

Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 8 June 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Anne Murphy)

1	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Andy Nash Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Andy Bainbridge Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i> Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park & Arbourthorne</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Kieran Harpham Magid Magid	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald Chris Peace	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Robert Murphy	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i> Adam Hanrahan Anne Murphy Craig Gamble Pugh	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Lisa Banes Terry Fox Pat Midgley	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Tony Downing	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

1. FORMER COUNCILLOR BERNARD KIDD

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) reported with sadness, the death of former Councillor Mr. Bernard Kidd, who had served as a Member of the Council from 1967 to 1975. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in his memory.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Isobel Bowler, Tony Damms, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Bryan Lodge and Moya O'Rourke.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 4.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18th March 2016, the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 6th April 2016 and the annual meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2016 be approved as true and accurate records.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Petitions

5.1.1 Petition requesting Road Safety Improvements Outside Ecclesfield School

The Council received an electronic petition, containing 240 signatures, requesting road safety improvements outside Ecclesfield School.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mr Joel Wirth, Headteacher of the School. He commented that in his 5 years at the school, there had been 6 incidents of students being hit by cars on their way to or from school. Earlier this year one student had received potentially life-changing injuries as a result of being hit by a car near the zebra crossing outside the school, which he stated was poorly-positioned. Mr Wirth had spoken to the student concerned and she had urged the Council's support in ensuring that action was taken now to prevent the future serious or fatal injury of students in the school.

The school's situation and its increasing popularity had brought a number of problems. The school's main exit faced Chapeltown Road, a major arterial route into and out of the City. Although the speed limit had been reduced to 30 miles per hour for a stretch that included the school, petitioners did not believe this offered adequate protection for young people and other road users at critical times of the day. From 3:00 to 3:10pm, 1400 students leave the school site. At this time, both sides of the road were thronged with parked cars. The petitioners believed the single zebra crossing was incorrectly positioned as students leaving school needed to cross either the entrance or exit to the site in order to get to a crossing that lay in the opposite direction to their journey.

To address the problems, the petitioners requested the installation of additional traffic-calming measures at the critical 20 minute period at the end of school. They believed that a time-limited reduction of the speed limit to 15 or 20mph under flashing beacons would have a profound impact on general safety around school.

Secondly, the petitioners urged a comprehensive review along Chapeltown Road during this same period with considerations given to making this a no parking zone. Thirdly, petitioners asked that this same review considered repositioning or widening the current zebra crossing so that safe road crossing was encouraged. They also asked that this same review considered placing additional pavement barriers near the school in order to funnel children towards safe crossings.

Finally, petitioners asked that this same review considered how the queues that developed at bus stops along Chapeltown Road might be better facilitated. Petitioners believed that this review should consider deepening pavements and widening bus shelters (perhaps enhanced by additional pavement barriers) so that students were not compelled to stand on the road (nor pedestrians to walk onto it) while waiting for a bus or using the pavement.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. Councillor Iqbal thanked Mr Wirth for the petition. He commented that he understood the concerns of the petitioners. However, the Council had seen unprecedented cuts over the past 6 years. The Council had previously employed School Travel Advisers but no longer had the funding for these. However, Councillor Iqbal said he had taken the issues on board and would discuss matters with Council officers.

5.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Save Greenhill's Trees

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 733 signatures requesting the Council to save Greenhill's trees. There was no speaker to the petition, although an accompanying statement had been submitted by Debbie Elsdon.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment.

5.1.3 Petition Requesting the Council to Stop Cutting Down Mature Trees in Sheffield

The Council received an electronic petition containing 316 signatures requesting the Council to stop cutting down mature trees in Sheffield. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment.

5.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Stop Reducing Parking Spaces in Tinsley

The Council received an electronic petition containing 48 signatures requesting the Council to stop reducing parking spaces in Tinsley. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

5.1.5 Petition Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Hutcliffe Wood Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing 48 signatures requesting a pedestrian crossing on Hutcliffe Wood Road. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

5.2 Public Questions

5.2.1 Public Question in respect of Proposed Closure of BIS (Department for Business Innovation and Skills) Office

Adam Butcher asked what the Council was going to do to help the men and women of the BIS Office in Sheffield. How did this decision relate to the so-called Northern Powerhouse?

Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development and Deputy Leader, commented that most people outside of the Government thought that it was a shocking decision to close the BIS office. He had worked with local MPs and the PCS (Public and Commercial Services) Union to look at the rationale for the decision and this had shown that it will actually cost the Government more to move the BIS office.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, had written on several occasions to Sajid Javid MP, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, who had taken the decision, to request a meeting with him. Mr Javid had responded that he had no time in his diary for a meeting over a 4-5 month period, including when he had recently visited Sheffield.

