

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 Friday 6 March 2015, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Peter Rippon)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Talib Hussain)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond Qurban Hussain
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison Diana Stimely	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Lynn Rooney Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Alan Law Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Stuart Wattam Brian Webster	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Tim Rippon	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Robert Murphy Sarah Jane Smalley	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Philip Wood
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Anne Murphy Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Alf Meade
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nasima Akther.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR INABILITY TO VOTE ON THE SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX

2.1 Dispensation relating to the setting of the Council Tax

2.1.1 Members were advised that under the Localism Act 2011 it was arguable that a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) may arise, where the business relates to setting the Council Tax or precept. Therefore the Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation under Section 33 2(a) of the Localism Act 2011 to all Elected Members to vote on this issue. All Members could therefore attend, debate and vote on motions or amendments which would result in the adoption of the annual budget. Members had been advised that, if they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest arising from any other aspect of the budget, it should be declared as normal and other personal interests would need to be declared if they become the subject of debate.

2.1.2 There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council.

2.2 Prohibition from voting on the grounds of Council Tax arrears

2.2.1 Members were also reminded that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 prohibited a Member from voting on the setting of the Council Tax charge where there are arrears of at least two months on a Council Tax account for which they were solely or jointly liable.

2.2.2 No Members declared an inability to vote on the setting of the Council Tax on the grounds explained above.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, announced the appointment of Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, as Deputy Leader following the resignation of the previous Deputy Leader, Councillor Harry Harpham. Councillor Dore thanked Councillor Harpham, who would continue in the role of Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, for his work as Deputy Leader.

3.2 Petition

3.2.1 Petition Regarding the Yemeni Community Association

The Council a received a petition containing 45 signatures relating to complaints about the Yemeni Community Association.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Fouad Almohamadi, who stated that the Yemeni Community Association did not represent the community's needs. He stated that the petitioners would like the Council to investigate the setting up of a new community interest organisation as an alternative group to the existing Association and which represented the interests of the entire Yemeni community. He referred to concerns regarding the finances of the Association.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health. Councillor Iqbal stated that it was not the Council's responsibility to investigate the establishment of organisations in the way requested by the petition. The Yemeni Community Association did receive a small grant from the Council related to adult learning. However, the Community Association was a registered charity and he suggested that concerns were raised with the Charity Commission. Councillor Iqbal said that he would be pleased to meet with the petitioners to discuss the issues which had been raised.

3.3 Public Questions

3.3.1 Public Question Concerning Voter Registration and Voting

Adam Butcher asked what the Council was going to do to make sure that all people with a disability can vote in the run up to the General and Local Elections in May 2015.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore responded that this was a very important issue. Since the introduction of individual voter registration, it had become more difficult for some people to make sure they could vote. Firstly, the Council needed to make sure that people with a disability were registered to vote as would be the case with other underrepresented groups, such as people in black and minority ethnic communities. Resources had been set aside to make sure that people understand how to vote and that people were registered to vote either at the ballot box or by post.

A call to action had been made to community organisations to ask people with a wider understanding of issues affecting particular groups to help the Council to make sure that people were able to register to vote and exercise their vote. She commented that pensioners exercised their right to vote and were effective at influencing policy as a result. In contrast, and for example, young people and people with disabilities may not register or use their vote and yet they were also affected by government policy and needed their respective voices to be heard.

3.3.2 Public Questions Concerning Inequalities and Child Sex Workers

Kutekwa Knowledge asked how inequality in Sheffield and Rotherham could be addressed.

He also asked how the issue of child sex workers could be addressed.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health stated, in relation to inequalities, that the Council, as with other public sector organisations, was in a fifth year of budget cuts. Inequalities were becoming more pronounced and had been affected by government policy, including the increase in university tuition fees the ceasing of the Education Maintenance Allowance and other welfare changes. He said that he could not answer the questions in respect of Rotherham. However, in Sheffield the City had tried to address inequalities through the establishment of the Fairness Commission which had made recommendations upon which the Council was making sure that it delivered, including the Sheffield apprenticeship scheme and implementation of a living wage. Nevertheless, inequalities were still apparent and evidenced by a growth in the number of food banks in the City and the numbers of people and in particular children who were living in poverty. The Council's Cabinet was to consider a tackling poverty strategy for Sheffield which had been developed in partnership with other stakeholders.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that it was not correct to use the term child sex workers. It was illegal to have sex with a child under the age of consent. The term abuse or child sexual exploitation was more accurate as they referred to perpetrators' use and abuse of children, something which was totally unacceptable. The Council and partner organisations did what they could to prevent, protect, pursue and ultimately prosecute perpetrators of child sexual exploitation. She stated that the City Council was not complacent and it would continue to monitor and review its services to see how they could be improved. The Council was conscious of the recent events relating to child sexual exploitation in Rotherham. Funding had been obtained for South Yorkshire to share good practice of the child sexual exploitation team in Sheffield and to work with therapeutic services for young people who had been abused; support young people and their families; raise the profile of child sexual exploitation so that people were aware of the signs that a child was being abused and knew how to report concerns; and to help young people through the criminal justice system.

3.3.3 Public Question Concerning Uncollected Council Tax

Heather Parys stated that she understood the Council had to make savings of £60 million. She asked if the Council could tell her how much was owed in the Housing Revenue Account and uncollected Council Tax and what the Council was proposing to do to recoup the losses which could go some way towards the shortfall.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Ben Curran, stated that there was £31 million outstanding in Council Tax. There was also £31 million outstanding when the current Administration took office from the previous Administration. These were debts that were owed to the Council and it was working hard to make sure the debts were collected. There were only a small proportion of the debts which were written off. Critics said that the Council had an increasing amount of uncollected Council Tax, but it did actually collect a large

amount of Council Tax and performed better than most of the other Core Cities and better than the average.

The Council issued 57,714 Summons, 39,000 liability orders and made 44,000 payment arrangements and 11,500 applications were made to deduct money from benefits. Research by the Local Government Association suggested that, if the HMRC collected tax as efficiently as local authorities like Sheffield, there would be £20 billion more in the public purse.

Councillor Harry Harpham stated that with regards to the Housing Revenue Account, the amount of rent owed to the Council fluctuated. The total amount owed at this time was £10.8 million, comprising rent owed by current tenants and including £5.4 million, which related to former Council tenants. Monies outstanding from former tenants were not simply written off but were collected from those tenants when they became Council tenants at a future point in time. The Council did everything possible to ensure that income from rent which was owed to it was collected.

