

Agenda Item 5

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 5 December 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 | 19 | <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Mohammad Maroof
Jim Steinke
Alison Teal |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Chris Rosling-Josephs
Ian Saunders
Sophie Wilson | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Shaffaq Mohammed
Paul Scriven | 20 | <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell
Jack Scott |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
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>
Michelle Cook
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>
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Jack Clarkson
Keith Davis
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 |
| 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>
Adam Hurst
Mike Levery |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Mick Rooney
Jackie Satur |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Baker, John Booker, Neale Gibson, Steve Wilson and Paul Wood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Councillor Ben Miskell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5 – Notice of Motion regarding Improving Secondary School Standards Across Sheffield (item 6 of these minutes) – on the grounds that he is a teacher at one of the schools named in the Notice of Motion, and he did not speak or vote on that item of business.
- 2.2 Personal interests in agenda item 5 – Notice of Motion regarding Improving Secondary School Standards Across Sheffield (item 6 of these minutes) - were declared by (a) Councillor Andy Bainbridge, on the grounds that he is the Council's representative on the Learn Sheffield Board, (b) Councillor Mike Levery, on the grounds that he is a governor at Ecclesfield School and (c) Councillor Jayne Dunn, on the grounds that she is an ambassador at Parkwood Academy.
- 2.3 Immediately prior to the commencement of agenda item 9 – Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles (Policy) – Councillor Tony Damms declared a personal interest in the item, due to him being an employee of A & S Leisure Group Ltd.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Requesting the Closure of Roads at School Entrances to Motorised Traffic When Children are Going to and Leaving School

The Council received an electronic petition containing 1415 signatures, requesting the closure of roads at school entrances to motorised traffic when children are going to and leaving school.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Graham Turnbull. He stated that the restriction of traffic near to schools at school drop off and pick up times would help to protect children from traffic and traffic related pollution. The Council's clean air strategy already recognised the need for action in relation to air quality and other places, including Edinburgh, London, Solihull and Southampton had implemented 'School Streets' to reduce traffic and increase active travel.

Whilst it was recognised that it might be difficult to close roads which were major routes, it would be a practical measure in relation to roads in residential areas where schools were located. Measures could be included, such as exemptions

for residents and people with Blue Badges. In relation to the effect of closing roads on local retailers, it was considered that by reducing traffic and through people using public transport, walking and cycling, the potential spend in local retailers would be increased. It was also acknowledged that Schools Streets were not the most appropriate solution in all cases, but it was one of the options to help solve the problem of traffic congestion and pollution around schools and the Council was asked to commit to trialling the use of School Streets.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Scott said that it was right to highlight the issues included in the petition and air quality and pollution was something that it was vital to deal with and especially for children and those vulnerable to the effects of air pollution. He said that 'School Streets' had a part to play as one of the potential solutions in tackling air pollution and the Council had set out a number of actions that would be taken in relation to clean air. The number of signatories to the petition showed the strength of feeling on this matter. It was also the case that there were few actions which could be taken in relation to clean air that were easy or without a degree of controversy but that did not mean that it was not right to take action.

Councillor Scott said that Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills would raise this matter at the next meeting of the Schools Forum to begin a conversation about how this might work as part of an ambitious programme of activity across the City. School Streets alone was not enough and there should be a programme of other activity as well, including the promotion of walking, school buses and active travel to school. The plan would need to work for everyone and involve parents, schools and drivers. He suggested that a meeting was arranged to include himself, Councillor Jayne Dunn and other Councillors to consider the best approach to this problem and with a view to working to get the right solution for the City and he would ask for this to happen.

3.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council not to Place any more Children in the Earl Marshall Guest House

The Council received a petition containing 26 signatures, requesting the Council not to place any more children in the Earl Marshall Guest House.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by John Grayson. He said that the Council was responsible for placing refugee children in the Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast accommodation. This place was also used to house single men, including those with drug problems, mental health problems and having been released from prison. Families with children were placed there, most being refugee children with various forms of Leave to Remain. They shared toilets and queued for the showers with the males placed there. He said that families with children were routinely placed in the Earl Marshall.

He gave examples of families with children having been placed at the Earl Marshall, including a family placed in one room and where they had been given Leave to Remain and required to vacate a G4S properly in one week and then

placed in the Earl Marshall. This included a family with children who were disabled. He said that he felt it was disgraceful that this practice had become routine and commented that there were no trained staff or safeguarding at the Earl Marshall. Meetings had been held with the Council and the need for emergency accommodation was something that was understood. However, the Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast was not considered to be an appropriate place. He went on to say that it looked as if this was a discriminatory policy by the Council.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety. Councillor Steinke said that he may wish to dispute the assertion that children were 'routinely' placed in the Earl Marshall. There were at this time, nine families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation and all of the families had been matched to properties. Four of the families were to move out of bed and breakfast accommodation within a couple of days and the remaining five were yet to have a move date confirmed.

He said that a commitment had been given to acquire other alternative accommodation and this was in process. There were two properties being purchased and another property was being refurbished, and this would have been reported to the next meeting with interested parties arranged in January. Arrangements pertaining to the Christmas period would include the potential use of other accommodation, including hotels. However, some hotels might be selective in terms of what they might provide and may be full. Councillor Steinke said that he would repeat the commitment that the Council did not wish to continue to use bed and breakfast accommodation for refugees and homeless families.