During this visit, Councillor Bramall had managed to speak to Mr Javid to highlight the damage the decision was causing to the Northern Powerhouse and the families of the people who worked at the BIS office. Mr Javid acknowledged this but then proceeded to ignore requests to reverse the decision.

Councillor Bramall would continue to work with Trade Unions and others to try and reverse the decision. The decision was he said a “kick in the teeth” for staff in the City and undermined the idea of a Northern Powerhouse. He said he would work closely with staff to try and find other high quality employment in the City.

5.2.2 Public Question in respect of Public Engagement

Nigel Slack commented that, as a result of the local elections, and others in May, this was the first Full Council meeting of substance since April 6th. The last Cabinet meeting was on 9th March and the next will be on 22nd June. That was 2 months without Full Council and 13 weeks or a quarter of a year without Cabinet. Whilst Mr Slack recognised that Council business did not grind to a complete halt during this period, much of the public engagement, particularly when you add in all the scrutiny and other committees that have to be reformed with new members, does come to a halt.

Mr Slack said that over a normal 4 year ‘by thirds’ election cycle it could be that 6 months of Full Council and 9 months of Cabinet meetings were lost. This loss of business time and public engagement was not, in Mr Slack’s opinion, good for either the economy or the engagement of the people of the city. Was it any wonder, he said, that again turnout had fallen to 35%.

Mr Slack said that we were again faced with a Council of Members elected by some 1 in 4 of the voters and in City Ward by less than 1 in 10. Mr Slack said that he believed this could not be good for democracy or any Administration’s supposed mandate. There were many arguments for changing to ‘All Out’ elections once every 4 years and only the idea of elections as annual opinion polls seems to be the argument for retaining election ‘By Thirds’.

A recent Festival of Debate event saw more than 50% of an informed audience support this change.

Mr Slack therefore asked will the Council agree to look more seriously at the election system for the City and to take advice from experts in the field rather than just the party political tribes that did battle in this Chamber.

In response the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, welcomed Mr Slack’s wish to engage with the Council. The turnout in the recent Local Elections had been 35% and the Council should be doing all it could to encourage people to vote. She did not necessarily agree that participation in Cabinet and Council was a reason people did not choose to vote and this was more to do with people’s general trust in politicians and the Electoral system.

Council and Cabinet meetings were not necessarily the best means of engaging with the public. The primary role of the Council Meeting was to agree on business and not many decisions were taken in the Chamber although there were some useful debates. One of the reasons for the Administration introducing Cabinet in the Community was to increase public engagement. This had been done every year for the last 5 years and the Cabinet were constantly looking at ways to improve engagement with the public.

Scrutiny Committees engaged with the public through Task and Finish Groups and the Local Area Partnerships had opportunities for public engagement. The fact that 50% of those at the Festival of Debate event supported electoral change also showed that 50% did not. The electoral system was reviewed to see if it was right for the City at that point in time.

The Council had also been forced to reduce the number of meetings it held as the staff that facilitated these meetings had been reduced as a result of the cuts imposed by the Government and front line services had been protected.

5.2.3 Public Question in respect of Appointment of new Chief Constable

Nigel Slack commented that the agenda for the next Police and Crime Panel presented two papers on the replacement of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire. The first detailed the procedure for calling for the resignation of the Chief Constable. The second detailed the procedure for the appointment of the new Chief Constable. The first required the Police and Crime Commissioner to get the Police and Crime Panel's opinion on the matter of the call for resignation and then take the final decision on the call for resignation. The second stated that the recruitment process in respect of the new Chief Constable had started. He said that this seemed incompatible with both natural justice and the statutory obligations in the first paper.

Mr Slack asked whether the Council would ask their representatives on this Scrutiny Panel to challenge this apparent 'rubber stamp' exercise to prevent the further erosion of trust in the whole Police administration.

Councillor Julie Dore responded that she had requested that the meeting be deferred or some of the items removed from the agenda as new Members had not had time for a full briefing on the issues concerned. The current incumbent Chief Constable had announced he was due to retire in November and the recruitment process had started at that point. The other issue would be discussed at the Police and Crime Panel.

5.2.4 Public Question in respect of New Retail Quarter

Nigel Slack stated that, having seen this morning's press release on the Retail Quarter 'partner' it was not the worst choice that could have been made. The developer involved appeared to use the right buzzwords – sensitive/sustainable/innovative. There still, however, seemed to be a homogenous design style to many of their individual schemes and the string of high street retailers they bragged about suggested that Sheffield would be

creating a City Centre facsimile of many other Cities. He asked how the Council will ensure that the developer delivered on the buzzwords and respect the variety and the living heritage of the City Centre.