3.3.4 Public Question Concerning Salaries for Senior Council Officers

Michael Barge asked how many Council officers were paid over £100,000 per annum.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources stated that there were seven officers paid over £100,000 per annum. This included the post of Director of Public Health, although the present post holder was due to retire shortly. The remuneration package for the Director of Public Health post (which had transferred from the NHS) would be reviewed.

Councillor Curran stated that he did not agree with proposals which suggested arbitrary pay cuts for posts earning above £100,000 and he believed that such proposals relating to pay should be subject to appropriate consultation through trades unions. The Council had saved £1 million on senior staff pay. There was a balance needed, both of making sure the right candidates were recruited to senior posts and, at the same time, ensuring value for money for Council Tax payers.

3.3.5 Public Question Concerning Dormitory Homes on the M1 Corridor

Andy Belt asked a question concerning a proposal for dormitory commuter homes on the M1 corridor and referred to a Notice of Motion at Council in February 2015 concerning housing. He asked why Sheffield believed it had a right to develop dormitory commuter homes on the M1 corridor in an area of Barnsley.

Councillor Harry Harpham, the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods stated that Sheffield would not be permitted to authorise the building of homes on land coming within the area of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. He said that he was not aware of any such proposal and confirmed that he would look at this matter further.

3.3.6 Public Questions Concerning Openness and Transparency

Martin Brighton referred to issues of respect to openness and transparency. He asked the following questions:

1. Which Council department has purview over Capita to ensure that all contract requirements are met, and
2. How can a citizen inspect, subject to commercial sensitivities, the contracts with Capita from 2005 to 2014.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that the Resources Portfolio of which Eugene Walker was the interim Executive Director, had responsibility for the contract with Capita. The contract with Capita did include a number of commercially sensitive elements. There was information on the Council's website summarising the main points of the Capita contract. Councillor Curran stated that he would send Mr Brighton the link to the information concerning the contract on the Council's website. The Council would also comply with any requests about the contract under freedom of information legislation.

3.3.7 Public Questions Concerning Reporting of Abuse

Martin Brighton stated that in light of the announcement by David Cameron, and supporting argument from Yvette Cooper, concerning 5 years prison for those who fail to act appropriately when abuse is reported to them, would the Council agree that: ordering the destruction of CCTV evidence; extending the principle to abuse of adults, despite the council's ongoing denials that abuse occurred; and historic abuses without closure now be investigated, could be valid examples of applications of the proposed new law?

He asked whether, given the reports by Jay, Casey, and recently in Oxford, along with Cameron's statement, would the Council be prepared to look again at the answers given to him in this chamber on 5 November 2008, along with subsequent Council actions.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, responded that the Government had announced that it was to consult on extending the criminal neglect element of the law. The Council was clear about its procedure in relation to children and adult safeguarding. Councillor Drayton stated that she was not aware of any of the instances referred to in Mr Brighton's questions. She stated that if Mr Brighton believed that there was such a case, he should report the details, including the people involved and the time and place of the incident. If he provided the information, then then the matter would be investigated as appropriate.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living, stated that the Prime Minister had made a speech concerning child abuse. The City Council recognised adult abuse and adult safeguarding was a priority for the Council and partner organisations. Councillor Lea stated that in cases where it was suspected that criminal offences had occurred, the matter must be reported to the police.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that in reference to the questions which Mr Brighton asked in at Council in November 2008, whilst she had been in attendance she did not recall the detail. However, she had obtained the minutes of that meeting and she read aloud the question which Mr Brighton had asked relating to an unnamed third party. She then quoted the response which was that the Leader of the Council had responded that Mr Brighton should raise his concerns with the police, ombudsman or Information Commissioner as appropriate. The City had a Safeguarding Children Board and an Adult Safeguarding Board which would follow up allegations.

3.3.8 Public Questions Concerning Truthfulness

Martin Brighton asked what objection the Council could possibly have to the naming and shaming of elected members or senior council employees who do not answer questions in this or any other council meeting truthfully; and are not truthful to outside authorities investigating council behaviour.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that “truthfully” was the key phrase which she took from Mr Brighton’s question. She said that she was not aware of an untruthful response at any meeting or other forum. However, she said that if Mr Brighton did have evidence to the contrary then she requested that he provides this evidence to her.

3.3.9 Public Questions Concerning Representation of Tenants

Martin Brighton stated that the Council has said in answer to public questions that it would respect the tenants’ expressed opinion on who they decide should represent them. He asked why this principle is not being applied.

Councillor Harry Harpham, the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods requested that Mr Brighton provide to him concrete examples of the concerns that he had alluded to in his question. Upon receipt of such information, he would be able look into the issue further.

3.4 Petition

3.4.1 Petition Requesting the Reinstatement of a Grit Bin on Matthews Fold or Matthews Lane

The Council received an electronic petition containing 12 signatures requesting the reinstatement of a grit bin on Matthews Fold or Matthews Lane. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, who noted receipt of the petition. Councillor Dunn stated that the matter raised would be added to the review of the winter gritting service, including the criteria.

4. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Panels, Boards, etc:

Overview and Scrutiny Management - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy Committee

Scrutiny Committee Substitute - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy Members

(b) it be noted that the Leader of the Council has appointed Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, as Deputy Leader of the Council following the resignation of the previous Deputy Leader, Councillor Harry Harpham, Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods.

5. SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL RULES

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that as regards item 5 on the agenda for this meeting (Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16), and in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):

(a) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 be suspended with regard to the time limit of 3 minutes per speaker for the movers and seconders of amendments (with all other speakers having 3 minutes) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11; and

(b) Council Procedure Rule 17.11(a) be suspended with regard to giving the mover of the motion the right of reply.

6. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

- 6.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Julie Dore and formally seconded by Councillor Ben Curran, that the following decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 11th February, 2015, arising from its consideration of (a) a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources on the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and (b) a report of the Interim Executive Director, Resources on the Capital Programme 2015/16, be approved:

REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16

“RESOLVED: That the City Council, at its meeting on 6th March, 2015, be recommended to:-

- (a) approve a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £422.972m;
- (b) approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1308.28 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 1.99% ;
- (c) approve the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (d) note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority;
- (e) approve the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 175;
- (f) note the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (g) approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies as set out in Appendix 7 to the report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (h) approve the Minimum Reserve Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 to the report;
- (i) delegate authority to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in those documents;
- (j) agree that the Members’ Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15 May 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – “attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area

Forums”;

- (k) approve foregoing an annual increase in the Members’ Allowances in 2015/16;
- (l) approve a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8; and
- (m) delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16.”

