

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 6 November 2019, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

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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
Vic Bowden
Moya O'Rourke | 19 | <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Peter Garbutt
Jim Steinke
Alison Teal |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Bob McCann
Chris Rosling-Josephs
Sophie Wilson | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Barbara Masters
Shaffaq Mohammed | 20 | <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell |
| 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>
Angela Argenzio
Michelle Cook
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
Paul Turpin | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Ruth Mersereau
Martin Phipps | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Sue Auckland
Steve Ayris | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i>
David Baker
Penny Baker
Vickie Priestley |
| 7 | <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Tim Huggan
Mohammed Mahroof
Anne Murphy | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Julie Grocutt
Francyne Johnson |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Terry Fox
Pat Midgley
Sioned-Mair Richards | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Olivia Blake
Neale Gibson |
| 9 | <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
Tony Downing
Kevin Oxley
Gail Smith | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Alan Hooper
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 Jack Clarkson, Ben Curran and Jack Scott.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Calling on the Council to Support Hong Kong Democracy

The Council received a petition containing 2625 signatures, calling on the Council to support Hong Kong Democracy.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Angus Fong and Cecilia Cheong.

They stated that, since being handed back to China in 1997, Hong Kong had changed beyond recognition and said that the extradition bill was the latest in a series of attempts to erode the human rights and freedoms of Hong Kong. They said that there had been inaction by the Hong Kong government and which essentially endorsed widespread police brutality.

They made reference to corruption and said there was little confidence in the law enforcement and the relationship of legislation, judiciary and law enforcement. It was said that people did not feel safe or free and that Hong Kong no longer felt like their home.

There was a wish to harness the support of people in Sheffield which, they said was considered to be a second home and people had stood in solidarity with Hong Kong when they signed this petition, which called upon the City Council to make a stand against the regime in Hong Kong and condemning violations of human rights and to uphold the rights and freedoms of people in Hong Kong.

The Council referred the petition to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore who thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to the Council and she remarked on the passion with which the petitioners had spoken about their home in Hong Kong and their second home in Sheffield. She said that she was pleased to hear people say that they saw Sheffield as their second home, because of the City's long tradition and history of welcoming people from across the world and of showing support for human rights and democracy. Political parties in the UK had shown solidarity with the people of Hong Kong and with regards peaceful protests in Hong Kong and the right to retain the two

system policy which was agreed at the handover in 1997.

She said that Sheffield would wish to support people in any way possible to help them show support to fellow Hong Kong people and their home. She also spoke of a visit she had made to Hong Kong in 1987 and the pleasure she had in sharing the culture and in seeing the beautiful place that it had been. She contrasted that to what was happening in Hong Kong at this time.

Councillor Dore said that the Council would do all that it was able to support the Hong Kong community in Sheffield and she knew there were councillors that would continue to give support through their own personal and individual support. She said that if there was anything more that people believed the Council could do such as with regards to personal safety, she asked people to bring it to the attention of the Council immediately so as to ensure that people were able to go about their lives in Sheffield safely.

3.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Create a New Footpath Along Greenhill Parkway

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 404 signatures, requesting the Council to create a new footpath along Greenhill Parkway.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sarah Whiteley-Winter who stated that the petition was for the creation of a new footpath between the first gennel at the back of James Andrew Crescent to the roundabout at the junction of Greenhill Parkway and Reney Road/Gervase Road next to Greenhill Primary school playing field. She outlined the reasons why a footpath was considered to be necessary and would benefit the local community. Firstly, the closure of a medical practice at Lowedges and the transfer of patients to the Avenue Medical Practice, which would mean that the quickest direct route for people was along Greenhill Parkway, which was flat and straight and easier for older people and those with children, prams and mobility scooters.

She explained that secondly, a footpath would enable easier access to Greenhill Library from Lowedges. The linking of a proposed new crossing and the proposed footpath would create a more holistic solution for pedestrians using local facilities.

Thirdly, children and parents attending Greenhill Primary School would find it useful to be able to cross over to the correct side of the road when convenient and avoid walking through the mud. She referred to access to Greenhill School and the difficulty for people in crossing the road and for motorists and said that a path, as proposed in the petition, would make the situation much safer.

Fourthly, there would be improved access to both St Peter's Church and Greenhill Methodist Church and the territorial army building. She said that people to whom she had spoken had been very enthusiastic about the proposals for a new path.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to Council. He stated that a similar request had been presented to the Council in June 2019 and was assessed at that time and concerns had included access to the medical centre. He said that the assessment criteria took into account access to local facilities and services. He said that since that time, there had been no recorded injury accidents or any involving pedestrians over the last five years.

The Council received requests for highways schemes from all over the City for similar schemes and, whilst it would like to respond positively to all such requests, unfortunately the financial constraints meant that requests were listed and assessed in accordance with criteria and this request would also be subject to that process.

3.2.3 Petition Requesting Speed Cameras on High Street, Mosborough

The Council received an electronic petition containing 429 signatures, requesting speed cameras on High Street, Mosborough.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Brooke Staves. She asked the Council to consider traffic calming measures on Mosborough High Street and said that her pet dog had been killed on 13 September when a motorist had failed to stop and someone else's pet was also killed on 9 October. She had formed a community group which had come together and agreed that something needed to be done.

She said that there was an issue with vehicle speed on the A6135 and the High Street, Mosborough and this had been the case for many years. Attempts had been made to put pedestrian crossings on High Street and there had been temporary speed cameras in place. There were also reports concerning dangerous driving, damage to property and near miss incidents caused by dangerous driving in recent months.

Brooke Staves explained that the request was for increased and improved signage throughout the village to remind drivers that there was a 30 mph speed limit. There was not much signage in Mosborough and it was difficult to cross the road. She pointed out that there was a school, nurseries and pubs. A smiley face, vehicle activated sign which was in place had been broken for some time. She said that 429 people had signed the petition and that both speed and the ability for people to cross the road were issues. Emergency vehicles used the road and so speed bumps would not be appropriate. However, speed cameras or zebra crossings might be considered.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for bringing this issue to Council. He stated that the issue had been brought to his attention, including by the local MP and local councillors. He had arranged to visit and to look at what measures could be put in place and would be pleased to meet with the petitioners and the MP and local councillors on the matter.

