

Agenda Item 11

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Baker, Michelle Cook, Keith Davis, Bob Johnson and Alison Teal.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Personal interests in agenda item 5 – Notice of Motion regarding NHS Urgent Primary Care in Sheffield - were declared by (a) Councillor Sue Alston on the grounds that she is an employee of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and (b) Councillors Ben Curran, George Lindars-Hammond, Ben Miskell, Andrew Sangar, Jack Scott and Richard Shaw, on the grounds that their spouse/partner is an employee of that Trust.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Requesting Traffic-Calming Measures on Myrtle Road

The Council received a petition containing 195 signatures, requesting traffic-calming measures on Myrtle Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Beverley Nunn who stated that the petition requested traffic calming measures on Myrtle Road. The road was steep and used by people to avoid traffic on East Bank Road. There were a high number of vehicles using Myrtle Road and particularly between 8.00 am and 9.00 am and which travelled at high speeds. There was, at present, a 30 mph speed limit. The petitioners requested that the speed limit was reduced to 20 mph. She said that a main concern was the junction with Anne's Road, where the primary school was located and there was no safe place for children and parents to cross the road. Large vehicles often parked in the vicinity of the junction which also affected pedestrians attempting to cross safely. The petitioners wished for options to be considered including the installation of speed bumps and introduction of a one way road by closing the road at the top, to help deal with the speed of vehicles and possibly installation of lights. Whilst on Spencer Road there was a pedestrian crossing patrol and lights, there was now no such provision on Myrtle Road to help people to cross the road safely.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Scott said he knew the strength of feeling both from what had been said and from conversations with the local councillors. He acknowledged the issues which had been referred to, both in terms of the volume and speed of traffic using Myrtle Road and also the location of the School and Heeley City Farm. He also noted the options which the petitioners had suggested to help resolve some of the problems, including speed, parking restrictions and a one-way system. The Council would need to

take a rounded view of the best way to manage vehicles safely in that area. Councillor Scott said that a meeting would be arranged urgently, together with other community representatives and local councillors to consider what the options were and what might be done relatively quickly and also potentially in the future when time and resources permitted.

3.1.2 Petition Opposing the Introduction of Double Yellow Lines Outside King Edward Swimming Pool, Clarkehouse Road

The Council received a petition containing 594 signatures, opposing the introduction of double yellow lines outside King Edward Swimming Pool, Clarkehouse Road.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development.

3.1.3 Petition Requesting the Abolition of the Lord Mayor

The Council received an electronic petition containing 47 signatures, requesting the abolition of the Lord Mayor.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore).

3.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Keep Councillor Magid Magid as Mayor of Sheffield

The Council received an electronic petition containing 17,558 signatures, requesting the Council to keep Councillor Magid Magid as Mayor of Sheffield.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore.

(Note: Whilst the number of signatures on the petition had reached the required threshold, the lead petitioner had waived the right to (a) speak to the petition and (b) have the petition debated by the Council).

The Council referred both of the petitions relating to the Lord Mayor to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore. Councillor Dore stated that it was her understanding that there had been three petitions relating to the Lord Mayor. In addition to the two petitions submitted to this meeting, there had been an online petition which had indicated that, in the opinion of the petitioners, the Lord Mayor had acted inappropriately and not in accordance with their views. However, there had been some comments made on the

online petition which she said were totally inappropriate and of a potentially racist nature. The petition in question had subsequently been removed. Council Dore said that as she understood it, the second of the two petitions submitted to Council at this meeting had been brought to counter that earlier and subsequently withdrawn online petition.

Councillor Dore said that each Lord Mayor brought their own individual personality to the role of Lord Mayor both in terms of their perspective and priorities for their year in office. The Lord Mayor undertook both regular activities and engagements and also carried out their own additional activities.

Councillor Dore commented that she could not in recent times recall such a public and vocal debate about the role of Lord Mayor as was the case in the present Municipal Year. However, this had shown that for some, there appeared to be a lack of understanding of the role of Lord Mayor.

Councillor Dore proposed that the matter was referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, with a request that the Committee examines how to raise the profile of the role of Lord Mayor and how to improve understanding of the role. As part of this exercise she said that it may be appropriate to examine and revisit relevant protocols which had developed over time and on a cross party basis.

The Lord Mayor had a role as first citizen of the City and to engage with people. As well as a wider understanding of the role of Lord Mayor, it was apparent that some groups and individuals were more aware of how to gain access to the Lord Mayor than others. She felt that such matters could be addressed so as to raise the profile of the role of Lord Mayor and their function as an ambassador for Sheffield acting for the benefit and in the interests of the City.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Question Concerning Serious Violent Crime

Saeed Brasab referred to incidents which had occurred in different parts of Sheffield and to the tragic death of Fahim Hersi, who grew up in Broomhall and accessed services at the Unity Gym and had later become a volunteer.

He asked what steps the Council intended to take in tackling the growing problem of violent crime and what new initiatives would be forthcoming and whether the Council would commit to working with community organisations and workers to address the growing community concerns relating to youth violence and knife crime.

He said that whilst the Council and Police had said that Sheffield was amongst the safest cities in the UK and, although that might be the case in some neighbourhoods, it was not so for some young people and particularly for deprived neighbourhoods like Broomhall. The successful public health approaches to knife crime elsewhere suggested that a new, holistic approach

was required and he said that surely it was the time to try new ways of working together in order to safeguard young people, families and communities.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that gun and knife crime was a complex and serious issue for Sheffield. According to particular indicators and measures, Sheffield was considered to be one of the safest cities. However, that did not mean that violent crime did not affect certain communities nor that it was something to which the city should not respond in a serious manner. This was something which the Council did in partnership with other organisations, including the police and others, including stakeholders, particularly because the causes of crime were complex and there were many people and organisations involved which might address the issues collectively.