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

“RESOLVED: That the City Council, at its meeting on 6th March, 2015, be recommended to:-

- (a) approve those specific projects included in the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 programmes as at Appendix 9 of the report, with block allocations being included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (b) note the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 to the report; and
- (c) approve the allocations from the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) and the policy outlined in Appendix 4 to the report such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to 1 year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16 a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process.”

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11th February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) notes that in the original 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Government outlined its plans to eliminate the deficit within four years, meaning that the 2014/15 budget was projected to be the year where the cuts would end;
- (2) regrets that due to the Government’s categorical economic mismanagement and the double dip recession which was a result of the Government’s

economic policy, cuts are now set to continue beyond this parliament and therefore is shocked that the Government continue to boast about their economic record;

- (3) notes that this year, the Revenue Support Grant will have been cut by 50% from what it was in 2010;
- (4) recalls comments by The Rt. Hon. Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that local government has “borne the brunt of deficit reduction”;
- (5) believes that no organisation could deal with the level of cuts the Council has faced over recent years without experiencing a significant impact and believes it is highly irresponsible to suggest otherwise;
- (6) notes that the Government’s own figures show that 63 councils are receiving an increase of spending power in the local government finance settlement; 47 Conservative-controlled, 13 recognised Conservative targets, 1 Labour-controlled, 1 Independent-controlled and the Isle of Scilly; and at the same time, the Government’s own figures show that Sheffield has had a reduction double the national average;
- (7) reiterates the opposition to the distribution of the cuts which continue to see the most deprived areas targeted with crippling cuts to their budgets at the same time as some of the wealthiest areas of the country have received increases in spending powers and reiterates support for the Fair Deal for Sheffield campaign which calls for the City to be given a fair funding settlement;
- (8) recalls that despite over 10,000 people signing the petition, it ultimately fell on deaf ears as the Government has stubbornly refused to change course and give cities like Sheffield a fair deal;
- (9) believes that the only prospect of Sheffield getting a fair deal lies with the possibility of the election of a Labour Government in May and welcomes the proposal from The Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to distribute the funding currently allocated through the New Homes Bonus, to be done through a formula which is based on need, as the New Homes Bonus has proven to be a further example of a government policy designed to redistribute funding away from the areas with greatest need to some of the most affluent parts of the country;
- (10) notes that to pay for this year’s round of New Homes Bonus, Sheffield had £12 million taken from its core funding but only received just over £7.3 million back, meaning the Council lost nearly £4.7 million, whilst on the other hand, Surrey had £11.3 million taken away from them and received £24.3 million, meaning they gained £13 million;
- (11) regrets that the Government continue to attempt to spin the figures through

double counting different forms of funding and believes it is insulting for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, to attempt to state that local authorities have had to contend with modest cuts, quoting largely deflated figures for individual authorities;

- (12) notes that the latest example of the Government spinning the figures is its use of the Better Care Fund and highlights the comments of the budget report “contrary to what is implied in the Settlement figures, the Council will not receive £37.8m from the Better Care Fund; this figure represents the total amount of the pooled budget shared with the NHS, and the actual amount which the Council will receive from the BCF is subject to ongoing discussions with the Clinical Commissioning Group”;
- (13) is becoming increasingly concerned with the chaotic, haphazard and patchwork attempts of this Government in its dying days to create the impression that they are devolving resources to northern cities and believes that they are simply making it up as they go along in a desperate attempt to recover their position in the north of England after five years of consistently hammering cities like Sheffield with disproportionate cuts, the abolition of the Regional Development Agencies and redistributing European Union funding away from South Yorkshire and Merseyside to wealthier parts of the country;
- (14) believes that the rhetoric needs to be matched with tangible actions and calls upon the Government to urgently change its proposals on HS2 station location to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station which would have a transformative effect on the long term future of the City’s economy, however, regrets this is another issue where the Deputy Prime Minister has categorically failed to stand up for Sheffield;
- (15) believes that this would complement the actions taken locally by the present Administration, partners and wider city region to transform the City’s economy and particularly welcomes the recent launch of the Innovation District and the visit of Bruce Katz to the City as part of the International Economic Commission;
- (16) notes that for the last three years, this Administration has frozen Council Tax, in spite of the unprecedented financial pressures facing the Council, which demonstrates that it has no desire to increase bills for local taxpayers, however, now the Council is in year five of the Chancellor’s four year plan for public spending cuts, believes that the proposed 1.99% increase in this year’s budget is unavoidable for two principle reasons, as follows:
 - (i) the continued impact of year upon year cuts that the Government has imposed on the Council has got to a level where services are being cut to the bone and to not increase Council Tax would have a detrimental impact on services and, as a result, the need to strike a balance to ensure the long term stability of services with a modest increase of 38p per week for most Sheffield households;

- (ii) the Government has sneakily changed the goalposts for the Council Tax Freeze Grant and has already taken last year's grant away from the Council with the new system of rolling the freeze grant into Revenue Support Grant, and, as suggested in the main budget report, this can no longer be guaranteed as a sustainable source of income and should be assumed as a mere one off fund, which would only lead to greater cuts in future years;
- (17) confirms as a matter of public record the intervention of Liberal Democrat Ministers to stop the lowering of the threshold for a referendum and notes the following comments in Danny Alexander's letter to Local Government Association Leaders "*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*" and "*Lowering the threshold is a change of policy that puts an unnecessary further constraint on local authorities*", therefore clearly recognising the justification for raising the Council Tax above 1%;
- (18) is appalled at the cynicism and hypocrisy of the MP for Sheffield Hallam, who is happy to heavily cut funding for the Council, allow his own Ministers to insist on allowing local authorities to be able to increase Council Tax by up to 2% because in their own words "*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*", and then criticising the Council for proposing to raise Council Tax by 1.99%;
- (19) recalls the previous blunders and factual inaccuracies of the Deputy Prime Minister's interventions in relation to the Council's budget and regrets that instead of using his position to help Sheffield, he is more interested in playing politics to do anything he can to deflect the blame for the huge cuts that he has stood by and allowed to happen over the past five years;
- (20) regrets that last year, the Green Group proposed to increase Council Tax by 2.95%, which was slightly above the Government threshold and would therefore have required a referendum and believes that this was simply playing politics with Council Tax and further believes that the present Administration's decision to not increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold is pragmatic and avoids hundreds of thousands of pounds of local taxpayers' money being wasted on a potentially pointless exercise, should local people vote against increasing Council Tax;
- (21) notes that in Brighton and Hove, despite having a Green administration since 2011 who have threatened to increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold, they have never followed through with this and therefore believes that the Sheffield Green Group are proposing an equally cynical tactic which in reality they would have no intention of implementing if they were in a position to;
- (22) welcomes that the Administration has consulted with the people of Sheffield on the budget through the number of consultation events in the Town Hall

and the acclaimed budget video published on the internet;