3.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Immediately Halt the Planned Sale of the Three Owlthorpe Field Sites and Commit to Preserving Them as a Natural Community Resource

The Council received a petition containing 926 signatures requesting the Council to immediately halt the planned sale of the three Owlthorpe Field sites and commit to preserving them as a natural community resource.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Question Concerning the Big City Conversation

Sue Kondallor commented on the petition with regards a change of the Council's governance arrangements and asked if the Council would acknowledge that the Big City Conversation was not addressing the change of governance issue and was no substitute for it, rather it addressed other issues from drainage to street begging; give an update to the Council on progress made so far in this matter; and commit to more transparency and give regular updates on progress.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader of the Council, said that he acknowledged that many people had signed the governance petition and had started off the process for a referendum. He said that within the agenda for this meeting of Council was a discussion concerning the Big City Conversation. He understood that some people wished to look at community engagement and others wished to examine forms of governance. The Council was seeking a conversation on both of those aspects and it wanted to listen to what a wide range of people around Sheffield had to say. Part of the Big City Conversation would allow the Council opportunity to reach over 80 thousand residents in the city and to get in touch with them on a regular basis and on a range array of subjects. When an event was held at the Moor Market during Local Democracy Week, drainage and street begging were the major concerns raised by people. A public meeting had also been held on governance which was independently facilitated by a member of the public, Mr Slack and which included invited experts.

Councillor Fox said that the cross party Scrutiny Committee was also examining governance issues and this was open to the public and was webcast. An online survey had also commenced and had over 200 hits just in its first week and there was a Big City Conversation ballot box in the Town Hall and the Council was encouraging people to say what issues were important to them. That conversation was also related to governance and how the Council made decisions and he said that both he and the Leader of the Council had been on the tram talking to residents about issues that affected them and how

they would want to get involved in decision making.

Councillor Fox commented in relation to people's expectations, that this was a very time committed process and that Council officers were working on this activity. He said that approximately 90 people attended the public event on governance which was a credit to Mr Slack and Council officers. The Council was trying to make the process as open and transparent as possible and would be publishing all of the major issues that were important to the residents of the city, some of which would be governance but might also include issues like drainage and street begging and what the Council had to do was give people a chance to get their voice heard. There should also be opportunity for people to raise issues with councillors locally. He also said that discussions had been held with other political groups on the Council as to how this might be delivered.

3.2.2 Public Question Concerning the Anglican Chapel in the General Cemetery

Jim Diamond asked, in relation to plans for the General Cemetery, what steps the Council had taken in response to a clear steer given by the National Heritage Lottery Fund earlier this year to explore taking the Anglican Chapel back into public ownership for the benefit of the people of Sheffield.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, stated that the Chapel which was at the Cemetery Road end of the Cemetery was on a long lease which had been agreed many years ago with a local businessman who she believed was involved in the steering group as a stakeholder.

She said that her understanding was that discussions had taken place over a number of years in relation to the Chapel, although she had not been involved in those discussions because she had not been the relevant Cabinet Member at the time. The cost of returning the Chapel to Council ownership had been considered too high.

Councillor Lea said that she understood that the grant from the Heritage Lottery did encourage the Council to look at the option of taking the Chapel back into Council ownership but it was not a condition of the grant funding. However, she said it was something that could be looked at and that she would have further discussions about the options and possibilities. Whilst she could not guarantee anything, it would be appropriate to look at the issue again and to discuss it further.

3.2.3 Public Question Concerning Council's Planning Department

Mark James referred to reports in the press concerning potential job losses in the Planning Department and he asked whether this reflected that the Council had not broken with austerity or rather than challenging neoliberalism, it actually embraced it.

Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development,

stated that there was a review and restructure taking place in relation to the Planning Service but that was subject to a collective dispute and he would not therefore make any further comment until that dispute had been resolved.

3.2.4 Public Question Concerning Parking on Pavements

Harry Browse stated that he had spoken with a resident of Norfolk Park who had mobility issues and used a wheelchair and had informed him that they felt increasingly concerned about illegal parking and its effect on their ability to go to work or to the pharmacy. He asked what was being done to ensure people with mobility issues were not disproportionately affected by illegal parking in the Manor and Norfolk Park area.

Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, responded that the Council was reviewing pavement parking and was one of four Local Authorities which had made representations to the Government about what might be done and that had been a relatively positive discussion and proposals were being worked upon as to how the findings would be addressed.

Councillor Johnson said that, in the meantime, if there was an incident of obstructive parking, it would be a matter for the police. The proposals in representations made to the Government would actually decriminalise pavement parking, which would allow Council enforcement officers to be able to act, which they were not able to do at the present time, unless there were double yellow lines. At present, there was little a local authority could do and it was a matter for the police. However, it was possible that there would be some changes as a result of the submissions made to the Government.

3.2.5 Public Question Concerning Hong Kong Community

Chesna Wu and Cecilia Cheong thanked Members of Sheffield City Council and in particular Councillor Paul Wood, for the support given to the Hong Kong community in Sheffield by working with partners such as South Yorkshire Police to help protect people.

They said that one month ago, people were attacked by a student from mainland China with a bottle and they faced intimidation from others. They said it was a frightening event. Photographs of many of the Hong Kong community in Sheffield were deliberately taken and then distributed on websites hosted in mainland China with their addresses in Sheffield.

They asked the Cabinet Member to help by writing to the University of Sheffield and helping to facilitate a meeting. They also commented that over the past months, they did not feel that they had been provided with enough support and protection. They asked for the Cabinet Member to also pledge to continue to help ensure that they were safe to exercise their democratic rights and freedom in Sheffield and without fear of intimidation.

Ching Ching Lam stated that people in other cities had also been concerned about their safety and commented upon being fortunate in Sheffield to have had help from the Council. A question was asked as to whether it was possible for the Council to lead the way in setting an example for other places to take action to protect local people from Hong Kong and others by requesting local MPs to present the matter to Parliament so that other cities could follow in upholding freedom of speech.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, acknowledged the thanks given to him and the work of Councillors Ben Miskell and Sophie Wilson with regards to this matter.

He said that with regards to the individual to which the questions had referred, he had received a briefing from the police and had been informed that the person was not at the University of Sheffield but at an English language college and that his course had been terminated. He had also been informed that a request had been made to have his right to remain in the UK revoked and that he be returned to China. He undertook to meet with those asking questions with regards to the details of situation and to clarify issues relating to that individual.

