

# Agenda Item 10

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 6 June 2018, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Magid Magid)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Bob Pullin<br>Richard Shaw | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Andy Bainbridge<br>Moya O'Rourke                  | 19 | <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Mohammad Maroof<br>Jim Steinke<br>Alison Teal       |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Chris Rosling-Josephs<br>Ian Saunders<br>Sophie Wilson             | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Shaffaq Mohammed<br>Paul Scriven        | 20 | <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Julie Dore<br>Ben Miskell<br>Jack Scott                    |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge  | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Abdul Khayum<br>Alan Law<br>Abtisam Mohamed             | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst<br>Peter Rippon                         |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Michelle Cook<br>Magid Magid<br>Kaltum Rivers  | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Cliff Woodcraft                              | 22 | <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Dawn Dale<br>Peter Price<br>Garry Weatherall      |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones                                      | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Lewis Dagnall<br>Cate McDonald<br>Chris Peace     | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Tony Damms<br>Jayne Dunn                              |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i><br>Douglas Johnson<br>Robert Murphy<br>Martin Phipps                      | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Steve Ayris                            | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>David Baker<br>Penny Baker  |
| 7 | <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Adam Hanrahan<br>Mohammed Mahroof<br>Anne Murphy    | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Bob Johnson<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Jack Clarkson<br>Keith Davis<br>Francyne Johnson |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz                              | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Lisa Banes<br>Terry Fox<br>Pat Midgley                | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Olivia Blake<br>Ben Curran<br>Neale Gibson                            |
| 9 | <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Colin Ross<br>Martin Smith                   | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Tony Downing<br>Gail Smith              | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>John Booker<br>Adam Hurst<br>Mike Levery                     |
|   |  |    |   | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Mick Rooney<br>Jackie Satur<br>Paul Wood                            |

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sue Auckland, Jackie Drayton, Karen McGowan, Vickie Priestley, Andrew Sangar and Steve Wilson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 During consideration of item 5 – Notice of Motion regarding Recent Transport Innovations and Investment in Sheffield (See Minute 5 below), Councillors Talib Hussain and Mohammad Maroof declared personal interests in relation to those parts of the item that related to low emission taxi vehicles, on the grounds that they were taxi drivers.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Objecting to the Closure of the Hydrotherapy Pool at Seven Hills School

The Council received an electronic petition containing 1,249 signatures, objecting to the closure of the hydrotherapy pool at Seven Hills School.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Lisa Siddall. She stated that her son was one of the children that attended swimming lessons at the pool and had done so for the past two years. The staff and standard of teaching at the swim school were outstanding. The proposal to close the hydrotherapy pool was of concern as it would affect children and parents and there was no comparative facility and teaching available for children with physical disabilities at Seven Hills School. Children received substantial benefits from swimming and being in the water.

The reasons given for the proposal to close the pool were cost and the upkeep associated with the pool. However, the Shoals swim school had offered to meet the running costs of the pool and to provide a day each week when they would give free swimming lessons to children at the school. Shoals swim school also offered work experience and former students worked at the pool as lifeguards. Parents were devastated at the prospect of the pool closing and were not satisfied with the explanation given for the closure of the pool. It was considered that the benefits of the pool outweighed those of the alternative gym facilities, which it was proposed was put in place of the pool.

Lisa Siddall referred to the dedication of the Shoals swim school team to enable a girl with cerebral palsy to swim and achieve 200 metres and who was learning to dive. Swimming was endorsed as one of the most beneficial forms of exercise. She said that she had started the petition so that the decision could be looked at in more depth and consideration given as to how the pool might be kept open.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. Councillor Dunn stated that the existing pool was a cold water pool and a hydrotherapy pool needed to be heated to a higher temperature. A new hydrotherapy pool would be installed as part of the redevelopment of the space at the school and which would be operational for two and a half days each week. While the redevelopment was taking place, children would be given access to alternative provision off site, so that hydrotherapy for children could continue. The redeveloped gym facility would also provide other types of movement activity for children such as rebound therapy.

Councillor Dunn said that she would be examining SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) provision in Sheffield and how there could be more joined up working in this regard and she would also work with Councillor Mary Lea (the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure) to enable really good provision across the City.

### 3.2 Public Questions

#### 3.2.1 Public Question Concerning Somaliland

Kaltum Elmi informed Members of the Council about the effect of a cyclone which had hit Somaliland and would cause many people there to be affected by hunger and thirst and the country was already in a period of drought. She said that Sheffield had made a big difference to people in Somaliland by generously raising funds for the poorest people there.

She said that a community fast-breaking event would be held on 8 June to help raise money for people in Somaliland and she asked whether the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor and city councillors would be able to attend.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded and stated that the question had highlighted the tragic events that were taking place and which were affecting people in Somaliland. She congratulated people on their efforts in fundraising so far and in organising the forthcoming event on 8 June. She said that, whilst she could not provide an answer with regard to the availability of the Deputy Lord Mayor to attend the event, she was sure that he would consider the invitation and that other councillors would also do the same.

#### 3.2.2 Public Question Concerning Arrangements for Council Meetings

Andy Barclay asked why the Council had moved the start time of meetings of full Council from 5pm to 2pm, which would mean that some people wishing to attend the meeting might not be able to attend or had to book time off work to do so.

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, responded that in 2017 the Council began a trial period of changes to meetings of full Council and as part of this, the start time of Council moved from 2pm to 5pm. A Working Group, comprising all of the political

parties represented on the Council, considered the changes and it was decided and agreed by all parties, following the trial period, to return to a start time of 2pm. There were plans to look at webcasting meetings in the coming months and this would enable a greater number of people to view and engage with meetings. She said that it was recognised that 2pm was a difficult time for some people to attend meetings. However, the majority of Members had agreed to move the start time of Council meetings back to 2pm from the temporary time of 5pm.

