

# 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 7 September 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Anne Murphy)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Andy Nash Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Bryan Lodge 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 &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Kieran Harpham Magid Magid	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; 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 &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Craig Gamble Pugh Adam Hanrahan Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; 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 Pat Midgley	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; 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 Paul Wood

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Pauline Andrews, Tony Damms, Terry Fox, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Moya O'Rourke and Jackie Satur.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 The following Members declared Personal Interests in item 10 on the agenda, as set out below:-

Councillor Josie Paszek	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Abtisam Mohammed	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Dianne Hurst	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Jack Clarkson	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Colin Ross	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Paul Scriven	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Abdul Khayum	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Leigh Bramall	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Mazher Iqbal	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Bob Pullin	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed	-	Wife is a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Andy Nash	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Cliff Woodcraft	-	Wife is a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Talib Hussain	-	Wife is a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Zahira Naz	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Bob Johnson	-	As a Private Sector Landlord

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

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

##### **4.1 Petitions**

##### **4.1.1 Petition Regarding Changes to Bus Services in Tinsley**

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 41 signatures, regarding changes to bus services in Tinsley.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ishaq Mohammed. He informed the Council that people would become cut off by reducing and re-routing bus services from September and people of all ages would be affected by a lack of bus services to get them to their place of work, school or college, shopping facilities or enable them to visit family and friends.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. Councillor Iqbal stated that the Council did not run bus services, which were operated by private companies. However, the Council was part of a bus partnership. Changes to bus services had affected a number of neighbourhoods in the City.

The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee had, at its meeting in July, undertaken a review of the Bus Partnership and representatives of the bus operating companies had taken part in that exercise to explain the changes to services. He said that he had also raised issues relating to bus services in Tinsley as the local Councillor and First Bus had agreed to arrange a travel workshop for residents, and people had been informed of this by leaflets delivered to each household. First Bus had been requested to consider putting in place a shuttle service. He said that he would write to Mr Mohammed to inform him of the outcome of that request.

##### **4.1.2 Petition Requesting Traffic Calming Measures on Selborne Road**

The Council received a petition containing 204 signatures requesting the implementation of traffic calming measures on Selborne Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made Carole Hanson. She stated that tragically, a pedestrian had died on the zebra crossing at the top of Selborne Road in June 2016. There was concern that there would be more accidents in future and that as a priority, there should be action to prevent further incidents. Delivery vehicles requiring access to local shops meant that pedestrians had a restricted view when attempting to cross the road and with the opening of a Tesco store, the amount of traffic had increased and there were more vehicles parking on the road. Buses also used Selborne Road and it was also thought that people using satellite navigation had led to an increase in those using the route as a short cut. Pedestrians often stepped out into the road so they had a clear view beyond parked vehicles and were able to cross the road which was potentially dangerous. The City Council was requested to

consider implementing traffic calming, the creation of a one way system and introduction of a speed limit of 20 mph.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. Council Iqbal stated that he was most concerned about the issues which the petitioners raised with regard to road safety. He had met with local Councillors and it had been agreed that a meeting be held in Crosspool to look at matters further. He said that there had been significant reductions to the Council's budget in the past 6 years and that in turn had contributed to pressures on the road safety budget. He would investigate the concerns which the petition had raised and provide a written response.

4.1.3 Petition Regarding a Public Space Protection Order Relating to the Alley between Ainsty Road and South View Crescent

The Council received an electronic petition containing 13 signatures requesting the Council to consult with residents to apply for a Public Space Protection Order to the alley between Ainsty Road and South View Crescent.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made John Taylor. He stated that the alley between Ainsty Road and South View Crescent was not well used as a public right of way although it provided access for residents to their homes. The alley was long and secluded with hidden areas where it curved and it was therefore difficult to see what was ahead, despite improvements to lighting. It was also a location subject to anti-social behaviour, including smoking, damage to gates, vandalism and litter as well as incidents of verbal abuse directed towards residents. It was difficult to identify individual perpetrators, although they were thought to be young people. There were a lot of families living in the area and children played outside. People were concerned about the amount of rubbish which was left in the alley, which local residents cleared up themselves.

The petitioners requested that gates be erected at the entrances to the alley, to limit public access, except for residents, as a measure to prevent anti-social behaviour in the alley.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Housing. Councillor Dunn stated that she had empathy with the petitioners due to the problems they were experiencing. She said that because of the Council's budgetary position, it had to be certain that it was using resources correctly. She urged people affected to collect evidence of anti-social behaviour with the support of local councillors and the police and to report incidents. Evidence would help to support a decision as to what action to take and with regard to potential funding.

4.1.4 Petition Regarding the Cleanliness of Streets in Darnall

The Council received a petition containing 51 signatures requesting action in relation to the cleanliness of streets in Darnall.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Janab Ali. He referred in particular to concerns with regard to the cleanliness of roads and backyards on Nidd Road, Ouse Road, Ouseburn Street, Swarcliffe Road and Staniforth Road. He said that although the Council had promised to clean the streets, this had not happened, people felt ignored and the situation had worsened. Many residents were upset about the occurrence of litter and dirt on the streets and the effect both on them and visitors to the area. It was of particular concern that some members of the community left rubbish including glass, takeaway containers and large furniture items. He said that people expected that the Council should support people in the community and teach others how to dispose of waste items in the right way.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment. Councillor Lodge said that he was sorry that people felt ignored. The Tinsley area was receiving cleansing at a similar frequency to other areas in the City.

There were other similar reports of waste items such as fridges and take away containers being left as the petitioners had referred to in relation to Tinsley. Each month, the Council cleared 1000 tonnes of street rubbish. Councillor Lodge said that this was clearly not acceptable and it was an offence to drop litter. There was an instant penalty for littering and the Council issued fixed penalty notices to people caught dropping litter. If people did not pay the fine, the Council would take them to Court.

