

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 4 March 2020, 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)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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> Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald 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 &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson 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	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; 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 Paul Wood

**1. FORMER COUNCILLOR ALF MEADE**

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported with sadness, the death, on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, of former Councillor Alf Meade, who had served as a Member of the Council for a total of 36 years between 1971 and 2015. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in his memory, and agreed to allocate time at the next meeting of the Council to pay tribute to him.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR INABILITY TO VOTE ON THE SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX CHARGE**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council, and no Members declared an inability to vote on the setting of the Council Tax charge on the grounds of having Council Tax arrears.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING AN INFORMATION ITEM ON CORONAVIRUS.**

4.1 Arrangements for the Conduct of this Item of Business

- 4.1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) stated that, in the light of increasing interest from Members of the Council, and the receipt of several questions in advance of this meeting from members of the public, regarding Coronavirus, he would invite Greg Fell, the Council's Director of Public Health, to update Members and the viewing public on this serious issue, and that, as well as his update, the Director would provide answers to the written questions received on the issue from members of the public.

- 4.1.2 The Lord Mayor proposed that the Director's update would form part of this Petitions and Public Questions item of business, and would be taken immediately following the presentation of petitions. Furthermore, that a period of 30 minutes would be allocated for the update.

- 4.1.3 Finally, the Lord Mayor stated that, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, the time limit of one hour for the petitions and public questions item would be adhered to for this meeting. If there were a large number of public questions to be asked at the meeting,

then priority would be given to questions relating to budget proposals. On this occasion, questions would be taken in the order that they were received, and any questions which were unable to be asked within the one hour time allocation would be answered in writing after the meeting, by the relevant Cabinet Member, if a contact address has been supplied with the question. The Lord Mayor added that this arrangement aimed to provide an opportunity for public engagement on the budget setting process, whilst also providing sufficient time for elected Members to debate the budget.

## 4.2 Petitions

### 4.2.1 Petition Requesting the Sheffield Markets Team to Adhere to the Council's Zoned Activities Lettings Criteria

The Council received a petition containing 10 signatures, requesting the Sheffield Markets Team to adhere to the Council's Zoned Activities Lettings Criteria.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Vincent Sivewright-Smith. He explained that he was a building surveyor and real estate property professional and he was consulted when the market was first being established to design and set out some of the stalls. He had recently been contacted by one of the stallholders in relation to a proposal to let a unit in the market that directly duplicated their business. There were also two other similar businesses that were subject to the process of allocation that the Council established for the new market.

He said that it appeared that there was a dilution of the rules around letting and allocation and the petitioners wished to know when and why the Council changed the policy and what the Council's view was on the harm and loss caused to existing stallholders if the proposal was allowed.

The Lead Petitioner had said that they felt there had been a breach of trust and that the Council gave a clear undertaking that it would examine best practice as regards the letting of markets and allocating vacant units. They wished to know what had happened in that regard. If the proposal was allowed to go ahead then they would not be able to continue the training that they did in conjunction with Castle College and they would not be able to employ the same number of people. They also wanted to know the Council's view regarding trade balance in the market should the proposal be approved.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure. Councillor Lea thanked Mr Sivewright-Smith for bringing this matter to the Council on behalf of the petitioners. She said that she had made enquiries about this

issue. When an application was made for a stall in the Market, the Council did consult with other traders and the Council was cognisant of competition laws in the UK and European Union and each application decision was made on an individual basis. She understood that the particular application referred to in the petition was turned down. There was also an opportunity for appeal, and whilst she did not know whether an appeal had been requested, the opportunity to appeal was available.

When the Market first opened, zones were set out to separate food stalls from hairdressers etc. Gradually, that practice had changed, although there remained zones for food stalls and for cafes. Councillor Lea suggested that this issue was discussed further with the petitioner and the Head of City Centre Management and Major Events, Richard Eyre.

#### 4.2.2 Petition Regarding the Proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone

The Council received a petition containing 180 signatures, regarding the proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Lee Ward. Mr Ward stated that the consultation concerning the Clean Air Zone closed on 25 August 2019. 72 responses were made to that survey by the taxi and private hire industry. The clean air zone was due to commence in 51 weeks and he said that would have a detrimental effect on the taxi and private hire trade because Euro 6 vehicles could not be used without charge either on or inside the inner ring road.

He said that every town and city in the UK that had introduced or planned to introduce a clean Air Zone had selected a clean air zone inside a ring road and it was only Sheffield which had chosen to include the ring road. He added that every other place in the UK had made taxi and private hire vehicles exempt, if they have a Euro 6 Engine.