Councillor Leigh Bramall commented that he was pleased that a strategic development partner for the New Retail Quarter had been announced and detected a grudging acceptance of this from Mr Slack. This time the Council will be a direct partner in the scheme which had to be economically viable and the scheme would be delivered by the development partner.

He said that it was sometimes erroneous to suggest that all independent shops did not accept larger chains. For example at The Moor the bigger shops provided footfall for more independent shops. A balance needed to be struck and Councillor Bramall recognised the need for independent shops as well as bigger chains. The Sheffield Retail Quarter was a very complex project but the Council was doing the right things to bring this to fruition and Councillor Bramall said he was determined to get there.

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

6.1 Urgent Business

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

6.2 Questions

6.2.1 A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated and supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

6.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

6.3.1 There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue or Pensions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

7. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

7.1 On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc.

Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Michelle Cook to replace Councillor Adam Hurst

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| Licensing Committee | - Councillors Adam Hurst and Andy Bainbridge to replace Councillors Michelle Cook and Abtislam Mohammed |
| Audit Committee | - Remove Councillor Isobel Bowler to create a vacancy |
| Standards Committee | - Councillor Vickie Priestley to replace Councillor David Baker; Councillors David Baker and Andrew Sangar to fill Substitute Member vacancies |
| Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Substitute Members | - Councillors Sue Auckland, Bob Pullin and Colin Ross to fill vacancies |
| Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members | - Councillors Vicky Priestley and Bob Pullin to fill vacancies |
| Health and Wellbeing Board | - Remove Councillor Jayne Dunn to create a vacancy |
| Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education | - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy |
| Local Area Partnership Chair's Group | - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy |
| Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Kieran Harpham to fill a vacancy |
| Burngreave Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Talib Hussain to fill a vacancy |
| City Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Robert Murphy to fill a vacancy |
| Gleadless Valley Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Lewis Dagnall to fill a vacancy |
| Nether Edge and Sharrow Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Mohammad Maroof to fill a vacancy |
| Park and Arbourthorne Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy |
| Richmond Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Dianne Hurst to fill a vacancy |

- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Peter Rippon to fill a vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy
- Castlegate Member Working Group - Councillors Lisa Banes, Penny Baker and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Sue Alston and Martin Smith to fill vacancies
- Cycle Forum - Councillor Steve Wilson to replace Councillor Peter Price and Councillors Richard Shaw and Magid Magid to fill vacancies
- Environmental Performance Working Party - Councillor Robert Murphy and Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancies
- Fairer Charging Commission - Councillor Sue Auckland to fill a vacancy
- Fairtrade Working Group - Councillor Magid Magid to fill a vacancy
- Member Development Cross Party Working Group - Councillor Alison Teal to fill a vacancy
- Planning Policy Advisory Group - Councillors Steve Ayris, David Baker, Roger Davison and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group - Councillor Roger Davison to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor George Lindars-Hammond
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Councillor Bob Pullin to fill a vacancy
- Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy
- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy
- Groundwork Sheffield Trust - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy

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| Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service | - | Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor David Barker |
| Learn Sheffield | - | Councillor Jackie Drayton to replace Councillor Chris Peace |
| Mental Health Partnership Board | - | Councillor Andy Nash to fill a vacancy |
| Parkwood Landfill Liaison Group | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |
| Sheffield 0-19+ Partnership Board | - | Councillor Steve Ayris to fill a vacancy |
| Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust | - | Remove Councillor Bryan Lodge to create a vacancy |
| Sheffield Theatres Trust | - | Councillor Pat Midgley to replace Councillor Josie Pasek |
| Sheffield Lyceum Trust Ltd. | - | Councillor Josie Pasek to replace Councillor Pat Midgley |
| ACIS Local Management Committee | - | Councillor Dianne Hurst to replace Councillor Paul Wood |
| Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |
| South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group | - | Remove Councillor Jackie Satur to create a vacancy |
| South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives | - | Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor David Barker |
| Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board | - | Councillors Dawn Dale, Mark Jones and Abdul Khayum to replace Councillors Tony Damms and Alan Law and fill a vacancy |
| Transport 4 All | - | Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to replace Councillor Tony Downing |
| University Technical College Trust Board | - | Remove Councillor Ian Saunders to create a vacancy |
| Yorkshire and the Humber Tobacco Governance Board | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |

8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

Municipal Elections 2016

- 8.1 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes, that this Council:-
- (a) places on record its thanks to everyone involved in conducting the recent local elections;
 - (b) notes that preparing for and running an election is a very complex process requiring commitment, teamwork and professionalism;
 - (c) further notes that, during polling day, teams in 214 polling stations across the city provided fantastic support to voters, and the votes were verified, counted and adjudicated professionally at the count;
 - (d) also places on record its thanks to the people of Sheffield who exercised their democratic right to vote and to signal their confidence in the current Administration by providing it with a substantial majority;
 - (e) believes that, despite having to contend with unprecedented levels of cuts handed down by the current Government and previous Coalition Government, the current Administration has a proud record of achievement over the last five years; and
 - (f) notes the current Administration's determination to continue standing up for Sheffield and retain its ambition for the city following its recent election victory.
- 8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (k) as follows:-
- (d) however, believes that the 'First Past The Post' electoral system, which discriminates against voters for most political parties and promotes a political culture which ignores voters in safe seats, is unfit for purpose;
 - (e) believes that the Administration's choice of the first council motion on the agenda for this meeting has typified this complacency and shown how out of touch with the electorate they really are, at a time when Sheffield is facing job losses and crucial decisions on the future of this city, their priority is to congratulate themselves on their re-election, despite only receiving 38.2% of the vote and were the only party to lose seats;
 - (f) recognises the need to reform British politics to make it more representative and more empowering of our citizens so it commands greater public confidence and engagement;

- (g) notes the need for change has been recognised, with the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly using the hybrid Additional Member System, to produce more proportional results, and with the British elections to the European Parliament using Closed List Proportional Representation;
- (h) notes that the Single Transferrable Vote system is used for local elections in Scotland and in both Northern Irish local elections and the Northern Ireland Assembly;
- (i) notes both Shadow Chancellor, John MacDonnell MP, and Sheffield Central MP, Paul Blomfield's call for the Labour Party to adopt support for Proportional Representation as official party policy, in a letter to Party Leader, the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Corbyn MP, earlier this year;
- (j) therefore, calls for the introduction of the Single Transferrable Vote system:-
 - (i) for local elections in England and Wales;
 - (ii) for Westminster elections; and
 - (iii) for European Parliament elections; and
- (k) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the leaders of all political parties represented in the UK Parliament.

8.3 Following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment was put to the vote and negated.

(NOTE: Councillors Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (d), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k), against paragraph (j) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

8.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) places on record its thanks to everyone involved in conducting the recent local elections;
- (b) notes that preparing for and running an election is a very complex process requiring commitment, teamwork and professionalism;
- (c) further notes that, during polling day, teams in 214 polling stations across the city provided fantastic support to voters, and the votes were verified, counted and adjudicated professionally at the count;

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- (f) notes the current Administration's determination to continue standing up for Sheffield and retain its ambition for the city following its recent election victory.

(NOTE: 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and against paragraphs (d) to (f) of the motion and asked for this to be recorded; and

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and abstained on paragraphs (d) to (f) of the motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

9. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLOR AND SHEFFIELD MP, HARRY HARPHAM

9.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillor and Sheffield MP, Harry Harpham, who had sadly passed away on 4th February 2016. Mr. Harpham had served as a Member of the Council from 2004 to 2015 and as Deputy Leader of the Council from May 2012 to March 2015. In May 2015, he was elected as Member of Parliament for the Brightside and Hillsborough Constituency of Sheffield.

10. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

10.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillors who had retired or had not been re-elected at the Municipal elections held in May 2016. These were former Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Nikki Bond, John Campbell, Katie Condliffe, Sheila Constance, Rob Frost, Gill Furniss MP, Julie Gledhill, Ibrar Hussain, Steve Jones, Aodan Marken, Roy Munn, Denise Reaney, Sioned-Mair Richards, Lynn Rooney, Ray Satur MBE, Sarah Jane Smalley, Geoff Smith, Brian Webster and Joyce Wright.

10.2 It was **RESOLVED:** that the thanks of this Council be given to all of those former Members of the Council for their hard work and service to the City of Sheffield.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

Work Capability Assessments

- 11.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, that this Council:-
- (a) is concerned by recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showing the disability employment gap – the difference in employment rates between disabled and non-disabled people – is widening;
 - (b) agrees with Mark Atkinson, chief executive of disability charity Scope, that: “current measures to support disabled people into employment aren’t working”;
 - (c) believes that policies implemented by the Government, such as the abolition of the Independent Living Fund and the decision to cap Access To Work payments, will make it harder for people with disabilities to get into work;
 - (d) further expresses its concern about Work Capability Assessments and the private providers who run them, noting a report released by the National Audit Office in January which found that under Maximus - the new providers of Work Capability Assessments - while cost has almost doubled, there remains a backlog of 280,000 cases and individuals are still having to wait an average of 23 weeks for decisions to be made on whether they will be entitled to Employment and Support Allowance;
 - (e) notes the work Sheffield City Council is doing to support people with disabilities back into employment, including:-
 - (i) its action to bring resources together from various Council portfolios to better target spending; and
 - (ii) new initiatives to better support people with learning disabilities and mental health conditions to secure work;
 - (f) welcomes the current Administration’s pledge to double the number of people with disabilities moving into employment in Sheffield; and
 - (g) calls on the Government to overhaul the assessments system and cancel the planned cuts to Employment and Support Allowance that will take up to £30 a week from people with disabilities.
- 11.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
- (h) but recognises there are some people for whom paid employment will

never be a realistic option and that the duty of an inclusive society is to meet the needs of everyone - however disadvantaged - who has the dignity of being human.