One of the reasons for this situation for refugee families was that there were a number of families receiving status [Leave to Remain] and then having no recourse to public funds applied to them. He felt that issue was also something that should be a subject to protest about. He said that he would be pleased to meet again in January with the petitioners and interested parties concerning the matters now raised and the Council would continue to make progress in relation to the situations outlined.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families stated that it was not the case that the Council was acting in a discriminatory manner. When some families gained their Leave to Remain they would have to vacate the G4S property they were living in (which would have been funded) when they had no Leave to Remain. In those circumstances, the Council have to find another place for them to stay. Unfortunately, the Council had a limited number of properties available.

She stated that bed and breakfast accommodation, including the Earl Marshall was only used in emergencies when there was no other accommodation available. All accommodation the Council use was monitored and inspected and assessed to be suitable for people, including families. The Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast fulfilled the relevant guidance and legislation. The Council did not wish to see any family placed in Bed and Breakfast. However, bed and breakfast

accommodation might be used in emergency situations and the Council also had to find other temporary properties for people before they moved to a permanent home. The Council was working to get more places for families.

Councillor Drayton said that Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children did not live in the Earl Marshall. There were no refugee families with no Leave to Remain housed in the Earl Marshall. The families which were there had received Leave to Remain.

3.1.3 Petition Requesting the Council and Police to Consider Installing CCTV Cameras at Lansdowne (by the football pitch), the Abbeydale Corridor (junction of Fieldhead Road and Abbeydale Road) and by the Old Abbeydale Picture House

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing 153 signatures, requesting the Council and police to consider installing CCTV cameras at Lansdowne (by the football pitch), the Abbeydale corridor (junction of Fieldhead Road and Abbeydale Road) and by the old Abbeydale Picture House.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sahira Irshad. She stated that the Council was requested to consider investing in CCTV at Lansdowne (by the football pitch), the Abbeydale Corridor (junction of Fieldhead Road and Abbeydale Road) and by the Old Abbeydale Picture House. The Mums United group represented families and urged the Council to listen to people's concerns. At Lansdowne, by the football pitch, the CCTV was requested in order to deter illegal activity and anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance. Drugs related items had often been found there and there were other related activities such as a vehicle theft. She said that people wished for children to be safe and it was of concern that young people were sometimes involved in drugs related activity and they were used and targeted by organised crime.

Sahira Irshad said it was considered to be most important that the problems outlined in the petition were taken seriously. She commented that whilst the joint initiative relating to violent crime was appreciated, the local community had not yet been approached in relation to the issue of knife crime. CCTV would record illegal activity and provide reassurance and protection and it was effective. Furthermore, it could be installed so as to protect other people's privacy.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jim Steinke, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety. Councillor Steinke said that he was a local councillor in that area of the City and he was also aware of the issues which had been outlined by the petitioners in Lansdowne and the Abbeydale Corridor. He said that there was a meeting arranged with Mums United the next day. It was important that there was an appropriate response to the matters of concern for the long term and that measures such as CCTV were included as part of a co-ordinated and whole package of solutions. He said that the Council would look at how work could be done with the police to bring about long term and lasting solutions.

3.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Keep Woodbourn Stadium Open on Monday and Friday Evenings

The Council received an electronic petition containing 52 signatures, requesting the Council to keep Woodbourn Stadium open on Monday and Friday evenings.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Iain Smith. He stated that people were promised that the Woodbourn Stadium would be openly available for athletes to train at, following the closure of the Don Valley Stadium. However, the stadium's track and field facilities would be closed on Monday and Friday evenings in December and January and this affected many people's access including children, seniors, veterans and clubs. He commented that people had been training in the dark or via car headlights at the side of the track. He asked where the next elite athletes would come from in such circumstances and referred to the success of two schools in the City at the finals of the English Athletics Cross Country. However, he said the school athletes had no facility at which to train during the peak winter training period.

The Council referred to the petition Councillor Mary Lea (Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure). Councillor Lea stated that the Athletics Stadium was run by Sheffield Hallam University. Next to the stadium was the football stadium, PITZ which had been run by Powerleague. However, that contract was to end and a temporary operator would take over operations. This was a shared facility, including toilets and a café. Councillor Lea said that she had not been aware of any closure of the Stadium by the University. She would find out what was happening and respond to the lead petitioner. She also referred to the other facilities which were available for athletes in the City, including the English Institute of Sport.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Questions Concerning Licensing of Food Establishment

Emily Doyland asked what action the Council's Licensing Service was taking concerning the naming of the burger menu items at Randy's Hardcore Hamburgers, which she said promoted coercive, exploitative and non-consensual sexual acts.

A question was asked on behalf of Rosie Apperley, namely how did the Council's licensing function promote a more equal society where women were treated equally and not subject to discrimination.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that the naming of food items on menus after coercive, controlling and non-consensual acts was not acceptable or appropriate. The Council had received complaints about the establishment which were being investigated and officers had visited the premises and he was awaiting a report following that visit. He had also written to the establishment, directing them to rename the items on the menu to something more in keeping with the Council's Licensing Objectives.

He said that whilst the inappropriate name of one burger had been removed, other inappropriately named items remained on the menu, which were not acceptable. This was about respect and activity which promoted sexual coercion or pressure for sex was not acceptable. In relation to equality and fairness, this was a key priority within the Licensing Plan and each application was subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and, in this case, the menu was not disclosed as part of the assessment process. He said that misogyny, patriarchy and discrimination were bad for both women and men and it was better for people to live in a more equal society. Councillor Scott thanked Emily Doyland and Rosie Apperley for their work to highlight this matter. The Council was committed to using the tools at its disposal to make a fairer city.

3.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Yemen

Kaltun Elmi commented on the killing of innocent people in Yemen and the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia. She asked whether the Council would condemn the sale of arms to countries such as Saudi Arabia.

She asked whether the Leader of the Council would agree that when relatives of people living in Sheffield were being killed using weapons made in Britain, should not all politicians in Sheffield stand with the people of Yemen.