Councillor Jim Steinke was the Cabinet Member appointed to the Executive and Serious Organised Crime Board and, as Leader of the Council, she met regularly with the Police Chief Superintendent for Sheffield and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Ward Councillors would also have regular contact with policing arrangements in their locality to raise issues affecting the area. She commented that one of the Council meetings during the year was dedicated to the scrutiny of a particular matter. This normally took place in January and, in the past community safety was a matter that had been considered. She would recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee that community safety be considered by Council at the January 2019 meeting. In addition, she would ask the Leaders of other political groups on the Council, together with the Lord Mayor and Whips to consider whether, at the next meeting of full Council, it would be appropriate to include an item to address to most current and serious issues relating to serious and organised crime. This was an issue which affected people, their families and communities and serious and organised crime was becoming more prevalent in the country as a whole and especially in cities. There were strategies in this regard, which Councillor Steinke would explain further.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety said that in relation to the joint approach that the Council was taking with the Police, there was a knife crime strategy which had been launched as a precursor to a wider organised violent crime strategy. The Serious Organised Crime Board would also be examining particular areas, which included Broomhall and would meet with community organisations and local councillors to explain what the Police were doing as part of the multi-agency approach and Operation Fortify, which was trying to address the issue of gangs and also to look at the ways in which communities might be supported where they had suffered directly or indirectly as a result of knife crime.

With regards to the approach which was being taken, this involved the Police, the Council and other agencies such as Sheffield Futures and was based on the Glasgow model, which had sought to and had successfully addressed knife crime to a point where, in 2017, there had not been a death from knife crime in Glasgow and which demonstrated that something could be done.

Both he and Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills on behalf of the Council were leading work with the Police in order to work with schools and, for example, pupils in Year 7 with regard to the dangers of carrying a knife. Creative use of funding was also something which might be used to help support community organisations working in this area. He also commented that discussion of the matters at a meeting of full Council would be welcome.

There was also work to progress matters with the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and local MPs. As regards the safer city approach, there was a need to look at the issue of serious violent crime objectively and he looked forward to meeting with Saeed Brasab and the organisations in the Broomhall community soon.

3.2.2 Public Question Concerning Right to Roam

Nigel Slack stated that a clause in right-to-roam legislation introduced in 2000 stated that any pre-1949 paths must be recorded by 2026 to continue to carry public rights. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act contained a provision that would extinguish those rights if the paths had not been properly recorded. Old footpaths and bridleways that are not recorded on the Council's official Definitive Map of Rights of Way may cease to carry public rights.

He said that this may have particular issues for Sheffield, where there were potentially hundreds of urban alleys, gennels and cut-throughs, as well as meandering paths through some green spaces, that may not appear on the Council's official maps. He asked if there was a Council strategy to address this issue and, considering the lack of capacity within Council as a result of austerity cuts, was the Council working with any third sector organisations.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that the 2000 Countryside Rights of Way Act represented an enduring commitment to people which enshrined a commitment to the right to roam. The Council would use the tools available under the Act to encourage the development of more public rights of way. It was however not without its controversies and the Council did receive applications from landowners to de-register permissive paths and public rights of way. He said that as Cabinet Member, he had not approved such a request and could not imagine a situation whereby a right of way would be removed. The Council did, however approve the re-routing of paths in some circumstances.

The Act had set a deadline of 2026 for historic or recorded rights of way not yet been determined by legally definitive maps. He understood that work would be completed by the 2026 deadline. In addition, rights of way could also be recognised for non-historic reasons and it was most important to get the network of rights of way right in accordance with the Council's ambition. The Council worked with partners, including the Sheffield Local Access Forum, the Ramblers Association and the British Horse Society to assess and determine any historic routes which might be added to the definitive list as part of the pathfinder project and this had resulted in some 400 additional routes being

added in recent years and there were also a significant number of other potential additions.

There was not currently an up to date plan or strategy with regard to the approach to rights of way and permissive pathways and that was something which needed to be addressed. He would be working with the Cabinet Members for Environment and Streetscene and Culture, Parks and Leisure in order to address issues relating to transport and active travel, street scene and land ownership and he believed that others would also wish to be involved in that work as well. He commented that rights of way were vital and precious and the Council would act to protect and enhance them in the future.

3.2.3 Public Question Concerning 'Loan Charge Law'

Nigel Slack asked what the Council's understanding was of the impact on Sheffield workers of the 'Loan Charge Law' of 2017, which he said would affect employees paid through 'Contractor Loan Schemes' created to help employers escape responsibility for National Insurance charges for those people they employed who were previously treated as contractors?

Secondly, he asked how many employees delivering public services in the City would be affected by this move of HMRC to collect on the tax avoidance by the individual employee, despite the fact that they often had no choice but to subscribe to these schemes if they wanted to take up or retain their jobs?

Thirdly, he asked if it was found that employees were delivering Council services, was there anything Council can do to help prevent them being made bankrupt and how would the Council deal with employers using the schemes to avoid National Insurance costs?

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council said that unfortunately, she did not have any detailed analysis that she was able to share with regards to this matter and she was not aware of any individual situations. However, she would respond to the question in writing when the information was made available to her by Council officers. She commented that it was a disgraceful situation which some people may be facing and it would be treated in an appropriate way and in view of the available data.

3.2.4 Public Question Concerning Broad Lane Walk-in service

Nigel Slack commented in relation to the Notice of Motion on the agenda for this meeting concerning the Broad Lane walk –in service and said that whilst agreeing with the sentiment of the Motion, he was disappointed that the opportunity had been missed to urge that the Broad Lane Walk-in service be returned to real NHS control, rather than the private company, currently delivering the service under the NHS brand.

He asked whether there was an opportunity to amend the Motion to reflect that issue and for the Council and MPs etc. to campaign to prevent public money

that should be spent on care being diverted to shareholders.

Councillor Chris Peace, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, referred to the notice of motion at this meeting of Council regarding the walk-in centre. She stated that with regard to privatisation in the NHS, many contracts were let to private providers and in some cases, providers had taken action to sue the NHS when they did not get a contract. She commented that this situation was not sustainable and it was something which was also fuelled by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. She said that the extended market based approach to health care was not right and she did not wish to see a health service subject to fragmentation or privatisation. The Council would actively seek to influence the health and social care agenda anywhere it could. The Council had a strong voice and the campaign concerning the urgent care review had demonstrated that it was possible to act together and take an active part and to put forward a message.

3.2.5 Public Question Concerning St Paul's Tower

Nigel Slack asked whether for clarity the Council would comment on its understanding of the issues with the St Paul's Tower. He asked what was the problem, what was the cause, what remedial action was taken and was any further action either needed or expected?