### 3.2.3 Public Question Concerning Gleadless Valley Regeneration

Carrie Hedderwick asked questions concerning the Gleadless Valley regeneration, namely, what were the emerging plans and did this include demolition and new build; and a question with regard to the consultation costs and who was doing the consultation. She referred to the recent screening in Gleadless Valley of a film entitled *Dispossession – the great social housing swindle*.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that both he and Councillor Jack Scott were due to attend a screening of the film but he apologised that in the event they were unable to because of another meeting and he hoped to be able to see the film at another time. The Gleadless Valley regeneration was at the beginning of the process, in terms of setting out the consultation process, the commissioning of a consultant and looking at how to use community grant funding which was available. A panel had been set up involving local councillors, to do that. A consultant would be engaged in the next two weeks.

Councillor Steinke said that with regard to the specific questions asked, whilst he could not be specific at this stage, where accommodation was poor it may be that demolition would take place. He said that he also hoped there would be new build. However, it was early in the process and it was really important to respect the tenants and residents and not to make people anxious.

### 3.2.4 Public Question Concerning Special Olympics

Adam Butcher asked what the Council was doing with regard to the legacy of the Special Olympics in 2017.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, stated that the Special Olympics was a great success and the athletes were great ambassadors for Sheffield and it had a positive economic and reputational effect. The Council worked closely with the voluntary sector and with parents to help young athletes with learning disabilities. Discussions were also taking place with SIV (Sheffield International Venues) with regard to the enhancement of facilities and services and to address barriers which existed for disabled people.

Councillor Lea said that the Council would work across the City where there was sports provision and look for every opportunity to improve access for

people with learning disabilities. She said that she was aware that a group did use the Olive Grove site. Councillor Lea also stated that she would very much like to see the Special Olympics back in Sheffield again in the future.

### 3.2.5 Public Question Concerning Accessible Accommodation and Safety

Martha Foulds referred to the recent heart breaking death of Sakineh Afrasiabi, a partially sighted woman who had lived on eighteenth floor of the Grenfell Tower, despite Kensington and Chelsea Council saying that she should not be located more than four floors above ground level. She asked what steps Sheffield City Council had taken to ensure that older and disabled people in Council-owned and Council managed properties were able to safely evacuate in an emergency.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that the events and fire which had occurred relating to Grenfell Tower were very tragic and there was an ongoing investigation into how the events might have been avoided and the lessons to be learned.

He said that an extensive briefing note had been prepared on this issue and he would be pleased to let the questioner have a copy of it. At present, Sheffield had a stay-put policy in respect of flats and tower blocks and this would not change until the Council was informed to the contrary by the Government or the Fire and Rescue Service. The stay-put policy had been effective in previous incidents of fires in the City and which had been contained.

He said that extensive fire protection work had been done in respect of flats in Sheffield and he was satisfied that tower blocks were as safe as they could be at this point in time. There was a question of how any further additional protection work would be funded. It had already been agreed to implement sprinklers in all tower blocks in Sheffield.

The Hackitt report had recently been produced in relation to the Grenfell Tower and the Council was looking at the implications of that report and following which a further briefing note was to be produced. The issue was also likely to be considered by a Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to look at the implications and policy.

As regards disabled people or those with special needs, a suitability assessment was undertaken and, if a tower block was safe, it was not for the local authority to prohibit people from living in a certain place if they were able to. He said that in terms of the future of tower blocks, many people liked living in them, and also on the higher floors, including disabled people and it was important that people felt that it was safe to do so.

Councillor Steinke undertook to send a copy of the report to the questioner and Members of the Council.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Legal Proceedings

Dave Dillner asked at what point the Leader of the Council became involved in discussions concerning legal proceedings relating to Court injunctions for trespass in tree work safety zones.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, said that this was the subject of an ongoing legal case and her response would be made in that context. She pointed out that politicians took policy decisions and Council officers took decisions relating to individual Court action. She said that she had been continuously briefed on the matter and issues relating to the protests concerning trees, which had been ongoing for some time. She had been briefed by officers since this first became an issue and the newly appointed Cabinet Member was also briefed upon taking office, as the previous Cabinet Member had been.

Councillor Dore said that on Tuesday, 5 June she had been contacted following a request for clarification from the Judge to ask whether she agreed to the case being brought forward and her reply was that she did. She said that she respected the process that was followed and which had led to the decision and she believed it was important that the process was respected. The Council was involved in many legal actions relating to a range of issues and it would be a dangerous precedent to set for elected members to make decisions about the bringing forward of cases against individuals. It was right that decisions were made independently and objectively by professional Council officers.

3.2.7 Public Question Concerning Blue Badges

Graham Wroe made reference to an article in the Sheffield Star dated 6 June 2018, which reported that a disabled woman was refused a blue badge renewal and would have to wait four months without a badge, until an appeal was heard. He said that, since new regulations had come into force, it seemed that many people previously considered eligible for a blue badge were not now considered disabled enough to get a blue badge. This particularly concerned people with conditions such as ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome which might have fluctuating symptoms. He asked the following questions:

Is there a quota of how many blue badges Sheffield City Council could now issue each year; would it not be possible to extend a blue badge to the date of the appeal, if it was being refused; and should not applicants with conditions with fluctuating symptoms be assessed on their capabilities on their worst day, rather than their best day?

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that he found that in the UK, at present, there was a hostile environment with regard to many disabled people. Many Councillors had constituents who were subject to a review of a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and also in relation to benefits and workplace capability and other policy measures.

There was no quota for blue badges and the Council would not support that. The Council had recently responded to Government consultation on the implementation of blue badges and had made it clear that blue badges should be awarded on the basis of need. He agreed that it would be preferable (if indeed, it was in the Council's gift) to extend the use of a blue badge until an appeal had been heard and had been resolved. However, blue badges were subject to strict national guidelines, which governed the implementation of the blue badge scheme.