He said that the Council would support people with concerns and he would also be pleased to arrange a meeting with both of the universities and those affected by this situation to make sure they were content with the security measures that were in place.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning the Earl Marshall Bed and Breakfast

John Grayson asked a question concerning the Earl Marshall bed and breakfast. He said that, following discussions with various professional staff with clients in the Earl Marshall and a visit to the premises, he had made further findings. He said that staff locked outside doors from 10.30pm until 7.00am and people were not allowed in or out during that time. He said that there was no evidence of people having been provided with breakfast and asked whether the Council paid for breakfast which was not provided.

He informed the Council that, on arriving at the Earl Marshall, vulnerable single women were asked to pay £5 for a room key or they had to stay in unlocked rooms and one woman who could not pay was asked for her passport instead.

He said that a woman had alleged that she had been raped in the Earl Marshall bed and breakfast and the police were investigating. He said that there was no security between 7.00am and 10.30pm and there was no reception desk or staff office near to the front door.

There were no toiletries available or clothes store for homeless women and recently, when there was an infestation of cockroaches, one woman was told to leave for four nights with no alternative accommodation. He asked whether, in view of this information, the Council would end its contract with the Earl Marshall bed and breakfast.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, said that he would request that the matters now raised by Mr Grayson were fully investigated and that he would be pleased to provide a response to Mr Grayson as soon as possible.

3.2.7 Public Question Concerning Treatment of Homeless People

John Grayson asked a question concerning the treatment of people and in particular, people at Howden House presenting as homeless. He asked whether the Council would urgently investigate the way people were treated. He said that people waited for long periods of time at Howden House and that there were no hot drinks available and no drinking water with people being told to take drinking water from toilet sinks.

He said that requests for a pen and paper were simply rejected and there were no facilities to charge phones in Howden House, although staff expected that homeless people would contact them by phone. He said that other agencies working with homeless people in Sheffield routinely had such facilities. He asked why homeless people were not allowed to bring their bags into Howden House and forced to wait outside with their bags for hours.

Mr Grayson also asked why homeless women disclosing mental illness were rejected as homeless and told to obtain a medical assessment and placed back on the street and why homeless women were routinely told to return to sleep on the streets for three nights before they could be accepted as homeless.

He said that professional workers had said that people who did not speak English were routinely rejected as homeless and never offered interpreter services. A worker with vulnerable women had informed him that it was normal to see women crying and that people were disrespected and given no dignity. He asked the Council to undertake an independent, immediate and thorough investigation into how homeless people were treated in Howden House.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that he had already instructed a full investigation in relation to Howden House following a complaint which was brought to him by Councillor Kaltum Rivers. That included a number of the issues also raised by Mr Grayson in his questions and another complaint had been made in relation to processes and how the Council was dealing with people at Howden House and as to how a homeless family had been treated. He had requested that the outcomes be reported to him and he would then also report back to Mr Grayson on the matter.

3.2.8 Public Question Concerning Planning and Tall Buildings

Nigel Slack commented upon a remark made by the previous Cabinet Member that 'the sky's the limit' and in relation to proposals for high storey buildings and said that he believed these were not striking designs and were not designed to enhance the city. He asked whether the City needed another 1200

student beds.

He said that he had looked at some of the 'Micro Climate' reports in current planning applications (19/03779/FUL & 19/02380/EIA) and commented that the reports themselves were so technical as to defy understanding by anyone other than a similar expert. The conclusions were about how to mitigate the impact of the wind flow issues and in one instance, determined that a planned rooftop garden would be unusable in the current design. It also called for large scale planting of street trees around the development to help make the street level more comfortable for pedestrians.

Mr Slack asked the following questions:

- Whether anybody in Council understood the technical details of these reports.
- The rationale of developers using Polish universities to create the reports and if there were no Universities with a better understanding of the city to do this work.
- As the reports suggested that further work was needed to properly assess the wind flow impacts of tall buildings, he asked whether this would be required before this application was submitted to the Planning Committee.
- He also said that the reports did not evaluate the impact of currently planned or proposed developments in the immediate area and asked whether the Council required a fuller 'Macro Climate' review, as demonstrated in the attached article?
- Whether remedial works that emerge later would be the developer's responsibility or the Council's responsibility?
- Did it not make more sense to design buildings that enhanced the streetscape of the city rather than create wind flow issues that would have a detrimental impact on footfall, pedestrian comfort, and therefore business success in the city?

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, stated that the Council remained extremely ambitious to encourage sustainable growth and investment and it recognised the need to increase density in existing built-up areas and in particular the city centre, to take the pressure off greenbelt and green spaces.

It was therefore true to say that 'the sky is the limit' for the right scheme in the right location. The final design of such schemes was subject to detailed design development and with specialist officers requiring specialist information such as a microclimate report to which Mr Slack had referred.

He advised that the scheme referred to in the question and Rockingham Street was not solely for students and was within a known model of co-housing and

was currently being assessed by officers.

Councillor Johnson said that microclimate assessments were complex and the Council had officers familiar with understanding such technical reports. It did not determine the producer of such reports because that was a matter for the applicant rather than the Council. Further work was being done in relation to impacts of wind flow and that would be available before a decision was made. Future tall buildings would require similar assessments, as appropriate. There would not be a need for remedial works in future for the building in question and the detailed information on the impacts and associated remediation, if needed, would be provided for consideration as part of the application process.

3.2.9 Public Question Concerning Planning Application (site of Old Coroner's Court)

Nigel Slack referred to a decision by the Planning Committee to refuse the application to build an apartment block on the site of the Old Coroner's Court in Nursery Street (Ref.19/02258/FUL). He asked how likely the Council considered it to be that the developer would appeal; and what steps the Council was taking in advance of such an appeal to work with the developer, the agent and the designers of the scheme to identify an alternative scheme which avoided the complete loss of a heritage asset which all parties seemed to agree it would be desirable to keep.

He also asked the following questions:

- If it sought an alternative to demolition, could the Council provide reassurance that it would take into account recent precedents close by in Nursery Street.
- Would the Council contest any appeal and encourage the developer to find a mutually acceptable alternative to total demolition of this historic building.
- How would the Council use the experience of the Old Coroner's Court to find a better way to protect threatened heritage assets, whether listed or not.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, responded that it was in the hands of the developer as to how they intended to progress the scheme. Council officers were available to discuss options with them. The schemes to date that showed any hint of retention did not fit in with the locality or the existing element and discussions did take account of other precedence in the area. The Council would contest an appeal, if one was submitted.