Carolyn Jordin asked whether the Council would seek ways to put political pressure on companies to stop selling arms to Saudi Arabia.

Fouad asked for the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia to cease, a lifting of the blockade on Yemen and what the Government and Council could do in relation to the deaths of children in Yemen.

Abdul Shair said that children were killed each day in Yemen and asked that the Council apply pressure to the Government to work towards a peaceful solution. He asked whether the Council would help with regard to the humanitarian support project for Yemen, including the potential to establish an orphanage and a practical worker to help support the community in Sheffield which was affected by this situation.

Ibtisam Al-foah made reference to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen and to weapons sales and asked whether the use of weapons sold to countries might be limited. It was also considered that there should be an assurance that women were involved in peace negotiations supported by the United Nations.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council thanked all those asking questions for bringing what was a most serious matter to Council and said that she recognised that it was difficult and emotional for people to talk about this subject. She said that Members of the Council would support fund raising and support communities and organisations and Members had also previously worked with community groups representing families and friends of people in other countries. Members would also work jointly to support people in the community. The Council would also wish to speak further with people to see

what could be done to help people in the city individually or as groups.

In relation to what the Council might do directly with regard to this issue, it was in the hands of the Government and Parliamentarians, as referenced in the notice of motion submitted to this meeting of the Council. The Council had an ethical procurement policy and that would be used by the Council as appropriate and where the Council was able to directly respond to issues and through its policies, it would do so.

Councillor Dore suggested that the amendments to the Notice Motion numbered 7 on the Summons were supported, and that the Notice of Motion on this subject be considered earlier in the agenda, so that people attending the Council meeting for that item could listen to the debate.

She said that these matters would be raised with the Government and with others and that the Council would also meet with individuals and community groups to see how they might work together.

3.2.3 Public Question Concerning Sheffield Trees and Woodlands Strategy

Dave Dillner asked if the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure was aware of errors in the foreword to the Trees and Woodlands Strategy document. He said that Sheffield was not Britain's greenest city and was the sixth greenest and that trees were not replaced on a two for one basis and had never been.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, stated that she believed that Sheffield was the greenest city in the country. She said that the Strategy would be considered at the next Cabinet meeting. A number of actions were proposed, including the development of a new Green Flag site and the bringing of all sites up to the Sheffield Standard. She also said that in addition to the planting of 100,000 new trees, any tree which had to be replaced would be replaced with two trees.

3.2.4 Public Question Concerning No Deal Brexit

Andrew Benson asked whether the Council would be producing an impact assessment on the consequences of a 'no-deal' Brexit for the city.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that the Council had carried out an assessment of the immediate impact of Brexit on the Council's services and staff and particularly in relation to the care sector and on supplies. It had been found that there would not be an immediate impact in that regard. However, in the long term, until such time as the detail of the type of exit of the UK from the European Union was known, the precise impact would not be known.

She said in relation to the potential long term economic impact on Sheffield, on the assessment of recent evidence and scenarios, the potential different circumstances would be no better than current circumstances of remaining in the European Union and there were varying degrees of impact. It was considered

that it would have the greatest impact on the poorest people and upon the poorest areas. The Government had more evidence in relation to the regional impact. However, that was not being shared with the Council, although the Council, City Region and MPs had requested it. She said that, whatever the outcome, the government at that time would have choices as to how to address the economic impact and there would be different approaches to social and economic policy issues by the various political parties.

3.2.5 Public Question Concerning the Lord Mayor and Social Media

Nigel Slack commented on the role of Lord Mayor, which he said had been forever changed by the current incumbent and said that it was an opportune moment to consider and to reflect on the role of the Lord Mayor for the 21st Century. He said that he would wish to raise some questions before the review moved forward in the hope that these will be fully considered by that review process.

He referred to reference in the report by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to the Lord Mayor remaining non-political during their term of office and to the report of the Director of Legal & Governance to the Scrutiny Committee on 15th November 2018, which asked the Committee to consider how the Lord Mayor might contribute to the promotion of the Council's corporate objectives. He asserted that the Council's corporate objectives were a political choice by the administration, and asked whether these two statements were therefore contradictory?

Mr Slack said that the review would no doubt include the issue of social media in the promotion of the Mayoral role etc, and he asked whether this was also a good time to review the Code of Conduct for Councillors with respect to social media issues and thereby potentially address the concerns over the way some councillors behave on social media.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that the report to Council recommended that the Director of Legal and Governance be asked to consider the issues and she was confident that would take into account the issues that Mr Slack had raised. There was a further item on the agenda for this meeting regarding the role of the Lord Mayor.

She said the with regard to the Code of Conduct, she did not see a problem with reviewing policy and would clarify the last time when the Code of Conduct was reviewed and as to whether it could be reviewed in the light of emerging issues such as social media.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Accountancy Companies

Nigel Slack stated that two major accountancy companies with close ties to the City Council were currently under investigation by the Financial Reporting Council, KPMG with respect to the collapse of Carillion and Grant Thornton with respect to financial irregularities and the near collapse of Patisserie Valerie.

He asked whether the Council would be reviewing its relationship with these organisations in light of the new Ethical Procurement Policy.

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council, stated that the Council did not have a contractual relationship with KPMG or Grant Thornton. The external auditor was Ernst and Young which was appointed by a national appointment process, as was the case for all local authorities. The ethical procurement policy would apply to future work which those companies decided to bid for in the future, as was the case with all of the Council's contracts.

