

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2ND JULY 2014

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) believes Liberal Democrats in Government are committed to building a stronger economy and a fairer society, creating opportunity for all;
- (b) welcomes measures set out in the 2014 Queens Speech, which will help to build a stronger economy and a fairer society in Sheffield, specifically:
 - (i) an increase in the total number of apprenticeship places to 2 million by 2015;
 - (ii) greater support for families with up to £2,000 a year per child in a childcare subsidy;
 - (iii) more power for workers to control their own pensions and new ‘defined ambition’ pensions to help boost savings;
 - (iv) new regulations to allow all new homes to meet a zero carbon standard by 2016;
 - (v) new powers to crack down on employers who abuse zero-hour contracts;
 - (vi) tougher penalties for employers who do not pay the Minimum Wage;
 - (vii) a new 5p levy on plastic bags, with proceeds going to charity;
 - (vii) a new independent adjudicator to protect pub landlords and community pubs from exploitative ‘pub-cos’;

- (ix) tougher powers to tackle Female Genital Mutilation; and
- (x) a new power of recall over constituency MPs;
- (c) notes research by the Institute of Fiscal Studies that the spending commitments set out by the last Government would have added an estimated £201bn to the national debt;
- (d) notes the comments of John Cruddas MP, who is leading the Labour Party's Policy Review, that the Labour Leadership have "parked" ideas and replaced them with "cynical nuggets of policy to chime with our focus groups and press strategy"; and
- (e) calls upon the Administration to admit that the policies put forward by the national Labour Party are not credible and back proposals in the Queens Speech, which will help to improve the lives of ordinary Sheffielders.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) supports the numerous steps the Government have taken to support young people into work, including:
 - (i) increasing spending on apprenticeships in its first year by £250 million – a 50% increase on the previous Government's commitments;
 - (ii) implementing a £1 billion Youth Contract, to tackle unemployment among 16-24 year-olds; and
 - (iii) introducing University Technical Colleges, delivering vital skills and training to young people;
- (b) welcomes the latest employment statistics that show that there is now a record number of people in Sheffield in work;
- (c) welcomes that the proportion of young people in England not in education, employment or training (NEETs) has fallen to the lowest level since records began in 1994;
- (d) furthermore notes the expectation of the Organisation for

Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that the British economy would grow faster in the first six months of this year than any other G7 economy;

- (e) contrasts this record of action with the disastrous performance of the previous Government, where youth employment rose by almost 75% between 2001 and 2010;
- (f) recalls that when workfare legislation passed through the House of Commons in March 2013, the majority of the Parliamentary Labour Party refused to vote against the measures;
- (g) notes the latest comments by the Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP that young unemployed people who refuse to take part in mandatory schemes could lose their benefits under a Labour Government;
- (h) furthermore regrets the rhetoric of the former Shadow Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, the Rt. Hon. Liam Byrne MP, who was criticised in the national media as “playing to the Right-whinge gallery”; and
- (i) believes that members of the majority group continue to act in a completely hypocritical manner and should concentrate on altering the position of their own national front-bench.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) notes that Sheffield City Council is now into its fourth year of unprecedented cuts by this Government, which includes the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, noting that, so far, the Council has had to find savings of £238 million and by next year it will have lost half of our its direct government funding;
- (b) regrets that there is still millions of pounds worth of cuts to come at the same time that the Government, which includes Nick Clegg, has protected some of the wealthiest areas of the country in the South of England, some of whom are receiving next to no cuts;
- (c) notes the Administration’s proposals for the Winter Maintenance Service will reduce the amount spent on gritting by £100,000

and, following these changes, the Council will still provide an effective Winter Maintenance Service that reaches the vast majority of people within the city;