- (23) thanks all members of the public who have participated in the budget consultation, through the numerous events in the Town Hall, writing in, or through watching the budget video on the intranet;
- (24) believes that this video was a welcome addition to the consultation process this year and notes the recognition that the video has received in the national media and asks officers to consider other new innovative ways of consulting and connecting with the public as part of next year's budget process;
- (25) welcomes that at the start of the process, the Administration outlined its priorities of protecting front line services, particularly services for the most vulnerable in the city and believes that this is demonstrated by some of the actions in the budget including:-
 - (i) maintaining a £1.5 million Local Assistance Scheme, despite the Government scrapping its funding for the scheme entirely;
 - (ii) investing an additional £100,000 in the Council Tax Hardship fund;
 - (iii) protecting spending on frontline child safeguarding; and
 - (iv) prioritising the Council's flagship apprenticeship schemes which have given Sheffield the best record of all the core cities on delivering apprenticeships;
- (26) notes that since the reductions in Government funding started, the Council has saved £4.6 million in senior management posts above £50,000 and savings are continued to be made in areas that minimise the impact on front line services, such as the recent re-negotiation of the Capita contract;
- (27) welcomes the action taken by the present Administration to ensure the introduction of the Living Wage for all Council staff and the progress that has been made in ensuring that Council contractors pay the Living Wage and believes it should be a priority to work across the city with partners over the next year to ensure that substantive action is taken to encourage and support more employers throughout the city in the public, private and voluntary sector to pay the Living Wage;
- (28) notes that as a result of budget cuts there could be up to 200 Council posts affected during the financial year 2015/16, including job roles that could be lost through voluntary severance or voluntary early retirement, as well as any vacancies that have not been filled;
- (29) expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through compulsory redundancy and regrets that the Government's cuts agenda has made compulsory redundancies unavoidable;

- (30) places on record its thanks for the unfaltering commitment and dedication of staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year on year leads to uncertainty about their own futures and that of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of the cuts to staff numbers;
- (31) accordingly instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (32) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (33) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme;
- (34) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;
- (35) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £424.060m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Original Budget 2014/15	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	Original Budget 2015/16
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156,726	Communities	156,215
130,983	Place	126,520
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,292
55,541	Resources	54,135
416,232		405,142

Corporate Budgets:

Specific Grants

-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
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- (47) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the

loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;

- (48) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (49) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (50) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £424.060m set out in Appendix 3 of the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
130,231.44 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:
£ 170,378,563.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,417,154,816** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) **£170,871,300** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,312.0587** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **1,308.2752** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Stocksbridge Town Council	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32

Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47
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6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51
Bradfield Parish Council	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37,9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38,7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14,6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15,0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28,0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

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Motion to move to next business

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.13) the Council does now move to the next item of business and that the question be now put.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

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

- For the amendment (59) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Alf Meade, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.
- Against the amendment (21) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley.
- Abstained on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).

- 6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11th February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) confirms that thanks to the difficult decisions the Government have taken, the economy is growing, unemployment is reducing and the deficit is falling;
- (2) believes moves to build a stronger economy could not have been achieved without Liberal Democrats in Government;
- (3) applauds that despite tough financial constraints, Liberal Democrats in Government have been able to secure policies that will help build a fairer society, including:-
 - (i) raising the income tax threshold to give 24 million ordinary workers a £825 tax cut;
 - (ii) helping give every child the best start in life by introducing a £2.5 billion pupil premium, which includes £25 million for Sheffield this year, delivering 15 hours free childcare for disadvantaged two years olds and committing to free school meals for all infant pupils;
 - (iii) supporting young people by creating more apprenticeships than ever before and improving vocational education through investment in University Technical Colleges; and
 - (iv) tackling climate change and helping to create jobs by investing in renewable energy and home insulation;
- (4) in particular, highlights the following Government investments, which have helped to build a stronger economy and a fairer society in Sheffield:-
 - (i) £15.704 million to help freeze Council Tax for a fifth consecutive year, saving families around £200 in the fifth year;
 - (ii) over £40 million for the fourth year of the Streets Ahead programme, which will see every road, pavement and streetlight in the City repaired;
 - (iii) £5.4 million to provide Free Early Learning for disadvantaged two-year-olds, £25 million for Sheffield schools through the Pupil Premium and £5 million for Sheffield City Region to support young people into jobs;

- (iv) millions of pounds invested in Sheffield's trams, trains and buses, alongside commitments to electrify the Midland Mainline and a new High Speed Rail station in Sheffield; and
 - (v) ongoing support for the local economy by devolution of resources and decisions to Sheffield City Region through the Regional Growth Fund, enterprise zones, and the Sheffield City Deal;
- (5) believes that this evidence of investment in Sheffield confirms that the Administration's claims that Sheffield has been treated unfairly, do not stand up to serious scrutiny;
- (6) thanks the Government for the historic reform of business rates, which gives local councils control over the funding they raise locally;
- (7) contrasts this evidence with dangerous propaganda of local Labour politicians, who predicted a 'post-soviet meltdown' and riots in the streets of Sheffield, and notes:-
- (i) Labour have admitted they will not reverse any local reductions in funding, based upon The Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP's admission that he would, given the chance, cut another £3.3bn from local government;
 - (ii) Labour's South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Alan Billings' statement on cuts to Police funding that 'whatever the Government after the general election, the financial position will be little different';
 - (iii) the frequent grandstanding on the subject of cuts to local government by members of the Administration, and fears that some people may be misled into thinking that the Labour Party would not make further cuts to local government; and
 - (iv) in spite of the rhetoric in this Chamber, it is clear that any statements made that give the impression that the cuts would disappear if there was a change to a Labour Government are unlikely to be true;
- (8) adds this to the long-list of failings of the current Administration, centralising decisions and mismanagement of Council budgets;
- (9) furthermore, condemns the missed opportunities overseen by the current Administration, which have forced the Council into irreversible positions, noting in particular:-
- (i) that this City remains saddled with the debt run up by previous Administrations, including around £25 million next year to pay off the facilities built for the disastrous World Student Games, despite the fact that the Don Valley Stadium has now been demolished; and