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that the Council had been alerted to potentially loose cladding which a resident had heard from the 31st floor of the St Paul's loft building, which it was thought was due to windy conditions. However, nothing had fallen from the building. Following an inspection, it was decided to declare an exclusion zone on Arundel Gate to the junction with Furnival Gate, which was in place until 12.45pm. A specialist abseiling team attended the site to secure the panel and inspect the surrounding area with the cooperation of the building owner and tenants.

He apologised for the inconvenience caused to people by the closure of the road and the impact on people travelling to work and public transport. Further work would be undertaken on St Pauls Tower in the near future to check that this was not a wider issue. At this time, he understood that this related to a single pane which had become slightly loose and caused noise which a tenant had heard outside of their window. He said that further updates would be provided as necessary and he wanted to reassure people, once the further work was complete and an assessment had been done.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Social Media

Dave Dillner referred to the reputation of the Council and he asked the Leader of the Council to remind Councillors that when posting social media comments on sensitive matters, what was said did reflect poorly on the Council, despite declarations stating that what was said was a personal opinion.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, said that she would be

pleased to remind Councillors that posts on social media and particularly on a sensitive and emotive matter, could and did reflect poorly on the Council.

3.2.7 Public Question Concerning Nether Edge Hospital

Natasha Boyd asked a question concerning the Michael Carlisle Centre, Nether Edge. She said that there were families living in the area and that there were issues with regard to road safety. The Michael Carlisle Centre was a mental health institution. She believed that the Centre was providing inadequate care to some patients. There were indications of violence against women and drugs related issues. She said that she would strongly advise the Council to look at what was happening at the Nether Edge Hospital and the health and safety concerns in the Nether Edge Ward. She said that the Council should look at this as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Chris Peace, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care responded that she would provide a written response to the matters that had been raised. She said that the issues that had been raised were of great concern to the Council and there was a need to know what was happening and for the Council to influence matters, although it might not have direct control of certain issues. She gave an assurance that she would look at the matters that had been raised in the question.

Councillor Peace said that it would also be helpful to meet with Natasha Boyd and to discuss matters further.

3.2.8 Public Question Concerning European Union

Neill Schofield made reference to polling by YouGov during the summer, which had shown that there had been movement in a number of Sheffield constituencies to people who wanted to remain in the European Union. He said that (in reference to the poll) Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough and Sheffield Heeley were both 'remain' constituencies. He asked what the Council was doing to reflect that in its contact with MPs and with outside organisations. He asked whether it would be possible to bring forward the consideration of this item of business on the agenda for this meeting.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that there were a number of amendments to the notice of motion on the subject of Brexit and the position of each political party represented on the Council was set out in the motion and amendments, a copy of which could be made available to Mr Schofield. She said that she did not wish to pre-empt the debate, which would take place at this meeting. The Council would vote on the issue and arrive at an outcome. She invited people to stay and listen to the debate.

3.2.9 Public Question Concerning It's Our City Campaign

Kaltun Elmi asked how the changes proposed by It's Our City were likely to be funded and why that group was insisting it was not political when she said it had campaigned on behalf of six candidates in the last Local Elections.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that she was not able to answer the question of whether the It's Our City group was political or not. However, the group had submitted a question to Council in September 2018. She commented that the It's Our City website did present the group as semi-political, but she was not certain as to whether the group considered itself political or not. There were such issues as campaigning and electioneering literature to be considered as these needed to be within permitted election expenses.

As regards the proposed changes to governance, if the Council wanted to consider changing its governance arrangements, it would require a major conversation with all stakeholders in the City. There were nearly 600,000 people in the City and consideration would need to be given as to how peoples' views might be canvassed and obtained. The Council would have to fund any change and, as part of the assessment of options around governance structures, it would have to take into account any additional costs. Moving to a committee model of governance may incur additional cost and this would need to be considered in the context of the Council's budget. Consideration would also need to be given as to whether a change of governance was a priority for the Council as set against other issues such as social care.

3.2.10 Public Question Concerning Selective Licensing

Kaltun Elmi asked with regard to Page Hall Selective Licensing, which was to end in 2019, whether it could be confirmed that the scheme would be extended to other streets in the area and how the ongoing problems with some properties and as regards overcrowding could be addressed. She also asked for confirmation of any other areas of the City where Selective Licensing was being considered.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded to the questions. He referred to the problems which occurred at Fir Vale School, which had been resolved in terms of the immediate issues within the school. There were issues relating to cohesion in the area, which he, the Chief Executive and others had examined in a recent meeting in order to address the situation.

He said that it was recognised that with the Selective Licensing scheme coming to an end there were issues to address. Selective Licensing had been successful in Page Hall. However, there were clearly issues which had not been addressed and it was also important that improvements do not get lost and lessons were learnt so that things were done better in the future. There was a need to look at the potential to widen some of the benefits of Selective Licensing beyond the streets that were within the Selective Licensing schemes at present.

Councillor Steinke said that the Selective Licensing model was very prescriptive and it had to be self-funding. A change of Government policy was required and the Council was seeking to put pressure on the Government to

make policy changes. The Council had also looked at other local authorities with regard to licensing schemes which may be broader than the strict criteria of Selective Licensing.

He also said that, ideally, all private sector housing would be licensed. He made reference to the potential to use some of the Housing Revenue Account more creatively.

London Road, Abbeydale Road and Chesterfield Road were to have Selective Licensing schemes in November 2018. Landlords were currently required to register for those schemes.

Selective Licensing did seek to address a range of issues, including health and safety and fire safety, benefit fraud, overcrowding, poor quality housing, and issues relating to immigration and trafficking.

3.2.11 Public Question Concerning Ethical Procurement

Alan Story made reference to the ethical procurement policy which had been adopted by the Council, which required that companies with which the Council had contracts must pay tax, be tax compliant and operate transparently. He asked if this was the Council's policy, why it was not applied to the Streets Ahead Private Finance Initiative.

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council, said that the ethical procurement policy was a robust policy and one which was leading the way in local government procurement and commissioning. The policy covered a range of issues not only including tax avoidance and tax evasion but issues such as grave misconduct and where the Council could use discretion to exclude firms and it sought clarity in relation to supply chains, values and ethics.

The Council also wanted more public sector bodies to adopt a similar approach to ethical procurement and would have discussions with partner organisations in the City. She commented that she did not believe that the Government had gone far enough in addressing the issue at a national level.