- (d) confirms that no areas will be cut off and 50% of all roads will still be gritted;
- (e) is shocked at the hypocrisy of the main opposition group and remembers the appalling record of the previous Administration who sold 200 tonnes of grit to Rotherham and later complained to the Government that they were short of grit;
- (f) further confirms that making cuts to gritting is not something the present Administration want to do and would not be doing this if there was a genuine alternative;
- (g) regrets that when the Council is facing the level of cuts that this Government, which includes the Deputy Prime Minister, are imposing on it, there is not a single service in the Council that is being protected from cuts, except child safeguarding;
- (h) believes that for the main opposition group and Deputy Prime Minister to fully support the cuts to Sheffield and then pretend to be outraged about their consequences is nothing more than a cynical and hypocritical political act of cowardice;
- (i) regrets that due to the cuts, like many other areas, Sheffield is now being forced to cut its gritting routes and if the Deputy Prime Minister genuinely cared about stopping these changes to gritting he is the only person in the city who could give us the funding we need not to do this; and
- (j) confirms that if the Government gave the Council back the money it has cut, the Administration would very happily withdraw these proposals immediately and believes this issue is a test of the Deputy Prime Minister and main opposition group if they want to stand up for this city or defend what this Council believes is a right wing government.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) expresses disappointment at the three wasted years that the Council believes this Administration have presided over, with little progress on the New Retail Quarter having been achieved;
- (b) recalls that the main opposition group called for the Council to get tough with Hammerson, but instead the Administration dithered and delayed for months before finally taking action;
- (c) welcomes the latest steps forward towards development but believes Sheffielders will not be satisfied until concrete work is seen on the ground;
- (d) highlights that the latest progress has only been possible because of the Sheffield City Deal, pioneered and pushed through by the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP;
- (e) contrasts the lack of progress on the New Retail Quarter with the re-development of The Moor, secured by the last Administration and proceeding at pace;
- (f) supports the decision of the Council's Planning and Highways Committee to unanimously approve a planning application for an Ikea superstore;
- (g) is pleased that this case did not see a repeat of the disastrous and costly rejection of a Next superstore by members of the majority group, which saw the Council hit with a £60,000 bill in appeal costs and labelled as "closing its doors" to business; and
- (h) regrets that despite this latest announcement, the Council continues to attract an "anti-business" label and calls on the Administration to work with businesses rather than against them.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (c), (e) and (f);
 - 2. the re-lettering of paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (c); and
 - 3. the addition of new paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:-
- (d) notes the comments of the Rt. Hon. David Blunkett MP who

stated on 16th June 2014 that “I would take some convincing that another agonising internal inquiry would shed more light than is already known”; and

- (e) believes the IPCC should be allowed to conclude their inquiry before any further decisions are made.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (k) as follows:-

- (h) for the avoidance of doubt, believes that Sheffield’s station on the High Speed 2 rail line should be located in the city-centre;
- (i) welcomes the latest proposal for a High Speed 3 rail project for an east-west line in the north of England and believes it is vital that Sheffield benefits from improved transport infrastructure to other northern cities;
- (j) backs Nick Clegg’s vision for a ‘northern golden triangle’ of Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield to drive economic growth in the north; and
- (k) believes it is Liberal Democrats who have led the charge in government to rebalance our economy so that it benefits 100,000 square miles of the country, rather than just one square mile in the City of London.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) reiterates support for a High Speed Rail Station in Sheffield and one that is located in the city centre, noting that the present Administration’s position on this issue has been unwavering;
- (b) notes that the main three political parties have supported HS2 and welcomes this continued cross party support for the project first initiated by the previous government and continued by the Coalition;