Councillor Scott said that he believed that people should be assessed for their worst condition and the extent to which they needed to use a blue badge for that condition. In relation to people with long term conditions, the blue badge scheme at present relied upon a physical medical model of disability rather than a social model of disability, which put people at a further disadvantage when they had to effectively prove the extent of their disability, which he believed was wrong. He was planning to meet with disability groups in relation to this issue as, despite national government guidelines, there were potential options about how the scheme was implemented in Sheffield and he was determined that the Council did all that it could to make it as fair as possible for people with disabilities.

### 3.2.8 Public Question Concerning Subject Matter of Notices of Motion

Nigel Slack referred to Notices of Motion included on the Council Summons and asked whether the Council would undertake to make the effort to ensure that at least one of the majority group's motions tackled issues of national and international concern, rather than being of a party political nature.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that the Council agenda for this meeting included a Notice of Motion concerning transport, which was a high profile issue nationally and certainly for the north of England; and secondly, a Motion concerning Fracking, which was also of both local and national importance and these were issues that she believed were of public interest.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, added that in relation to the Motion concerning transport, it was right that the Council put forward a range of celebrations and issues about things which were going well in the City.

### 3.2.9 Public Question Concerning the General Cemetery

Nigel Slack made reference to the General Cemetery and to concerns relating to previous decisions made at the time the original lease was granted and over the ownership of the Anglican Chapel within the grounds. He said there were plans which indicated that the Council retained access rights from Cemetery Road, along the top of the grounds and as far as the Anglican Chapel. He said this indicated an area that could accommodate vehicle access and parking.

Mr Slack asked whether the Council would commit to excluding any further commercial exploitation of this sensitive listed location.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development said that on the question of planning policy and whether the Council would remove its requirement for disabled parking places in particular, he wished to make it clear that he would not support a change to planning policy which excluded people with disabilities. The position regarding the Cemetery was one that was supported by a number of groups, including Sheffield Disabled People Against the Cuts, Disability Sheffield and wheelchair user groups. Seeking the views of such groups as those representing disabled people was important as regards the development of an inclusive planning policy.

He said that, in this case, in respect of both disabled parking spaces and the broader commerciality, the planning policy was right and the Planning and Highways Committee had formed a fair, inclusive and sustainable decision. He said that the City's natural and built heritage were assets for everyone and the Council would not support a change in policy which excluded disabled people from being able to benefit from them.

### 3.2.10 Public Question Concerning the Old Town Hall

Nigel Slack said that it was nearly 11 months since the Council allocated monies to carry out vital and urgent repairs to the Old Town Hall roof and since that time, the building had been subject to another winter and rain that would have undoubtedly caused yet more damage to the roof and interior.

He said that, despite the fact that the Friend's group had undertaken significant structural analysis of the building, the Council had spent money on further surveys to find the same results as provided by the Friend's group and he said that he suspected it would be spending more money on a Quantity Surveyor and tender process before the work was carried out.

Mr Slack asked the following questions:

1. How much has been spent on the Council's surveys?
2. What is expected to be the costs of the Quantity Surveyor and tender process?
3. How much money will be left in the allocated budget for the actual work?
4. Will this desperately needed work start before the anniversary of the money being made available?

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment, responded that he would be pleased to provide to Mr Slack the report relating Castlegate. This concerned the wider regeneration of the area and not only the Old Town Hall building. The Council did not own the Old Town Hall building. It was owned by a private developer. Resources that the Council was making available related to the use of powers to take the landlord to court to gain access to the building. He said that he was in contact with the Friends Group and City Councillors were members of the Castle Regeneration Board.



He said that the Old Town Hall was an historic building and it required people with the necessary technical expertise to look at it as there could potentially be materials present, including asbestos. Therefore, an element of the resource which the Council was making available was to carry out a survey. He said that he did not know what the costs were of remedial works and so was not able to give any commitment at this time.

Councillor Iqbal said that it was important that the use of public funds followed the proper process, one of which was a legal process and, if the landlord did not respond, works could be carried out and if necessary, a charge would be put on the building to recover costs at such a time as it was sold. However, the precise details of the damage to the building were not known. Structural Engineers were to examine the building this month and would provide a report as to the work that was required. So far, £1,500 had been spent on the work.

Councillor Iqbal stated that he would like for Mr Slack to have the full facts, so he might ask questions in relation to this matter. The Council was doing everything possible. There was a Board, consisting of a number of stakeholders, including the Friends of the Old Town Hall. Further information would be made available following the survey and Mr Slack could be included on the mailing list for this issue to ensure he received the relevant up to date information.

### 3.2.11 Public Question Concerning Midland Railway Station

Nigel Slack stated that in a response to an enquiry concerning the works being carried out at the Midland Station, the relevant Cabinet Member responded on social media that "I am not in a position to discuss this". He commented that work to a listed building so prominent to visitors to the city was of public interest and asked what works were being carried out there and why there had been a curious response from the Cabinet Member.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, said that he had answered a question concerning this topic online and he had said that he was not in a position to comment as he wanted people to know that he was not ignoring the question that had been addressed to him.

He said there were several pieces of legislation, including the 1845 Railway Clauses Consolidation Act and 1898 Midland Railways Act, which governed the law in the area in and around the railway station. Network Rail had a statutory duty to ensure that railway infrastructure and stations were safe and which included taking necessary steps to protect them from attacks based on an assessment of the threat.

Councillor Scott said that there were permitted development rights under the legislation and statutory obligations and that Network Rail was not required to refer to the Council as Planning Authority to make changes to the station for that type of reason, although the Council's planning team had engaged with Network Rail in relation to design and construction. He said that further

questions on this matter were probably best directed to Network Rail or to the Government.