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 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported that Councillor Douglas Johnson had given advance notice of a question relating to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, and this has enabled Councillor Tony Damms, the Council's Spokesperson on the Fire and Rescue Authority, to provide a detailed response. He stated that written copies of the question and response had been circulated in the Chamber.

4.3.2 Councillor Roger Davison asked a question relating to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, commenting that some Members had heard reports of attacks on firefighters yesterday evening, and he queried whether any details of these reported attacks had emerged yet.

4.3.3 Councillor Tony Damms, the Council's Spokesperson on the Fire and Rescue Authority, responded that he was unaware at this point of any such details, but that, should any details emerge, he would ensure that Council Members are fully apprised of them.

4.3.4 There were no further 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 "ACTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF SHEFFIELD AND THOSE WHO LIVE HERE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAUL TURPIN

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, that this Council endorses, and requests the Administration to consider implementation of, the following policies and actions designed to make life better for the people of Sheffield:-

- (a) to implement a Workplace Parking Levy for Sheffield, raising funds to improve public transport, walking and cycling routes, making it easier for people to choose to leave their cars at home;
- (b) to consult the public on the draft local plan at the earliest opportunity, including stronger policies on building more affordable housing and

tackling the climate emergency;

- (c) to establish a climate emergency committee to develop strategies, and implement actions to bring about the necessary changes to meet our zero carbon emissions target by at least 2030;
- (d) to introduce an effective climate change impact assessment for every formal decision of the Council;
- (e) to adopt a "Wellbeing Economy" for Sheffield: placing the health and wellbeing of the people of Sheffield at the heart of all decision-making, and measuring the success of Sheffield's economy not just by GDP, but by how the economy has improved people's quality of life, through measurements like the Happy City Index and Free Time Index;
- (f) to reduce inequality by introducing a maximum 10:1 pay ratio for the City Council;
- (g) to establish a properly resourced team of sustainability officers to work on real progress towards making Sheffield carbon-neutral;
- (h) to recognise the ongoing value of the city's library service and reward the hard work of volunteers who have supported their local branch libraries by providing funding for a paid, professional librarian in every branch library; and
- (i) to improve democracy in Sheffield City Council by developing the long-standing Green Party campaigns of creating a modern committee system with webcasting, with further improvements including publishing in writing the public questions and answers, including those answered later in writing, and Members' questions and answers, including supplementary answers and those answered later in writing.

5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mark Jones, seconded by Councillor Bob Johnson, 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 this Administration brought forward the city's carbon neutral target from 2050 to no later than 2030, following Labour's local manifesto commitments, and that as part of this, a Citizens Assembly, drawn to represent all parts of the city including young people, will be commissioned to consider the necessary actions in the city to implement this change;
- (b) notes the following measures have already been enacted by this Administration to move Sheffield to carbon-neutral and improve the city's air:-
 - (i) anti-idling zones outside of all primary and secondary schools,

and other notable places, such as hospitals and health centres, to reduce the amount of fumes breathed in by children and vulnerable adults and workers;

- (ii) piloting schemes to close targeted roads to traffic for set periods of time to create a better, less polluted and congested environment, targeted at benefiting children whose developing lung capacity can be significantly impacted by airborne pollution, throughout the city's residential areas and the city centre, as seen recently with the temporary closure of Division Street; and
 - (iii) proposals for a Clean Air Zone and charge for the most polluting vehicles – the cleanest buses, taxis and delivery vehicles will not be charged – and to support our taxi drivers and bus companies so their fleets will reach the standard where they will not be charged for entering the zone;
- (c) notes that this Administration is bidding for the 'Transforming Cities Fund' from the Department for Transport (DfT) that could see £85 million invested in sustainable travel in Sheffield over three years - paying for a mix of cycling, walking and mass transport corridors running throughout the city where we know they are most needed;
- (d) notes that this Administration has committed to producing a Local Plan that ensures a sustainable city centre and focusses on the protection of the green belt, and with public consultation at every stage to deliver the city that Sheffield citizens want;
- (e) notes that the city's Green City Partnership Board already brings organisations across the city together to improve the city's environment and transport, but that, as part of the climate emergency, there is a pressing need to go further;
- (f) believes, therefore, that the following suggestions from the original motion should be considered by the forthcoming Citizens Assembly to address the climate emergency:-
- (i) looking into a climate emergency committee to develop strategies, and implement actions to bring about the necessary changes to meet our zero-carbon emissions target by at least 2030;
 - (ii) considering the introduction of climate change impact assessments for appropriate Council decisions;
 - (iii) investigating the feasibility and desirability of establishing a properly resourced team of sustainability officers to work on real progress towards making Sheffield carbon-neutral and help develop the world leading technologies needed to supply good quality jobs;

- (g) notes that reducing health inequalities is a priority for this Administration and believes that Sheffield's wellbeing should be judged by much more than GDP growth alone, and that Sheffield City Council's Health and Wellbeing Board, bringing health providers across the city together, monitors the overall health and wellbeing of Sheffield, with indicators taken from the Marmot Review and based on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing across the life course whilst providing context and direction for tackling health inequalities;
- (h) believes that tackling inequalities is a priority for this Administration and that it is committed to ensure fairness in the labour market, and notes that the pay ratio for the lowest to highest wage earner at the Council is a little over 11:1, with median pay at £23,958, i.e. a ratio of 8:1, well within the 20:1 guidance in the Hutton 2011 Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector and lower than other comparable local authorities such as Leeds and Manchester, and furthermore that this compares very favourably with the private sector where the ratio is as high as 1,000:1;
- (i) believes, seemingly unlike Sheffield Green Councillors (based on their previous budget proposals), that the best way of reducing inequality is raising pay for those on the lowest wages rather than just capping those at the top, and support is given to the campaign from GMB, Unite and Unison for pay justice and the pay claim submitted by the National Joint Council (NJC) local government unions for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21;
- (j) believes, in addition, that this cost must be met entirely by central government and this demand should be made as soon as there is a new Secretary of State for local government;
- (k) commits to meeting with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim, and that everything possible should be done to encourage all local government workers to join a union;
- (l) believes that austerity has made the country deeply unequal and unjust, and that, with savings of £480 million having to be made from the Council's budget in the last ten years, Sheffield's public services have inevitably been damaged because of government austerity, resulting in a lost decade of investment and progression on issues that are rapidly becoming all too critical;
- (m) notes that the city's library service has done outstandingly well in this context, and of course our libraries are much more than borrowing and lending books and offer much more to the public, and that this has been achieved through the hard work of volunteers, but that, with funding as it is from central government, providing a paid librarian in every branch would cost the Council in excess of £800,000 per annum, a figure which was absent in the original motion, and this also fails to take into account the change and cost this would have on the co-delivered and associate libraries;