11.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) is concerned by recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showing the disability employment gap – the difference in employment rates between disabled and non-disabled people – is widening;
- (b) agrees with Mark Atkinson, chief executive of disability charity Scope, that: “current measures to support disabled people into employment aren’t working”;
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- (h) but recognises there are some people for whom paid employment will never be a realistic option and that the duty of an inclusive society is to

meet the needs of everyone - however disadvantaged - who has the dignity of being human.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

Job Losses and Job Creation

12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with regret the decision by the Government to relocate 247 jobs in the Business, Innovation and Skills office from Sheffield to London and the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations;
- (b) further regrets the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies and the 831 jobs at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (c) calls on the Administration to do all it can with other partners to support those facing job losses across the city to help them find alternative employment and/or training;
- (d) believes that despite these setbacks, Sheffield has a lot of potential to be a great city with great opportunities - in particular:-
 - (i) two world class universities and one of the highest graduate retention rates in the country;
 - (ii) a fantastic location close to other northern cities and 25 minutes' drive to a world class airport; and
 - (iii) a worldwide reputation as a green city;
- (e) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;
- (f) believes this a crucial time for Sheffield, with the recent devolution deal, which will devolve powers from Westminster to politicians in our region, giving local people more power over our own destiny;
- (g) notes the Centre for Cities report "*A Century of Cities*", on the importance of knowledge based industries for improving wealth and prosperity in cities, and the Tech North report "*The Digital Powerhouse*", on how the public sector can supercharge the tech economy of the north;
- (h) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield's economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies; and

- (i) calls on the Administration to:-
 - (i) work across political party and with local industry to promote Sheffield more as the place in the north to invest, grow and do business; and
 - (ii) ensure one full Council meeting a year is a 'State of Sheffield' business event, where local business report back on what improvements have been made and what Sheffield City Council needs to do extra in the coming year to support business, enterprise and innovation in the City.

12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) notes that the Council is working with partners to put in place a programme of immediate support, linking staff affected to other job vacancies, providing training opportunities and supporting people that may wish to start their own business;
2. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) recalls the harm the previous Coalition Government inflicted on the local economy when it:-
 - (i) cut funding for regional economic growth through the abolition of Yorkshire Forward; and
 - (ii) cut the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which has dramatically reduced the amount of funding available for the Council to support local businesses;
 - (j) notes that the Council is already engaging with local businesses to develop its understanding of what more the Council can do to support business, including engagement through the Business Advisory Panel, the Sheffield City Region Growth Board and regular contact with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cutlers Company; and
 - (k) further notes that the Administration is working with partners to grow the local economy and working with industry to promote Sheffield as a place

to invest and notes:-

- (i) that over the past 12 months the inward investment team have supported five new significant investments and expansions which will create up to 400 new jobs in the city, including global law firm, Fragomen, who have created 100 new jobs; and
- (ii) the recent North Shoring event, held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Law Society which raised awareness of the benefits Sheffield has for legal services firms and was attended by intermediaries who work alongside law firms and foreign direct investment agencies whose clients are looking to expand into the UK.

12.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

(NOTE: Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson and Keith Davis abstained on paragraph (k) and voted for the remainder of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes with regret the decision by the Government to relocate 247 jobs in the Business, Innovation and Skills office from Sheffield to London and the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations;
- (b) further regrets the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies and the 831 jobs at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (c) notes that the Council is working with partners to put in place a programme of immediate support, linking staff affected to other job vacancies, providing training opportunities and supporting people that may wish to start their own business;
- (d) believes that despite these setbacks, Sheffield has a lot of potential to be a great city with great opportunities - in particular:-
 - (i) two world class universities and one of the highest graduate retention rates in the country;
 - (ii) a fantastic location close to other northern cities and 25 minutes' drive to a world class airport; and
 - (iii) a worldwide reputation as a green city;