Work was being undertaken with local people, Veolia, schools, businesses and Streets Ahead (Amey) in relation to the problems associated with litter and rubbish. Darnall Environmental Group also worked with schools and businesses. Councillor Lodge said that he would meet with the petitioners to see what could be done. He said that littering was anti-social and was both avoidable and unacceptable.

#### 4.1.5 Petition Requesting the Council to Consider Accepting Child Refugees from Calais

The Council received a petition containing 185 signatures, requesting the Council to consider accepting child refugees from Calais.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mike Reynolds. Mr Reynolds stated that in Calais there were approximately 600 unaccompanied asylum seeking children. 300 had relatives in the UK and there was a moral case for them to be reunited with their family. A further 300 children did not have family in the UK. Conditions in the camp in Calais or 'the Jungle' as it had become known were, he said, appalling and children were living in unacceptable conditions and in danger from trafficking.

There was a tradition in Sheffield of showing compassion and of welcoming strangers and the City had done so with several groups of refugees and asylum seekers over time. Sheffield was the first City of Sanctuary and the

petition appealed to that tradition of compassionate concern for the vulnerable.

The Council was requested to bring a notice of motion to the Council meeting in October, urging local Members of Parliament to use their influence with the Government, from which resources and direction was needed. The Council was also asked to indicate that it would be willing to participate by receiving some of the children who were unaccompanied asylum seekers; and thirdly, the Council was requested to lobby the Government directly on behalf of those children.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Councillor Drayton stated that many people would have seen reports in the media concerning conditions in Calais affecting families, adults and children. She knew people who had personally taken humanitarian aid to the camp.

Sheffield did have a history of giving sanctuary and was the first City of Sanctuary and one of the first local authorities to be part of the Gateway programme for refugees. More recently, Kent and Medway local authorities had responded to the large number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children by asking for other local authorities to help by taking those children and caring for them as looked after children. Sheffield City Council had responded straight away and said that it would meet with the two relevant Government Ministers to discuss the issue and the suggestion that quotas be used so local authorities were compelled to accept a number of children.

Councillor Drayton said that the City Council made a case for work to take place on a regional basis, instead of using individual quotas. It was most important to have the resources required to nurture and care for the children and young people. The context was significant cuts to the budget for children, young people and families. The Government would need to provide appropriate resources, including for housing, health, education and language skills. There were not, at this time, enough placements across the UK for the young people. Neither were there enough foster carers or accommodation to enable placement in residential homes, so further resources were required so that placements could be provided which served to protect the children and young people.

Councillor Drayton said that, in Sheffield, there were at present 28 unaccompanied asylum seeking children who were under 18 years old and 14 who were over 18 or care leavers. One young person had come from Kent to Sheffield but the family were not able to look after them and the child was now looked after by the Council. Councillor Drayton said that she believed Sheffield was doing over and above what was required of it and the Council would continue to lobby the Government and to work with other organisations, including Migration Yorkshire, the Home Office and the Department for Education. She hoped that the petitioners felt that the Council was supportive with regard to unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

4.2 Public Questions

4.2.1 Public Question Concerning Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign

Barbara Jackson on behalf of Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign, thanked the Council for its support in relation to the call for a public inquiry into the conduct of the Police at the Orgreave coking plant on 18 June 1984. The Council had resolved on two occasions to support the campaign and had done so in writing to the Home Secretary.

The campaign had met with Rt Hon Theresa May MP, the then Home Secretary, last summer and submitted a detailed legal submission to the Home Office in December 2015. They were due to meet with the new Home Secretary, Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP on 13 September 2016.

She asked the Council to write to the Home Secretary renewing its support for the campaign and asking her to order an inquiry into Orgreave.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded to the question and thanked Barbara Jackson for bringing the issue to the Council. She agreed that it was necessary to continue to lobby for an inquiry into the events which took place at Orgreave in 1984. The Council had been clear about its position on this matter and had fully supported a public inquiry. Notices of Motion had been given by the late Councillor Harry Harpham in July 2014 and by Councillor Chris Peace in July 2015, both seconded by Councillor Terry Fox.

Councillor Dore stated that she would write to the Home Secretary on behalf of the Council. She said that the Police and Crime Commissioner was also in conversation with the Home Office in this regard and she commented on the actions of the former Home Secretary, Rt Hon Teresa May MP with regard to this particular issue. Councillor Dore said the potential for an inquiry was promising and wished the campaign well.

4.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Devolution

Nigel Slack referred to the departure of the former Chancellor, Rt Hon George Osborne MP and the appointment of a new Secretary of State in the Department of Communities and Local Government and commented that there appeared to be a hiatus in the progress of devolution. He said that neither the City nor City Region seemed to know how the European Union Referendum result would impact on the deal and he referred to the fact that Derbyshire County Council was challenging the decision making process of Chesterfield to become a core member of the City Region.

He asked, bearing in mind that an appropriate geography for the City region was one of the City Council's 'red line' issues, if Chesterfield dropped out of the core membership, will the City review its decision on the devolution deal?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council responded that she had also responded to a written Members Question on this subject and the stance of a

new Government as regards devolution. Whilst there was speculation, the Government's position had not changed, as far as the Council was aware. The consultation relating to the devolution deal had been completed and the City Region was proceeding with submission of the scheme for the approval of the Secretary of State and then progression of the Order through Parliament. If there was a change, there would be further consultation.

There would be a review if a local authority pulled out of the deal and similarly, the Council would review its position if there were any further changes prior to the laying down of the Order in Parliament. The Leaders of the City Region were to meet with Government Ministers. The Mayoral Order was still a requirement before any funding could be drawn down.

Councillor Dore said that, if there were any changes, the Council would review the matter.

#### 4.2.3 Public Questions Concerning Freedom of Information

Nigel Slack asked whether in light of the recent comments of the Information Commissioner supporting the inclusion of private companies in the Freedom of Information Act and opposing the excuse of 'commercial sensitivity', will the Council include adherence to the principles of the Act in future outsourcing contracts.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, replied that he supported the idea of the Council's contractors being subject to the Freedom of Information Act. At present, the Council applied the Act as far as it was able to in respect of companies with which it had a contractual relationship. However, the issue of commercial interests still applied at this time.