Mr Ward said that the lack of information coming forward from Sheffield City Council had already forced 132 of the 857 wheelchair accessible vehicles to not renew a licence. There were hundreds of private hire drivers with vehicles waiting to upgrade to an affordable and cleaner vehicle but which could not do so without the knowledge of that investment being suitable. He said the proposals would decimate the trade and it was predicted that approximately 1500 drivers would be forced to leave what was an integral part of Sheffield's public transport system.

He stated that the Council was charged with cleaning the air as soon as possible and that was something that people wanted. However, it was felt that targeting the taxi trade, which represented just 4 percent

of Sheffield's traffic and 2 percent of Sheffield's air pollution, would not result in providing cleaner air in the shortest possible time.

He said that evidence had not been provided in relation to the decision and it was requested by the taxi trade that the consultation responses were published immediately and that individual sole traders were given as much time as possible to enable them to make a financial business plan which was viable and sustainable or to seek employment in another industry. It was also requested that Members of the Council act according to the seven principles of public life and that there was scrutiny of the proposed exclusion of the trade to the use of Euro 6 engines and that clear and transparent direction was given to the three thousand licensed drivers.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for presenting this matter to the Council.

He said that he was pleased to confirm that the report and the responses that were received to the consultation would be published within the next week. He explained that the Council had awaited a response from the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit prior to publishing the consultation results.

Councillor Johnson stated that the Council had received nearly twelve thousand responses to the plans concerning air pollution. Of the responses, four out of five agreed with the proposals regarding a Clean Air Zone for buses, taxis, coaches, vans and lorries. The public had also responded that better public transport and more walking and cycling routes was the best way to clean the air. However, it was important to be clear that small businesses and taxi drivers were concerned about the impact of a Clean Air Zone, for the reasons that the petitioner had highlighted. The Council was trying to work with the government in relation to a number of support packages so as to alleviate the potential impact.

He said that to be successful in reducing pollution, there was a need to help taxi drivers and small businesses move to cleaner vehicles and it was vital that the Council obtained investment from the government. At present, the Council was seeking to make sure that there were the necessary support packages.

Councillor Johnson explained that Officers were preparing a full business case, which would shortly be ready to go back to the government and, it was at that point that there would be further discussions with the taxi trade as there had been previously. There would also then be a further opportunity to bring this matter back to a Scrutiny Committee.

4.2.3 Petition Requesting Action to Deal with Parking Problems Around Ranulf Court, Abbeydale Road South

The Council received a petition containing 36 signatures, requesting action to deal with parking problems around Ranulf Court, Abbeydale Road South.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Janet Hempson who explained that Ranulf Court was a development of flats for people over the age of 60. The petitioners requested help to improve the often dangerous parking situation on the roads surrounding Ranulf Court. It was essential that access to the development was available at all times for emergency vehicles, taxis and refuse collection vehicles as well as residents and visitors' vehicles.

She said that there had recently been situations, where the people coming to empty the bins could not get their vehicle into the property and which resulted in the bins not being emptied that week and, more recently, the fire engine (attending in response to what was a false alarm call) could not proceed down Terminus Road due to parking on either side of the road and footpath. It was felt therefore that this situation should not continue because of the potential consequences including loss of life or other dangerous situation.

Vehicles were often parked so that vision of adjoining roads to the car park entrance was obscured which created the danger of a potential accident and it was felt that this could be addressed with some help from the Council as regards traffic management. In addition, the footpath was not accessible for pedestrians due to cars parking there for long periods of time.

Janet Hempson said that the petitioners would be grateful if an assessment could be done at the site to help the community to solve the problems and to listen to residents' ideas as to possible solutions.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to Council. He said that he would be pleased to visit Ranulf Court with Council officers to see the problems that people faced both around the building and on the roads and particularly parking on the pavements and to see how the problems might be addressed. He understood that there were some double yellow lines in place near a car park and he had spoken with the Parking Services team which would be undertaking some enforcement in the meantime.