- (ii) that the Administration have splashed out millions on high paid consultants, Council offices and political pet projects, funds which can never be regained for local taxpayers;
- (10) regrets that the current Administration refuse to accept responsibility for their own failures simply because they think they can get away with blaming someone else;
- (11) recommends that the Administration stop playing the blame game and investigate the following sensible savings in order to protect the services the local people care for most:-
- (i) reducing budgets for Trade Unions officials, which have been consistently protected to the detriment of front-line services;
 - (ii) reducing posts in communications, policy and research, political support and performance;
 - (iii) the deletion of four senior management posts through a restructuring; and
 - (iv) a small reduction in pay for the top earners in the Council, to produce a more equal structure and protect low-paid front line staff such as care workers;
- (12) confirms that by agreeing these savings, the Council could continue to provide the front-line services that local people care most about, such as:-
- (i) supporting hard-working Sheffield families suffering in the cost of living crisis, by freezing Council Tax;
 - (ii) supporting business by reducing this Administration's parking hikes and reducing parking permit prices for residents;
 - (iii) restoring the number of grit bins across the city;
 - (iv) supporting Associate libraries by employing professional librarian support;
 - (v) making best use of the Government's New Homes Bonus to protect Sheffield's Green Belt by investing in empty homes and supporting brownfield development; and
 - (vi) giving local people a greater say in how money is spent on highway schemes in their area by giving more control to Local Area Partnerships;
- (13) therefore instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget

and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

General Fund			
Savings	£'000	Investments / spending proposals	£'000
Reinstatement of Council Tax Freeze Grant	1,972	Loss of income from 1.99% Council Tax increase	3,300
Remove Leader's policy officer post	30	Reduce city centre parking prices	100
Delete 4 senior manager posts	200	Reduce car parking permit prices	50
Reduce the number of trade union convenors	260	Additional grit bin provision	12
Delete Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Advisors	45	Renovations to Whirlow Hall Farm	20
Set a modest savings target for shared services between Sheffield trusts	50	Professional librarian support for associate libraries	70
Reduce posts within the policy team	100		
Pay review - 5% reduction for staff on a salary of >£39k (assume 6 months saving)	768		
Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region	100		
Withdraw funding from Sheffield First Partnership	27		
Savings total	3,552	Investments total	3,552

<u>New Homes Bonus</u>			
Savings	£'000	Investments / spending proposals	£'000
Use of uncommitted New Homes Bonus	2,000	Cobnar Cottage project in Graves Park	70
		Tripling investment for bringing empty homes back into use	941
		Investing in brownfield sites to bring them up to economically deliverable standard	596
		Increasing investment in local high streets through the Successful Centres programme	393
Savings total	2,000	Investments total	2,000

<u>Local Transport Plan</u>			
Savings	£'000	Investments / spending proposals	£'000
Nil		Re-allocate decision making over £1.7 million of transport funding away from Cabinet Member and to Local Area Partnerships	Cost neutral
Savings total		Investments total	

- (14) accepts that a report will need to be brought forward on a Council pay review and therefore notes that some proposed investments are dependent on this report or alternative savings;
- (15) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital

Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 13 above, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;

- (16) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 13 above;
- (17) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;
- (18) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £420.735m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph 13 above, as follows:-

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above;

- (21) notes the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (22) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
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- (26) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members' Allowances in 2015/16;
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- (32) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire

Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;

- (33) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.735m set out in paragraph 13 above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
130,231.44 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:
£ 167,053,755.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,413,830,007** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£167,546,491** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,286.5287** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T

(1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

- (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **1,282.7452** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	998.14	1,164.51	1,330.87	1,497.23	1,829.94	2,162.66	2,495.37	2,994.45
Bradfield Parish Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64

South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,023.95	1,194.62	1,365.28	1,535.94	1,877.25	2,218.57	2,559.88	3,071.87
Ecclesfield Parish Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,008.20	1,176.25	1,344.28	1,512.32	1,848.38	2,184.45	2,520.52	3,024.63
Stocksbridge Town Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Stocksbridge Town Council	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,017.79	1,187.44	1,357.08	1,526.71	1,865.97	2,205.24	2,544.50	3,053.41

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b								
Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	998.14	1,164.51	1,330.87	1,497.23	1,829.94	2,162.66	2,495.37	2,994.45
Bradfield Parish Council	1,023.95	1,194.62	1,365.28	1,535.94	1,877.25	2,218.57	2,559.88	3,071.87
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,008.20	1,176.25	1,344.28	1,512.32	1,848.38	2,184.45	2,520.52	3,024.63
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,017.79	1,187.44	1,357.08	1,526.71	1,865.97	2,205.24	2,544.50	3,053.41

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37,9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38,7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14,6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15,0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28,0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

Motion to move to next business

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.13) the Council does now move to the next item of business and that the question be now put.

On being put to the vote the amendment was negated.

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

- For the amendment (18) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe

and Vickie Priestley.

Against the amendment (62) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Abstained on the amendment - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).
(1)

6.4 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, as an amendment that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11th February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) deplores the cuts to local authority funding being imposed by Central Government and applauds the efforts of politicians and campaigners calling for an alternative to austerity;
- (2) recognises that the major parties have not promised to reverse these cuts and have committed to further austerity;
- (3) believes that however difficult the crisis we face, this Council has a responsibility to do the best it can for the people of Sheffield, prioritising the available resources to protect communities and the most vulnerable and working towards a more equitable and resilient city;
- (4) accepts the projections from the Local Government Association that the

revenue support grant will continue to dwindle and that, although the Coalition Government favours freezing Council Tax, this is not sustainable;