#### 4.2.4 Public Questions Concerning Fracking

Nigel Slack stated that there were rumours on social media about seismic testing coming to Sheffield, as part of precursor plans for fracking within the City boundaries. He asked whether the Council could give the latest news on any contacts from potential fracking companies or their contractors, as well as the current policy of the Council to the potential for fracking in the City.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, responded and stated that he had not seen anything on social media regarding fracking and asked Mr Slack to forward the relevant information to him. He said that a Notice of Motion had been given at the Council meeting in September 2013 regarding fracking. The Government had issued licenses for the right to explore sites for shale oil and gas in the UK, including in the Sheffield City Region.

He said that the Government had continued to ignore local authorities and local communities. There was no consultation when licenses were issued. 28 days' notice had to be given to the local authority of any exploration. He said that it



was appalling that communities could be treated in this way and the only obligation on those who had obtained a licence was to inform the relevant local authority. Councillor Iqbal stated that he would write to the Government regarding licenses and consultation with individuals and communities.

#### 4.2.5 Public Questions Concerning Trees on Tinker Lane

Nigel Slack referred to the felling of a number of live, healthy and immature trees, as part of what residents were advised was, tree and verge maintenance on Tinker Lane. He asked if the Council would clarify at what point "...prune the trees and cut back the verges..." became felling of healthy trees that show no evidence of damaging the road; was Amey's arboreal expert consulted; and was Council aware of the plan to fell the trees rather than to prune them?

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment, responded that he had spoken with relevant Council officers and they would investigate this matter further. He would write to Mr Slack with the outcome in response to his questions.

#### 4.2.6 Public Questions Concerning Ferrovia, Parent Company of Amey

Dave Dilner referred to recent publicity concerning Australian detention camps housing asylum seekers and run by Ferrovia, the parent company of Amey. He asked whether the Council considered this company to be a fit and proper business partners and what steps will be taken towards communicating the Council's views on this matter to Amey and Ferrovia. He asked if the Council would join him in deploring what he alleged was "their involvement in human suffering and misery in the pursuit of profit."

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment, responded and confirmed that Ferrovia was the parent company of Amey. The Council entered into a contract with Amey in 2012. A company named Broadspectrum was contracted in 2014 to run the detention camps to which Mr Dilner had referred. Councillor Lodge said that he agreed with comments concerning the unacceptable conditions for those people who had been held in the camps.

He understood that Ferrovia had since bought Broadspectrum and had stated that they would not tender to renew the contract to run the detention camps beyond the term of the contract. The Australian government had also said that they would close the camps. Broadspectrum had entered into the contract to run the detention camps in 2014 and before they were acquired by Ferrovia.

Councillor Lodge stated that he had made enquiries to Amey about this matter.

#### 4.2.7 Public Questions Concerning Street Works

Dave Dilner asked when Amey would be held to account and penalised for delays to street works and what he alleged were daily abuses of National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Regulations and BS (British Standards) standards of working practice.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that in relation to delays to street works, Amey were held to account and penalties were applied as appropriate. He said that the Council was grateful to members of the public when they submitted photographs to evidence concerns relating to the performance of Amey. The Council also penalised Amey with regard to any breach of regulations or code of conduct and relevant clauses within the contract would be applied. Whilst the penalties applied by the Council amounted to substantial sums, the detail was not published because it was classed as commercially sensitive.

Councillor Lodge said that the core investment period of the Streets Ahead programme was to end in 2017 and it needed to be brought back on schedule. Works carried out as part of the programme were inspected and were the subject of reporting to him as the Cabinet Member.

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **5.2 Questions**

5.2.1 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.

### **5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

5.3.1 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).

## **6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

6.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc.:-

Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Remove Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed and create a vacancy
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- Scrutiny Committee Substitute - Councillor Dianne Hurst to fill a vacancy  
Members
- Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a  
Substitute Members
- Audit and Standards Committee - Councillor Dianne Hurst to  
replace Councillor Bryan Lodge

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

- Sheffield City Region Combined - Councillor Alan Law to fill a  
Authority Scrutiny Committee
- Sheffield City Region Combined - Councillor Neale Gibson to fill a  
Authority Audit Committee
- Learn Sheffield Interim Board - Councillor Mike Drabble to  
replace Councillor Jackie Drayton

- (c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Chief Executive had authorised the appointment of Councillor Roger Davison to serve as a Scrutiny Committee Substitute Member in place of Councillor Sue Alston, with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016;
- (d) Mrs. Waheeda Din, Mr. Peter Naldrett and Miss. Joanna Heery be appointed to serve as Parent Governor representatives, for terms of 3 years with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016, on the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee; and
- (e) it be noted that Mr. Clive Skelton has replaced Ms. Alice Riddell as a HealthWatch observer on the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that Sheffield is world famous for its pubs and real ale, and last year was named by the New York Times as the beer capital of Britain;
- (b) acknowledges the recent report by Sheffield University and Sheffield City Region "A snapshot of the beer industry in the Sheffield City Region" reaffirmed that Sheffield is the real ale capital of the world - and can also stake a claim to being the birthplace of the UK craft beer revolution;