4.3 Director of Public Health's Update on Coronavirus

- 4.3.1 Greg Fell, The Director of Public Health provided an update to Council on the Coronavirus Covid-19. This included the NHS and City Council's response to what was a developing situation. He also provided responses to questions received from members of the public on this subject. An opportunity was also given for Members of the Council to ask questions.
- 4.3.2 He explained that there was much that was not known at this stage and things were changing rapidly, and including the advice and guidance. He encouraged people to read information on the Public Health England website. He briefly explained that Covid19 was a particular type of virus and that it was thought to have flu like symptoms and as such it was difficult to distinguish from other illnesses such as flu or a heavy cold and there was therefore an emphasis on testing people. Many people had a mild illness, although others and particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, may have a more severe illness and that was of concern. There was also mixed evidence as to whether or not some people could carry the virus but not have symptoms.
- 4.3.3 There was a national strategy, set by government and which was predicated on minimising the impact of this illness to NHS and social care and minimising the impact on the economy. The Local Resilience Forum was the coordinating mechanism for a local response. There were four elements/phases of the strategy, namely: contain; delay (to diminish the impact on health and social care); mitigate (prioritising essential NHS and social care); and science.
- 4.3.4 In Sheffield, there were at this time no Sheffield cases There were two people being cared for by the Hallamshire infectious diseases unit, although they were not thought to be residents of Sheffield. However, that would be subject to change. It was expected that the World Health Organisation (WHO) would declare a pandemic.
- 4.3.5 Sheffield had a pandemic flu plan, which was mostly fit for purpose, but there are some important distinctions between this coronavirus and pandemic flu, one of which was the focus upon self-isolation and the other being the availability of an antiviral treatment for flu and a vaccine, which was not the case in respect of this illness.
- 4.3.6 There were some core principles, which would be used. These included to keep within the national strategy; to use national guidance and to refer people to nationally available communications material, including Public Health England (PHE); minimising risk to employees and the public; and ensuring business continuity in the event of significant numbers of people being absent from work.
- 4.3.7 At present, in the contain strategy phase, people who believed they

were unwell were advised not to go to their GP in person but to telephone 111, whereby risk assessment would be carried out, a test would be undertaken; and then Public Health England would contact trace and the individuals affected would self-isolate.

- 4.3.8 PHE had a national and regional coordination role and an expert advice role. There was significant preparatory work being done in the NHS and NHS England had declared a major incident. The planning being done was for a significant increase in numbers of people with this illness. The strategy that the NHS was adopting was predicated on protecting frontline capacity.
- 4.3.9 There were many emerging issues which would be worked through systematically using the principles above. Such issues included business continuity, particularly in small organisations. There would also be risk based trade-offs between the Council's various responsibilities. Capacity would be stretched. Communications would also need to be focused. There was also a role for the media in relation to acting responsibly. Other issues included sick pay for people who were self-isolating and social cohesion. The Council was operating in a leadership role, and there was a need to be proportionate and fulfil a community leadership role.
- 4.3.10 The most important intervention was handwashing to delay and mitigate the impact of the virus, together with respiratory hygiene, i.e. 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. People could also find out information and guidance from the government and public health England in relation to handwashing and international travel.
- 4.3.11 Mr Fell then went on to answer questions submitted by members of the public, as follows:
- 4.3.12 Nigel Slack had asked a question concerning trigger points and when a pandemic would be declared and in relation to upcoming public events in the festival season; how keeping the city running would be balanced with the protection of public health; and the impact on businesses, including those which might need rent or rate relief.
- 4.3.13 Mr Fell said that the trigger points in relation to a pandemic, would be either when the Local resilience Forum began its 'gold' arrangements or when the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared a pandemic which was expected to be relatively soon. In relation to a social distancing strategy and a trade-off between keeping the city running and particularly the big public events, and the protection of public, he said it was probably too early to make decisions in that regard.
- 4.3.14 The Chief Medical Officer and the national plan had explained that there was consideration being given to issues of social distancing and mass gatherings and he expected that there would be national advice to address those matters before anything was done locally and which



would look at the benefits of reducing the spread of infection versus the costs.