- (n) notes, in addition, that despite the financial difficulties, Sheffield has kept all its libraries open over the last decade, unlike many other cities, and that this is down to the volunteers who run them, the officers who support them and previous councillors who worked hard to ensure their survival; and
- (o) notes that this Administration set-up webcasting for council meetings, and will always explore ways to better communicate with all our residents, and has welcomed looking at different governance systems and that the cross party review into this will report in January 2020.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, 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) condemns as completely unacceptable the long delay in developing the Sheffield Plan, which makes Sheffield more vulnerable to unacceptable development, which may include green fields in the green belt, and also increases the risk of yet another round of changes in national policy rendering abortive much local effort and expense;
- (b) welcomes the revival of interest across the political spectrum in the provision of bus services (and the encouragement of Active travel), yet is concerned that this could well be too late to arrest the spiral of decline unless long term funding is provided by central government to local authorities, under the control of local authorities, and funding not subject to artificial short application deadlines, and equally artificial spending deadlines;
- (c) also recognises the importance of a local contribution which often can leverage in a significant multiplier of external funds, and therefore calls for a quick and open minded review of options for raising funds locally, to improve public transport, walking and cycling routes; and
- (d) reaffirms that the answer to most local transport problems is a bus, increasingly low or zero carbon at the tail pipe, running on a comprehensive, stable, reliable, fully integrated network, integrated with other modes, and with an affordable and simple range of fares, and from which flows the possibility of active travel choices for all.

5.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Douglas Johnson, the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones was put to the vote and was carried.

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Ian Auckland was then put to the vote and paragraph (a) was negatived and paragraphs (b) to (d) were carried on the basis that they were to be additional paragraphs to the Substantive Motion.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that this Administration brought forward the city's carbon neutral target from 2050 to no later than 2030, following Labour's local manifesto commitments, and that as part of this, a Citizens Assembly, drawn to represent all parts of the city including young people, will be commissioned to consider the necessary actions in the city to implement this change;
- (b) notes the following measures have already been enacted by this Administration to move Sheffield to carbon-neutral and improve the city's air:-
 - (i) anti-idling zones outside of all primary and secondary schools, and other notable places, such as hospitals and health centres, to reduce the amount of fumes breathed in by children and vulnerable adults and workers;
 - (ii) piloting schemes to close targeted roads to traffic for set periods of time to create a better, less polluted and congested environment, targeted at benefiting children whose developing lung capacity can be significantly impacted by airborne pollution, throughout the city's residential areas and the city centre, as seen recently with the temporary closure of Division Street; and
 - (iii) proposals for a Clean Air Zone and charge for the most polluting vehicles – the cleanest buses, taxis and delivery vehicles will not be charged – and to support our taxi drivers and bus companies so their fleets will reach the standard where they will not be charged for entering the zone;
- (c) notes that this Administration is bidding for the 'Transforming Cities Fund' from the Department for Transport (DfT) that could see £85 million invested in sustainable travel in Sheffield over three years - paying for a mix of cycling, walking and mass transport corridors running throughout the city where we know they are most needed;
- (d) notes that this Administration has committed to producing a Local Plan that ensures a sustainable city centre and focusses on the protection of the green belt, and with public consultation at every stage to deliver the city that Sheffield citizens want;
- (e) notes that the city's Green City Partnership Board already brings organisations across the city together to improve the city's environment and transport, but that, as part of the climate emergency, there is a pressing need to go further;

- (f) believes, therefore, that the following suggestions from the original motion should be considered by the forthcoming Citizens Assembly to address the climate emergency:-
 - (i) looking into a climate emergency committee to develop strategies, and implement actions to bring about the necessary changes to meet our zero-carbon emissions target by at least 2030;
 - (ii) considering the introduction of climate change impact assessments for appropriate Council decisions;
 - (iii) investigating the feasibility and desirability of establishing a properly resourced team of sustainability officers to work on real progress towards making Sheffield carbon-neutral and help develop the world leading technologies needed to supply good quality jobs;
- (g) notes that reducing health inequalities is a priority for this Administration and believes that Sheffield's wellbeing should be judged by much more than GDP growth alone, and that Sheffield City Council's Health and Wellbeing Board, bringing health providers across the city together, monitors the overall health and wellbeing of Sheffield, with indicators taken from the Marmot Review and based on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing across the life course whilst providing context and direction for tackling health inequalities;
- (h) believes that tackling inequalities is a priority for this Administration and that it is committed to ensure fairness in the labour market, and notes that the pay ratio for the lowest to highest wage earner at the Council is a little over 11:1, with median pay at £23,958, i.e. a ratio of 8:1, well within the 20:1 guidance in the Hutton 2011 Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector and lower than other comparable local authorities such as Leeds and Manchester, and furthermore that this compares very favourably with the private sector where the ratio is as high as 1,000:1;
- (i) believes, seemingly unlike Sheffield Green Councillors (based on their previous budget proposals), that the best way of reducing inequality is raising pay for those on the lowest wages rather than just capping those at the top, and support is given to the campaign from GMB, Unite and Unison for pay justice and the pay claim submitted by the National Joint Council (NJC) local government unions for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21;
- (j) believes, in addition, that this cost must be met entirely by central government and this demand should be made as soon as there is a new Secretary of State for local government;
- (k) commits to meeting with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim, and that everything possible should be done

to encourage all local government workers to join a union;