- (c) finds it troubling that despite Sheffield's claims to excellence in the brewing industry, many of our city's community pubs are under threat from closure and notes that an alarming 68 pubs in Sheffield have closed since 2011, with many turning into convenience stores under permitted development rights;
- (d) notes the recent decision by Wandsworth Council in south London which has told the owners of 120 select bars and pubs that they have to seek councillors' approval before changing the building's use or knocking it down;
- (e) calls on this Authority to explore adopting a similar policy and protect a number of our city's pubs from development due to their historic or architectural value or because they make a positive contribution to their community; and
- (f) also calls on this Authority to take into account Asset of Community Value status as a material consideration when applications for change of use are made in respect of pubs with such status.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Craig Gamble-Pugh, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) notes that Sheffield is considering the merits of a policy which will emulate the example of local authorities such as Wandsworth;
2. the replacement, in paragraph (f), of the words "also calls on this Authority to take", by the words "notes that the present Administration takes", and the addition of the following words at the end of that paragraph "and already ensures that where Assets of Community Value meet the criteria for non Designated Heritage Assets, that this non Designated Heritage Asset status is also deemed a material consideration for planning."
3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (j) as follows:-
  - (g) regrets that the local decline in pubs reflects a national trend of pub closures under the previous coalition government who were widely criticised for failing to act to provide any significant support and protection for the industry;
  - (h) strongly agrees with comments made by James Watson and Gareth Epps, Campaign for Real Ale, about the record of the previous coalition government: "This government claims to be 'the most pro-pub administration in history', yet weekly pub

closures on their watch have increased from 18 per week, to 26 per week, then up to 28 per week and now stand at a depressing 31 net closures per week. Can we blame the Coalition for the demise of the Great British Pub? Not directly, but after four years in power, with the plight of pubs regularly highlighted to them by CAMRA and other vocal bodies such as the *Fair Deal for your Local Coalition*, and *Pub is the Hub*, they have failed to make even the simplest changes to the planning system which would give pubs the much needed protection against damaging changes to their land and buildings. Moreover, the Coalition has further weakened the planning system, perpetuating the destruction of pubs through the euphemism known as ‘permitted development’”;

- (i) welcomes that 10 facilities in recent years (including many inns / pubs) have been listed as Assets of Community Value, thus endowing them with associated status and significance; and
- (j) further welcomes and applauds the efforts of local people who campaign to protect local facilities and buildings as Assets of Community Value, working with local councillors and the Administration to achieve these aims.

7.3 Following a right of reply from Councillor Adam Hanrahan, the amendment was put to the vote and carried.

7.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (i) and (j) of part 3 of the amendment, and abstained on parts 1, 2 and paragraphs (g) and (h) of part 3 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.4 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 Sheffield is world famous for its pubs and real ale, and last year was named by the New York Times as the beer capital of Britain;
- (b) acknowledges the recent report by Sheffield University and Sheffield City Region “A snapshot of the beer industry in the Sheffield City Region” reaffirmed that Sheffield is the real ale capital of the world - and can also stake a claim to being the birthplace of the UK craft beer revolution;
- (c) finds it troubling that despite Sheffield’s claims to excellence in the brewing industry, many of our city’s community pubs are under threat from closure and notes that an alarming 68 pubs in Sheffield have closed since 2011, with many turning into convenience stores under permitted development rights;

- (d) notes the recent decision by Wandsworth Council in south London which has told the owners of 120 select bars and pubs that they have to seek councillors' approval before changing the building's use or knocking it down;
- (e) notes that Sheffield is considering the merits of a policy which will emulate the example of local authorities such as Wandsworth;
- (f) notes that the present Administration takes into account Asset of Community Value status as a material consideration when applications for change of use are made in respect of pubs with such status and already ensures that where Assets of Community Value meet the criteria for non Designated Heritage Assets, that this non Designated Heritage Asset status is also deemed a material consideration for planning;
- (g) regrets that the local decline in pubs reflects a national trend of pub closures under the previous coalition government who were widely criticised for failing to act to provide any significant support and protection for the industry
- (h) strongly agrees with comments made by James Watson and Gareth Epps, Campaign for Real Ale, about the record of the previous coalition government: "This government claims to be 'the most pro-pub administration in history', yet weekly pub closures on their watch have increased from 18 per week, to 26 per week, then up to 28 per week and now stand at a depressing 31 net closures per week. Can we blame the Coalition for the demise of the Great British Pub? Not directly, but after four years in power, with the plight of pubs regularly highlighted to them by CAMRA and other vocal bodies such as the *Fair Deal for your Local Coalition*, and *Pub is the Hub*, they have failed to make even the simplest changes to the planning system which would give pubs the much needed protection against damaging changes to their land and buildings. Moreover, the Coalition has further weakened the planning system, perpetuating the destruction of pubs through the euphemism known as 'permitted development'";
- (i) welcomes that 10 facilities in recent years (including many inns / pubs) have been listed as Assets of Community Value, thus endowing them with associated status and significance; and
- (j) further welcomes and applauds the efforts of local people who campaign to protect local facilities and buildings as Assets of Community Value, working with local councillors and the Administration to achieve these aims.

7.4.1 (NOTE: 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 (f) and (i), against paragraphs (g) and (h), and abstained from voting on paragraph (j) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

8.1 It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Abdul Khayum, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the historic 60 year partnership between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group;
- (b) believes that this is the biggest Chinese investment deal of its kind to be made by a UK city outside of London and is the first deal of its kind to be made by a UK city;
- (c) notes that the 60 year commitment secures a stream of investment into the city for the next generation, and is likely to mean a whole range of projects become viable because of the long-term nature of the relationship;
- (d) believes that the deal will be important in helping to grow the city's economy and could create thousands of jobs for the people of Sheffield;
- (e) notes that the agreement between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group has been over 18 months in the making and thanks all involved for their hard work in bringing the agreement forward;
- (f) welcomes the commitment of Mr Wang, Chairman of the Board and President of Sichuan Guodong Construction Group, to Sheffield and welcomes these comments he has made about the city - "Sheffield really does stand out amongst all UK cities as an outstanding business investment. This agreement illustrates our confidence in Sheffield as a city going from strength to strength, with real growth potential. We are looking forward to being a part of this over the coming decades.";
- (g) welcomes that the agreement with Sichuan Guodong Construction Group is running parallel to increasing civic and cultural ties between Sheffield and the city of Chengdu and welcomes the prospect of further mutually beneficial collaboration between the two cities; and
- (h) will write to Mr Wang to demonstrate the Council's full support for the partnership and looks forward to growing the working relationship between the city and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group to support many positive developments in the City.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended

by:-

1. the insertion, in paragraph (c), of the word “potential” before the word “stream”;
2. the replacement, in paragraph (d), of the word “believes”, by the word “hopes”; and
3. the re-lettering of paragraphs (f) to (h) as new paragraphs (h) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) and (g) as follows:-
  - (f) notes the need for transparency and a strong governance process for any major investment in the city and calls on the Administration to be open with opposition Councillors and members of the public about the details of the partnership;
  - (g) calls on the Administration to ensure that it seeks competitive bids for the sale of all Council owned or developed assets to ensure that the city gets the maximum return for each individual investment;

8.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

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

For the amendment (14) - Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley.