- 4.3.15 He said that as Director of Public Health, with statutory responsibilities for public health, the health of the public was the most important consideration and it was worth focusing on measures that would be effective, including handwashing and respiratory hygiene. It was not yet known as to whether closing mass gatherings would be an effective strategy because the modelling had, to his knowledge, not been done, although it had generated a lot of media attention. He said that his priority was in line with the national strategy to keep the pressure off the NHS and social care to enable those services to continue to work well.
- 4.3.16 In relation to support for businesses, including business rate relief, those were issues which were being monitored and it was expected that there would be advice from the government and Public Health England. As regards adverse trading conditions, where businesses were currently supported by business rates relief, they would continue to be supported.
- 4.3.17 Chris Parkinson asked a question concerning the importance of the Council acting in an open and transparent way and how it would ensure that happened in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak. Greg Fell stated that all of the national guidance relating to Coronavirus was on public facing websites and publically available and that was the guidance that was being used by the Council. As Director of Public Health, he was spending time on various forms of media. There could be issues about capacity, in relation to the public health team and that may limit some activity but the intention was one of transparency.
- 4.3.18 Mark James asked a question concerning whether the Council had the right capacity to mitigate the effects relating to Coronavirus. Mr Fell said that business continuity arrangements were in place and would be considered at a corporate level and would focus on the critical services, especially protecting the most vulnerable. It was expected that there would be reimbursement from the government
- 4.3.19 Russell Johnson asked a question about having confidence in the Council discharging its local role in relation to the Coronavirus.
- 4.3.20 Greg Fell said that the Local Resilience Forum had a role in coordinating the totality of the City's response. He was the statutory officer and he represented Sheffield City Council on that body. He said that he personally did not have any particular concerns about the ability of the administration to co-ordinate and do the right thing.
- 4.3.21 Declan Walsh asked a question concerning support that would be given to the licensed trade to protect customers and workers from the

potential effects of a pandemic and whether there was budget reserved for public health emergencies such as this.

- 4.3.22 Greg Fell said that he did not know what form of support there would be for the licensed trade. However, there was a variety of national guidance on various public websites, which was sector specific including social care, transport, schools and education and other sectors. Business continuity would have to be done by each organisation and the expectation was that the government would make available national funding.
- 4.3.23 Members of the Council asked questions and the responses were provided by Greg Fell, which are summarised, as follows.
- 4.3.24 A question was asked about international intelligence in relation to Coronavirus and specifically the European Early Warning Network and what might replace that following the UK withdrawal from the European Union. Mr Fell responded that he did know the answer. However, he expected that the Network would continue to exist and that most of its considerations and advice would be publically available and as an example, all of the WHO advice was publicly available and these were sources that he also looked at and were helpful. He said that it was not possible to say what the national arrangements will be with regard to the EU Early Warning Network, although he could check as to whether Public Health England were dealing with that issue.
- 4.3.25 A question was asked concerning support to homeless people during this time and Greg Fell responded that he believed that there were good mechanisms in place to get access to those people that were known to be homeless and were in touch with services and the staff concerned were well-informed about what the infection prevention control advice was. Further consideration would need to be given in relation to those people who were homeless but were not in touch with services and as to how the Council might discharge its responsibilities.
- 4.3.26 A question was asked concerning people that provided services to vulnerable people on behalf of the Council and were outsourced to a care company and as to what measures the Council could take to make sure people operating on its behalf were not dis-incentivised to self-isolate by policies related to sick pay. Greg Fell said that this was one of many issues in relation to which an answer was yet to be worked out. He suggested that this issue would be worked into the Council's contracting and commissioning arrangements, so that it became an expectation that the Council did not inadvertently incentivise people that were sick or those who were well but infectious to come to work when they should not. However, that had not yet been enacted.

- 4.3.27 A question was asked concerning the potential of creating a register of volunteers in order to deploy people in any capacity to specific areas of need and particularly in relation to services in the Council or partner organisations in the public, third sector or private sector which may be smaller in scale and affected by their employees being absent. Greg Fell responded that he would work out how to do that.
- 4.3.28 A question was asked about whether a Coronavirus pod had been considered for the walk-in centre on Broad Lane, which served international students and homeless individuals. Greg Fell said that this was a matter that he would pick up with the NHS.
- 4.3.29 A question was asked as regards the treatment of waste from households which were self-isolating, as clinical waste and whether there was capacity to deal with it as such and whether it was government policy and as to how those people collecting the waste would be protected and the potential of clinical waste bags identifying such households such as to create a stigma. Greg Fell responded that the current advice was that, for those people who tested positive for Covid 19, tissues etc. should be treated as clinical waste, although he thought that the guidance in that regard might change. If there were a large number of cases, then capacity to deal with such waste would become a problem and would be expensive and it was expected that the government might change the guidance. However, the Council was implementing the current government guidance.
- 4.3.30 A question was asked about people with respiratory conditions and making sure that people did not falsely believe that they were safe, simply because they had received pneumonia and flu jabs. Greg Fell said that he was not aware of that issue and he would pick that matter up locally and also nationally.
- 4.3.31 The Council noted the information and thanked the Director of Public health for his report.