- (5) believes that a majority of Sheffield people are willing to pay tax in order to support services for the common good and is willing to test this in a referendum;
- (6) therefore proposes to raise Council Tax by 2.95% (48p a week for the majority of households) in order to:
 - (i) increase the money available for short stay beds for people with dementia in order to sustain a quality service delivered by decently paid staff, fully integrated with mental health services in the community and hospital sectors; noting that the investment in community based care will reduce the need for more expensive options in the long run and reflects the new ethos of integrated health and social care;
 - (ii) reduce cuts to services for the elderly and disabled and help ensure decent pay and conditions for care staff, putting an extra £499k into adult social care;
 - (iii) increase the support to communities and mitigate some of the cuts to South Yorkshire Police by funding another 10 Police Community Support Officers in the city; and
 - (iv) double the hardship fund available to the 30,000 households affected by the loss of Council Tax benefit;
- (7) will ensure that funding reserved to cover consequential costs of a referendum is used to support voluntary sector advice services, provided the referendum is carried;
- (8) will cut political spin emanating from the Town Hall by cutting the posts of Group Policy Officers and requiring politicians to do their own research work;
- (9) will install a 10:1 pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid Council officers; closing the gap by reducing the pay of those on the highest salaries, tapering the cuts for those on middle grades, and protecting those on less than £40k;
- (10) will put resources into turning empty properties into much needed homes by investing a small amount of New Homes Bonus in further enforcement work in this area, which will in turn generate increased NHB as homes are brought back into occupation;
- (11) will reduce the price of permits in parking permit zones to 2010 levels, which more closely reflects the true cost of running the schemes and means that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas

of the city are not subsidising other parking services;

- (12) will invest £40k of the Local Growth Fund (New Homes Bonus) to install solar panels on the Ellesmere and Park Centres as part of their roof renovations, thereby reducing fuel bills and increasing the sustainability of the buildings;
- (13) will prioritise the installation of 20 mph speed limit zones in areas with the worst accident statistics, and therefore will re-prioritise Local Transport Plan Programme funding into a default 20mph speed limit in the city centre;
- (14) will re-prioritise the funding set aside for the M1 Gateway project into establishing a Community Shop, offering discount food, empowering individuals and building stronger communities;
- (15) therefore instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

<u>Substantive budget proposal</u>			
Council tax proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
2.95% net additional Council Tax increase (above 1.99%)	1,603	Council Tax hardship fund increased to compensate for Council Tax increase, plus additional support	400
		Funding an additional 10 Police Community Support Officers	310
		Increase funds available for short stay beds for people with dementia	250
		Supporting the review of individual care packages to maintain quality of care across Communities	499
		Hold referendum - spend on local people and businesses	144

Council tax sub-total	1,603		1,603

<u>Substitute Calculations (if referendum rejects substantive proposal)</u>			
Savings proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
<i>Permanent reduction in spending:</i>		<i>Permanent additions to budget:</i>	
Use of New Homes Bonus (to fund enforcement officer to bring empty homes back into use)	35	Additional enforcement officer post to bring empty homes back into use	35
Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	19	Parking permit fees reduced to 2010 levels	288
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	57	Reserve for rebilling costs if referendum lost	500
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	466	Hold referendum - spend on local people and businesses	144
Reduce pay on employees paid over £40,000 by 3% (assume 6 month saving)	263		
Remove all group policy officer posts	83		
Remove special responsibility allowances for Cabinet Advisors	45		
Savings sub-total	967	Spending sub-total	967

<u>Capital proposals</u>			
Capital spending proposal	(£'000)	Financing of capital	(£'000)

		proposals	
20's Plenty City Centre scheme	262	Re-prioritise Local Transport Plan Programme set aside for 20mph speed limit schemes	262
Establishment of a Community shop	150	Re-prioritise use of unringfenced funding set aside for M1 Gateway project to invest in Community Shop	150
Install solar panels as part of roof replacement programmes at Park Centre and Ellesmere Centre	40	Use of New Homes Bonus to cover cost of solar panel installation	40
Capital spending total	452	Financing of capital proposals total	452

- (16) accepts that the proposed investments in the substantive budget proposal are dependent on a positive result in a local referendum;
- (17) agrees that, if the substantive budget proposals in paragraph 15 are rejected in a local Council Tax referendum, those investment proposals be withdrawn, but the substitute calculations identified in paragraph 15 above are still to be implemented;
- (18) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 15 above, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (19) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 15 above;
- (20) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will

be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;

- (21) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £425.663m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph 15 above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Summary Revenue Budget

Original Budget 2014/15		Original Budget 2015/16
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,980
156,726	Communities	156,964
130,983	Place	126,830
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,436
55,541	Resources	54,135
416,232		406,345
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100
0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	Corporate Items	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	1,000
-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,391
0	Public Health Savings / re-investments*	-2,000
3,716	Contingency - Adults Social Care Pressures	3,000
24,747	Schools and Howden PFI	24,913
-1,300	Enhancements	0
400	Infrastructure Investment in NRQ / St Pauls Place	1,400

82	Payment to Parish Councils	34
0	ICT Refresh	300
0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,727
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
451,248	Total Expenditure	425,663
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-157,460	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
-100,898	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
-28,342	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-164,377	Council Tax income	-171,982
-171	Collection Fund surplus	-3,300
-451,248	Total Financing	-425,663

*Public Health savings / re-investments * - savings of £2.5m have been targeted from existing public health activities in order to avoid disinvestment in other Council services which promote health and wellbeing outcomes. Of the £2.5m, £0.5m is already included in the portfolio savings proposals figure.*

- (22) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,320.59 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 2.95% on the level set for 2014/15;
- (23) approves the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 15 above;
- (24) notes the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (25) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (26) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (27) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;

- (28) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15th May, 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – “attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area Forums”, and subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph 15 above relating to the removal of Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Advisors;
- (29) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members' Allowances in 2015/16;
- (30) approves a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (31) delegates authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16;
- (32) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and that further details are set out in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £425.663m set out in paragraph 15 above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (37) notes that, in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a 2.95% increase in Council Tax is excessive and would require that a referendum be held in relation to that amount;
- (38) in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, is required to make “substitute calculations” for a Council Tax which does not exceed the excessiveness principles and therefore the following substitute budget

and the Council Tax determinations set out in Appendix 6 of the Revenue Budget report are to apply;

Appendix 3

Summary Revenue Budget

Original Budget 2014/15		Original Budget 2015/16
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,980
156,726	Communities	156,215
130,983	Place	126,843
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,308
55,541	Resources	54,635
416,232		405,981
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100
0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	Corporate Items	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	600
-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,356
0	Public Health Savings / re-investments*	-2,000
3,716	Contingency - Adults Social Care Pressures	3,000
24,747	Schools and Howden PFI	24,913
-1,300	Enhancements	0
400	Infrastructure Investment in NRQ / St Pauls Place	1,400
82	Payment to Parish Councils	34
0	ICT Refresh	300
0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,727

