which was previously delivered by the Sheffield Law Centre;
- (xi) work in partnership with organisations and people with lived experience of the asylum system to identify strategies for mitigating the adverse effects of government policies within Sheffield;
- (xii) introduce a Councillor 'Migrant Champion' who would:-
 - (A) be a point of contact for migrants, community groups and organisations to raise concerns;
 - (B) seek to ensure council services are open and available to migrants who need them; and
 - (C) seek to make sure the needs of vulnerable migrants are met; and
- (xiii) requests that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee considers adding to its work programme consideration of the Council's relationship with the Home Office and immigration enforcement, and an assessment of its current practices and the impact of the Hostile Environment policy on inclusion, equality and cohesion in Sheffield.

¹ *Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Amendment) (England) Order 2022, (SI 521/2022), as amended by the 2023 order which extends the effect of the Regulations until 1 June 2024.*

- 9.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 71 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Although Liberal Democrat Group Members voted for, they voted against sub-paragraph (c)(xii) of the Substantive Motion. Although Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, he voted against sub-paragraphs (a)(iv), (b)(ii), (b)(iv), (c)(i), (c)(iii), (c)(v) & (c)(vi), and abstained from voting on sub-paragraphs (a)(ii), (a)(v), (c)(iv), (c)(viii), (c)(xi) and (c)(xiii) of the Substantive Motion.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS CHINCHEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY THE LORD MAYOR (COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS)

- 10.1 It was moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchon, and formally seconded by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross), that this Council:-

- (a) recognises that housing growth must be supported by sufficient investment in infrastructure and services, including transport, education, active travel improvements and public spaces;
- (b) believes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a crucial tool that the Council has at its disposal to achieve this objective;
- (c) believes that the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL, allocated to wards using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), is not meeting its intended objective as there is little connection between where it is spent and the number of houses built in these areas (except for localities that have a Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Plan);
- (d) believes the CIL funding formula for the Neighbourhood Portion must be more closely linked to housing growth, given that the purpose of CIL is to support new development;
- (e) believes that a bespoke formula can be created that ensures zero-rate charging areas still receive a fair allocation, whilst ensuring sufficient funds go to the areas experiencing the greatest pressure from new development;
- (f) notes that Cornwall County Council ensures that zero-rate charging areas still receive an allocation of CIL funds, whilst awarding parishes an amount proportionate to the scale of development in their area;
- (g) also, notes that a large proportion of Neighbourhood CIL that is allocated to wards is not spent, with some wards not spending any of their allocated funds within a financial year; and
- (h) therefore, invites:-
 - (i) the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to

commission an investigation into the feasibility of a new formula for Neighbourhood CIL that more closely links Neighbourhood CIL allocations to housing growth, whilst ensuring that zero/low-rate charging areas receive their fair share;

- (ii) Local Area Committees (LACs) to feature an item on every meeting agenda on the spending of Neighbourhood CIL monies so that we have proper political accountability;
- (iii) officers to create working groups with ward members and the relevant council officers (for example, Highways or Parks & Countryside) to identify suitable schemes to fund using Neighbourhood CIL monies and create action plans to take those schemes forward;
- (iv) LACs to oversee the establishment of inter-ward collaboration between wards; and
- (v) the Governance Committee to satisfy itself that Members receive sufficient training regarding CIL so they understand how to make best use of the funding available.

10.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Lewis Chinchon), the Motion as published on the agenda was altered by the deletion of sub-paragraph (h)(iii) of the Motion, and consequential re-lettering of the remaining sub-paragraphs.)

10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Ian Horner, and formally seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (i):-

(h) furthermore notes that:-

- (i) government guidance on how CIL is to be spent reads "*If there is no parish or town council, the charging authority will retain the levy receipts but should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding.*";
- (ii) while there was a consultation on the formula by which the neighbourhood portion raised in any area is now allocated to other areas, the neighbourhoods where funding is raised are not consulted on the projects the funding is spent upon; and
- (iii) this lack of consultation is a consequence of the policy of

the Council to spend neighbourhood portions of CIL in neighbourhoods other than where they are raised;

2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (vi) to the newly re-lettered paragraph (i) [original paragraph (h)], as follows:-

(i)(vi) the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider adding to its work programme a review of the policy of redistributing the neighbourhood portion of CIL so that the guidance regarding consultation can be meaningfully honoured.