- (e) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;
- (f) believes this a crucial time for Sheffield, with the recent devolution deal, which will devolve powers from Westminster to politicians in our region, giving local people more power over our own destiny;
- (g) notes the Centre for Cities report "*A Century of Cities*", on the importance of knowledge based industries for improving wealth and prosperity in cities, and the Tech North report "*The Digital Powerhouse*", on how the public sector can supercharge the tech economy of the north;
- (h) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield's economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies;
- (i) recalls the harm the previous Coalition Government inflicted on the local economy when it:-
 - (i) cut funding for regional economic growth through the abolition of Yorkshire Forward; and
 - (ii) cut the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which has dramatically reduced the amount of funding available for the Council to support local businesses;
- (j) notes that the Council is already engaging with local businesses to develop its understanding of what more the Council can do to support business, including engagement through the Business Advisory Panel, the Sheffield City Region Growth Board and regular contact with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cutlers Company; and
- (k) further notes that the Administration is working with partners to grow the local economy and working with industry to promote Sheffield as a place to invest and notes:-
 - (i) that over the past 12 months the inward investment team have supported five new significant investments and expansions which will create up to 400 new jobs in the city, including global law firm, Fragomen, who have created 100 new jobs; and
 - (ii) the recent North Shoring event, held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Law Society which raised awareness of the benefits Sheffield has for legal services firms and was attended by intermediaries who work alongside law firms and foreign direct investment agencies whose clients are looking to expand into the UK.

(NOTES: 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue

Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (h) and against paragraphs (c) and (i) to (k) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (g) to (k) and abstained on paragraphs (e) and (f) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE WILSON

100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

13.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Steve Wilson, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

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| <p>(a) notes that 1 July 2016 will mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme – one of the bloodiest battles in World War One in which around a million men were killed or wounded;</p> <p>(b) remembers the sacrifice made by those that fell over the 141 days of fighting, and the suffering of the many who were wounded and survived;</p> <p>(c) notes the events taking place in Sheffield to commemorate the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme, including the Centenary Field Event at Weston Park on Friday 1 July 2016; and</p> <p>(d) further notes events taking place in France, including at Sheffield Memorial Park, Serre, where the 12th (Sheffield City) and 13th and 14th (Barnsley) Pals Battalions were decimated on 1st July 1916, at which Sheffield will have a presence with the Lord Mayor in attendance</p> |
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14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

Relocation of Department for Business, Innovation & Skills Jobs

14.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, and formally seconded by Councillor Chris Peace, that this Council:-

- (a) condemns the Government's decision to press ahead with relocating 247 jobs at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills from Sheffield to London;
- (b) extends its sympathy to the workers affected;
- (c) believes this decision to relocate the department responsible for building

the 'Northern Powerhouse' flies in the face of the Government's 'Northern Powerhouse' rhetoric;

- (d) notes the overwhelming case to retain the jobs in Sheffield put forward by the staff affected, trade unions, councils across the city region, the Local Enterprise Partnership, wider business community and MPs, based on it saving money for the Government, its importance for our local economy and it helping to retain talent in Sheffield; and
- (e) further notes that:-
 - (i) despite repeated requests, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, refused to meet with the Leader of the Council to discuss this issue;
 - (ii) the Leader of the Council has also written to the Chancellor and Commercial Secretary to the Treasury expressing her dismay at this decision; and
 - (iii) the Council will do everything it can to put in place support for local people to find new employment in the city as quickly as possible.

14.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (l) as follows:-

- (e) further notes the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations, the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies, and the 831 jobs still at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (f) calls on the Administration to do all it can with other partners to support those facing job losses across the city to help them find alternative employment and/or training;
- (g) believes that despite these setbacks, Sheffield has a lot of potential to be a great city with great opportunities - in particular:-
 - (i) two world class universities and one of the highest graduate retention rates in the country;
 - (ii) a fantastic location close to other northern cities and 25 minutes' drive to a world class airport; and
 - (iii) a worldwide reputation as a green city;
- (h) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;

- (i) believes this a crucial time for Sheffield, with the recent devolution deal, which will devolve powers from Westminster to politicians in our region, giving local people more power over our own destiny;
- (j) notes the Centre for Cities report “A Century of Cities”, on the importance of knowledge based industries for improving wealth and prosperity in cities, and the Tech North report “The Digital Powerhouse”, on how the public sector can supercharge the tech economy of the north
- (k) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield’s economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies; and
- (l) calls on the Administration to:-
 - (i) work across political party and with local industry to promote Sheffield more as the place in the north to invest, grow and do business; and
 - (ii) ensure one full Council meeting a year is a ‘State of Sheffield’ business event, where local business report back on what improvements have been made and what Sheffield City Council needs to do extra in the coming year to support business, enterprise and innovation in the City.