### 3.2.12 Public Question Concerning Social Media

Nigel Slack stated that on social media there had been incidents of Councillors utilising 'fake' identities to 'Troll' other users and he commented on disrespectful comments by councillors on social media. He asked how this potential action would fit with the Council's Code of Conduct and the Nolan principles of public life; and whether it was time that Councillors and officers were required to declare any and all public media profiles that they have.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, said that she believed that it might be very difficult to enforce a position whereby people were required to declare public media profiles if these 'fake' identities were anonymous. However, she did take the point that Mr Slack had raised seriously. She was not aware of particular occurrences, but if there were Members who had allegedly made disrespectful comments through fake identities and they were in effect 'trolling' others, which was in a sense a form of bullying and intimidation, then this was not acceptable.

Councillor Dore advised that, if Mr Slack could show where this had occurred and had evidence, he could put this through the Council's procedure for complaints about elected members and consideration would be given as to whether there was a potential breach of the Code of Conduct.

## **4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### 4.1 Urgent Business

- 4.1.1 With the permission of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid), Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed asked the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) the following questions relating to urgent business, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii):-

To ask the Leader of the Council when she was asked to support and give her approval for the legal proceedings to commit four tree campaigners to the High Court in Sheffield and to ask the Leader of the Council when she informed her cabinet colleagues, including Cllr Dagnall, that she had been involved and had given her approval for the legal proceedings to commit four tree campaigners to the High Court in Sheffield?

- 4.1.2 In response, Councillor Dore indicated that she had provided an answer on this matter earlier at the meeting, when responding to the public question asked by Mr. Dillner.

### 4.2 Questions

- 4.2.1 A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with

Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated. Supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members until the expiry of the 30 minute time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

4.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

4.3.1 Questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6i) were not able to be asked before the expiry of the 30 minute time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "RECENT TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS AND INVESTMENT IN SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHELLE COOK**

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, and seconded by Councillor Michelle Cook, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent innovations and changes in how people are able to travel throughout Sheffield and believes that, under this Administration, travelling in the city is becoming more integrated and greener;
- (b) notes the recent success of the Ofo bikes, which are proving so popular that the innovative bike sharing scheme is now the country's second largest outside of London;
- (c) notes that this Administration is investing £1.9 million to provide cleaner buses and bring them up to the E6 standard, which will in turn be one of the best standards set outside of London;
- (d) further notes that record investment in tackling air pollution in Sheffield is now underway with the beginnings of £1.3m investment from the "Early Measures Fund" to help transform the City's air;
- (e) notes that the funding secured from the Early Measures Fund is a direct result of this Administration's successful lobbying in order to meet the ambitious standards set out in its Air Quality Strategy;
- (f) notes that under this Administration, the Council will be making Sheffield's largest ever investment in specific Air Quality Measures;
- (g) recalls the miserly £5,000 of investment for electric taxis proposed by the Green Group in its budget amendments for 2017/18, and that this is in the sharpest possible contrast to the actions from this Administration who have secured around £500,000 to electrify and revolutionise Sheffield's taxi fleet for the year ahead;

- (h) notes under this Administration we have seen the opening of the first new park and ride of recent years through IKEA and celebrates its popularity, convenience and environmental impact;
- (i) believes that the Better Bus funding agreement will make journeys quicker and more reliable and prioritise public transport;
- (j) notes that this Administration's Clean Air strategy commits the Council to working alongside the city's bus companies to improve the bus fleet and reduce emissions through replacement low-emission buses or re-powering vehicles with cleaner engine technology;
- (k) further notes that as part of the Clean Air Strategy the Administration is rolling out anti-idling zones outside schools, and other targeted locations, and is establishing 20mph speed limits across the city centre to make roads safer and to encourage more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling and walking;
- (l) notes the decisions last month by the Council's Cabinet to invest £2.5m in cycle infrastructure and invest in new schemes for pedestrians;
- (m) highlights that the new Parking Strategy has put environment issues at its core, encouraging active modes of transport and, in addition, that attention should be drawn to the highly successful first ever "+1" scheme which encouraged public transport use in to the city centre in the weeks running up to Christmas;
- (n) believes that the new transport vision and strategy is likely to further revolutionise travel in the city, and is encouraged that this strategy will be going to Cabinet in the near future;
- (o) notes that a future Labour government would bring the railways back into public ownership and believes that it is becoming increasingly clear that rail privatisation has been a terrible deal for passengers and UK taxpayers, as further demonstrated recently with rail services on the East Coast Mainline needing to be brought under government control following the abject failure of the current franchise;
- (p) welcomes that the East Coast Mainline rail service will once again be ran publically, and hopes that the line is not returned to another private provider to once again provide a failed service;
- (q) notes that this Administration has called for greater powers for local authorities to determine the type of bus services that should be delivered locally, including the possibility of running bus services "in-house"; and
- (r) expresses its warm congratulations to the first directly elected mayor for the Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis M.P., and welcomes the opportunities that this may provide for bus re-regulation and greater regional transport integration.