3.2.7 Public Question Concerning Bus Fares

Jenny Carpenter referred to the proposals relating to a clean air zone and asked if the Council could give an assurance that bus fares would not increase as a consequence of buses having been upgraded to comply with the requirements of the clean air zone.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that it was imperative that air quality was improved to save lives. He had met with First, the bus company which operated some 75 percent of the city's bus network and they had given a commitment not to increase fares as a result of the charge relating to the clean air zone. It was not the Council's intention to charge buses. There was a wish for substantial investment in the bus fleet to upgrade it to Euro 6 diesel standard or Euro 4 petrol standard so no charge was required.

The Council wanted clean air and to create an incentive and to work with bus operators to ensure the required resources and investment were obtained. First had committed to additional investment, including new ultra-emission vehicles and £9 million to address a further 40 percent of the bus fleet in Sheffield. This was in addition to the £7 million invested by the local authority to re-power 120 buses, which was about one quarter of the bus fleet. He said that Stagecoach, the other major bus operator, was to also respond to him on this matter. He pointed out that Government investment was required before proceeding with this work.

There was a wish to move away from polluting vehicles and a suitable public transport system was needed. He acknowledged that there was much work still to do. He referred to statements by the PTE and First committing to the upgrading of buses so they were not liable for a charge and so fares could be kept at a low level and to support people to move away from polluting to cleaner vehicles.

3.2.8 Public Question Concerning Leaf Clearance on Pavements

Graham Wroe said that in order to improve air quality and reduce CO2 emissions it was vital that the Council encouraged people to choose to walk rather than use their cars, especially for short journeys. Many people did not have a car and so had no choice in this matter.

He said that a major deterrent to walking at present was the dangerous state of many pavements that were covered in decaying leaves, which was a slip hazard.

He asked, under the Amey contract, how many times a year residents could expect their pavements to be swept; why this year had there been so little sweeping of leaves on the pavement; and what was the Council doing to hold Amey to account over this and ensure they were providing the residents of Sheffield with a satisfactory service?

Councillor Lewis Dagnall, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, stated that Streets Ahead promoted active travel, which included smooth highways and pavements meaning it was easier to walk or cycle. He said that he would agree that it was in our interest to promote active travel, to which Streets Ahead made a major contribution. In relation to leaf clearance, there were a minimum of three annual sweeps and a 14 day response time for reports of wet leaves. Councillor Dagnall suggested that this matter was reported to Streets Ahead so that it could be dealt with. There was also, at this time, additional teams clearing leaf fall particularly due to the wet weather conditions and in the areas of highest footfall or where there were lots of trees. He said that he believed that a satisfactory service was being offered.

3.2.9 Public Question Concerning Accommodation for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Marian Machekanyani asked whether all of the families currently supported by the Council in the Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast were black, people of colour and refugees with different versions of Leave to Remain in the UK.

A question was asked on behalf of Manuchehr Malek-Dizuyi concerning how many families with children the Council was currently supporting in the Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast.

Councillor Jim Steinke, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, stated that the Council recognised that refugees came from across the world in circumstances where there had been oppression or war and it respected that and tried to do the best for them. There was not a record of a person's colour and this was not a criteria by which matters would be determined. He said that he would resist and object to any kind of accusation relating to racism.

The key point regarding people in bed and breakfast accommodation, whilst it was celebrated that they had Leave to Remain, was that in the letter informing them of their Leave to Remain, they were also informed that they had No Recourse to Public Funds by the Government. Nonetheless, the Council was responding in as positive and humane way as possible and would move people quickly into a proper or supported tenancy.

There were at this time, nine families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation and all of the families had been matched to properties. Four of the families were to

move out of bed and breakfast accommodation within a couple of days and the remaining five were yet to have a move date confirmed.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN YEMEN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ABDUL KHAYUM AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ABTISAM MOHAMED

4.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Julie Dore and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking item 7 on the agenda (Notice of Motion regarding "Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen") as the next item of business.

4.2 It was moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, and seconded by Councillor Abtisam Mohamed, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises the contribution that the Yemeni community has made to the city through their work, including in the steel industry;
- (b) notes that the current situation in Yemen is widely regarded as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, and that the country is on the brink of the world's worst famine for a hundred years;
- (c) believes the horrors in Yemen cannot be underestimated:-
 - (i) 85,000 children have died as a result of starvation;
 - (ii) 13 to 14 million people are at risk of starvation, including five million children;
 - (iii) 22 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance;
 - (iv) the conflict has given rise to the worst outbreak of cholera in modern times, with the World Health Organisation citing 10,000 suspected cases every week; and
 - (v) since Yemen's cholera epidemic erupted in April 2017, a total of 1.2 million suspected cases have been reported, with 2,515 deaths, and with children accounting for 30 per cent of infections;
- (d) believes that the crisis shames us all, and condemns the Saudi-led coalition for using starvation as a weapon of war, a clear breach of international law;
- (e) believes the UK government should be doing much more to resolve the crisis, and supports the United Nations' (UN) call for the cessation of hostilities, and urges all parties engaged in this conflict to immediately stop the fighting and come together around the negotiating table to end the humanitarian crisis;

- (f) asks all UK political parties to reconvene a parliamentary debate on the Yemen crisis and to endorse the UN sponsored ceasefire unreservedly, and use its influence to open direct UK level talks for the purposes of achieving peace in Yemen;
- (g) welcomes the efforts of the Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, and urges the Envoy and the UN to maximise their efforts to find a quick and immediate solution to prevent one of the biggest humanitarian catastrophes ever;
- (h) recognises that many Yemeni's in Sheffield will have family and friends that are affected by the humanitarian crisis, and supports efforts to raise funds for the crisis in Yemen, including the provision of food supplies, clothing, childcare products and medicines, through the support of the wider community;
- (i) supports the development of the Sheffield for Humanitarian Aid and Peace project in raising funds and sending aid to areas affected by the humanitarian crisis; and
- (j) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield Members of Parliament.