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

(NOTE: Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (e) to (g) and (j) to (l) and abstained on paragraphs (h) and (i) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

14.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) condemns the Government’s decision to press ahead with relocating 247 jobs at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills from Sheffield to London;
- (b) extends its sympathy to the workers affected;
- (c) believes this decision to relocate the department responsible for building the ‘Northern Powerhouse’ flies in the face of the Government’s ‘Northern Powerhouse’ rhetoric;
- (d) notes the overwhelming case to retain the jobs in Sheffield put forward by the staff affected, trade unions, councils across the city region, the Local Enterprise Partnership, wider business community and MPs, based on it saving money for the Government, its importance for our local economy

and it helping to retain talent in Sheffield; and

(e) further notes that:-

- (i) despite repeated requests, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, refused to meet with the Leader of the Council to discuss this issue;
- (ii) the Leader of the Council has also written to the Chancellor and Commercial Secretary to the Treasury expressing her dismay at this decision; and
- (iii) the Council will do everything it can to put in place support for local people to find new employment in the city as quickly as possible.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

HS2 Station Location

15.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and formally seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-

- (a) asserts that Sheffield City Centre is the preferred location for a HS2 station, over Meadowhall;
- (b) notes that HS2 Ltd's own research shows a city-centre station for Sheffield will bring much better prospects of regeneration to the City Centre; it would create 6000 more jobs and over 1000 more new homes than an out of town parkway location at Meadowhall;
- (c) notes that the Government's plans for the Northern Powerhouse Rail are based upon city centre to city centre connectivity, and siting HS2 in Sheffield City Centre would form the Leeds to Sheffield leg of the Government's plan for Transport for the North, saving the tax payer money in the long run;
- (d) notes the report in the Sheffield Telegraph on 16th May 2016 that Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, said that Sheffield risks losing out on a HS2 Station altogether because the region's Labour politicians can't agree on where it should be;
- (e) therefore calls for the Council to write to all South Yorkshire Council Leaders, including the mayor of Doncaster, and South Yorkshire MPs, asking them to back HS2 in Sheffield City Centre; and

- (f) calls on the Administration to set up a cross party task force, including other council leaders, MPs and senior politicians, to work together to lobby the Government for a city centre HS2 station.

15.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, and formally seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (h) as follows:-

- (d) deplores what could be taken as threats made by the Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, that if Sheffield will not accept the Meadowhall station location, which is bad for Sheffield, they will give the region no station at all, and believes this is particularly appalling given her complete failure to act on the steel crisis and her Department's decision to relocate 247 jobs in her department from Sheffield to London;
- (e) regrets that the Government and HS2 Ltd's proposal for the Meadowhall location instead of the city centre was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall back in 2013;
- (f) believes that the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam has failed to stand up for Sheffield and is responsible for the fact that the previous coalition government pursued Meadowhall as the station location and notes the following comments by the Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a better location.";
- (g) notes that the Administration has always made representations to all local stakeholders, including Council Leaders and MPs, calling on them to support a city centre option and that, in recent months, efforts have focused around gaining their support for a review of station locations similar to the review undertaken in Leeds to ensure that decisions are taken based on evidence, and resolves to write to all City Region Council Leaders and MPs asking them to support this approach; and
- (h) confirms that there is already joint working in the City Region which is actively lobbying both Government and HS2 Ltd, which includes the Council and key city stakeholders, and believes it is extremely concerning that instead of supporting and participating in this productive work, the main opposition group engage in petty party politics.

15.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) asserts that Sheffield City Centre is the preferred location for a HS2 station, over Meadowhall;
- (b) notes that HS2 Ltd's own research shows a city-centre station for Sheffield will bring much better prospects of regeneration to the City Centre; it would create 6000 more jobs and over 1000 more new homes than an out of town parkway location at Meadowhall;
- (c) notes that the Government's plans for the Northern Powerhouse Rail are based upon city centre to city centre connectivity, and siting HS2 in Sheffield City Centre would form the Leeds to Sheffield leg of the Government's plan for Transport for the North, saving the tax payer money in the long run;
- (d) deplores what could be taken as threats made by the Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, that if Sheffield will not accept the Meadowhall station location, which is bad for Sheffield, they will give the region no station at all, and believes this is particularly appalling given her complete failure to act on the steel crisis and her Department's decision to relocate 247 jobs in her department from Sheffield to London;
- (e) regrets that the Government and HS2 Ltd's proposal for the Meadowhall location instead of the city centre was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall back in 2013;
- (f) believes that the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam has failed to stand up for Sheffield and is responsible for the fact that the previous coalition government pursued Meadowhall as the station location and notes the following comments by the Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a better location.";
- (g) notes that the Administration has always made representations to all local stakeholders, including Council Leaders and MPs, calling on them to support a city centre option and that, in recent months, efforts have focused around gaining their support for a review of station locations similar to the review undertaken in Leeds to ensure that decisions are taken based on evidence, and resolves to write to all City Region Council Leaders and MPs asking them to support this approach; and
- (h) confirms that there is already joint working in the City Region which is actively lobbying both Government and HS2 Ltd, which includes the Council and key city stakeholders, and believes it is extremely concerning that instead of supporting and participating in this productive work, the main opposition group engage in petty party politics.