Councillor Blake said that the policy was agreed in March 2018 and was not in place when the Streets Ahead contract was arranged and signed. Therefore the processes within the policy including the pre-qualification questionnaire and the code of conduct were not in place at that time. The ethical procurement policy was future facing and not something which could be pushed back in time. However, the ethical procurement policy did demonstrate the direction that the Council wished to take. The Council would always hold contractors to account and continue to ensure that the policy and its social values were promoted and applied in relation to future commissioning and procurement.

3.2.12 Public Question Concerning Leaving the European Union

Stephen Porter referred to research as regards the effect on business of leaving the European Union (EU) and asked what the Council could do to ensure that retail, academic, manufacturing industries were made aware and safeguarded from the negative effects of Brexit?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, said that she agreed with the research which had concluded that the impact on Britain of leaving the EU would be damaging not only to industry but to people's lives. She also referred to the benefits of European legislation.

An assessment was being carried out as to the impact of Brexit on the Council and the continuity in providing Council services, including supplies and the workforce and matters which directly affected the Council. The Chamber of Commerce and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) were looking at work on the actual impact on industry and the sectors of industry mentioned in the question were also doing impact assessments.

The problem was that there was no certainty as to how Britain would leave the EU, if at all, which meant that it was problematic to undertake any assessment or analysis. She said that she believed that whatever deal was concluded, things would be worse than they were at present. The Council was continuing to engage with the LEP and other organisations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Cutlers Association and Business Advisory Panel and through Creative Sheffield and Council's economic team. She hoped that collectively, the City would be as prepared as it could be.

3.2.13 Public Question Concerning Webcasting

Mr A Benson asked why Sheffield was the only Council Chamber in South Yorkshire with no facility for webcasting and similarly with facility to webcast its Scrutiny Committees.

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council, said that she was acutely aware that the Council did not have webcasting facilities in place at this time. The Council was currently conducting a review of how it might achieve this. A consideration was the number of potential hours to be webcast and the cost. The Council was committed to podcasting or webcasting in a cost effective way and was considering options, including in-house solutions. People would also be aware that the audio equipment in the Council Chamber also needed to be looked at.

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

4.1 Urgent Business

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

4.2 Written 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.

4.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

4.3.1 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).

5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "NHS URGENT PRIMARY CARE IN SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR FRANCYNE JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAT MIDGLEY

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Francyne Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Pat Midgley, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent decision by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to put on hold their proposals to change urgent primary care services in Sheffield;
- (b) notes that, as such, the walk-in centre on Broad Lane and the minor injuries unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital will now be secured until at least March 2021 – and that any decisions on the future of these sites will not be made prior to another public consultation, expected to begin in summer 2019;
- (c) notes that the CCG's original proposals were heavily criticised and that a petition to save these services was signed by more than 10,000 people;
- (d) further notes the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's submission detailed many concerns with the plans and concluded that "we do not feel that we have seen sufficient evidence to assure us that the proposals are in the best interests of Sheffield people";
- (e) praises the co-ordinated efforts of local MPs, councillors across the city, political activists, Sheffield Save Our NHS, Healthwatch, and all the campaign groups and individuals who responded to the consultation in opposing the CCG's original plans - and hopes that together we can reach a suitable solution for maintaining easy access to urgent health care for everyone in Sheffield;

- (f) believes that the combined campaign shows that Sheffield fights austerity at its best when working in partnership, and that this victory should be shared by all and it is wrong for any one group to try to take ownership of this issue; and
 - (g) reaffirms that this Administration is committed to reducing health inequalities and that ensuring easily accessible urgent health care for everyone in Sheffield is of paramount importance.
- 5.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Francyne Johnson), the Motion as published in the Summons was altered by the substitution, in paragraph (b), of the words "March 2021" for the words "September 2020".)
- 5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (g) to (i):-
- (e) recalls the Notice of Motion put to this Council in December 2017 calling upon the Leader of the Council to set up a group of Party Leaders on the Council to co-ordinate a campaign by the Council in opposing the closure of the Walk-In Centre on Broad Lane and the Minor Injuries Unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital;
 - (f) regrets that this was not taken up by the Administration at that time;
- 5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-
1. the insertion, in paragraph (e), of the words ", students' unions" after the word "Healthwatch"; and
 2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (i):-
- (g) notes the Care Quality Commission's recent review criticising the lack of scrutiny from the single-party Sheffield Health & Wellbeing Board, and supports the intention for the membership of this Board to be reassessed;
 - (h) notes that one criticism of the CCG's consultation was the lack of any actual proposal to improve access to patients' own GPs for continuity of care, and therefore calls upon the CCG to bring forward quantitative proposals on how they intend to strengthen Primary Care in Sheffield;
- 5.4 After contributions from seven other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Francyne Johnson, the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was negatived.

- 5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was also negated, except for part 1 of the amendment, which was carried.
- 5.6 The original Motion, as altered and as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent decision by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to put on hold their proposals to change urgent primary care services in Sheffield;
- (b) notes that, as such, the walk-in centre on Broad Lane and the minor injuries unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital will now be secured until at least March 2021 – and that any decisions on the future of these sites will not be made prior to another public consultation, expected to begin in summer 2019;
- (c) notes that the CCG’s original proposals were heavily criticised and that a petition to save these services was signed by more than 10,000 people;
- (d) further notes the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee’s submission detailed many concerns with the plans and concluded that “we do not feel that we have seen sufficient evidence to assure us that the proposals are in the best interests of Sheffield people”;
- (e) praises the co-ordinated efforts of local MPs, councillors across the city, political activists, Sheffield Save Our NHS, Healthwatch, students’ unions, and all the campaign groups and individuals who responded to the consultation in opposing the CCG’s original plans - and hopes that together we can reach a suitable solution for maintaining easy access to urgent health care for everyone in Sheffield;
- (f) believes that the combined campaign shows that Sheffield fights austerity at its best when working in partnership, and that this victory should be shared by all and it is wrong for any one group to try to take ownership of this issue; and
- (g) reaffirms that this Administration is committed to reducing health inequalities and that ensuring easily accessible urgent health care for everyone in Sheffield is of paramount importance.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "TACKLING MODERN DAY SLAVERY - COMMITTING THE COUNCIL TO THE CO-OPERATIVE PARTY'S CHARTER AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ABTISAM MOHAMED