#### 4.4 Public Questions

##### 4.4.1 Public Question Concerning Trade Union Convenors

Lee Parkinson made reference to austerity and to proposals in relation to removing Trade Union Convenors in the amendments submitted for the Budget Council meeting this day. He asked for assurance that an attack on workers' rights would be opposed and the labour movement would be supported.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded to the question. Councillor Dore made reference to the amendments submitted to this Budget Council meeting by the political groups and also to the financial cuts experienced by the Council during austerity.

She said that she believed that cutting Trade Union Convenors would actually increase the Council's overall expenditure and that without proper trade union representation, workers might be exposed to costly employment tribunal and personal injury claims which would otherwise have been prevented through the guidance and involvement of seconded representatives and statutory formal procedures would take longer to complete. Collective agreements formed by employers and trade unions on behalf of the employees, benefited both the Council and employees. Such agreements may not be reached if trade union representatives were unlikely to be released by their manager to work on them or get their substantive work covered.

She said that it was not right to further erode workers' rights and that trade unions provided protection, reassurance and independent advice to employees. Trade unions were important to public services and people working in those services and austerity meant that they were more important now than ever.

#### 4.4.2 Public Question Concerning PACES School, High Green

Ann Whitaker stated that PACES school in High Green had indicated that it intended to move to a purpose-built school in the future and had begun the fundraising process as well as preparing outline requirements with the University of Sheffield. PACES had been synonymous with High Green for 21 years at the High Green campus. She referred to the need for significant repair works at the campus and asked what the Council's plans were for the long term future of the High Green site. Ann Whitaker also asked for a written response to the question.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, responded to the question. Councillor Fox stated that the site was subject to a 125 year lease from the City Council to the High Green Development Trust, which was responsible for the site. There were a number of repair issues on the site and the City Council was working closely with the Trust to review options. This work was ongoing and a decision had not yet been made in relation to the site. He said that, when a decision was made, the Council would be able to inform the questioner.

#### 4.4.3 Public Question Concerning Housing Standards and Council Buildings

Kaltun Elmi asked when a meeting would be arranged with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety in relation to housing standards and Council buildings.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that he had been advised by Legal Services that he should not respond at this time in relation to this matter, which was the subject of a complaint relating to the Members'

Code of Conduct. He said that, when the complaint process was concluded, a full statement would be made to Council.

- 4.5 At this point in the proceedings, the one hour time allocation for this item of business was reached. The Lord Mayor asked that arrangements be made for written answers to be provided to the questions which had been submitted by members of the public prior to the start of the meeting, but which had not been able to be asked within the time limit, and that those answers be published on the Council's website with the agenda for this meeting.

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

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

(a) following a recruitment process undertaken by the Audit and Standards Committee, the appointment of Alison Howard to serve as a non-voting co-opted member of the Committee until May 2024, be confirmed; and

(b) Councillor Mike Chaplin be appointed to serve on the South Yorkshire Local Pension Board, in place of Councillor Tony Damms.

## **6. INTERIM REVIEW OF THE WD AND WF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES - REALLOCATION OF DEMPSEY CLOSE**

- 6.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that approval be given for the move of Dempsey Close from the WF polling district to the WD polling district in Southey Ward, as set out in the report of the Returning Officer now submitted.

## **7. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21**

- 7.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):-

(a) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 be suspended to remove the 2 minute time limit on the speeches of the movers and seconders of amendments and a new time limit be set whereby a total of 20 minutes will be shared by the mover and seconder of each amendment, and all other speakers shall have 2 minutes;

(b) Council Procedure Rule 17.6 be suspended to remove the 25 minute time limit for the item of business; and

(c) Council Procedure Rules 17.7(d) and 17.12(a) be suspended to remove the right of reply for the mover of the motion.

7.2 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Rippon and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 19th February, 2020, arising from its consideration of a report of the Executive Director, Resources on the Council's Revenue Budget for 2020/21 and the Capital Strategy 2020-25, be approved:-

"RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020:-

- (a) to approve a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m;
- (b) to approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (c) to approve the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (d) to note that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (e) to approve the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (f) to approve the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
- (g) to note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in Appendix 3 to the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in part B of Appendix 6 of the report would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (h) to note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of

Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;

- (i) to approve the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (j) to approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (k) to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report; which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (l) to agree that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (m) to approve a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (n) to agree that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (o) to approve the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25; that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures; and
- (p) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital report.