Against the amendment (37) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Bryan Lodge, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mary Lea, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Nasima Akther, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, John Booker and Zoe Sykes.

8.4 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, 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) is concerned about the Council's signing of an investment deal decades into the future, long after the signatories have left office and public accountability, and notes that previous deals have led to serious financial burdens for Sheffield City Council;
- (b) is disappointed by the lack of consultation over the last 18 months in what has been described as the first deal of its kind to be made by a UK city and the biggest outside of London;
- (c) is disappointed by the lack of information regarding the deal and partnership available to city councillors and the public; and
- (d) calls for full public disclosure and scrutiny of this and any further investment deals of this kind.

8.5 Following a right of reply from Councillor Leigh Bramall, the amendment was put to the vote and negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the historic 60 year partnership between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group;
- (b) believes that this is the biggest Chinese investment deal of its kind to be made by a UK city outside of London and is the first deal of its kind to be made by a UK city;
- (c) notes that the 60 year commitment secures a stream of investment into the city for the next generation, and is likely to mean a whole range of projects become viable because of the long-term nature of the relationship;
- (d) believes that the deal will be important in helping to grow the city's economy and could create thousands of jobs for the people of Sheffield;
- (e) notes that the agreement between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group has been over 18 months in the making and thanks all involved for their hard work in bringing the agreement forward;
- (f) welcomes the commitment of Mr Wang, Chairman of the Board and President of Sichuan Guodong Construction Group, to Sheffield and welcomes these comments he has made about the city - "Sheffield really does stand out amongst all UK cities as an outstanding business investment. This agreement illustrates our confidence in Sheffield as a city going from strength to strength, with real growth potential. We are looking forward to being a part of this over the coming decades.";

- (g) welcomes that the agreement with Sichuan Guodong Construction Group is running parallel to increasing civic and cultural ties between Sheffield and the city of Chengdu and welcomes the prospect of further mutually beneficial collaboration between the two cities; and;
- (h) will write to Mr Wang to demonstrate the Council's full support for the partnership and looks forward to growing the working relationship between the city and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group to support many positive developments in the City.

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

- For paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion (51) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Bryan Lodge, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Pat Midgley, Nasima Akther, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker and Zoe Sykes.
- Against paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion (0) - Nil.
- Abstained on paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion (4) - Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.
- For paragraphs (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion (41) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Bryan Lodge, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law,

Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Pat Midgley, Nasima Akther, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker and Zoe Sykes.

Against paragraphs (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion (0) - Nil.

Abstained on paragraphs (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion (14) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Alison Teal, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley.

## **9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD**

9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Cate McDonald, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that this Council:-

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| <p>(a) believes that central government is responsible for ensuring that a national system of social care is in place that provides care for people who need it, and reiterates concerns that the well documented national crisis in social care highlights their failure to do this;</p> <p>(b) regrets that the Government has failed to act to address this crisis and despite numerous warnings, the situation is getting worse not better;</p> <p>(c) is concerned by the findings of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services' Budget Survey Report 2016, which show that funding for social care is failing to match increased needs for, and costs of, care for older and disabled people;</p> <p>(d) agrees with the ADASS that "we are at the tipping point where social care is in real jeopardy and this impacts on the millions of people needing care and support";</p> <p>(e) also notes a recent report by the Health Select Committee showing that increasing numbers of people with social care needs are no longer receiving the care they need because of a lack of funding, causing considerable distress to the individuals and families concerned and resulting in additional costs to the NHS;</p> |
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- (f) believes that one of the primary causes of the crisis is the devastating cuts made to local government over the past six years and recalls comments by former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Sir Danny Alexander, that local government had 'borne the brunt' of deficit reduction under the previous coalition government;
- (g) is therefore extremely concerned that the Government's plans to abolish Revenue Support Grant, in the misguided belief that local services can be adequately funded by Council Tax and Business Rates alone, will inevitably lead to more cuts to care and putting many councils at breaking point;
- (h) notes that there are many complex challenges facing social care, such as the impact of an ageing population and the recent increase in the national minimum wage;
- (i) wholeheartedly supports measures to increase wages for carers, however, believes the Government has completely failed to address the impact that its changes to the minimum wage will have on care services;
- (j) welcomes the commitment of the present Administration and councils across the country to protect services for the most vulnerable, noting that Sheffield has proportionally given greater protection to care than most services, however, due to the level of cuts imposed by Government, it has not been possible to protect services completely and therefore believes a change of approach nationally is needed;
- (k) believes that whilst they are welcome, the Government's initiatives to tackle the care crisis, such as the Better Care Fund and social care levy, merely tinker around the edges and do not address its failure to adequately fund the social care system; and
- (l) urges the Government to increase investment in social care as a matter of urgency, which as a start could be achieved through front loading the Better Care Fund, in line with the Local Government Association's recommendations.