- (l) believes that austerity has made the country deeply unequal and unjust, and that, with savings of £480 million having to be made from the Council's budget in the last ten years, Sheffield's public services have inevitably been damaged because of government austerity, resulting in a lost decade of investment and progression on issues that are rapidly becoming all too critical;
- (m) notes that the city's library service has done outstandingly well in this context, and of course our libraries are much more than borrowing and lending books and offer much more to the public, and that this has been achieved through the hard work of volunteers, but that, with funding as it is from central government, providing a paid librarian in every branch would cost the Council in excess of £800,000 per annum, a figure which was absent in the original motion, and this also fails to take into account the change and cost this would have on the co-delivered and associate libraries;
- (n) notes, in addition, that despite the financial difficulties, Sheffield has kept all its libraries open over the last decade, unlike many other cities, and that this is down to the volunteers who run them, the officers who support them and previous councillors who worked hard to ensure their survival;
- (o) notes that this Administration set-up webcasting for council meetings, and will always explore ways to better communicate with all our residents, and has welcomed looking at different governance systems and that the cross party review into this will report in January 2020;
- (p) welcomes the revival of interest across the political spectrum in the provision of bus services (and the encouragement of Active travel), yet is concerned that this could well be too late to arrest the spiral of decline unless long term funding is provided by central government to local authorities, under the control of local authorities, and funding not subject to artificial short application deadlines, and equally artificial spending deadlines;
- (q) also recognises the importance of a local contribution which often can leverage in a significant multiplier of external funds, and therefore calls for a quick and open minded review of options for raising funds locally, to improve public transport, walking and cycling routes; and
- (r) reaffirms that the answer to most local transport problems is a bus, increasingly low or zero carbon at the tail pipe, running on a comprehensive, stable, reliable, fully integrated network, integrated with other modes, and with an affordable and simple range of fares, and from which flows the possibility of active travel choices for all.

- 5.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (p) to (r) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) to (o) of the Substantive Motion. The request to have these votes recorded in the minutes was made to the Monitoring Officer by the Interim Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group (Councillor Simon Clement-Jones) immediately after the vote had been taken.)

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE BIG CITY CONVERSATION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRYAN LODGE

- 6.1 It was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, and seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, that this Council:-
- (a) notes that as part of the recent Local Democracy Week a drop-in stall was set-up at the Moor Market for three days, with people asked for their views about the issues that affect them and how they want to have their say in the upcoming Big City Conversation;
 - (b) notes that many conversations were held over these days with Sheffield shoppers and there were 433 written responses recorded, with the key issues being transport, the environment, homelessness, rough sleeping and begging in the city centre, anti-social behaviour, housing and city centre regeneration;
 - (c) notes that on 31st October, the Big City Conversation launched across Sheffield, and that this is a chance for everyone in the city to get involved and have their say on the things that really matter;
 - (d) believes that this is a positive opportunity to seek improvements to how the Council works and gain a wide range of views from different people, groups and partners across the city through community engagement, to not only look at different governance systems, but to hear about how the Council can better engage and serve the people of Sheffield;
 - (e) believes that it is crucially important to hold consultation events in every ward of the city and that this should be directed to where people actually are, such as tenant and resident associations, shopping centres, sports centres, community groups, and online, to ensure that as many opinions as possible are heard;
 - (f) notes that a series of events is under way, the first one will be on 30th October specifically looking at governance issues, which will hear from a range of national experts, local business and community groups to

discuss how the Council operates, and these events will be independently chaired; and

- (g) believes that this is a fantastic opportunity to explore how decisions are made that affect everyone in Sheffield and that people's views must be properly heard in how to best approach this.

6.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Terry Fox), the Motion as published on the agenda, was altered by the substitution of the date "31st October" for the date "5th November" and the word "launched" for the word "launches" in the 1st line in paragraph (c).)

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (j) as follows:-

- (h) believes that the people of Sheffield must be given a choice on the type of committee system they want for Sheffield;
- (i) believes that a committee system that works for Sheffield, must listen to local people, react to local issues, devolve power and decision-making to Councillors in local communities and empower the people of Sheffield; and
- (j) additionally, requests that the Centre for Public Scrutiny is tasked to undertake groundwork interviews and to give input into the recommendations to Full Council for a decision, to prevent institutionalised views.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, and seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) looks forward to these 433 and all further responses being made available to all Members and the public;
2. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (g) as new paragraphs (d) to (h); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (m) as follows:-
 - (i) notes with surprise the suggestion that councillors talk to their constituents, as this gives the impression they don't already, which in the case of Green councillors isn't true;
 - (j) asserts that, without the petition from It's Our City, this exercise would not be taking place;

- (k) regrets the Administration's insufficient early engagement with It's Our City in a timely and positive way which could have avoided the need for a costly referendum;
- (l) further notes that the carrying out of this consultation should not interfere with the drawing up of a proposal for a committee system; and
- (m) believes all formal consultation events should be politically neutral and that any attempt to unduly influence them in party political ways would be highly reprehensible.

6.4 After contributions from six other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Terry Fox, the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraph (j) which was negated.

6.4.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For paragraphs (h) and (i) of the amendment (78) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

- Against paragraphs (h) and (i) of the amendment (0) - NIL.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (h) and (i) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing).
- For paragraph (j) of the amendment (33) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
- Against paragraph (j) of the amendment (45) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Abstained from voting on paragraph (j) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing).
- 6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (i) to (k) of part 3 of the amendment, which were negatived.
- 6.5.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan,

Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for parts 1, 2 and paragraphs (j) to (m) of part 3 of the amendment, and abstained from voting on paragraph (i) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that as part of the recent Local Democracy Week a drop-in stall was set-up at the Moor Market for three days, with people asked for their views about the issues that affect them and how they want to have their say in the upcoming Big City Conversation;
- (b) notes that many conversations were held over these days with Sheffield shoppers and there were 433 written responses recorded, with the key issues being transport, the environment, homelessness, rough sleeping and begging in the city centre, anti-social behaviour, housing and city centre regeneration;
- (c) looks forward to these 433 and all further responses being made available to all Members and the public;
- (d) notes that on 31st October, the Big City Conversation launched across Sheffield, and that this is a chance for everyone in the city to get involved and have their say on the things that really matter;
- (e) believes that this is a positive opportunity to seek improvements to how the Council works and gain a wide range of views from different people, groups and partners across the city through community engagement, to not only look at different governance systems, but to hear about how the Council can better engage and serve the people of Sheffield;
- (f) believes that it is crucially important to hold consultation events in every ward of the city and that this should be directed to where people actually are, such as tenant and resident associations, shopping centres, sports centres, community groups, and online, to ensure that as many opinions as possible are heard;
- (g) notes that a series of events is under way, the first one will be on 30th October specifically looking at governance issues, which will hear from a range of national experts, local business and community groups to discuss how the Council operates, and these events will be independently chaired;
- (h) believes that this is a fantastic opportunity to explore how decisions are

made that affect everyone in Sheffield and that people's views must be properly heard in how to best approach this;