(NOTE: Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and against paragraphs (e) to (h) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

Electoral Systems

16.1 It was formally moved by Councillor John Booker, and formally seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-

- (a) regrets that the First Three Past the Post system was used to elect the members of the Council last month, believing this to be undemocratic, unfair and unrepresentative, and that its use damages the public perception of our democratic system;
- (b) believes that the use of a Proportional Representation system would have resulted in a council more representative of the way that the people of Sheffield voted, and would have ensured that every voter feels they have a voice to represent them on the Council;
- (c) further believes that by electing the council through Proportional Representation, there would be more co-operation and consensus in decision making, and that the people of Sheffield would benefit from a more efficient and transparent council;
- (d) notes that the Labour Group's majority on this Council is more disproportional than the Conservative Party's majority in Parliament, with a Gallagher disproportionality index of 16.8, compared to 9.8 for the Conservatives in Westminster;
- (e) notes that Proportional Representation is used to elect local councillors in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as well as members of the London Assembly, Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament;
- (f) believes that there is no convincing argument against the use of Proportional Representation, except that it preserves the dominance of the one party that benefits from it most; and
- (g) furthermore, calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, requesting that Sheffield

City Council be allowed to trial a Proportional Representation system for electing councillors.

16.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Zoe Sykes, and formally seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes there are a range of views on different electoral systems, both between and within political parties;
- (b) recalls the referendum on the alternative vote method that took place in 2011 and that the proposal to introduce AV was rejected by the electorate;
- (c) finds it ironic that UKIP favours proportional representation - the same system used in the European Parliament – over the traditional British first-past-the-post voting system; and
- (d) believes the people of Sheffield gave a clear mandate to the Labour Party in the recent local elections and that UKIP always manage to find an excuse for their own electoral failures.

16.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are a range of views on different electoral systems, both between and within political parties;
- (b) recalls the referendum on the alternative vote method that took place in 2011 and that the proposal to introduce AV was rejected by the electorate;
- (c) finds it ironic that UKIP favours proportional representation - the same system used in the European Parliament – over the traditional British first-past-the-post voting system; and
- (d) believes the people of Sheffield gave a clear mandate to the Labour Party in the recent local elections and that UKIP always manage to find an excuse for their own electoral failures.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER

Graffiti Removal

- 17.1 It was formally moved by Councillor David Baker, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, that this Council:-
- (a) notes the increased amount of graffiti in Sheffield in recent years;
 - (b) believes that this graffiti reflects badly on our city and would give a bad impression to visitors of a city that does not care about its image;
 - (c) notes that this has been noticed by many people, including the local press, resulting in a campaign by The Star newspaper;
 - (d) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the City Centre; and
 - (e) calls on the Administration to devolve centrally held monies for graffiti removal to local Ward pots, so local councillors and communities can take targeted and effective action.
- 17.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Nasima Akther, and formally seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-
- (a) notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country;
 - (b) notes the Administration's commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the city, including working closely with the police, Sheffield Business Improvement District and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;
 - (c) further notes the Administration is looking into the possibility of introducing longer-term measures including using anti-graffiti paint and installing CCTV;
 - (d) also notes the on-going Clean Sheffield campaign, which will continue to explore ways in which the Council can tackle litter and graffiti in the city;
 - (e) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the city centre;

- (f) appeals to the people doing graffiti to stop, as not only do they risk getting a criminal record, but it is also an unnecessary drain on Council resources;
- (g) urges people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed;
- (h) thanks the public for reporting graffiti which enabled us to respond to more than 1,700 requests across the city last year; and
- (i) believes the current approach - responding to people reporting directly to the Council, thereby enabling resources to be deployed in the areas it is required - is the right one, and does not believe another tier of bureaucracy is required.

17.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country;
- (b) notes the Administration's commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the city, including working closely with the police, Sheffield Business Improvement District and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;
- (c) further notes the Administration is looking into the possibility of introducing longer-term measures including using anti-graffiti paint and installing CCTV;
- (d) also notes the on-going Clean Sheffield campaign, which will continue to explore ways in which the Council can tackle litter and graffiti in the city;
- (e) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the city centre;
- (f) appeals to the people doing graffiti to stop, as not only do they risk getting a criminal record, but it is also an unnecessary drain on Council resources;
- (g) urges people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed;
- (h) thanks the public for reporting graffiti which enabled us to respond to more than 1,700 requests across the city last year; and

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| <p>(i) believes the current approach - responding to people reporting directly to the Council, thereby enabling resources to be deployed in the areas it is required - is the right one, and does not believe another tier of bureaucracy is required.</p> |
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(NOTE: Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (h) and against paragraph (i) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.)