9.1.1 (NOTE: Councillors Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) to (l), and against paragraph (f) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW**

10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, and formally seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris, that this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield;
- (b) further notes that the number of people living in private rented accommodation in Sheffield has doubled over the last 10 years and continues to be on the rise;
- (c) notes that a lack of social housing properties, rising house prices and the difficulty in accessing mortgages, mean that many people, particularly the young or vulnerable, have no choice but to live in private sector rental accommodation;
- (d) believes that the rising demand for rented homes is pushing up costs and allowing some landlords and letting agents to take advantage of tenants who have relatively little power to object to high prices or poor conditions, or to make choices about which letting agent to use;
- (e) notes the Private Member's Bill, proposed by Liberal Democrat Lord Baroness Oly Grender, the 'Renter's Rights Bill' which proposes the Government adopt a number of measures to address that current imbalance of power between renter and landlord by:-
  - (i) banning letting fees for renters;
  - (ii) giving renters access to an open register of rogue landlords;
  - (iii) bringing in compulsory electrical safety checks in rented homes; and
  - (iv) preventing rogue landlords from obtaining an HMO licence; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to write to the Government to support the 'Renter's Rights Bill'.

10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, and formally seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (i) as follows:-

- (e) regrets that the policies of the previous coalition government were extremely detrimental to the development of social housing, with the huge increases in Right to Buy discount making it impossible for councils to reinvest receipts in replacing lost council housing stock;
- (f) welcomes the fact that the present Administration is building council houses for the first time in many years, and is introducing Housing +, to make sure that people in council housing receive the support they need;
- (g) welcomes the work of the present Administration and private rented sector team in making the following interventions in the private rented sector:-

- (i) licensing around 2,000 large shared houses (HMOs) across the city;
  - (ii) the introduction of Selective Licensing, under which all the landlords have been trained, and have had the benefit of expert help and advice from Council officers;
  - (iii) targeting the rogue landlords; noting that over the past 2 years they have prosecuted 24 landlords covering 80 separate offences in the courts;
  - (iv) the award winning Snug partnership with Sheffield Hallam University and Hallam Student Union, which has meant 10,000 students are safer in their homes and this will increase when the University of Sheffield joins the scheme over the next year; noting that Sheffield is the only city in the country to have a scheme like this; and
  - (v) being the first team outside of London to enforce the Redress Scheme for letting agents;
- (h) pledges to use all available powers through national legislation to support tenants and welcomes attempts to strengthen this, however, notes the following points:-
- (i) the law already requires agents to have 'transparency of fees' and we encourage all renters to get in writing what all the fees are; that way, they can make an informed choice about which agent to use; if any renter in the city believes that the agent is not providing this, they must get in touch with the team, and this will be dealt with in the proper way;
  - (ii) the Housing and Planning Act 2016, provides Banning Orders, and a National Register of landlords that have been barred; this register will only be open to local authorities; we believe, as does Shelter, that this list should be more freely accessible;
  - (iii) we agree with the need for compulsory electrical checks, and are pleased that this has already been introduced in the Housing and Planning Act; and
  - (iv) we already prevent rogue landlords from obtaining an HMO licence, and we believe that we are the strictest council in the country for carrying out "Fit and Proper Person" tests on landlords and agents when they apply for a licence; in fact, we have even extended the test to landlords applying for Snug, those who help us with our homelessness duties, and those who help to house our clients with learning disabilities, and in the last 2 years, we have made 18 refusals on this basis, and a further 30 refusals for Snug; and

- (i) believes that these are all good examples of how our city is leading the way on the regulation of the private rented sector and is absolutely committed to making this sector a safe choice for every one of those renters in Sheffield.
- 10.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 10.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (e), (g), (h) and (i), and abstained from voting on paragraph (f) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 10.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of three new paragraphs as follows:-
- ( ) notes the drastic loss of Sheffield's council housing stock through the right-to-buy policy and by Sheffield City Council's large-scale demolition schemes;
  - ( ) also notes that, despite the misery of escalating private rents, landlords benefitted from £9.3 billion in housing benefit payments in 2014-15, double the sum from 10 years previously; and
  - ( ) therefore believes that increasing the supply of good quality council housing will save national expenditure.
- 10.4.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Douglas Johnson), the amendment as circulated at the meeting was altered so as to propose the three paragraphs as additional paragraphs to the substantive motion, and not to re-letter paragraphs (e) and (f) of the motion as new paragraphs (h) and (i), as those paragraphs had already been deleted by the passing of the previous amendment.)
- 10.5 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.
- 10.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield;
- (b) further notes that the number of people living in private rented accommodation in Sheffield has doubled over the last 10 years and continues to be on the rise;
- (c) notes that a lack of social housing properties, rising house prices and the difficulty in accessing mortgages, mean that many people, particularly the young or vulnerable, have no choice but to live in private sector rental accommodation;

- (d) believes that the rising demand for rented homes is pushing up costs and allowing some landlords and letting agents to take advantage of tenants who have relatively little power to object to high prices or poor conditions, or to make choices about which letting agent to use;
- (e) regrets that the policies of the previous coalition government were extremely detrimental to the development of social housing, with the huge increases in Right to Buy discount making it impossible for councils to reinvest receipts in replacing lost council housing stock;
- (f) welcomes the fact that the present Administration is building council houses for the first time in many years, and is introducing Housing +, to make sure that people in council housing receive the support they need;
- (g) welcomes the work of the present Administration and private rented sector team in making the following interventions in the private rented sector:-
  - (i) licensing around 2,000 large shared houses (HMOs) across the city;
  - (ii) the introduction of Selective Licensing, under which all the landlords have been trained, and have had the benefit of expert help and advice from Council officers;
  - (iii) targeting the rogue landlords; noting that over the past 2 years they have prosecuted 24 landlords, covering 80 separate offences, in the courts;
  - (iv) the award winning Snug partnership with Sheffield Hallam University and Hallam Student Union, which has meant 10,000 students are safer in their homes and this will increase when the University of Sheffield joins the scheme over the next year; noting that Sheffield is the only city in the country to have a scheme like this; and
  - (v) being the first team outside of London to enforce the Redress Scheme for letting agents;
- (h) pledges to use all available powers through national legislation to support tenants and welcomes attempts to strengthen this, however, notes the following points:-
  - (i) the law already requires agents to have 'transparency of fees' and we encourage all renters to get in writing what all the fees are; that way, they can make an informed choice about which agent to use; if any renter in the city believes that the agent is not providing this, they must get in touch with the team, and this will be dealt with in the proper way;