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, and seconded by Councillor Abtisam Mohamed, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with immense sadness that the injustice of slavery still persists in the modern world, with an estimated 13,000 victims of slavery in the UK today – with sexual exploitation, trafficking or domestic servitude, and forced labour, just some of the horrific forms it can take;
- (b) believes that modern slavery can often operate in plain sight and that everything possible must be done to eradicate the scourge of slavery;
- (c) contends that Labour and Labour & Co-operative councils across England are leading the way with a new Charter to ensure exploitation has no place in council supply chains;
- (d) notes that the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery goes further than existing law and guidance, committing councils to proactively vetting their own supply chain to ensure no instances of modern slavery are taking place;
- (e) welcomes the commitment from the present Administration to fully adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery;
- (f) notes that, by doing so, the Council is pledging to guarantee that modern slavery is cut from the supply chain by committing to 10 measures, including: challenging abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely on potential contractors practising modern slavery; ensuring workers throughout the supply-line are free to join a trade union and are not treated unfairly for belonging to one; and that the Council will report publicly on the implementation of the policy every year;
- (g) contends that the Government's hostile environment on immigration since 2010 demonstrates their lack of authenticity in dealing with modern day slavery and, as such, it is even more essential that leadership in tackling this is provided by local government; and
- (h) believes that tackling modern slavery and focusing on ethical trade is essential and support is given to the Administration for ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way the Council works through the Ethical Procurement Policy.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c), (d) and (g), and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (c) and (d);
2. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (k) as follows:-
 - (e) welcomes the on-going review of the Modern Slavery Act and hopes this will result in a less hostile environment that allows victims of modern slavery and human trafficking to come forward without fear of prosecution or unwelcome ramifications;
 - (f) welcomes the recent announcement that the UK government and other international governments have committed to adopting principles to tackle modern slavery in the supply line;
 - (g) notes the Liberal Democrats in Government helped to deliver the Modern Slavery Act which makes it easier to identify victims and bring traffickers to justice, and prosecutions have increased as a result;
 - (h) however, believes that many of the current Government's policies are undermining this effort to tackle it, for example they created a new offence of "illegal working", which traffickers use to keep victims in fear of prosecution if they seek help;
 - (i) commends the work achieved by Liberal Democrats in Government to deliver the Work in Freedom initiative to prevent trafficking and forced labour among women migrant workers from South Asia, which the Department for International Development continues to fund;
 - (j) believes that Brexit will massively damage the fight to end modern slavery and human trafficking, as workers will rely on their employer for visas, meaning anyone attempting to escape exploitation could face deportation, especially in regards to temporary farm workers;
 - (k) further believes that Brexit puts at risk vital cross-border institutions and co-operation that we rely on to fight modern slavery and human trafficking;
3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (l).

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (i) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (g) and (h) as new paragraphs (j) and (k);
- (g) notes that, by doing so, the Council would also commit to imposing requirements on its contractors, with contract termination as a possible sanction for non-compliance;

- (h) looks forward to an assessment by this Administration of whether, and how, it meets each of the points in the Charter against Modern Slavery;
- (i) further, looks forward to an audit by this Administration of which of its suppliers currently comply with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act by publishing a slavery and human trafficking statement each year;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (l) and (m) as follows:-

- (l) notes that, despite this Council, on 2nd July 2014, resolving to use powers to exclude companies with a poor track record of breaches of human rights and equality laws, its ethical procurement policy was not brought into force until 2018; and
- (m) calls on the Administration to publish a final version of the Council's own Modern Slavery Strategy.

6.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Ben Curran, the amendment moved by Councillor Penny Baker was put to the vote and was negated.

6.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Martin Phipps voted for part 3 and paragraphs (e), (f), (h), (j) and (k) of part 2 of the amendment, and abstained from voting on part 1 and paragraphs (g) and (i) of part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes with immense sadness that the injustice of slavery still persists in the modern world, with an estimated 13,000 victims of slavery in the UK today – with sexual exploitation, trafficking or domestic servitude, and forced labour, just some of the horrific forms it can take;
- (b) believes that modern slavery can often operate in plain sight and that everything possible must be done to eradicate the scourge of slavery;
- (c) contends that Labour and Labour & Co-operative councils across England are leading the way with a new Charter to ensure exploitation has no place in council supply chains;
- (d) notes that the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery goes further than existing law and guidance, committing councils to proactively vetting their own supply chain to ensure no instances of modern slavery are taking place;

- (e) welcomes the commitment from the present Administration to fully adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery;
- (f) notes that, by doing so, the Council is pledging to guarantee that modern slavery is cut from the supply chain by committing to 10 measures, including: challenging abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely on potential contractors practising modern slavery; ensuring workers throughout the supply-line are free to join a trade union and are not treated unfairly for belonging to one; and that the Council will report publicly on the implementation of the policy every year;
- (g) contends that the Government's hostile environment on immigration since 2010 demonstrates their lack of authenticity in dealing with modern day slavery and, as such, it is even more essential that leadership in tackling this is provided by local government: and
- (h) believes that tackling modern slavery and focusing on ethical trade is essential and support is given to the Administration for ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way the Council works through the Ethical Procurement Policy.

6.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (h), and against paragraphs (c) and (g) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PEOPLE'S VOTE - SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE GIVEN THE FINAL SAY OVER BREXIT" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED MAHROOF

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the ongoing impasse in Brexit negotiations, and the increasing risk of a "no deal" Brexit;
- (b) notes the opposition to the Chequers Plan in Parliament and among EU Heads of Government;
- (c) notes that agreement has not yet been reached on many of the issues arising from the Brexit referendum, including Government red lines, and both sides have stated that "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed";
- (d) notes that whilst the principle of a Northern Ireland backstop has been

agreed, the UK's plan to temporarily avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland has not been agreed and there is still no agreement on a long-term solution;