0	Pay Adjustment	-804
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
451,248	Total Expenditure	424,060
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-157,460	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
-100,898	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
-28,342	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-164,377	Council Tax income	-170,379
-171	Collection Fund surplus	-3,300
-451,248	Total Financing	-424,060

*Public Health savings / re-investments * - savings of £2.5m have been targeted from existing public health activities in order to avoid disinvestment in other Council services which promote health and wellbeing outcomes. Of the £2.5m, £0.5m is already included in the portfolio savings proposals figure.*

Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
130,231.44 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:
£171,981.839.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

- (a) **£1,418,758,092** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£172,474,576** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,324.3697** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **1,320.5862** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,023.37	1,193.94	1,364.50	1,535.07	1,876.19	2,217.32	2,558.44	3,070.13

Bradfield Parish Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,049.18	1,224.05	1,398.91	1,573.78	1,923.50	2,273.23	2,622.95	3,147.55

Ecclesfield Parish Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,033.43	1,205.68	1,377.91	1,550.16	1,894.63	2,239.11	2,583.59	3,100.31

Stocksbridge Town Council								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Stocksbridge Town	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96

Council								
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,043.02	1,216.87	1,390.71	1,564.55	1,912.22	2,259.90	2,607.57	3,129.09

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore will require a referendum.

Appendix 6b								
Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,023.37	1,193.94	1,364.50	1,535.07	1,876.19	2,217.32	2,558.44	3,070.13
Bradfield Parish Council	1,049.18	1,224.05	1,398.91	1,573.78	1,923.50	2,273.23	2,622.95	3,147.55
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,033.43	1,205.68	1,377.91	1,550.16	1,894.63	2,239.11	2,583.59	3,100.31
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,043.02	1,216.87	1,390.71	1,564.55	1,912.22	2,259.90	2,607.57	3,129.09

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	

Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37.9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38.7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14.6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15.0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28.0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

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

For the amendment (4) - Brian Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Pauline Andrews.

Against the amendment (76) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Simon Clement-Jones, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Rob Frost, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick

Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Abstained on the amendment - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).
(1)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) notes that in the original 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Government outlined its plans to eliminate the deficit within four years, meaning that the 2014/15 budget was projected to be the year where the cuts would end;
- (2) regrets that due to the Government's categorical economic mismanagement and the double dip recession which was a result of the Government's economic policy, cuts are now set to continue beyond this parliament and therefore is shocked that the Government continue to boast about their economic record;
- (3) notes that this year, the Revenue Support Grant will have been cut by 50% from what it was in 2010;
- (4) recalls comments by The Rt. Hon. Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that local government has "borne the brunt of deficit reduction";
- (5) believes that no organisation could deal with the level of cuts the Council has faced over recent years without experiencing a significant impact and believes it is highly irresponsible to suggest otherwise;
- (6) notes that the Government's own figures show that 63 councils are receiving an increase of spending power in the local government finance settlement; 47 Conservative-controlled, 13 recognised Conservative targets, 1 Labour-controlled, 1 Independent-controlled and the Isle of Scilly; and at the same time, the Government's own figures show that Sheffield has had a reduction double the national average;
- (7) reiterates the opposition to the distribution of the cuts which continue to see the most deprived areas targeted with crippling cuts to their budgets at the same time as some of the wealthiest areas of the country have received increases in spending powers and reiterates support for the Fair Deal for Sheffield campaign which calls for the City to be given a fair funding settlement;
- (8) recalls that despite over 10,000 people signing the petition, it ultimately fell on deaf ears as the Government has stubbornly refused to change course

and give cities like Sheffield a fair deal;

- (9) believes that the only prospect of Sheffield getting a fair deal lies with the possibility of the election of a Labour Government in May and welcomes the proposal from The Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to distribute the funding currently allocated through the New Homes Bonus, to be done through a formula which is based on need, as the New Homes Bonus has proven to be a further example of a government policy designed to redistribute funding away from the areas with greatest need to some of the most affluent parts of the country;
- (10) notes that to pay for this year's round of New Homes Bonus, Sheffield had £12 million taken from its core funding but only received just over £7.3 million back, meaning the Council lost nearly £4.7 million, whilst on the other hand, Surrey had £11.3 million taken away from them and received £24.3 million, meaning they gained £13 million;
- (11) regrets that the Government continue to attempt to spin the figures through double counting different forms of funding and believes it is insulting for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, to attempt to state that local authorities have had to contend with modest cuts, quoting largely deflated figures for individual authorities;
- (12) notes that the latest example of the Government spinning the figures is its use of the Better Care Fund and highlights the comments of the budget report "contrary to what is implied in the Settlement figures, the Council will not receive £37.8m from the Better Care Fund; this figure represents the total amount of the pooled budget shared with the NHS, and the actual amount which the Council will receive from the BCF is subject to ongoing discussions with the Clinical Commissioning Group";
- (13) is becoming increasingly concerned with the chaotic, haphazard and patchwork attempts of this Government in its dying days to create the impression that they are devolving resources to northern cities and believes that they are simply making it up as they go along in a desperate attempt to recover their position in the north of England after five years of consistently hammering cities like Sheffield with disproportionate cuts, the abolition of the Regional Development Agencies and redistributing European Union funding away from South Yorkshire and Merseyside to wealthier parts of the country;
- (14) believes that the rhetoric needs to be matched with tangible actions and calls upon the Government to urgently change its proposals on HS2 station location to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station which would have a transformative effect on the long term future of the City's economy, however, regrets this is another issue where the Deputy Prime Minister has categorically failed to stand up for Sheffield;