7.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) places on record its thanks to the staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year-on-year lead to uncertainty about their own futures and those of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of cuts to staffing numbers;

- (2) notes the following financial assessment for 2020/21:-
- (i) resolute financial planning by the Council means that the budget will be balanced, a significant achievement following a decade of austerity and cuts from Central Government;
  - (ii) however, a further £15 million of savings are required for 2020/21, taking the cumulative total of savings and financial pressures to £475 million over the last 10 years; and
  - (iii) a rising demand in social care services nationally, along with the decreasing funding allocated by government over the last decade, is seeing councils across the country struggle to cope, and this is why Sheffield City Council has continuously lobbied for fairer funding, particularly for social care, and whilst an additional £12million for social care was announced in the 2019 Spending Round, significant cost and demand pressures completely outstrip this;
- (3) notes/believes the following regarding the national political context:-
- (i) that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its tenth year, and that a decade after we believe the banking sector caused the financial crisis, it is still being paid for by the vast majority of people;
  - (ii) notes, however, that not everyone is doing badly out of austerity and according to the Office for National Statistics, the average income of the richest fifth rose by 4.7%, whilst the poorest fifth of the population contracted by 1.6% in the financial year ending in 2018 (the most up-to-date information available);
  - (iii) believes that inequality is rising and public and local services have been badly damaged after a decade of Government-led austerity, moreover the present Government are doing very little to resolve the domestic issues that matter a great deal to the people of Sheffield, such as the continuing and increasing pressures on health and social care services, insufficient housing, lack of support for our skills and young people, the climate emergency, air quality issues and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour;
  - (iv) believes that the Government has no sustainable plan for local government finance and that the proposed “fair funding” review is likely to make things even worse and could see the removal of deprivation from the funding formula; meaning that urban and poorer areas, such as Sheffield, are likely to see funding taken away to instead benefit rural shire counties, who are predominately under Conservative control;



- (v) notes that, despite these factors, the present Administration maintains it has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable; and
  - (vi) believes that central government needs to move away from successive policies since 2010 which have brought unnecessary, cruel and deeply damaging funding cuts and to instead give public services and local authorities the funding they so desperately need;
- (4) notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) under this Administration, the budget for the People Services Portfolio, which provides these care services, has risen by £53 million from £198m in 2017/18 to £251m in 2020/21, enhancing the major principle of this Council of looking after the most vulnerable in our city;
  - (ii) that ten years of central government forcing councils to slash budgets, coupled with the increased costs in adult and children's social care, means that councils are, in the words of the Local Government Association (LGA), "close to the edge", and that the LGA estimate that councils in England face an overall funding gap of £5.8 billion by 2020;
  - (iii) that there is a wide disparity in the ability of local authorities to raise income from council tax increases; for instance, a 1% rise in Sheffield is worth £2.2 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £7.3 million);
  - (iv) due to the crisis in social care, believes the Council simply has no other option than implement the Government's adult social care precept council tax rise by 2%, introduced by the Government as a way of passing onto local taxpayers the costs of their own failings to properly fund social care;
  - (v) believes that despite the national social care crisis and great financial pressures on local authorities, this Administration has worked hard to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield; and
  - (vi) believes that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and fostering campaigns, all of which are aimed at providing the right preventative measures and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;

- (5) notes the following regarding Council services and the actions of this Administration to show a real alternative to what it believes are the failed dogma of recent governments:-
- (i) by bringing services back “in-house”; housing repairs, IT and Digital services, Human Resources and payroll and setting up an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
  - (ii) we are fully accredited as a Foundation Living Wage employer;
  - (iii) our ethical procurement strategy commits the Council to ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way it trades, and works with partners, companies and inward investors across the city; and
  - (iv) we are approved supporters of the TUC Great Jobs Agenda and the Co-Operative Party’s Charter against Modern Day Slavery;
- (6) notes the following spending commitments to help the city fight the climate emergency and to protect the city from environmental changes, such as flooding:-
- (i) £22.7 million in keeping the city safe from flooding, with widespread investment in Culvert Renewal Programme and flood defences schemes at Lower Don and Upper Don Valley, including the River Loxley;
  - (ii) nearly £15 million spent on greening the city’s transport and assisting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
  - (iii) over the next 10 years, the Council will plant 100,000 trees as part of the Administration’s Trees and Woodland Strategy;
  - (iv) ‘Grey to Green’ is delivering improved air quality and safer travel as well, bringing more of this colour into the city centre, turning once dull streets into vibrant public spaces with significant areas of wild flowers, trees and shrubs;
  - (v) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
  - (vi) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to a 40% saving for tenants, as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
  - (vii) plans to implement a Clean Air Zone to improve air quality;
- (7) believes that this Administration is improving the living standards for all

by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – we are investing in exciting developments for the Heart of City II scheme, on the Olympic Legacy Park, Castlegate regeneration, the Knowledge gateway, Charter Square and Fitzalan Square;