- (e) notes that HM Treasury has stated that a no-deal Brexit could require the UK to borrow £80 billion more by 2033, the Government have begun releasing the 84 no-deal technical notes, and the UK health sector is stockpiling medicines in case of a no-deal;
- (f) notes that the 2016 EU referendum gave no clear destination for Brexit, as the terms of any deal were not yet known, but that many options were said to be possible including staying in the Single Market (the Norway model);
- (g) notes the resolution put to the Labour Party conference calling for a People's Vote to be considered, and strong support for a People's Vote among Labour Party members;
- (h) believes that there is no deal that could be negotiated through the Article 50 process that could be more beneficial than continued membership of the EU, and that leaving the EU would therefore be damaging to the UK's fundamental national interests, and the interests of Sheffield in particular, as a university and manufacturing city in a region which has received significant investment from the European Union;
- (i) believes that the recent shifts in global affairs, including the USA withdrawing from the United Nations Human Rights Council, re-emphasise the vital importance of UK membership of the EU and the values upon which the EU was formed;
- (j) believes that promises of a stronger trading position in the world have been seen to be empty, as illustrated by the policy of Donald Trump's USA Administration relating to air travel, which seeks to take advantage of the UK's weakened position as a non-EU member;
- (k) condemns the Government's approach to Brexit negotiations, which this Council regards as disastrous, and urges MPs to work across parties in the national interest and allow the people to have the final say on the Brexit deal with the option to remain in the European Union and a chance to exit from Brexit;
- (l) supports the principle of extending the franchise to 16-17 year olds for the People's Vote and all other elections and referendums;
- (m) resolves to seek access to Government impact assessments of all Brexit options for all sectors that are significant to Sheffield, prior to any "meaningful vote" in Parliament; and
- (n) resolves to send a copy of this resolution to all Sheffield MPs and to the Prime Minister.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Miskell, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (g) to (k), the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (m) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (l) to (n) as new paragraphs (n) to (p):-

- (g) accepts that the public voted to leave the EU, but believes that when people voted to 'take back control' they were not voting for fewer rights, economic chaos or to risk jobs, and welcomes efforts to hold the Government to account on this;
- (h) believes that the Conservatives should not be given a 'blank cheque' to drive through a destructive Brexit deal and notes that workers in industries across the economy, in ports, food, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, energy, chemicals, in our public services and beyond, are worried about the impact of a hard Brexit on livelihoods and communities;
- (i) believes we need a relationship with the EU that guarantees full participation in the Single Market, but the Brexit deal being pursued by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, the NHS, and peace in Northern Ireland, and that a Conservative Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity, and notes that Labour has set six robust tests for the final Brexit deal and believes that Parliament should vote against any deal failing to meet these tests in full;
- (j) notes the Labour Party's commitment to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, including no hard border in Ireland, and believes that there is no satisfactory technological solution that is compliant with the Good Friday Agreement, and resolves to oppose any Brexit deal that would see the restoration of a border on the island of Ireland in any form for goods, services or people;
- (k) notes that the recent Labour Party conference passed a motion that if Parliament should vote down the Prime Minister's Brexit deal, or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government and in these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is an immediate general election;
- (l) believes that if a general election is not forthcoming, then support should be given to all options remaining on the table, including campaigning for a public vote, and contends that if the Government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from, they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public;
- (m) believes that crashing out of Europe without a deal risks being, in the words of the Rt. Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, "a national disaster" and that

the Government and EU officials must do all they can to avoid a no-deal outcome; which would be so damaging to jobs and living standards in both the UK and EU countries;

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (o) as follows:-

(o) resolves that this Council supports a People's Vote, which includes the option to remain.

7.4 It was then moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, 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 UKIP stands for a complete and total withdrawal from the European Union, and contends that the democratic will of the people must be respected and acted upon; Brexit must mean exit;

(b) further contends that, irrespective of whatever 'Withdrawal Agreement' HM Government agrees with the EU, we must continue to fight for the UK's total independence from the EU, and to fully restore the UK's former status as an independent, self-governing, sovereign state;

(c) believes that no more money should be paid to the EU, no more EU laws should be imposed upon us, and there should be no more jurisdiction over us by the European Court and no more open-border EU immigration;

(d) contends that a clean exit from the EU must include withdrawing from the PESCO (Permanent Structure Cooperation), the EU's 'Defence Union', or nascent Army, which the Government agreed to prior to Brexit;

(e) believes that, post-Brexit, the UK will be free of the costs and impositions of the Common Agricultural Policy, and will be able to move from a system which subsidises large landowners to one that supports food producers and environmental protection, and further believes that leaving the EU will enable the UK to design a tailor-made agricultural policy, rather than a one-size fits all scheme designed to benefit continental farmers; allowing us to (i) introduce a Single Farm Payment to support British farmers; (ii) create a National Agricultural Council to ensure 'joined-up thinking' between different Government Departments for food, farming and environmental matters; (iii) re-establish the Agricultural Wages Board for England, which would protect the incomes and conditions of farm workers; and (iv) introduce legislation for food labelling to show country of origin, method of production, transport and slaughter;

- (f) also believes the UK must have total withdrawal from the EU's Common Fisheries Policy without a transition period, and that (i) post-Brexit, the UK should take control of the full 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), as is our entitlement under international law; allowing us to rebuild our fishing industry, its ancillary industries, and our coastal towns, (ii) we need a complete overhaul of our fisheries systems for a fairer allocation of post-Brexit fishing opportunities, with priority given to the low-impact, small-scale fishers, (iii) there must be an end to the discard system, with no fish going to waste, and (iv) the UK Government must invest in British ports and fishing infrastructure, and amend the Maritime Shipping Act with a view to limiting the exploitation of UK fishing waters by foreign vessels; and that these changes will provide opportunities for British business and career opportunities for British citizens;
- (g) notes that Britain's trade policy has been under the control of the EU since we joined in 1973, and our businesses have been obliged to obey EU legislation, even when they do not export to the EU, and believes that leaving the EU will free Britain to pursue its own trade and commercial policies, which offer enormous opportunity for increased trade and employment; and
- (h) contends that, outside the European Union, Great Britain will be a more prosperous nation, it will gain control of its trade policy, free business from unnecessary regulation, regain control of its agricultural industry and restore its fishing industry, and that increased prosperity will mean more jobs, and more tax revenue to pay for the things we all want for the British people.

7.5 It was then moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (o) to (r) as follows:-

- (o) notes the closeness of the referendum result in Sheffield where 49% of residents voted to stay in the EU and the national result of 48% of the UK population voting to stay in the EU;
- (p) notes that analysis by The Centre for European Reform shows that the UK economy is already 2.5% smaller than it would have been had Remain won the referendum;
- (q) believes there should be a People's Vote on the final terms of the deal which includes an option to remain in the European Union; and
- (r) calls on the Council to actively support a People's Vote on the final deal which includes an option to remain in the European Union.