4.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (m) as follows:-

- (k) calls for the suspension of UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia in response to their consistent targeting of civilians in Yemen which is in breach of international humanitarian law;
- (l) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to the Saudi and the Yemeni Embassies in London; and
- (m) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

4.4 It was then moved by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (m) as follows:-

- (k) notes that research shows the UK was responsible for selling Saudi Arabia \$436 million worth of armaments in 2017, which are likely to have been used in a war which Save the Children estimates has resulted in the death of 85,000 children under the age of 5;
- (l) believes that the Government should not grant an export licence if there is a clear risk that the items might be used in the commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law; and

(m) therefore resolves that this Council will write to the Secretary of State for International Trade requesting an immediate suspension of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

4.5 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Abdul Khayum, the amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was carried.

4.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Kaltum Rivers was then put to the vote and was also carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises the contribution that the Yemeni community has made to the city through their work, including in the steel industry;
- (b) notes that the current situation in Yemen is widely regarded as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, and that the country is on the brink of the world's worst famine for a hundred years;
- (c) believes the horrors in Yemen cannot be underestimated:-
 - (i) 85,000 children have died as a result of starvation;
 - (ii) 13 to 14 million people are at risk of starvation, including five million children;
 - (iii) 22 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance;
 - (iv) the conflict has given rise to the worst outbreak of cholera in modern times, with the World Health Organisation citing 10,000 suspected cases every week; and
 - (v) since Yemen's cholera epidemic erupted in April 2017, a total of 1.2 million suspected cases have been reported, with 2,515 deaths, and with children accounting for 30 per cent of infections;
- (d) believes that the crisis shames us all, and condemns the Saudi-led coalition for using starvation as a weapon of war, a clear breach of international law;
- (e) believes the UK government should be doing much more to resolve the crisis, and supports the United Nations' (UN) call for the cessation of hostilities, and urges all parties engaged in this conflict to immediately stop the fighting and come together around the negotiating table to end the humanitarian crisis;

- (f) asks all UK political parties to reconvene a parliamentary debate on the Yemen crisis and to endorse the UN sponsored ceasefire unreservedly, and use its influence to open direct UK level talks for the purposes of achieving peace in Yemen;
- (g) welcomes the efforts of the Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, and urges the Envoy and the UN to maximise their efforts to find a quick and immediate solution to prevent one of the biggest humanitarian catastrophes ever;
- (h) recognises that many Yemeni's in Sheffield will have family and friends that are affected by the humanitarian crisis, and supports efforts to raise funds for the crisis in Yemen, including the provision of food supplies, clothing, childcare products and medicines, through the support of the wider community;
- (i) supports the development of the Sheffield for Humanitarian Aid and Peace project in raising funds and sending aid to areas affected by the humanitarian crisis;
- (j) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield Members of Parliament;
- (k) notes that research shows the UK was responsible for selling Saudi Arabia \$436 million worth of armaments in 2017, which are likely to have been used in a war which Save the Children estimates has resulted in the death of 85,000 children under the age of 5;
- (l) believes that the Government should not grant an export licence if there is a clear risk that the items might be used in the commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law;
- (m) calls for the suspension of UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia in response to their consistent targeting of civilians in Yemen which is in breach of international humanitarian law;
- (n) therefore resolves that this Council will write to the Secretary of State for International Trade requesting an immediate suspension of arms sales to Saudi Arabia;
- (o) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to the Saudi and the Yemeni Embassies in London; and
- (p) requests that a copy of this motion is sent to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 Written Questions

5.2.1 A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members and to the Chair of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, 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.

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

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

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "IMPROVING SECONDARY SCHOOL STANDARDS ACROSS SHEFFIELD " - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED MAHROOF AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE LEVERY

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, and seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that in the most recent OFSTED reports, more than two thirds of secondary schools in Sheffield are rated as outstanding or good;
- (b) believes this is due to the dedication that staff, young people and their families have put into the education of young people in Sheffield;
- (c) however, notes that there are a number of schools still underperforming and are rated as requiring improvement or inadequate or are in special measures;
- (d) notes these schools are Forge Valley, Chaucer, Yewlands, Ecclesfield, Stocksbridge, Bradfield, Westfield, Birley, Outwood and Sheffield Springs;
- (e) further notes that out of these underperforming schools, six are clustered in the same area in the North of Sheffield and four are clustered in the same area in the South/South East of Sheffield, limiting the choice and availability to young people in these particular areas;

- (f) notes that in the North this is approximately 6,700 young people and in the South it is approximately 4,000 young people, amounting to 32% of young people in this city attending a school which is underperforming;
- (g) notes this is not good for the future prosperity of our city, or the life chances of the young people attending these schools; and
- (h) calls on the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Learn Sheffield to meet with the academy trusts operating these schools and work with them to develop a plan to improve these schools in the North and South/South East and other schools in similar circumstances across the city.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, and seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (p) as follows:-