- 5.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Jack Scott), the Motion as published on the agenda was altered by the substitution, in paragraph (g), of the words “electric taxis” for the words “electric taxi leasing”.)
- 5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, 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) welcomes the apparent conversion by the Administration to the Liberal Democrat “prochoice” transport policy, but regrets this is rather late in the day;
  - (b) is concerned that the reality remains that the present Administration is “anti-car”;
  - (c) welcomes the success of this and previous administrations in obtaining, usually through competitive bids, central government time-limited funding for Sheffield and South Yorkshire, but notes that such funding does nothing to address the long term funding injustice between London and the South East, and the “North”;
  - (d) notes the value that trees play in tackling air quality and is dismayed by the current Administration’s policy, which this Council believes to be reckless, of felling healthy street trees despite recommendations by the Independent Tree Panel that these much valued trees can be saved via accepted engineering solutions;
  - (e) remains concerned at the failure of the Labour Party in South Yorkshire and the Labour administration of this Council to unlock long-term funding of £30 million per annum over 30 years (£900 million in total), by means of the City Region Devolution deal and notes that, so far, £2.3 million of Sheffield City Region funding is unspent;
  - (f) is concerned that the opportunities for holding the Administration to account and to hear from and influence officers with respect to transport policies and plans has been reduced by centralising their decision making after abolishing Community Assemblies, and notes that a Liberal Democrat administration would reverse this situation in order to demonstrate truth, trust and transparency in decision making that our city badly needs;
  - (g) emphasises the value and importance of small local transport schemes with the object of removing short local journeys by car, particularly the school run, and accordingly is very concerned that a policy for the use of community infrastructure levy monies, amounting to £494,532 as of 31st December 2017, has still not been approved;

- (h) expresses surprise at the investment of £694,000 in the City Centre 20mph zone as a priority, when so many other local roads in all wards in the City are more suitable for such schemes - average speed in the city centre is less than 20mph, and roads which are more prone to accidents are not included;
- (i) is concerned that plans on paper don't equal real action on the ground and calls for a complete review of transport and parking services in order to ensure that the services are "fit for purpose";
- (j) agrees with targeted road capacity improvements which are necessary to ensure economic and productivity growth, but believes these will only succeed if private car users make a positive choice to use alternative modes of transport, otherwise congestion will continue to increase in the long run;
- (k) is very concerned, therefore, at the failure of the Sheffield Bus Partnership to increase bus passenger numbers and believes that any "reasons" advanced for this are no more than excuses, and no amount of "innovation and investment" will succeed without a regular, reliable, affordable, integrated, stable, environmentally-friendly and expanding bus network, and that, sadly, such a service appears to be increasingly absent from all areas of Sheffield; and
- (l) believes that the Labour Party are rather late converts to the cause of bus reregulation, in recent years having done nothing in office locally, and little nationally, to make reregulation a realistic possibility.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (r):-

"and will hold the Mayor to account for his manifesto promises to 'use regulatory powers, and eventually franchising, to improve bus services' and 'work with all transport operators to introduce an integrated ticketing system across all public transport'; and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (s) to (v) as follows:-
  - (s) congratulates this Administration and the Labour Party on their new-found support for the long standing local and national Green Party transport policies such as a 20 mph limit for the city centre; support for low emission taxis; investment in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure; public ownership of the rail network and re-regulation of bus services;
  - (t) is disappointed by Council plans to invest in the widening of roads in Kelham Island and Heeley using the 'predict and provide' principle which was discredited in the 1998 White Paper: A New Deal for Transport as

being likely to lead to worse traffic congestion and air quality in the long term;

- (u) hopes that unlike the Council's two previous Air Quality Action Plans, the vision and strategies in this Motion are followed through effectively and the people of Sheffield feel the benefits of less congestion, cleaner air and better accessibility; and
- (v) looks forward to more green transport policies being taken up by this Council, such as the opening and re-opening of railway stations and lines, the introduction of more segregated cycle routes and the return of the Freebee city-centre bus service.

5.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Jack Scott, the amendment moved by Councillor Ian Auckland was put to the vote and was negated.

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Robert Murphy was then put to the vote and was also negated.

5.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Mike Levery voted for part 1 and against part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent innovations and changes in how people are able to travel throughout Sheffield and believes that, under this Administration, travelling in the city is becoming more integrated and greener;
- (b) notes the recent success of the Ofo bikes, which are proving so popular that the innovative bike sharing scheme is now the country's second largest outside of London;
- (c) notes that this Administration is investing £1.9 million to provide cleaner buses and bring them up to the E6 standard, which will in turn be one of the best standards set outside of London;
- (d) further notes that record investment in tackling air pollution in Sheffield is now underway with the beginnings of £1.3m investment from the "Early Measures Fund" to help transform the City's air;
- (e) notes that the funding secured from the Early Measures Fund is a direct result of this Administration's successful lobbying in order to meet the ambitious standards set out in its Air Quality Strategy;

- (f) notes that under this Administration, the Council will be making Sheffield's largest ever investment in specific Air Quality Measures;
- (g) recalls the miserly £5,000 of investment for electric taxis proposed by the Green Group in its budget amendments for 2017/18, and that this is in the sharpest possible contrast to the actions from this Administration who have secured around £500,000 to electrify and revolutionise Sheffield's taxi fleet for the year ahead;
- (h) notes under this Administration we have seen the opening of the first new park and ride of recent years through IKEA and celebrates its popularity, convenience and environmental impact;
- (i) believes that the Better Bus funding agreement will make journeys quicker and more reliable and prioritise public transport;
- (j) notes that this Administration's Clean Air strategy commits the Council to working alongside the city's bus companies to improve the bus fleet and reduce emissions through replacement low-emission buses or re-powering vehicles with cleaner engine technology;
- (k) further notes that as part of the Clean Air Strategy the Administration is rolling out anti-idling zones outside schools, and other targeted locations, and is establishing 20mph speed limits across the city centre to make roads safer and to encourage more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling and walking;
- (l) notes the decisions last month by the Council's Cabinet to invest £2.5m in cycle infrastructure and invest in new schemes for pedestrians;
- (m) highlights that the new Parking Strategy has put environment issues at its core, encouraging active modes of transport and, in addition, that attention should be drawn to the highly successful first ever "+1" scheme which encouraged public transport use in to the city centre in the weeks running up to Christmas;
- (n) believes that the new transport vision and strategy is likely to further revolutionise travel in the city, and is encouraged that this strategy will be going to Cabinet in the near future;
- (o) notes that a future Labour government would bring the railways back into public ownership and believes that it is becoming increasingly clear that rail privatisation has been a terrible deal for passengers and UK taxpayers, as further demonstrated recently with rail services on the East Coast Mainline needing to be brought under government control following the abject failure of the current franchise;
- (p) welcomes that the East Coast Mainline rail service will once again be ran publically, and hopes that the line is not returned to another private



provider to once again provide a failed service;

- (q) notes that this Administration has called for greater powers for local authorities to determine the type of bus services that should be delivered locally, including the possibility of running bus services “in-house”; and
- (r) expresses its warm congratulations to the first directly elected mayor for the Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis M.P., and welcomes the opportunities that this may provide for bus re-regulation and greater regional transport integration.