- (c) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to support HS2, including work with the Core Cities Group to support HS2 on a national stage; the Leader of the Council's participation on the HS2 Growth Task Force which produced a report stating that stations should be located where they will generate the maximum economic benefits; and numerous meetings with Ministers making the case for a city centre station location;
- (d) confirms that the benefits of the city centre location over Meadowhall include 6,500 additional jobs and potentially up to £5 billion additional economic growth;
- (e) regrets the main opposition group's silence, until recently, on the issue of HS2 station location following the Government announcement that its preferred station location for Sheffield City Region is at Meadowhall after they had previously engaged local businesses to campaign for a Victoria station;
- (f) confirms that the main opposition group have voted against numerous motions in the past year which confirm the Council's support for a city centre station location;
- (g) welcomes any potential u-turn by the Deputy Prime Minister, however, notes that the Government's current proposal remains a parkway station at Meadowhall which is not in Sheffield's best interests;
- (h) recalls comments made by the Deputy Prime Minister in an event earlier this year where he said "So take your choice but I think that an option which is more expensive, slower, likely to be liable to lead to less regular usage in the future, will destroy more homes and be environmentally destructive. You know. To put it mildly I think there is a good case to be made, therefore locating it at Meadowhall makes sense.";
- (i) believes these comments from the Deputy Prime Minister are completely wrong and confirms that a city centre station is in the best interests of Sheffield;
- (j) welcomes that the main opposition group have now performed a u-turn on their u-turn on station location and hopes that in the future they will put the interests of Sheffield before the political blushes of the Deputy Prime Minister; and
- (k) continues to support HS2 and a city centre station location for Sheffield and regrets that the main opposition group have attempted to make this issue a party political football.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (k) as follows:-

- (g) welcomes recent statistics, which show there are now a record number of people in Sheffield in work;
- (h) welcomes that out of the record 345,000 people who found work in the last quarter, the majority were in full-time employment and notes that less than 20% of people currently working part-time would work full-time if they could;
- (i) welcomes that the proportion of young people in England not in education, employment or training (NEETs) has fallen to the lowest level since records began in 1994;
- (j) welcomes the expectation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that the British economy would grow faster in the first six months of this year than any other G7 economy; and
- (k) believes that the Liberal Democrat commitment to apprenticeships has been a key factor in achieving these outcomes.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (l) as follows:-

- (b) welcomes that the present Administration have taken real action to support the development of apprenticeships in Sheffield and contrasts this with the appalling record of the previous Administration;
- (c) further welcomes that under the present Administration, Sheffield has the best record of apprenticeships amongst all the Core Cities, demonstrating that local action has played a significant role;
- (d) welcomes the creation of the Sheffield Apprenticeship

Programme by the present Administration, which is now entering its fourth year and was targeted at young people at greatest risk of becoming unemployed;

- (e) further welcomes the innovative approach to apprenticeships pioneered by the Sheffield City Region after the present Administration worked with partners to design a scheme which puts the control of local skills funding in the hands of local employers so the skills system can be designed to meet the needs of local businesses, producing long term benefit for the economy;
- (f) contrasts this to the appalling record of the previous Administration who broke a promise made by its Leader committing the Council to providing an extra £1 million of support to the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund;
- (g) further recalls the previous Administration's inaction on apprenticeships and believes that they have completely failed both in administration and opposition to develop any credible policies to support apprenticeships and Sheffield's young people;
- (h) regrets the continued smoke and mirrors of the Liberal Democrat Party as they try to defend their record on apprenticeships;
- (i) recalls that the Government would not have been able to abolish Education Maintenance Allowance payments without Liberal Democrat support and believes this does not support the creation of a fairer society;
- (j) recalls that the Government would not have been able to abolish the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund without Liberal Democrat support and believes this does not support the creation of a fairer society;
- (k) recalls that the Government would not have been able to treble tuition fees without Liberal Democrat support and believes this does not support the creation of a fairer society; and
- (l) is shocked that the main opposition group continue to boast about the record of the present Government who have failed young people, however, welcomes any efforts to boost apprenticeships including the commitment made in the Queens Speech surrounding apprentices.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY
COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT-JONES**

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by
Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion in paragraph (c) of the words “recommends that the Administration brings a proposal to a Cabinet meeting within the next six months to consider the idea” and their substitution by the following words “welcomes that the Administration is already actively considering an online presence for the Market alongside many other ideas to support the Market and will consult with traders on all ideas before they are taken forward to ensure that any ideas to strengthen the Market are business friendly and meet the needs of traders and the public.”