- (8) notes that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates the Administration's commitment to council housing, despite the challenging financial climate:-
  - (i) a commitment to provide 3,100 new council houses over the next 10 years to meet the increased demand for affordable housing;
  - (ii) provide £500 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained; and
  - (iii) continuing to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;
- (9) notes that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by what it believes is the Government's continued, and botched, rollout of Universal Credit, and has given assurances that no tenant will be evicted for delays in payment that are solely a result of delayed payments in their Universal Credit;
- (10) notes that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme and increased the council tax hardship fund by £200,000 for 2020/21 meaning the Hardship Fund will total £1.6 million;
- (11) notes that the Administration is committed to locality working and empowering our communities, with over £3.2 million spent on locality management, including support for the voluntary sector and localised health schemes;
- (12) believes that the Government's National Funding Formula implementation is being implemented too slowly for schools, and that this will have a significant impact on Sheffield's primary schools, when what is really required is significant funding increases to all of our schools, with specific additional funding to schools most in need;
- (13) notes this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for children is a key priority; with Sheffield families continuing to have a better chance than most of accessing one of their preferred schools – with 97% of pupils given a secondary school of their choice, and 98% in this year's intake were able to get a primary school of their choice - both above the national average - and work is well underway to provide more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
- (14) notes the Administration is prioritising transport to deliver safe, well maintained streets which enable the city's on-going development and is

exploring more segregated networks for public transport, walking, cycling and private cars to reduce conflict and accidents and promote transport speed, capacity and choice, and that it is this Administration's aim to deliver an integrated transport system, where different modes of transport complement each other;

- (15) notes that this Administration is funding road safety to ensure that Sheffield is moving and freer from accidents and delays, with Sheffield's neighbourhoods safe and liveable through initiatives such as 20mph speed limits;
- (16) notes the results of the Council's Big City Conversation and believes that in addition to the spending outlined in the 2020/21 Budget, the following additional funding commitments should be made:-
- (i) invest an extra £2 million for Young People's services, with an ambition to mainstream within revenue spending, details of which will be expanded on when the new strategy goes to Cabinet in March;
  - (ii) to help make Sheffield's streets safer and cleaner, £2.5 million will be invested in a three year programme to provide an enhanced neighbourhood service focussing on improving the neighbourhood, tackling waste, combating fly tipping and graffiti, housing landlord enforcement and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
  - (iii) invest an additional £4 million into road safety measures across the city, as the Council's capacity to make interventions compared with previous years has been massively reduced by austerity, meaning that the Council is currently only able to fund around two to three crossings per year and, as such, this investment will increase the number of interventions for next year, a welcome addition given the increasing backlog;
  - (iv) to help accelerate efforts to deliver better football facilities at a grassroots level, invest £50,000 to identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment;
  - (v) helping ensure the city's much loved and successful theatre offer is available for all, by match funding £100,000 towards improving the Montgomery Theatre's disabled access;
  - (vi) use £2 million to bring forward an investment programme for district centres and high streets in the city, working with local businesses to invest in some key neighbourhood and district centres to increase footfall in our local shops and leisure outlets;
  - (vii) following the successful pilots earlier in the year of School Streets – where roads outside of schools are closed during

drop-off and pick-up - invest £600,000 further undertakings to address the adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school, and helping to improve localised air quality;

- (viii) use £220,000 to restrict vehicle access to part of Carver Street on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm until 6am, by installing automated raise/lower bollards at each end of the target area, thereby improving road safety and helping add to the vibrancy of the area, supporting local businesses and boosting the city's thriving night-time economy;
  - (ix) the Council's capital budget denotes that £43.3 million is provided for climate-related spending and efforts to tackle the climate emergency, but £100,000 is to be invested for wider stakeholder engagement, including the citizens assembly, into ways to manage zero carbon projects and programmes, assist with the Council's estate energy review, and lead to a Zero Carbon Sheffield Plan;
  - (x) continued regeneration of the city centre with an additional £150,000 for work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate;
  - (xi) every community library in the city to receive an additional one-off grant of £10,000; and
  - (xii) £800,000 for funding key infrastructure to support placements for vulnerable children and young adults - including independent living places for children in care, care leavers and those with learning disabilities to be brought forward as part of the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy, with further investment to be detailed in this Strategy;
- (17) notes the following regarding job losses:-
- (i) there could be up to 34 redundancies during the financial year 2020/21;
  - (ii) that this Administration, as in previous years, will take steps to minimise redundancies, such as offering voluntary severance and voluntary early retirement schemes, as well as using vacancies not yet filled; and
  - (iii) that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (18) notes the following regarding the budget process:-