5.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Mike Levery voted for paragraph (b) and against paragraphs (a) and (c) to (r) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (f), (i) to (n) and (p) to (r), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g), (h) and (o) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

3. Councillors Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (h) to (r), and abstained from voting on paragraph (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO IMPOSE FRACKING ON SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARK JONES AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOYA O'ROURKE**

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and seconded by Councillor Moya O'Rourke, that this Council:-

- (a) believes local communities do not want fracking in their area and that the locally elected Labour Administration have supported our communities' ability to decide what the future of fracking should be in their areas, rather than having to endure the diktats from on high by an over-zealous Government;
- (b) supports the actions of local community groups, such as Sheffield Climate Alliance, Frack Free South Yorkshire and Mosborough Against Fracking in opposing the policy framework initiated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition government in what this Council believed to be its wholly reckless and irresponsible dash for shale gas;
- (c) believes Britain urgently needs a renewable energy revolution and

supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking, and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities; in contrast to the Conservative Party's apparent fixation on shale gas - regardless of evidence, public opinion or the impacts this will have on local communities;

- (d) notes with bitter disappointment that the Government have recently announced a series of measures to support the development of shale gas extraction which are being imposed on local communities, local councils and local wishes, to force through changes at the behest of fracking companies;
- (e) notes that at present, decisions on shale gas exploration planning applications have a statutory time frame of 16 weeks where an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, and that the stated aim of the new measures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is supposedly in order to meet these time frames;
- (f) believes, however, that all applications where an EIA is required already have significant central government provisions over performance - including Right of Appeal against timely non-determination, call-ins, and special measures designation, and therefore begs the question that with such powers already in place why does fracking require more?;
- (g) contends that the emphasis and support for all types of planning applications should be a government priority, including addressing the long standing delays in the planning inspectorate, and, furthermore, as delays in the Planning Inspectorate system are a big problem on all fronts, believes it is likely that other schemes, such as prioritising housing and strategic infrastructure planning, will suffer delays if fracking is given special and preferential treatment;
- (h) believes that giving fracking special treatment will be counter-productive as it will reinforce public concerns that government wants to press on with fracking regardless of public opinion or evidence on the potential environmental and health impacts;
- (i) believes that the Government's measures appear to be a toxic combination of caving into the fracking industry and reinforcing existing bad policy, which will set a dangerous precedent in taking away local decision making on planning decisions;
- (j) contends that it is scandalous to take away local decision making powers and put it in the hands of government ministers and that such a change will likely see fracking unfairly imposed on areas against the will of local communities; and
- (k) reaffirms the Administration's commitment to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so, and laments that

the Government's changes appear to make it increasingly hard for local authorities to exercise democratic oversight and control over the planning process.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (k) as new paragraphs (b) to (j); and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (p) as follows:-
  - (k) notes the Liberal Democrats' May 2017 manifesto statement that: we "oppose fracking because of its adverse impact on climate change, the energy mix, and the local environment.";
  - (l) also notes the Lib Dem commitment to double green electricity generation to 60 percent by 2030;
  - (m) supports the work that local residents' and campaign groups have undertaken within the City to highlight the impact of fracking on our natural environment;
  - (n) notes the work done by Lib Dem councillors and campaigners in engaging with residents across the City to seek their views on fracking, in particular with a residents' survey where 1381 households responded with 86 percent against fracking;
  - (o) contrasts this with the pro-fracking position held by the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge who commented, "I don't think those fears are justified at all. I spent a number of years attending meetings, listening to both sides of the debate, including the Environment Agency, Public Health England and the Heath and Safety Executive, and I am absolutely convinced that with the right regulatory framework there is no reason to fear [fracking]"; and
  - (p) therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge setting out this Council's opposition to fracking and expressing our disappointment on the pro-fracking position that she has taken on this vital issue affecting our city's environment.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) and (m) as follows:-

- (l) congratulates the Labour Party on their new-found support for long standing local and national Green Party policies such as supporting renewable technology and opposing fracking; and

- (m) notes the action taking place up and down the country against fracking, and supports their right to peacefully protest against administrations unfairly imposing policy against the will of local communities.
- 6.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Mark Jones, the amendment moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan was put to the vote and was negated.
- 6.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (o) and (p) of part 2 of the amendment and against part 1 and paragraphs (k) to (n) of part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was negated, with the exception of the proposed new paragraph (m), which was carried.
- 6.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Mike Levery. voted for paragraph (m) and against paragraph (l) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 6.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes local communities do not want fracking in their area and that the locally elected Labour Administration have supported our communities' ability to decide what the future of fracking should be in their areas, rather than having to endure the diktats from on high by an over-zealous Government;
- (b) supports the actions of local community groups, such as Sheffield Climate Alliance, Frack Free South Yorkshire and Mosborough Against Fracking in opposing the policy framework initiated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition government in what this Council believed to be its wholly reckless and irresponsible dash for shale gas;
- (c) believes Britain urgently needs a renewable energy revolution and supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking, and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities; in contrast to the Conservative Party's apparent fixation on shale gas - regardless of evidence, public opinion or the impacts this will have on local communities;
- (d) notes with bitter disappointment that the Government have recently

announced a series of measures to support the development of shale gas extraction which are being imposed on local communities, local councils and local wishes, to force through changes at the behest of fracking companies;