- (ii) the Housing and Planning Act 2016, provides Banning Orders, and a National Register of landlords that have been barred; this register will only be open to local authorities; we believe, as does Shelter, that this list should be more freely accessible;
  - (iii) we agree with the need for compulsory electrical checks, and are pleased that this has already been introduced in the Housing and Planning Act; and
  - (iv) we already prevent rogue landlords from obtaining an HMO licence, and we believe that we are the strictest council in the country for carrying out “Fit and Proper Person” tests on landlords and agents when they apply for a licence; in fact, we have even extended the test to landlords applying for Snug, those who help us with our homelessness duties, and those who help to house our clients with learning disabilities, and in the last 2 years, we have made 18 refusals on this basis, and a further 30 refusals for Snug; and
- (i) believes that these are all good examples of how our city is leading the way on the regulation of the private rented sector and is absolutely committed to making this sector a safe choice for every one of those renters in Sheffield.

10.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (g) to (i), voted against paragraph (e), and abstained from voting on paragraph (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) to (i), and abstained from voting on paragraph (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA**

- 11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-
- (a) celebrates the success of Team GB at the Rio 2016 Olympics achieving second place in the medal table and notes that the Paralympic Games are currently underway;
  - (b) takes particular pride in the success of Sheffield’s Jessica Ennis-Hill and Bryony Page for winning silver in the Heptathlon and Trampoline respectively;

- (c) notes that many athletes from across the country have trained at Sheffield's world class English Institute for Sport and believes that this is testament to Sheffield as a city of sport; and;
- (d) believes that the people of Sheffield are extremely proud of all of our athletes who have represented both the city and the country and congratulates the athletes, and all who have supported them, for their success.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON**

12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, and formally seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the success of Tramlines festival which took place across the city between 22-24 July 2016;
- (b) thanks all staff and volunteers who worked incredibly hard to make the festival a great success;
- (c) thanks the residents of Uppertorpe and Netherthorpe for their support and understanding, and helping make the event such a success; and
- (d) welcomes the increased city centre footfall that such events provide, and the positive impacts for the local economy.

12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Penny Baker, and formally seconded by Councillor David Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the re-lettering of paragraphs (b) to (d) as new paragraphs (c) to (e), and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-

- (b) notes this is the 8th successful Tramlines event and wishes to recognise the efforts of the previous Administration in establishing the Tramlines festival;

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes the success of Tramlines festival which took place across the city between 22-24 July 2016;
- (b) thanks all staff and volunteers who worked incredibly hard to make the festival a great success;

- (c) thanks the residents of Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe for their support and understanding, and helping make the event such a success; and
- (d) welcomes the increased city centre footfall that such events provide, and the positive impacts for the local economy.

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

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

- (a) requests that officers collate a detailed inventory of European Union (EU) funded ongoing and pending projects benefiting Sheffield, with the overview for post-"Brexit" continuity;
- (b) calls on the Government to ensure that the stated payment to the EU (of £350m before rebate/£240m after rebate, per week, of which £165m per week is returned "re-packaged" as EU funding to the UK), must be redistributed, post-"Brexit", to demonstrably benefit every community within the UK, and believes that, in simple terms, the amount of money available to invest in the UK could increase significantly after "Brexit" in comparison to the current level of "so called EU funding";
- (c) calls on the Administration to work cross party to plan ahead for the city's future regional needs, with close co-operation with Sheffield City Region, and make any new investment asset work;
- (d) further believes the £240m payment to the EU per week should, post-"Brexit", be used to benefit all our ailing and failing industries, including agriculture and fisheries, the rusting steel industry, and a patched up NHS, as well as to help with social care, the overloaded and underfunded education system and maybe even a fresh review of "Clean Coal" in the UK, plus assist local projects such as the extension of Sheffield's Supertram network to Doncaster/Sheffield Airport, as well as the north of the city, including links to Deepcar, Stocksbridge, Grenoside and Chapeltown;
- (e) believes that it is grossly unfair that a few multi-national corporations have been able to access all the benefits of our thriving British consumer market without making a proper contribution to the cost of British society, and that the public has every right to be angry about this;
- (f) believes that, if the Labour Party's ideology of nationalising some of these ailing industries has any credibility, the time is approaching for serious consideration on these issues, but that a more realistic regeneration measure would be low interest business loans, especially to a revived fishing fleet; and

- (g) wishes to see the restoration of full British tax sovereignty, which we lost when we signed up to the EU, and see a Treasury Commission set up to monitor the effectiveness of the new Diverted Profits Tax and to bring in any further measures necessary to prevent large multinational corporations using aggressive tax avoidance schemes.

13.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor David Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
  - (b) notes that the UK economy is down to 6th in the world from 5th prior to the EU referendum and there is still no plan to minimise the economic damage resulting from the “Brexit” vote;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:-
  - (d) calls for regional development funding to be maintained in spite of the “Leave” vote, focussing on the transport, infrastructure and skills agenda of the Sheffield City Region;
  - (e) welcomes the European Commission's intervention against tax arrangements between Apple Inc. and the Republic of Ireland, as an example of how governments can better stand up to corporations when they co-operate more closely, and calls for international co-operation against tax avoidance to be maintained in spite of the “Brexit” vote; and
  - (f) believes that the nationalisation of Northern Rock Bank was an appropriate response to a particular crisis, but that nationalisation and "turning the clock back" is usually the wrong way to deal with a failing industry.