- (d) believes that despite improvements being required in some of the city's schools, these results are a testament to the hard work of teachers, leaders and the communities they serve, throughout the city and that, increasingly, schools are working in partnership with one another and Learn Sheffield, resulting in substantial progress being made over the last few years;
- (e) believes, however, that Sheffield schools only succeed in spite of, and not because of, this Government, as they are in desperate need of improved funding - and this is reflected in the results of the Ofsted report, and the fact that Sheffield schools would be over £18 million better off if the Government had listened to our demands to speed-up the implementation of the new funding formula;
- (f) notes that, under these budgetary constraints, some schools are falling short of what we, or Ofsted, would expect, and we will continue to do everything we can to work with these schools to deliver the required improvements, and we will continue to demand that Government give more to local schools to deliver the right education for every child across the city;
- (g) notes that from 1997 to 2010, Labour Governments increased spending on education as a proportion of GDP from 4.5% to 6.2%, and that the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) estimates that real terms expenditure increased by 4.2% every year, compared with an average increase of just 1.5% from the Conservative Governments of 1979 to 1997;
- (h) further notes that Labour made education a top priority and that average government spending reflected this from 1997-2010:-
 - (i) every year, capital spending on schools increased by 12.9%;

- (ii) every year, further education spending increased 7.7%;
 - (iii) every year, under-5s spending increased by 6.1%;
 - (iv) every year, day-to-day secondary school spending increased by 5%; and
 - (v) the average growth in day-to-day primary school spending was at least 3.9% every year;
- (i) further notes that the increases in spending translated into larger numbers of teachers and declining class sizes, with the number of teachers increasing by 12% over the period, from 400,000 to 450,000, as well as a huge increase in the number of support staff and teaching assistants whose numbers tripled to 190,000 by 2010;
 - (j) notes that this is in stark contrast to government spending from 2010 and the formation of the Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition over which point, according to the IFS, the amount of per pupil spending in England's schools has fallen by 8%, and record numbers of teachers have left the profession;
 - (k) further notes that recent studies show that Sixth form funding has been cut by 25% and local authority support is down by 55%;
 - (l) finds it remarkable that the largest opposition group have chosen to single out underperforming schools in Sheffield instead of laying blame where it should be; with the Government's completely inadequate funding;
 - (m) regrets that the main opposition group have nothing constructive to say for improving the situation of schools in Sheffield and have instead only asked the Administration to do what it is already doing – working closely with the academy trusts operating underperforming schools and actively offering what support we can, alongside Learn Sheffield;
 - (n) notes that this Administration puts fairness and tackling inequality at the heart of all policies - actively investing more in the areas of greatest need and readdressing geographical disparities in the city, and yet efforts to do so are often opposed by the leading opposition group;
 - (o) believes we need a Labour government to ensure local authorities can build schools again and scrap the free school programme, a flagship initiative of the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove, MP when he was Secretary of State for Education under the coalition government, bring academies under greater democratic control and bring to an end the Conservative-Liberal Democrat legacy of fragmentation and privatisation of the education sector; and
 - (p) further notes that a Labour government would stop schools being able to

operate their own admission policies, as the current situation has left local authorities with a duty to ensure that every school age child gets a school place, yet are not always able to place children where they want, although in Sheffield we continue to perform much better than the national average, with 97% of children given a place at a secondary school of their choice.

6.2.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Jayne Dunn), the amendment as circulated at the meeting and published with the agenda, was altered by the deletion of the words "every year" from the 4th line in paragraph (j).)

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the substitution of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-

(b) gives credit to the dedication that staff, young people and their families put into the education of young people in Sheffield, but notes that the quality of a child's education in Sheffield still depends too much on where they were born and where they live.

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

(i) notes that a Labour government established academies through the Learning and Skills Act 2000 and aimed to "improve pupil performance and break the cycle of low expectations" by directly funding schools through central government and giving more freedom and choice to schools to choose their own term times, curriculum and staff;

(j) notes that more than half of the biggest multi-academy trusts (MATs) have issued warnings in 2018 about funding, citing pay, staffing levels, building maintenance and mounting deficits, and some are relying on emergency handouts from the taxpayer;

(k) notes that many have failed to improve after being converted into academy schools and a number have been adversely affected by the ineffectiveness of the MAT they are under;

(l) notes that Regional Schools Commissioners do not have the powers or policy framework to influence the development of MATs;

(m) believes MATs should undergo external inspection, with those failing to improve standards re-brokered by local authorities;

(n) believes that measures should be introduced to prevent MATs using education funding to pay excessive executive salaries; and

- (o) believes local authorities should have a significant role, with the remit to promote high standards across the state school sector, including academies.
- 6.5 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, the amendment moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, as altered at the meeting, was put to the vote and was carried.
- 6.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was also carried.
- 6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Colin Ross was then put to the vote and was negated.
- 6.8 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that in the most recent OFSTED reports, more than two thirds of secondary schools in Sheffield are rated as outstanding or good;
- (b) gives credit to the dedication that staff, young people and their families put into the education of young people in Sheffield, but notes that the quality of a child's education in Sheffield still depends too much on where they were born and where they live;
- (c) however, notes that there are a number of schools still underperforming and are rated as requiring improvement or inadequate or are in special measures;
- (d) believes that despite improvements being required in some of the city's schools, these results are a testament to the hard work of teachers, leaders and the communities they serve, throughout the city and that, increasingly, schools are working in partnership with one another and Learn Sheffield, resulting in substantial progress being made over the last few years;
- (e) believes, however, that Sheffield schools only succeed in spite of, and not because of, this Government, as they are in desperate need of improved funding - and this is reflected in the results of the Ofsted report, and the fact that Sheffield schools would be over £18 million better off if the Government had listened to our demands to speed-up the implementation of the new funding formula;
- (f) notes that, under these budgetary constraints, some schools are falling short of what we, or Ofsted, would expect, and we will continue to do everything we can to work with these schools to deliver the required improvements, and we will continue to demand that Government give more to local schools to deliver the right education for every child across the city;