- (e) notes that at present, decisions on shale gas exploration planning applications have a statutory time frame of 16 weeks where an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, and that the stated aim of the new measures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is supposedly in order to meet these time frames;
- (f) believes, however, that all applications where an EIA is required already have significant central government provisions over performance - including Right of Appeal against timely non-determination, call-ins, and special measures designation, and therefore begs the question that with such powers already in place why does fracking require more?;
- (g) contends that the emphasis and support for all types of planning applications should be a government priority, including addressing the long standing delays in the planning inspectorate, and, furthermore, as delays in the Planning Inspectorate system are a big problem on all fronts, believes it is likely that other schemes, such as prioritising housing and strategic infrastructure planning, will suffer delays if fracking is given special and preferential treatment;
- (h) believes that giving fracking special treatment will be counter-productive as it will reinforce public concerns that government wants to press on with fracking regardless of public opinion or evidence on the potential environmental and health impacts;
- (i) believes that the Government's measures appear to be a toxic combination of caving into the fracking industry and reinforcing existing bad policy, which will set a dangerous precedent in taking away local decision making on planning decisions;
- (j) contends that it is scandalous to take away local decision making powers and put it in the hands of government ministers and that such a change will likely see fracking unfairly imposed on areas against the will of local communities;
- (k) reaffirms the Administration's commitment to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so, and laments that the Government's changes appear to make it increasingly hard for local authorities to exercise democratic oversight and control over the planning process; and
- (l) notes the action taking place up and down the country against fracking, and supports their right to peacefully protest against administrations unfairly imposing policy against the will of local communities.

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

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| For paragraphs (a) and (c) to (l) of the Substantive Motion (75)                     | - | The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood. |
| Against paragraphs (a) and (c) to (l) of the Substantive Motion (0)                  | - | Nil   |
| Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) and (c) to (l) of the Substantive Motion (1) | - | The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).  |
| For paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (58)                                     | - | The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis  |

Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (17) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on paragraph (b) of the Substantive Motion (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT DECISION MAKING AT SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks everyone involved in the running of this year's local elections and thanks the people of Sheffield for exercising their right to vote;
- (b) notes that this Council moved to a strong leader and cabinet model of governance under provisions within the Local Government Act 2000 introduced by the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair's government, and believes that recently it has been clear that there is a disconnect between the Executive and backbench councillors at this Council;
- (c) notes that under the powers of the Localism Act 2011, Sheffield City Council has the ability to move from the current system of strong leader and cabinet to a committee system of governance;
- (d) notes that since the Localism Act 2011 came into law a number of councils have chosen to move to a committee system and more are considering the change;

- (e) notes that when the Liberal Democrats were in control of Sheffield City Council, the Localism Act had not yet come into law and therefore were unable to use its powers to change the council structure at the time;
- (f) notes that even Labour councillors have called in decisions made by their own Cabinet and Cabinet Members, for example, the executive decisions made on the development of Central Library and Mount Pleasant;
- (g) believes that, currently, too many decisions that affect local people are not transparent and are made away from public scrutiny, and introducing a committee system would mean that decision making would be more transparent and help to restore public confidence in Sheffield City Council;
- (h) resolves to investigate a switch to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few; allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures; and
- (i) believes that there is a better, different way for a city council to operate and that this motion demonstrates that it is possible, even in difficult times, to be responsive and work with local people.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows:-

- (b) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);
- (c) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the strong leader/Cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;
- (d) notes that all Core Cities and authorities in Yorkshire use the Strong Leader Model – except those who have a directly elected Mayor;
- (e) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or conducive to open decision making than the current system, a position agreed with by the CPS, and regrets that despite claiming that moving to a committee system would increase transparency, and public scrutiny of



decision making, the mover of the Motion fails to articulate how a committee system would improve this;

- (f) notes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for oversight and scrutiny available to Members; and
- (g) further, notes that this Administration has a strong record of continuously improving transparency and public engagement and highlights that last year's budget consultation had significantly increased participation from the public, and notes the on-going changes and reviewing of Council meetings to improve public engagement.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) to (i) as new paragraphs (g) to (j):-

- (f) notes that only 4 out of 10 voters supported the current Administration, yet all 10 members of the Cabinet have been selected from the ruling group;

7.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Tony Damms was put to the vote and was carried.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) thanks everyone involved in the running of this year's local elections and thanks the people of Sheffield for exercising their right to vote;
- (b) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);
- (c) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the strong leader/Cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;

- (d) notes that all Core Cities and authorities in Yorkshire use the Strong Leader Model – except those who have a directly elected Mayor;
- (e) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or conducive to open decision making than the current system, a position agreed with by the CPS, and regrets that despite claiming that moving to a committee system would increase transparency, and public scrutiny of decision making, the mover of the Motion fails to articulate how a committee system would improve this;
- (f) notes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for oversight and scrutiny available to Members; and
- (g) further, notes that this Administration has a strong record of continuously improving transparency and public engagement and highlights that last year's budget consultation had significantly increased participation from the public, and notes the on-going changes and reviewing of Council meetings to improve public engagement.