- (i) believes that the people of Sheffield must be given a choice on the type of committee system they want for Sheffield;
- (j) believes that a committee system that works for Sheffield, must listen to local people, react to local issues, devolve power and decision-making to Councillors in local communities and empower the people of Sheffield;
- (k) further notes that the carrying out of this consultation should not interfere with the drawing up of a proposal for a committee system; and
- (l) believes all formal consultation events should be politically neutral and that any attempt to unduly influence them in party political ways would be highly reprehensible.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ENDING INDEFINITE IMMIGRATION DETENTION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ZAHIRA NAZ AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANNE MURPHY

At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Zahira Naz), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Anne Murphy) and of the meeting, item 7 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Ending Indefinite Immigration Detention"), together with the two proposed amendments (numbered 5 & 6 on the List of Amendments circulated at the meeting), were withdrawn from consideration.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ACTIVE TRAVEL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR TIM HUGGAN

8.1 It was moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, and seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that every person's journey, regardless of whether they walk, cycle, take public transport or private car, is of equal importance and that every person should be able to make any journey within Sheffield by foot, by cycle or by public transport as safely as they would otherwise by car;
- (b) believes that every community across Sheffield could benefit from infrastructure improvements to active travel, walking or cycling, in particular improvements to public health;
- (c) notes that 29% of journeys less than 500m in South Yorkshire are by

car, rising to 72% of journeys of less than 5km;

- (d) notes that The Propensity to Cycle Tool based on Government data suggests Sheffield could achieve 24-27% share of all journeys by cycle;
- (e) notes the current Sheffield City Council target of 4% cycling share of journeys by 2034, compared with the Sheffield City Region target of 11% by 2040;
- (f) notes that current modal share for cycles in Sheffield is less than 1%;
- (g) believes therefore that many short car journeys are possible via walking, cycle or public transport and that their current share is due to a poor public transport system and a built environment that discourages people from making journeys by foot or cycle instead of by car;
- (h) believes that this Authority must invest in walking and cycling networks and provide people with a genuine choice between using the car, or walking, cycling or using public transport;
- (i) notes the proposed Bee Network active travel network in Manchester, a joined up cycling and pedestrian network with segregated lanes for walkers and cyclists;
- (j) welcomes the appointment this year of Dame Sarah Storey, Great Britain's most decorated female Paralympian, as the active travel commissioner for Sheffield City Region, and supports her four pledges for improving active travel:-
 - (i) being led by communities;
 - (ii) enabling walking and cycling rather than encouraging it;
 - (iii) requiring infrastructure to meet or exceed requirements; and
 - (iv) requiring infrastructure to be accessible for all;
- (k) calls for the Administration to work with Sheffield City Region, Sustrans and neighbouring authorities to design and create an active travel network for Sheffield, so that any citizen can travel safely by walking or cycling from any part of Sheffield to another; and
- (l) calls for the creation of a local cycling and walking improvement plan for every ward in Sheffield through working with local ward councillors, to identify and prioritise improvements for every community in Sheffield.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Anne Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (n) as follows:-

- (l) notes this Administration's bid for funding through the 'Transforming Cities Fund' from the Department for Transport (DfT) that could see £85 million invested in sustainable travel in Sheffield over three years - paying for a mix of cycling, walking and mass transport bus corridors running throughout the city where we know they are most needed;
- (m) reaffirms that encouraging a shift to low carbon sustainable journeys is a key priority for this Administration, and understands this is exactly the type of work the Fund will support, and throughout this process the Administration will be consulting and working with local communities in the development of these projects; and
- (n) believes franchising would be a big help in improving Sheffield's buses but that, ultimately, the best bus service for the city would be delivered by re-regulation powers from central government, and notes that the Labour Party has committed to doing this nationally.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and formally seconded by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) believes that a modal shift from private car travel to public and active transport is essential in light of the declared climate emergency and that every person should be able to make any journey within Sheffield by foot, by cycle or by public transport as safely as they would otherwise by car;
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (s) as follows:-
 - (m) notes that a Workplace Parking Levy, such as the one implemented in Nottingham, could raise millions of pounds for infrastructure improvements for buses, cycling, walking routes and trams, as well as disincentivising private car commuting;
 - (n) believes that extending the tram network across the city would be a clean alternative to cars;
 - (o) notes that proceeds from a Workplace Parking Levy could also pay for effective enforcement of parking infringements;
 - (p) believes that pavement parking is a real barrier to walking, cycling, prams and wheelchairs and is particularly dangerous for disabled people;
 - (q) notes the amount of information residents of Sheffield provide about dangerous pavement parking to the Council;

- (r) notes that the Scottish Government has recently resolved to ban pavement parking at a national level from 2021; and
- (s) resolves to treat dangerous pavement parking seriously and to review pavement parking city-wide as part of the local cycling and walking improvement plan and, on a ward level basis, working with local ward councillors, residents and community groups to highlight hotspots and to identify and implement solutions.

8.4 It was then moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, and seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (r) as follows:-

- (m) welcomes the launch of the “My Cycle, My Mobility Aid” campaign by the inclusive cycling charity, Wheels for Wellbeing, to improve the recognition and rights of disabled cyclists and legally recognise use of cycles as a mobility aid;
- (n) notes that 3 in 4 disabled cyclists use their cycle as a mobility aid, with the same proportion finding cycling easier than walking, but regularly face discrimination because they are not using a traditionally recognised mobility aid;
- (o) notes also the concerns of disabled cyclists that they often have to park cycles far away from entrances to council facilities and other public buildings;
- (p) therefore recognises cycles as mobility aids;
- (q) calls upon the Government to:-
 - (i) amend the Use of Invalid Carriages on Highways Regulations (UICHR) 1988, to recognise the use of cycles as a mobility aid;
 - (ii) change existing laws to permit the use of appropriate mobility scooters on cycle lanes, together with the creation of Dutch-style ‘mobility lanes’, which would be accessible by bicycles, non-standard cycles and appropriate mobility scooters; and
 - (iii) launch a public information campaign to raise awareness of the fact that many disabled people can and do cycle, and use their cycle as a mobility aid; and
- (r) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport.