- (g) notes that from 1997 to 2010, Labour Governments increased spending on education as a proportion of GDP from 4.5% to 6.2%, and that the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) estimates that real terms expenditure increased by 4.2% every year, compared with an average increase of just 1.5% from the Conservative Governments of 1979 to 1997;
- (h) further notes that Labour made education a top priority and that average government spending reflected this from 1997-2010:-
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 - (ii) every year, further education spending increased 7.7%;
 - (iii) every year, under-5s spending increased by 6.1%;
 - (iv) every year, day-to-day secondary school spending increased by 5%; and
 - (v) the average growth in day-to-day primary school spending was at least 3.9% every year;
- (i) further notes that the increases in spending translated into larger numbers of teachers and declining class sizes, with the number of teachers increasing by 12% over the period, from 400,000 to 450,000, as well as a huge increase in the number of support staff and teaching assistants whose numbers tripled to 190,000 by 2010;
- (j) notes that this is in stark contrast to government spending from 2010 and the formation of the Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition over which point, according to the IFS, the amount of per pupil spending in England's schools has fallen by 8%, and record numbers of teachers have left the profession;
- (k) further notes that recent studies show that Sixth form funding has been cut by 25% and local authority support is down by 55%;
- (l) finds it remarkable that the largest opposition group have chosen to single out underperforming schools in Sheffield instead of laying blame where it should be; with the Government's completely inadequate funding;
- (m) regrets that the main opposition group have nothing constructive to say for improving the situation of schools in Sheffield and have instead only asked the Administration to do what it is already doing – working closely with the academy trusts operating underperforming schools and actively offering what support we can, alongside Learn Sheffield;
- (n) notes that this Administration puts fairness and tackling inequality at the heart of all policies - actively investing more in the areas of greatest need and readdressing geographical disparities in the city, and yet efforts to do so are often opposed by the leading opposition group;

- (o) believes we need a Labour government to ensure local authorities can build schools again and scrap the free school programme, a flagship initiative of the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove, MP when he was Secretary of State for Education under the coalition government, bring academies under greater democratic control and bring to an end the Conservative-Liberal Democrat legacy of fragmentation and privatisation of the education sector; and
- (p) further notes that a Labour government would stop schools being able to operate their own admission policies, as the current situation has left local authorities with a duty to ensure that every school age child gets a school place, yet are not always able to place children where they want, although in Sheffield we continue to perform much better than the national average, with 97% of children given a place at a secondary school of their choice.

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

- For paragraphs (a) to (c) (69) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, 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, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraphs (a) to (c) (2) - Councillors Jack Clarkson and Keith Davis.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) to (c) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid).

- For paragraphs (d) to (f) (64) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, 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, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraphs (d) to (f) (2) - Councillors Jack Clarkson and Keith Davis.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (d) to (f) (6) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal.
- For paragraphs (g) to (p) (43) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraphs (g) to (p) (23) - 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, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (g) to (p) (6) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal.

6.8.2 (NOTE: Councillor Ben Miskell, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item, did not speak or vote on the item.)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEVOLUTION DEAL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, and seconded by Councillor Jack Scott, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the South Yorkshire devolution deal, agreed with government in 2015 and supported by this Council in 2016, remains unimplemented, with the result that the city region does not have access to the agreed £30m/year gain-share funds, and that the powers agreed as part of the deal have not been devolved to the Mayor and Combined Authority;
- (b) further notes that, as a result of not having an implemented mayoral powers order, the Combined Authority has not been able to access other government funding streams, such as the top-sliced element of the Transforming Cities Fund that has been made available to other Mayoral Combined Authorities, and notes recent reports that not implementing the deal is costing the region up to £75 million in investment;
- (c) supports the Mayor's manifesto commitment that "any new mayoralty should begin with the implementation of the 2015 agreement";
- (d) believes that, following recent comments by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, that "there is already a deal that is on the table in Sheffield in terms of seeing that Sheffield City Region with its Mayor being able to get on and deliver for that community and to unlock the funding for that part of South Yorkshire. Therefore, I think that's where our focus needs to be, obviously I will continue to look at devolution arrangements for Yorkshire but the priority needs to be getting the Sheffield City Region up and running delivering for that community and with it getting behind that deal, making it happen so we can then look at what other devolution arrangements maybe appropriate for Yorkshire", it is clearer than ever that the South Yorkshire Deal is the only deal on the table and there should be no further delay to implementing the deal; and

- (e) calls upon the Sheffield City Region Mayor to bring forward all necessary measures to implement the South Yorkshire Deal and believes that this should be done by the end of January at the latest.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows:-

- (e) (i) demands that the three Council Leaders in South Yorkshire, the elected Mayor of Doncaster and the Sheffield City Region Mayor now sort out this impasse, as it is they that are creating the uncertainty for local business and it is these five people who hold the solution to bringing about the Sheffield City Region deal, and to bring forward all necessary measures to implement the South Yorkshire deal, and believes that, if they cannot do that in the next six months, they will have to admit they have let down the local area on devolution in South Yorkshire and (ii) believes that this should be done by appointing an independent facilitator who can broker a deal amongst these 5 people;
- (f) expects Sheffield City Council to be involved as a full and active member of programmes and trade delegations that the Sheffield City Region Mayor runs; and
- (g) demands that, if after six months, the three Council Leaders, the elected Mayor of Doncaster and the Sheffield City Region Mayor are still letting the local area down by not being able to implement the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal, they should return to Government, admit that they cannot break the deadlock and seek a timescale that the Government will keep open the South Yorkshire Deal.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

- (c) notes that this Council has contributed funding to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, which has spent millions of pounds on what this Council now regards as a rushed, divisive, and unsuccessful Devolution Deal, Combined Authority and Mayoral Election and office, and received little in return in terms of powers or funding; and
- (d) believes this Administration should stop supporting this Government's agenda on devolution and join with the vast majority of Yorkshire Councils working towards a Yorkshire-wide devolution that should rival the devolution granted to London, Scotland and Wales.