10.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

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

For the amendment (26) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Glynis Chapman, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Against the amendment (33) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Craig Gamble Pugh, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Sioned-Mair Richards, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Ibbi Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt and Alison Norris.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (12) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Henry Nottage and Maroof Raouf.

10.4 The original Motion, in the following form, was then put to the vote:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that housing growth must be supported by sufficient investment in infrastructure and services, including transport, education, active travel improvements and public spaces;
- (b) believes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a crucial tool that the Council has at its disposal to achieve this objective;
- (c) believes that the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL, allocated to wards using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), is not meeting its intended objective as there is little connection between where it is spent and the number of houses built in these areas (except for localities that have a Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Plan);
- (d) believes the CIL funding formula for the Neighbourhood Portion must be more closely linked to housing growth, given that the purpose of CIL is to support new development;
- (e) believes that a bespoke formula can be created that ensures zero-rate charging areas still receive a fair allocation, whilst ensuring sufficient funds go to the areas experiencing the greatest pressure from new development;
- (f) notes that Cornwall County Council ensures that zero-rate charging areas still receive an allocation of CIL funds, whilst awarding parishes an amount proportionate to the scale of development in their area;
- (g) also, notes that a large proportion of Neighbourhood CIL that is allocated to wards is not spent, with some wards not spending any of their allocated funds within a financial year; and
- (h) therefore, invites:-
 - (i) the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to commission an investigation into the feasibility of a new formula for Neighbourhood CIL that more closely links Neighbourhood CIL allocations to housing growth, whilst ensuring that zero/low-rate charging areas receive their fair share;
 - (ii) Local Area Committees (LACs) to feature an item on every meeting agenda on the spending of Neighbourhood CIL monies so that we have proper political accountability;
 - (iii) officers to create working groups with ward members and the relevant council officers (for example, Highways or Parks & Countryside) to identify suitable schemes to fund using Neighbourhood CIL monies and create action plans to take those schemes forward;
 - (iv) LACs to oversee the establishment of inter-ward collaboration between wards; and

- (v) the Governance Committee to satisfy itself that Members receive sufficient training regarding CIL so they understand how to make best use of the funding available.

10.5 On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried in part. Paragraphs (a) and (b) and sub-paragraphs (h)(ii), (iv) and (v) were carried, and paragraphs (c) to (g) and sub-paragraphs (h)(i) and (iii) were lost.

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

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| For paragraphs (a) and (b) and sub-paragraphs (h)(ii), (iv) and (v) of the Motion (58) | - | The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Craig Gamble Pugh, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Glynis Chapman, Ibbly Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker and Alison Norris. |
| Against paragraphs (a) and (b) and sub-paragraphs (h)(ii), (iv) and (v) of the Motion (0) | - | NIL |
| Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) and (b) and sub-paragraphs (h)(ii), (iv) and (v) of the Motion (12) | - | Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Henry Nottage and Maroof Raouf. |
| For paragraphs (c) to (g) and sub-paragraphs (h)(i) and (iii) of the Motion (26) | - | The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, |

Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Glynis Chapman, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

- Against paragraphs (c) to (g) and sub-paragraphs (h)(i) and (iii) of the Motion (32) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Craig Gamble Pugh, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Ibbi Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt and Alison Norris.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) to (g) and sub-paragraphs (h)(i) and (iii) of the Motion (12) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Henry Nottage and Maroof Raouf.

10.6 Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that housing growth must be supported by sufficient investment in infrastructure and services, including transport, education, active travel improvements and public spaces;
- (b) believes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a crucial tool that the Council has at its disposal to achieve this objective; and
- (c) therefore, invites:-
 - (i) Local Area Committees (LACs) to feature an item on every meeting agenda on the spending of Neighbourhood CIL monies so that we have proper political accountability;
 - (ii) LACs to oversee the establishment of inter-ward collaboration between wards; and
 - (iii) the Governance Committee to satisfy itself that Members receive sufficient training regarding CIL so they understand how to make best use of the funding available.

11. AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE - STANDARDS REPORT 2022

- 11.1 The Council received and noted the Annual Standards Report for 2022, which had been referred to full Council by the Audit and Standards Committee at its meeting held on 16th February 2023, and which showed details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from January to December 2022.

12. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 12.1 In light of the comments made at the meeting by Councillor Terry Fox pertaining to the Future Sheffield Programme, decision making by the Governance Committee and by Policy Committees, and the role of the full Council, it was:-
- 12.2 RESOLVED: That consideration of the recommendations in the report be deferred and be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 13.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards and formally seconded by Councillor Ruth Milsom, that (a) the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 20th February; the special meeting of the Council held on 1st March; the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th May; and the annual meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2023, be approved as true and accurate records and (b) a note be inserted into the minutes of the meeting on 20th February, at the end of the recorded vote set out at paragraph 8.7.1 of the minutes, to record that the votes of Councillors Bryan Lodge, Talib Hussain, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price and Mick Rooney had been cast in error, whereas their intention had been to align with the votes of the other Labour Group members, who voted "*for, but against paragraphs (a) & (c)*".

14. MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES, REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES AND RELATED ISSUES

- 14.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, that:-
- (a) Councillor Zahira Naz be appointed as Chair of the Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee for the Municipal Year 2023-24;
- (b) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 17th May 2023, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

- Strategy and Resources Policy Committee - (1) Councillors David Barker, Mark Jones and Minesh Parekh appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillors Penny Baker, Mike Levery and Andrew Sangar appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 5th June 2023.
- Finance Committee - Councillors Laura McClean, Minesh Parekh and Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Abtislam Mohamed replaced Councillor Laura Moynahan, and Councillor Mary Lea appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, both with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillors Jayne Dunn and Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Karen McGowan replaced Councillor Nighat Basharat, and Councillors Abtislam Mohamed and Laura McClean appointed as substitute members of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Laura Moynahan replaced Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, and Councillors Safiya Saeed and Ibbi Ullah appointed as substitute members of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - (1) Councillors Jayne Dunn and Talib Hussain replaced Councillors Mike Drabble and Abtislam Mohamed, and Councillor Mike Drabble appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillors Mazher Iqbal and Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.

- Housing Policy Committee - (1) Councillors Mike Chaplin, Denise Fox and Mazher Iqbal appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Terry Fox replaced Councillor Bryan Lodge as a member of the Committee, with effect from 3rd July 2023.
- Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Minesh Parekh appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillors Mike Chaplin and Sioned-Mair Richards appointed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Garry Weatherall replaced Councillors Talib Hussain and Mazher Iqbal, and Councillors Mike Chaplin, Craig Gamble Pugh and Julie Grocutt appointed as substitute members of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Planning and Highways Committee - (1) Councillors Dianne Hurst, Laura Moynahan and Garry Weatherall replaced Councillors Nighat Basharat, Mike Drabble and Julie Grocutt; Councillor Mick Rooney removed as a substitute member of the Committee; and Councillors Mike Drabble, Julie Grocutt and Alison Norris appointed as substitute members of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Ibbly Ullah replaced Councillor Dianne Hurst as a member of the Committee, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Licensing Committee - Councillors Karen McGowan, Nabeela Mowlana and Sioned-Mair Richards replaced Councillors Denise Fox, Julie Grocutt and Paul Wood, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Governance Committee - Councillor Minesh Parekh replaced Councillor Ruth Milsom, and Councillors Dawn Dale and Ruth Milsom appointed as substitute members of the Committee, all with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Admissions Committee - Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards appointed to fill a vacancy, with effect from 30th May 2023.

- Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee - Councillor Laura Moynahan replaced Councillor Denise Fox, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Bernard Little replaced Councillor Douglas Johnson, with effect from 19th June 2023.
- Corporate Parenting Board - (1) Councillor Ibbby Ullah replaced Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Mick Rooney removed, with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Walking Forum - Councillor Peter Price filled a vacancy, with effect from 23rd June 2023.
- South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel - Councillor Safiya Saeed replaced Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee (Rotherham and Sheffield) - Councillor Mark Jones replaced Councillor Bryan Lodge, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board - Councillor Ben Miskell appointed as rotational member of the Board, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee - (1) Councillor Laura McClean appointed as substitute member of the Committee, with effect from 30th May 2023; and (2) Councillor Douglas Johnson appointed as member of the Committee and Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo appointed as substitute member of the Committee, both with effect from 12th June 2023.
- Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillor Ben Miskell replaced Councillor Paul Wood, with effect from 30th May 2023.
- Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillors Janet Ridler and Richard Williams replaced Councillors Tony Downing and Alan Hooper and Councillor Marieanne Elliot appointed as member, with effect from 8th June 2023;

(c) it be noted that Councillor Ruth Milsom has been nominated as Group Spokesperson on the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee (replacing

Councillor Laura Moynahan), with effect from 30th May 2023;

(d) it be noted that, at its meeting held on 27th June 2023, the Admissions Committee appointed Councillor Safiya Saeed as Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2023-24;

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

Admissions Committee - Councillor Karen McGowan to be replaced by Councillor Talib Hussain.

Access Liaison Group - Councillor Mick Rooney to fill a vacancy.

Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services) - Councillors Abtisam Mohamed and Mary Lea to fill vacancies.

Walking Forum - Councillors Ruth Mersereau and Richard Shaw to fill vacancies.

Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee – People Services - Councillor Fran Belbin to fill a vacancy.

Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Schools - Councillor Dawn Dale to fill a vacancy.

Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Place - Councillor Ben Miskell to fill a vacancy.

Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee – Resources/CEX - Councillor Zahira Naz to fill a vacancy;

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

ACIS Local Management Committee - Councillors Fran Belbin and Tom Hunt to be removed as members of the Committee.

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Peter Price to be appointed as a member of the Board.

Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber - Councillor Denise Fox to replace Councillor Tony Downing as a member and Councillor Tony Downing to replace Councillor Denise Fox as a substitute member.

Sheffield City Trust - Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor

Bryan Lodge.

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| Sheffield Football Trust | - | Councillor Denise Fox to be appointed as a member of the Trust. |
| Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members | - | Councillor Paul Wood to be appointed as a member of the Trust. |
| SOAR Community | - | Councillor Talib Hussain to replace Councillor Fran Belbin. |
| Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities | - | Councillor Tom Hunt to replace Councillor Bryan Lodge. |
| University Technical College Trust Board | - | Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Mike Drabble. |
| Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust | - | Councillor Laura McClean to replace Councillor Tom Hunt. |
| Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee | - | Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor Bryan Lodge. |

(g) it be noted that (i) the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 9th February, 2023, appointed Claire Taylor to the post of Chief Operating Officer, and that Ms. Taylor started in post on 1st June 2023, (ii) the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 14th March, 2023, appointed Meredith Teasdale to the post of Strategic Director of Children's Services, and that Ms. Teasdale started in post on 19th June, 2023 and (iii) the salary packages for these two posts, which are above £100,000, were approved by the Council at its meeting held on 20th February 2023;

(h) it be noted that the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 17th March, 2023, appointed Lorraine Wood as Interim Director of Communities, and that Ms. Wood started in post on 1st April 2023; and

(i) it be noted that (i) the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 28th March, 2023, appointed Sally Williams as Director of Children and Families, and that Ms. Williams started in post on 29th March, 2023, (ii) the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 29th March, 2023, appointed Philip Gregory to the post of Director of Finance and Commercial Services, and that Mr. Gregory is expected to start in post on 31st July, 2023 and (iii) the salary packages for these two posts, which are above £100,000, are included within the Pay Policy Statement which was approved by the Council at its meeting held on 1st March 2023.

14.2 (NOTES: 1. The above appointments incorporate the additional appointment to the Walking Forum reported to the meeting by Councillor Sue Alston and the

amendment to the schedule of appointments circulated to the meeting, which was reported to the meeting by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards in relation to the SOAR Community; and

2. Following comments made at the meeting by Councillor Sue Alston, the proposal to make a change to an appointment to the Sheffield Theatres Trust, which was contained in the schedule of appointments circulated to the meeting, was withdrawn pending the outcome of the discussions to be held by the Whips on the allocation between the political groups of the appointments to be made to that Trust by the Council.)