8.5 After contributions from two other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Richard Shaw, the amendment moved by Councillor Bob Johnson was put to the vote and was carried.

8.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (m) and (o) of part 2 of the amendment, which were negatived. Paragraphs (n) and (p) to (s) of part 2 of the amendment were carried on the basis that they were to be additional paragraphs to the Substantive Motion.

8.6.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For part 1 and paragraphs (n) and (p) to (s) of part 2 of the amendment (52) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Garbutt, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against part 1 and paragraphs (n) and (p) to (s) of part 2 of the amendment (25) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on part 1 and paragraphs (n) and (p) to (s) of part 2 of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing).

For paragraphs (m) and (o) of part 2 of the amendment - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin

(8) Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

Against paragraphs (m) and (o) of part 2 of the amendment (69)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Kevin Oxley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (m) and (o) of part 2 of the amendment (1)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing).

8.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was then put to the vote and was carried on the basis that the new paragraphs (m) to (r) were to be additional paragraphs to the Substantive Motion.

8.7.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the amendment (77)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib

Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Jim Steinke, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the amendment (0) - NIL.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing).

8.8 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 a modal shift from private car travel to public and active transport is essential in light of the declared climate emergency and that every person should be able to make any journey within Sheffield by foot, by cycle or by public transport as safely as they would otherwise by car;
- (b) believes that every community across Sheffield could benefit from infrastructure improvements to active travel, walking or cycling, in particular improvements to public health;
- (c) notes that 29% of journeys less than 500m in South Yorkshire are by car, rising to 72% of journeys of less than 5km;
- (d) notes that The Propensity to Cycle Tool based on Government data suggests Sheffield could achieve 24-27% share of all journeys by cycle;

- (e) notes the current Sheffield City Council target of 4% cycling share of journeys by 2034, compared with the Sheffield City Region target of 11% by 2040;
- (f) notes that current modal share for cycles in Sheffield is less than 1%;
- (g) believes therefore that many short car journeys are possible via walking, cycle or public transport and that their current share is due to a poor public transport system and a built environment that discourages people from making journeys by foot or cycle instead of by car;
- (h) believes that this Authority must invest in walking and cycling networks and provide people with a genuine choice between using the car, or walking, cycling or using public transport;
- (i) notes the proposed Bee Network active travel network in Manchester, a joined up cycling and pedestrian network with segregated lanes for walkers and cyclists;
- (j) welcomes the appointment this year of Dame Sarah Storey, Great Britain's most decorated female Paralympian, as the active travel commissioner for Sheffield City Region, and supports her four pledges for improving active travel:-
 - (i) being led by communities;
 - (ii) enabling walking and cycling rather than encouraging it;
 - (iii) requiring infrastructure to meet or exceed requirements; and
 - (iv) requiring infrastructure to be accessible for all;
- (k) calls for the Administration to work with Sheffield City Region, Sustrans and neighbouring authorities to design and create an active travel network for Sheffield, so that any citizen can travel safely by walking or cycling from any part of Sheffield to another;
- (l) notes this Administration's bid for funding through the 'Transforming Cities Fund' from the Department for Transport (DfT) that could see £85 million invested in sustainable travel in Sheffield over three years - paying for a mix of cycling, walking and mass transport bus corridors running throughout the city where we know they are most needed;
- (m) reaffirms that encouraging a shift to low carbon sustainable journeys is a key priority for this Administration, and understands this is exactly the type of work the Fund will support, and throughout this process the Administration will be consulting and working with local communities in the development of these projects;

- (n) believes franchising would be a big help in improving Sheffield's buses but that, ultimately, the best bus service for the city would be delivered by re-regulation powers from central government, and notes that the Labour Party has committed to doing this nationally;
- (o) believes that extending the tram network across the city would be a clean alternative to cars;
- (p) believes that pavement parking is a real barrier to walking, cycling, prams and wheelchairs and is particularly dangerous for disabled people;
- (q) notes the amount of information residents of Sheffield provide about dangerous pavement parking to the Council;
- (r) notes that the Scottish Government has recently resolved to ban pavement parking at a national level from 2021;
- (s) resolves to treat dangerous pavement parking seriously and to review pavement parking city-wide as part of the local cycling and walking improvement plan and, on a ward level basis, working with local ward councillors, residents and community groups to highlight hotspots and to identify and implement solutions;
- (t) welcomes the launch of the "My Cycle, My Mobility Aid" campaign by the inclusive cycling charity, Wheels for Wellbeing, to improve the recognition and rights of disabled cyclists and legally recognise use of cycles as a mobility aid;
- (u) notes that 3 in 4 disabled cyclists use their cycle as a mobility aid, with the same proportion finding cycling easier than walking, but regularly face discrimination because they are not using a traditionally recognised mobility aid;
- (v) notes also the concerns of disabled cyclists that they often have to park cycles far away from entrances to council facilities and other public buildings;
- (w) therefore recognises cycles as mobility aids;
- (x) calls upon the Government to:-
 - (i) amend the Use of Invalid Carriages on Highways Regulations (UICHR) 1988, to recognise the use of cycles as a mobility aid;
 - (ii) change existing laws to permit the use of appropriate mobility scooters on cycle lanes, together with the creation of Dutch-style 'mobility lanes', which would be accessible by bicycles, non-standard cycles and appropriate mobility scooters; and

- (iii) launch a public information campaign to raise awareness of the fact that many disabled people can and do cycle, and use their cycle as a mobility aid; and
- (y) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd October 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 10.1 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.:-

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Councillor Peter Rippon to replace Councillor Tony Damms

Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Substitute Members - Councillor Martin Smith to replace Councillor David Baker

Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members - Councillor Jim Steinke to fill a vacancy

Castlegate Member Working Group - Councillor Ben Miskell to replace Councillor Moya O'Rourke

Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee - Councillor Zahira Naz to replace Councillor Jackie Satur

Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group - Councillor Mike Drabble to fill a vacancy

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

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Colin Ross to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillor Terry Fox to replace Councillor Olivia Blake

Migration Yorkshire (Y&H
Strategic & SY Sub-Regional
Migration Groups)

- Councillor Garry Weatherall to replace
Councillor Sophie Wilson as Deputy for
Councillor Paul Wood

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

- Councillor Dianne Hurst to replace
Councillor Francyne Johnson

Special Interest Group of
Municipal Authorities

- Councillor Terry Fox to replace
Councillor Olivia Blake

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