7.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Paul Scriven was put to the vote and was negated.

- 7.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraph (f), and against paragraphs (e) and (g) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Robert Murphy was then put to the vote and was also negated.
- 7.6 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the South Yorkshire devolution deal, agreed with government in 2015 and supported by this Council in 2016, remains unimplemented, with the result that the city region does not have access to the agreed £30m/year gain-share funds, and that the powers agreed as part of the deal have not been devolved to the Mayor and Combined Authority;
- (b) further notes that, as a result of not having an implemented mayoral powers order, the Combined Authority has not been able to access other government funding streams, such as the top-sliced element of the Transforming Cities Fund that has been made available to other Mayoral Combined Authorities, and notes recent reports that not implementing the deal is costing the region up to £75 million in investment;
- (c) supports the Mayor's manifesto commitment that "any new mayoralty should begin with the implementation of the 2015 agreement";
- (d) believes that, following recent comments by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, that "there is already a deal that is on the table in Sheffield in terms of seeing that Sheffield City Region with its Mayor being able to get on and deliver for that community and to unlock the funding for that part of South Yorkshire. Therefore, I think that's where our focus needs to be, obviously I will continue to look at devolution arrangements for Yorkshire but the priority needs to be getting the Sheffield City Region up and running delivering for that community and with it getting behind that deal, making it happen so we can then look at what other devolution arrangements maybe appropriate for Yorkshire", it is clearer than ever that the South Yorkshire Deal is the only deal on the table and there should be no further delay to implementing the deal; and
- (e) calls upon the Sheffield City Region Mayor to bring forward all necessary measures to implement the South Yorkshire Deal and believes that this should be done by the end of January at the latest.

- 7.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) and (b), voted against paragraph (d), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) and (e) of the

Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHOPPERS AT FARGATE 'CHRISTMAS' MARKET " - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS

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

- (a) welcomes the new security arrangements put in place to protect the local people of Sheffield and visitors to the City whilst shopping at the Fargate 'Christmas' Market;
- (b) believes that this is a sensible precaution by placing large concrete blocks to prevent vehicular access, at the top and bottom of Fargate, although is saddened that these measures have had to be taken, but which are necessary in view of what has taken place at other events where crowds gather;
- (c) will do all it can to ensure that everyone can go about their business this Christmas period, feeling safe and secure, whilst enjoying the Christmas festive period; and
- (d) will do all it can to ensure that no group or individuals will try and disrupt any Christmas festivity taking place within the City of Sheffield, by putting in place the necessary security arrangements to ensure the safety of the people of Sheffield and its visitors.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jim Steinke, and formally seconded by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (h) as follows:-

- (e) notes that the additional security measures have not been implemented in response to any increase in the threat level and are instead purely precautionary, and that thanks should be given to all those who make the city centre safe throughout the year, including, but not limited to, City Centre Ambassadors, South Yorkshire Police and Police Community Support Officers;
- (f) believes that though the bollards serve an important function, the Administration has launched a plan to dramatically improve the look of the grey bricks to help keep the festive theme around the city centre, with the public submitting designs;
- (g) further notes that five designs will be chosen and printed onto covers which will be placed on the blocks, and that these can be used for future years also; and

- (h) believes that Sheffield Christmas markets are going from strength to strength, year-on-year, and that this demonstrates increasing confidence in the city centre as a destination for shopping and leisure.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the new security arrangements put in place to protect the local people of Sheffield and visitors to the City whilst shopping at the Fargate 'Christmas' Market;
- (b) believes that this is a sensible precaution by placing large concrete blocks to prevent vehicular access, at the top and bottom of Fargate, although is saddened that these measures have had to be taken, but which are necessary in view of what has taken place at other events where crowds gather;
- (c) will do all it can to ensure that everyone can go about their business this Christmas period, feeling safe and secure, whilst enjoying the Christmas festive period;
- (d) will do all it can to ensure that no group or individuals will try and disrupt any Christmas festivity taking place within the City of Sheffield, by putting in place the necessary security arrangements to ensure the safety of the people of Sheffield and its visitors;
- (e) notes that the additional security measures have not been implemented in response to any increase in the threat level and are instead purely precautionary, and that thanks should be given to all those who make the city centre safe throughout the year, including, but not limited to, City Centre Ambassadors, South Yorkshire Police and Police Community Support Officers;
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- (h) believes that Sheffield Christmas markets are going from strength to strength, year-on-year, and that this demonstrates increasing confidence in the city centre as a destination for shopping and leisure.

9. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY)

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that the Statement of Principles (Policy) under the Gambling Act 2005, as set out in the report of the Executive Director, Place now submitted, be approved.

10. THE ROLE OF THE LORD MAYOR

- 10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Denise Fox, and formally seconded by Councillor Mick Rooney, that approval be given to the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (which it made following its consideration of the role of the Lord Mayor, as outlined in the report now submitted), that the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the current and former Lord Mayors, be requested to produce revised guidance for the role of the Lord Mayor and draft a Lord Mayor's Code of Conduct for consideration by the Audit and Standards Committee before being presented to full Council for approval.

- 10.2 On being put to the vote, the Motion was negatived.

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

For the Motion (6) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan and Michelle Cook.

Against the Motion (21) - 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, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the Motion (48) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Sophie Wilson, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, 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, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

- 11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th November 2018, be approved as a true and accurate record.

12. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that Councillor Martin Phipps be appointed to serve on the Cycle Forum in place of Councillor Magid Magid.