7.6 After a contribution from one other Member, and following a right of reply from Councillor Joe Otten, the amendment moved by Councillor Ben Miskell was put to the vote and was carried.

- 7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negated.
- 7.8 The amendment moved by Councillor John Booker was then put to the vote and was also negated.
- 7.9 The amendment moved by Councillor Colin Ross was then put to the vote and was also negated.
- 7.9.1 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-
- For the amendment (22) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery.
 - Against the amendment (51) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
 - Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).
- 7.10 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 ongoing impasse in Brexit negotiations, and the increasing risk of a "no deal" Brexit;
- (b) notes the opposition to the Chequers Plan in Parliament and among EU Heads of Government;
- (c) notes that agreement has not yet been reached on many of the issues arising from the Brexit referendum, including Government red lines, and both sides have stated that "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed";
- (d) notes that whilst the principle of a Northern Ireland backstop has been agreed, the UK's plan to temporarily avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland has not been agreed and there is still no agreement on a long-term solution;
- (e) notes that HM Treasury has stated that a no-deal Brexit could require the UK to borrow £80 billion more by 2033, the Government have begun releasing the 84 no-deal technical notes, and the UK health sector is stockpiling medicines in case of a no-deal;
- (f) notes that the 2016 EU referendum gave no clear destination for Brexit, as the terms of any deal were not yet known, but that many options were said to be possible including staying in the Single Market (the Norway model);
- (g) accepts that the public voted to leave the EU, but believes that when people voted to 'take back control' they were not voting for fewer rights, economic chaos or to risk jobs, and welcomes efforts to hold the Government to account on this;
- (h) believes that the Conservatives should not be given a 'blank cheque' to drive through a destructive Brexit deal and notes that workers in industries across the economy, in ports, food, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, energy, chemicals, in our public services and beyond, are worried about the impact of a hard Brexit on livelihoods and communities;
- (i) believes we need a relationship with the EU that guarantees full participation in the Single Market, but the Brexit deal being pursued by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, the NHS, and peace in Northern Ireland, and that a Conservative Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity, and notes that Labour has set six robust tests for the final Brexit deal and believes that Parliament should vote against any deal failing to meet these tests in full;

- (j) notes the Labour Party's commitment to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, including no hard border in Ireland, and believes that there is no satisfactory technological solution that is compliant with the Good Friday Agreement, and resolves to oppose any Brexit deal that would see the restoration of a border on the island of Ireland in any form for goods, services or people;
- (k) notes that the recent Labour Party conference passed a motion that if Parliament should vote down the Prime Minister's Brexit deal, or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government and in these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is an immediate general election;
- (l) believes that if a general election is not forthcoming, then support should be given to all options remaining on the table, including campaigning for a public vote, and contends that if the Government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from, they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public;
- (m) believes that crashing out of Europe without a deal risks being, in the words of the Rt. Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, "a national disaster" and that the Government and EU officials must do all they can to avoid a no-deal outcome; which would be so damaging to jobs and living standards in both the UK and EU countries;
- (n) supports the principle of extending the franchise to 16-17 year olds for the People's Vote and all other elections and referendums;
- (o) resolves to seek access to Government impact assessments of all Brexit options for all sectors that are significant to Sheffield, prior to any "meaningful vote" in Parliament; and
- (p) resolves to send a copy of this resolution to all Sheffield MPs and to the Prime Minister.

7.10.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a) to (j) and (n) to (p) of the Substantive Motion, and voted against paragraphs (k) to (m) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "UNION SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES"
- GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER AND TO BE SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS**

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

- (a) contends that councillors exist to serve their communities, and believes that one of the best ways to do this is by offering them a say in what happens on their doorstep, and that Localism puts real power in the hands of the people;
- (b) further contends (i) that the Grenfell Tower disaster sadly showed the total lack of local government run housing and relevant safety checks, (ii) notes that the TUC and its affiliated Trades Unions have a large amount of Accredited Union Health and Safety Representatives (USRs), whose primary role is accident prevention and risk assessment, in the three categories – generic, local and on-site, (iii) further notes that building safety inspections is part of what these individuals sign up for when they do their training, (iv) believes that local councils who look to outsource this work are perpetrating a great injustice on the local communities they represent and (v) further believes that the resources they need are right under their feet, and that the USRs could be transferred from their normal work on a rota basis to facilitate building safety inspections;
- (c) believes it is all about sharing responsibility for public safety, noting that council rent payers pay rent to the council, the council pays wages to its employees, and some employees live in council housing; and
- (d) (i) contends that most social housing is a direct extension of many local government employees' workplace; for many, this is at the end of a keyboard (e.g. customer accounts), for others its hands on, such as plumbing, wiring, painting and property repairs, but that, directly or indirectly, as local government employees, social housing is inevitably part of their workplace and (ii) as such, believes that safety checks should be carried out by USRs from construction stage to periodical safety checks; the purpose, to preserve life and prevent accidents.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mike Chaplin, seconded by Councillor Jim Steinke, 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) believes that the Grenfell Tower disaster tragically demonstrated what can happen when tenants are not listened to properly and the relevant safety checks are not carried out;
- (b) notes that Sheffield City Council acted swiftly and responsibly in the wake of the disaster – ensuring that tenants were well communicated

with, reassured and that safety checks were carried out on all 24 local authority tower blocks to an even higher standard than the later government-required standards;

- (c) believes that it is of paramount importance that the Council do all that is necessary to ensure that our tenants can live in comfort, safety and in complete peace of mind, and notes that this Administration has adopted a policy of “zero tolerance to anyone operating in the city who does not share this approach”;
- (d) notes that, prior to the Grenfell disaster, health and safety checks on our tower blocks were undertaken every 6 weeks by staff working in our estates teams;
- (e) further notes that, after Grenfell, this Administration acted swiftly and proactively to carry out further tests on council-owned tower blocks, and this was in advance of the Government mandating this;
- (f) notes that a single element of cladding in Hanover failed the new test, though it met the pre-Grenfell government standards, and that as soon as this was identified, immediate action was taken to remove this cladding, and that significant work was undertaken to ensure that tenants and the tenants’ and residents’ association (TARA) were communicated with and reassured throughout this process, and that the new cladding will be installed at Hanover very shortly;
- (g) further notes that, post-Grenfell, the Administration has moved housing repairs and activity “in-house” into the Council’s Repairs Policy team, where trained staff have extensive experience of building maintenance;
- (h) further notes that these inspections are supplemented by an annual Fire Risk Assessment undertaken by trained Fire Risk Assessors who work in the Council’s Facilities Management Team;
- (i) notes that, in addition to these routine checks, sample inspections by an independent Fire Expert are carried out and that, following recent investigations, the Council identified some actions for repairs and housing, for example improving signage and removing waste materials, and that it is expected that these matters will be completed over the next few months;
- (j) contends that Sheffield City Council officers also respond to short notice audits by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) for council-owned tower blocks and that any concerns will be worked on together;
- (k) believes that there is no reason to doubt the robustness or validity of these health and safety checks and that, whilst the TUC and its affiliated Trades Unions have a large amount of Accredited Union Health and Safety Representatives (USRs), it is well understood that they are not qualified to do the relevant fire safety checks on these buildings,