- (15) believes that this would complement the actions taken locally by the present Administration, partners and wider city region to transform the City's economy and particularly welcomes the recent launch of the Innovation District and the visit of Bruce Katz to the City as part of the International Economic Commission;
- (16) notes that for the last three years, this Administration has frozen Council Tax, in spite of the unprecedented financial pressures facing the Council, which demonstrates that it has no desire to increase bills for local taxpayers, however, now the Council is in year five of the Chancellor's four year plan for public spending cuts, believes that the proposed 1.99% increase in this year's budget is unavoidable for two principle reasons, as follows:
- (i) the continued impact of year upon year cuts that the Government has imposed on the Council has got to a level where services are being cut to the bone and to not increase Council Tax would have a detrimental impact on services and, as a result, the need to strike a balance to ensure the long term stability of services with a modest increase of 38p per week for most Sheffield households;
 - (ii) the Government has sneakily changed the goalposts for the Council Tax Freeze Grant and has already taken last year's grant away from the Council with the new system of rolling the freeze grant into Revenue Support Grant, and, as suggested in the main budget report, this can no longer be guaranteed as a sustainable source of income and should be assumed as a mere one off fund, which would only lead to greater cuts in future years;
- (17) confirms as a matter of public record the intervention of Liberal Democrat Ministers to stop the lowering of the threshold for a referendum and notes the following comments in Danny Alexander's letter to Local Government Association Leaders "*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*" and "*Lowering the threshold is a change of policy that puts an unnecessary further constraint on local authorities*", therefore clearly recognising the justification for raising the Council Tax above 1%;
- (18) is appalled at the cynicism and hypocrisy of the MP for Sheffield Hallam, who is happy to heavily cut funding for the Council, allow his own Ministers to insist on allowing local authorities to be able to increase Council Tax by up to 2% because in their own words "*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*", and then criticising the Council for proposing to raise Council Tax by 1.99%;
- (19) recalls the previous blunders and factual inaccuracies of the Deputy Prime Minister's interventions in relation to the Council's budget and regrets that instead of using his position to help Sheffield, he is more interested in playing politics to do anything he can to deflect the blame for the huge cuts

that he has stood by and allowed to happen over the past five years;

- (20) regrets that last year, the Green Group proposed to increase Council Tax by 2.95%, which was slightly above the Government threshold and would therefore have required a referendum and believes that this was simply playing politics with Council Tax and further believes that the present Administration's decision to not increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold is pragmatic and avoids hundreds of thousands of pounds of local taxpayers' money being wasted on a potentially pointless exercise, should local people vote against increasing Council Tax;
- (21) notes that in Brighton and Hove, despite having a Green administration since 2011 who have threatened to increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold, they have never followed through with this and therefore believes that the Sheffield Green Group are proposing an equally cynical tactic which in reality they would have no intention of implementing if they were in a position to;
- (22) welcomes that the Administration has consulted with the people of Sheffield on the budget through the number of consultation events in the Town Hall and the acclaimed budget video published on the internet;
- (23) thanks all members of the public who have participated in the budget consultation, through the numerous events in the Town Hall, writing in, or through watching the budget video on the intranet;
- (24) believes that this video was a welcome addition to the consultation process this year and notes the recognition that the video has received in the national media and asks officers to consider other new innovative ways of consulting and connecting with the public as part of next year's budget process;
- (25) welcomes that at the start of the process, the Administration outlined its priorities of protecting front line services, particularly services for the most vulnerable in the city and believes that this is demonstrated by some of the actions in the budget including:-
 - (i) maintaining a £1.5 million Local Assistance Scheme, despite the Government scrapping its funding for the scheme entirely;
 - (ii) investing an additional £100,000 in the Council Tax Hardship fund;
 - (iii) protecting spending on frontline child safeguarding; and
 - (iv) prioritising the Council's flagship apprenticeship schemes which have given Sheffield the best record of all the core cities on delivering apprenticeships;
- (26) notes that since the reductions in Government funding started, the Council has saved £4.6 million in senior management posts above £50,000 and

savings are continued to be made in areas that minimise the impact on front line services, such as the recent re-negotiation of the Capita contract;

- (27) welcomes the action taken by the present Administration to ensure the introduction of the Living Wage for all Council staff and the progress that has been made in ensuring that Council contractors pay the Living Wage and believes it should be a priority to work across the city with partners over the next year to ensure that substantive action is taken to encourage and support more employers throughout the city in the public, private and voluntary sector to pay the Living Wage;
- (28) notes that as a result of budget cuts there could be up to 200 Council posts affected during the financial year 2015/16, including job roles that could be lost through voluntary severance or voluntary early retirement, as well as any vacancies that have not been filled;
- (29) expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through compulsory redundancy and regrets that the Government's cuts agenda has made compulsory redundancies unavoidable;
- (30) places on record its thanks for the unfaltering commitment and dedication of staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year on year leads to uncertainty about their own futures and that of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of the cuts to staff numbers;
- (31) accordingly instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (32) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (33) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme;
- (34) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;

- (35) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £424.060m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

Appendix 3

<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>		
Original Budget 2014/15		Original Budget 2015/16
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,980
156,726	Communities	156,215
130,983	Place	126,520
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,292
55,541	Resources	54,135
416,232		405,142
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100
0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	Corporate Items	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	600
-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,391
0	Public Health Savings / re-	-2,000

	investments*	
3,716	Contingency - Adults Social Care Pressures	3,000
24,747	Schools and Howden PFI	24,913
-1,300	Enhancements	0
400	Infrastructure Investment in NRQ / St Pauls Place	1,400
82	Payment to Parish Councils	34
0	ICT Refresh	300
0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,727
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
451,248	Total Expenditure	424,060
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
-	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
157,460	- NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
100,898	- Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-28,342	- Council Tax income	-170,379
164,377	- Collection Fund surplus	-3,300
-171		
-	Total Financing	-424,060
451,248		

*Public Health savings / re-investments * - savings of £2.5m have been targeted from existing public health activities in order to avoid disinvestment in other Council services which promote health and wellbeing outcomes. Of the £2.5m, £0.5m is already included in the portfolio savings proposals figure.*

- (36) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,308.28 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 1.99% on the level set for 2014/15;
- (37) approves the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue

Budget report;

- (38) notes the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (39) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (40) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (41) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (42) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15th May, 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – "attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area Forums";
- (43) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members' Allowances in 2015/16;
- (44) approves a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (45) delegates authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16;
- (46) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and that further details are set out in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (47) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;

- (48) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (49) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (50) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £424.060m set out in Appendix 3 of the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
130,231.44 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"));
and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:
£ 170,378,563.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,417,154,816** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council

estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£170,871,300** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,312.0587** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **1,308.2752** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

Valuation Band							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32

Commissioner

Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69
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Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32

Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51
Bradfield Parish Council	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37.9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38.7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14.6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15.0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28.0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

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

For the Motion (56)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie

Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Tony Downing, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Against the Motion(24)

- Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson and John Booker.

Abstained on the Motion (1)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).

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