13.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

13.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for part 1 and paragraphs (d) and (e) of part 2 of the amendment, and against paragraph (f) of part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

13.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and formally seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, 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 the previous Full Council meeting resolved that officers would examine the implications of the “Brexit” vote for Sheffield and awaits the

outcome of this report, which will present a detailed evaluation of the situation facing the city and will inform judgements about the needs of the city going forward;

- (b) formally requests that UKIP MEPs undertake a full and thorough review of all monies that Sheffield has received from the European Union (EU) and identify what ongoing funding Sheffield is still a recipient of, or could be a future recipient of, and welcomes, although belatedly, that UKIP now concede that Sheffield does indeed benefit from EU funding;
- (c) believes that there is acknowledgement from the mover of the motion that leading “Brexit” campaigners spent months spouting untruths about the UK’s financial contribution to the European Union, through acknowledging that the country will not have an additional £350 million per week through leaving the EU as was erroneously claimed on endless occasions during the referendum campaign;
- (d) calls on the Government to work harder to deliver fair investment for all our communities and stop it’s unfair cuts which have disproportionately targeted northern cities;
- (e) notes that the recent deal that the present Administration has secured with a Chinese investor demonstrates that membership of the EU is not a barrier to securing investment from emerging economies and regrets that access to future EU funding may no longer be available to Sheffield City Region;
- (f) calls on all companies to contribute fairly to our nation’s wellbeing and calls on Government to encourage a balanced economic development;
- (g) believes it is imperative that Government provide greater funding to support Sheffield key industries, education sector and healthcare provision and further calls on the Government to invest in clean industries to secure our economic and environmental future, and requests all parties to work together to call on the Government to ensure that any economic downturn that is likely to result from our exit of the EU is not borne by our city;
- (h) believes that the robustness of the suggestion that a ‘revived fishing fleet’ as a ‘realistic regeneration measure’ for Sheffield or the wider city region is questionable, given that the region is landlocked, however, awaits with interest any detailed proposals that may be put forward by the mover of the motion to achieve this;
- (i) believes that Sheffield UKIP Councillors formally recognise that aggressive tax avoidance schemes damage our children’s education, our nation’s healthcare provision and our social cohesion, and calls on the Government to invest proceeds secured from tax avoidance fairly;
- (j) fully agrees that the public are right to be angry about multinational

corporations who have been able to enjoy the benefits of the British consumer market without making a proper contribution, and is therefore astounded at interventions from senior “Brexit” figures such as Nigel Farage MEP who is reported to have praised the deal between the Irish government and Apple Inc., which did exactly that and also indicated he would support the UK following in similar footsteps;

- (k) expresses its opposition to these ideas, such as those which were reported to have been suggested by Nigel Farage to hand out big tax cuts to corporations following “Brexit” and would completely oppose the notion of the UK becoming a tax haven for multi-national companies, taking advantage of everything our country has to offer without making any meaningful contribution; and
- (l) believes that whilst it is welcome that there is now acknowledgement from some of the people who advocated “Brexit” that it will create challenges and leaves questions to answer, it is incumbent upon those that made the case for “Brexit” to actually start answering some of these questions and put forward a plan to address some of the challenges and uncertainties we are facing.

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

13.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) to (l), and abstained from voting on paragraph (e) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the previous Full Council meeting resolved that officers would examine the implications of the “Brexit” vote for Sheffield and awaits the outcome of this report, which will present a detailed evaluation of the situation facing the city and will inform judgements about the needs of the city going forward;
- (b) formally requests that UKIP MEPs undertake a full and thorough review of all monies that Sheffield has received from the European Union (EU) and identify what ongoing funding Sheffield is still a recipient of, or could be a future recipient of, and welcomes, although belatedly, that UKIP now concede that Sheffield does indeed benefit from EU funding;
- (c) believes that there is acknowledgement from the mover of the motion that leading “Brexit” campaigners spent months spouting untruths about the UK’s financial contribution to the European Union, through acknowledging that the country will not have an additional £350 million per week through leaving the EU as was erroneously claimed on endless occasions during the referendum campaign;

- (d) calls on the Government to work harder to deliver fair investment for all our communities and stop it's unfair cuts which have disproportionately targeted northern cities;
- (e) notes that the recent deal that the present Administration has secured with a Chinese investor demonstrates that membership of the EU is not a barrier to securing investment from emerging economies and regrets that access to future EU funding may no longer be available to Sheffield City Region;
- (f) calls on all companies to contribute fairly to our nation's wellbeing and calls on Government to encourage a balanced economic development;
- (g) believes it is imperative that Government provide greater funding to support Sheffield key industries, education sector and healthcare provision and further calls on the Government to invest in clean industries to secure our economic and environmental future, and requests all parties to work together to call on the Government to ensure that any economic downturn that is likely to result from our exit of the EU is not borne by our city;
- (h) believes that the robustness of the suggestion that a 'revived fishing fleet' as a 'realistic regeneration measure' for Sheffield or the wider city region is questionable, given that the region is landlocked, however, awaits with interest any detailed proposals that may be put forward by the mover of the motion to achieve this;
- (i) believes that Sheffield UKIP Councillors formally recognise that aggressive tax avoidance schemes damage our children's education, our nation's healthcare provision and our social cohesion, and calls on the Government to invest proceeds secured from tax avoidance fairly;
- (j) fully agrees that the public are right to be angry about multinational corporations who have been able to enjoy the benefits of the British consumer market without making a proper contribution, and is therefore astounded at interventions from senior "Brexit" figures such as Nigel Farage MEP who is reported to have praised the deal between the Irish government and Apple Inc., which did exactly that and also indicated he would support the UK following in similar footsteps;
- (k) expresses its opposition to these ideas, such as those which were reported to have been suggested by Nigel Farage to hand out big tax cuts to corporations following "Brexit" and would completely oppose the notion of the UK becoming a tax haven for multi-national companies, taking advantage of everything our country has to offer without making any meaningful contribution; and
- (l) believes that whilst it is welcome that there is now acknowledgement from some of the people who advocated "Brexit" that it will create

challenges and leaves questions to answer, it is incumbent upon those that made the case for “Brexit” to actually start answering some of these questions and put forward a plan to address some of the challenges and uncertainties we are facing.

- 13.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Magid Magid, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) to (l), and abstained from voting on paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)