however, the Council should ensure that Trade Unions are regularly updated; and

- (l) further contends that ensuring the continued safety of tenants is of paramount importance to this Administration and notes that the Chief Executive has set up a Fire Safety Board to respond to the Hackitt review and an action plan is being developed to ensure residents living in high rise accommodation (regardless of tenure) in Sheffield are safe.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, 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) recognises the role of the Union Safety Representative as described under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, namely that "USRs are there to represent the interests and concerns of their co-workers in the workplace, and respond on their behalf";
- (b) notes that any inspection of a building by a USR is in the context of ensuring that co-workers are in a safe environment to enable them to carry out their duties;
- (c) recognises that safety inspections of buildings at any stage, from construction through operation to demolition, is the responsibility of the building owner, through the use of Building Inspectors who have specialist expertise in the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, well beyond the scope of workplace inspections;
- (d) commends the work of all safety representatives, who hold management to account, ensuring that everyone has a right to excellent health and safety in the workplace;
- (e) recognises the work undertaken by council officers and the fire brigade to ensure the safety of those living in, and working in, high rise properties;
- (f) notes the fatal fire at Ganrock Court, Irvine, in 1999 where the fire spread through external cladding in a 14 storey residential tower block in just 10 minutes, and, following a parliamentary enquiry, recommendations were made for cladding to meet new requirements in the Building Regulations, and that this included the fire testing of cladding and insulation as a whole system to be carried out on any high rise building;
- (g) notes that, even after 12 months, the Government have still not produced a final report on the terrible tragedy at Grenfell Tower where 76 people died and the cladding on the property has still not been banned; and

- (h) calls on the Government to strengthen the Building Regulations on insulation and cladding, including strictly specifying the requirements of fire testing, in order that the likelihood of fire spreading externally on high rise buildings is eradicated.
- 8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Chaplin was put to the vote and was carried.
- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was negated.
- 8.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Martin Phipps, voted for the amendment on the basis that the new paragraphs be deemed to be additional paragraphs rather than be replacement paragraphs, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 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) believes that the Grenfell Tower disaster tragically demonstrated what can happen when tenants are not listened to properly and the relevant safety checks are not carried out;
- (b) notes that Sheffield City Council acted swiftly and responsibly in the wake of the disaster – ensuring that tenants were well communicated with, reassured and that safety checks were carried out on all 24 local authority tower blocks to an even higher standard than the later government-required standards;
- (c) believes that it is of paramount importance that the Council do all that is necessary to ensure that our tenants can live in comfort, safety and in complete peace of mind, and notes that this Administration has adopted a policy of “zero tolerance to anyone operating in the city who does not share this approach”;
- (d) notes that, prior to the Grenfell disaster, health and safety checks on our tower blocks were undertaken every 6 weeks by staff working in our estates teams;
- (e) further notes that, after Grenfell, this Administration acted swiftly and proactively to carry out further tests on council-owned tower blocks, and this was in advance of the Government mandating this;
- (f) notes that a single element of cladding in Hanover failed the new test, though it met the pre-Grenfell government standards, and that as soon as this was identified, immediate action was taken to remove this cladding, and that significant work was undertaken to ensure that

tenants and the tenants' and residents' association (TARA) were communicated with and reassured throughout this process, and that the new cladding will be installed at Hanover very shortly;

- (g) further notes that, post-Grenfell, the Administration has moved housing repairs and activity "in-house" into the Council's Repairs Policy team, where trained staff have extensive experience of building maintenance;
- (h) further notes that these inspections are supplemented by an annual Fire Risk Assessment undertaken by trained Fire Risk Assessors who work in the Council's Facilities Management Team;
- (i) notes that, in addition to these routine checks, sample inspections by an independent Fire Expert are carried out and that, following recent investigations, the Council identified some actions for repairs and housing, for example improving signage and removing waste materials, and that it is expected that these matters will be completed over the next few months;
- (j) contends that Sheffield City Council officers also respond to short notice audits by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) for council-owned tower blocks and that any concerns will be worked on together;
- (k) believes that there is no reason to doubt the robustness or validity of these health and safety checks and that, whilst the TUC and its affiliated Trades Unions have a large amount of Accredited Union Health and Safety Representatives (USRs), it is well understood that they are not qualified to do the relevant fire safety checks on these buildings, however, the Council should ensure that Trade Unions are regularly updated; and
- (l) further contends that ensuring the continued safety of tenants is of paramount importance to this Administration and notes that the Chief Executive has set up a Fire Safety Board to respond to the Hackitt review and an action plan is being developed to ensure residents living in high rise accommodation (regardless of tenure) in Sheffield are safe.

8.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Martin Phipps, voted for paragraphs (a) and (l), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (b) to (k) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that this Council approves the changes to the following parts of the Council's Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and its appendices:-

- (a) Part 4 – Contracts Standing Orders; and
- (b) Part 5 – Monitoring Officer Protocol – Appendix A (Procedure For Dealing With Complaints Regarding City, Parish And Town Councillors And Co-Opted Members).

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th September 2018, be approved as a true and accurate record.

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.:-

Admissions Committee - Councillor Bob Pullin to replace Councillor Paul Scriven

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

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillors Peter Rippon and Colin Ross to serve as additional substitute members of the Committee

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee - Councillors Ian Auckland, Andy Bainbridge, Peter Rippon and Colin Ross to serve as substitute members of the Committee

Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillor Penny Baker to replace Councillor Steve Ayris