7.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Mike Levery voted for paragraph (a) and against paragraphs (b) to (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded: and

2. Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraph (a), against paragraphs (e) and (g), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (f) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROMOTING HEALTH AND REDUCING CONSUMPTION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KALTUM RIVERS**

8.1 It was moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the world-wide scourge of modern society consuming and disposing of large amounts of single-use plastic;
- (b) notes the recent analysis of public health data by the Local Government Association showing that one in 25 school children aged 10 or 11 are severely obese;
- (c) notes that tooth decay in children is a strong indicator of inequality and has a serious adverse effect on childhood health and life chances,

leading to school absence and unnecessary surgery;

- (d) notes that Green Group councillors asked for the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to look at the issue of dental health in 2017;
- (e) notes that the Green Group budget amendment in 2018 included a proposal to introduce drinking water fountains in the city centre and major parks, helping to improve health and reduce consumption of disposable plastics; and
- (f) therefore welcomes the introduction of new publicly accessible drinking fountains in Sheffield City Centre.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale, 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) notes that this Administration has recently outlined a series of measures to tackle sugar, junk food and obesity in Sheffield;
- (e) further notes that in March, Cabinet took the decision to approve the Food and Wellbeing Strategy which includes a measure to resist sponsorship from junk food companies and to stop such adverts near schools, where the Council has the power to do so;
- (f) notes that this Administration's Food and Wellbeing Strategy aims to create a low sugar Sheffield to reduce diet-related ill-health including obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay, and that, in particular, the Strategy sets out to tackle obesity and children's dental health in the 20 percent most deprived areas of Sheffield;
- (g) notes that the plan will also see healthier food and drinks in Council leisure centres and park cafes, and that this builds on the successful GULP (Giving Up Loving Pop) campaign in schools, which encourages young people, their families and school staff to give up sugary drinks; and
- (h) believes that public provision of drinking water is an important initiative, both for the reduction of single-use plastics and for health, and acknowledges the Green Party's praise of the Labour administration's work towards this.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, 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 Liberal Democrats' May 2017 manifesto included pledges to:-
    - (i) pass a Zero Waste Act, including legally-binding targets for reducing net consumption of key natural resources, and introducing incentives for businesses to improve resource efficiency;
    - (ii) benefit consumers by promoting better product design to improve reparability, reuse and recycling;
    - (iii) establish a statutory waste recycling target of 70% in England and extend separate food waste collections to at least 90% of homes by 2022; and
    - (iv) build on the success of our plastic bag charge, by introducing a 5p charge on disposable coffee cups to reduce waste;
  - (b) notes that the Liberal Democrat 2018 local manifesto included commitments to:-
    - (i) introduce a 'Keep Sheffield Green' fund – an additional pot of money for local communities to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment, e.g. street tree retention, cycle routes, recycling;
    - (ii) extend the recycling of plastics and make it easier for residents to recycle plastic, e.g. by requiring the Council's contractor to undertake more separation;
    - (iii) investigate reverse-vending for plastic bottle returns and encouraging water bottle re-filling points in public places and businesses, and explore the collection of food waste for composting; and
    - (iv) increase the number of green bin collections in the autumn and promote the take up of the service to households across the city; and
  - (c) therefore asks this Administration to "put the protection of the environment at the heart of policies across all areas of local government".
- 8.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Douglas Johnson, the amendment moved by Councillor Mary Lea was put to the vote and was carried.
- 8.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for paragraphs (d) to (g) of the amendment, and abstained from voting on paragraph (h) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Colin Ross was then put to the vote and was negated, with the exception of the proposed new paragraph (c), which was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the world-wide scourge of modern society consuming and disposing of large amounts of single-use plastic;
- (b) notes the recent analysis of public health data by the Local Government Association showing that one in 25 school children aged 10 or 11 are severely obese;
- (c) notes that tooth decay in children is a strong indicator of inequality and has a serious adverse effect on childhood health and life chances, leading to school absence and unnecessary surgery;
- (d) notes that this Administration has recently outlined a series of measures to tackle sugar, junk food and obesity in Sheffield;
- (e) further notes that in March, Cabinet took the decision to approve the Food and Wellbeing Strategy which includes a measure to resist sponsorship from junk food companies and to stop such adverts near schools, where the Council has the power to do so;
- (f) notes that this Administration's Food and Wellbeing Strategy aims to create a low sugar Sheffield to reduce diet-related ill-health including obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay, and that, in particular, the Strategy sets out to tackle obesity and children's dental health in the 20 percent most deprived areas of Sheffield;
- (g) notes that the plan will also see healthier food and drinks in Council leisure centres and park cafes, and that this builds on the successful GULP (Giving Up Loving Pop) campaign in schools, which encourages young people, their families and school staff to give up sugary drinks;
- (h) believes that public provision of drinking water is an important initiative, both for the reduction of single-use plastics and for health, and acknowledges the Green Party's praise of the Labour administration's work towards this; and
- (i) therefore, asks this Administration to "put the protection of the environment at the heart of policies across all areas of local government".

**9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY RECORDER OF SHEFFIELD**

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council appoints His Honour Judge Jeremy William Richardson QC to the position of Honorary Recorder for Sheffield with effect from 6th June 2018 for a period no longer than the duration of the Judge's tenure of the post of Resident Judge at Sheffield Combined Court Centre, in accordance with the details outlined in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted.

**10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- 10.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and the annual meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, be approved as true and accurate records.

**11. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

- 11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

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

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| Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee   | - Remove Councillor Adam Hurst to create a vacancy         |
| Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee | - Councillor Adam Hurst to fill a vacancy                  |
| Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee   | - Remove Councillor Talib Hussain to create a vacancy      |
| Southey Ward Local Area Partnership Lead Member                                       | - Councillor Mike Chaplin to replace Councillor Tony Damms |
| Corporate Parenting Board   | - Remove Councillor Mike Drabble to create a vacancy       |

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

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| Learning Disabilities Partnership Board | - Councillor Jackie Drayton to replace Councillor Chris Peace, and Councillor Gail Smith to fill a vacancy |
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Sheffield Football Trust

- Councillor Anne Murphy to fill a vacancy

University Technical College  
Trust Board

- Councillor Mike Drabble to replace Councillor Dawn Dale

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