- (i) that thanks is given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and all of the members involved in this crucial work; and
  - (ii) that this year's budget process involved a large consultation process and that the public is thanked for their involvement;
- (19) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

**Revenue Budget Proposals**

<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)	<u>Spending proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)
Use of New Homes Bonus	3,200	Young People services	2,000
		Cleaner, safer streets	900
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	200
		Citizens Assembly	100
<b>Savings total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>Investments - total</b>	<b>3,200</b>
		<b>Deficit/(surplus)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Capital Budget Proposals**

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	2020/21 (£'000)
Use of unallocated CIL funding	8,790	Cleaner, safer streets	500
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	100
		Priority highway improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion	4,000
		Identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential	50

investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities at grassroots level

SCC match funding towards refurbishment of Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street (total est cost £5m) 100

Local Neighbourhood Centres 2,000

School Streets - Programme of measures at key locations to address adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school 600

Night-time Economy - Safer Carver Street - restricted night-time access via automatic bollards 220

Continuation of work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate & progress new priorities 150

Capital investment in each of the city's 27 libraries 270

Additional investment in infrastructure to support vulnerable children and young adults 800

<b>Financing of capital proposals total</b>	<b>8,790</b>	<b>Capital spending total</b>	<b>8,790</b>
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(20) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;

(21) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;

- (22) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (19) above, as follows:-

Restated <u>2019/20</u>	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	<u>Appendix 3</u> <u>2020/21</u>
£000		£000
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
232,655	People	252,582
145,423	Place	147,806
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,158
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,704
<b>420,020</b>		<b>442,250</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
	<b>Corporate Items</b>	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600



**Capital Financing Costs**

13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816

**Reserves Movements**

-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-4,851
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733

**403,291**

**Total Expenditure**

**420,171**

**Financing of Net Expenditure**

-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776

**-403,291**

**Total Financing**

**-420,171**

- (23) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (24) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (25) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (26) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (27) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (28) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;

- (29) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (30) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (31) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (32) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (22) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

**Appendix 6a**

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2020/21 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**£140,243.9406** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local

Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"));  
and

- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:  
**£227,390,937**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) **£1,437,899,940** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) **£1,209,855,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£228,044,940** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,626.0591** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£654,003** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,621.3958** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.

5. **£19,776,453** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

**Bradfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

**Ecclesfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

**Stocksbridge Town Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

**Appendix 6b**

**Council Tax Schedule 2020/21**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

## Parish Council Precepts

2019/20						2020/21					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

7.4 It was then moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) would like to thank the staff who have been so helpful and accommodating during this budget setting process, and all of Sheffield City Council's staff who continue to work so hard for the people of Sheffield;
- (2) condemns the current Government's plan to restrict local government funding further until the spending review in summer 2020, believing this to be above and beyond what is necessary, forcing local authorities to raise regressive Council Tax, instead of funding local government more fairly out of general taxation;
- (3) particularly condemns the current Government's approach to funding the NHS and Adult Social Care, and believes that a new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital services, particularly for places like Sheffield which have a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;
- (4) believes that the Liberal Democrat proposal of raising income

tax by a penny in the pound nationwide will meet this need for a long term funding settlement and greatly relieve the pressure on adult social care and the NHS;

- (5) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is aggravated by the potential impact of Brexit, and on the capacity of both the local and national economy to generate the resources that our public services badly need;
- (6) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is further aggravated by the infighting and parochialism of South Yorkshire Labour leaders who have squandered many of the wider benefits of Sheffield City Region, and deprived Sheffield of automatic early access to £10's of millions of central government funding;
- (7) specifically calls upon the Sheffield City Region Mayor to urgently take action to improve our local bus network, to exercise powers to bring bus services back under local control (franchising), and calls on central government to provide significant long term funding to revitalise local transport;
- (8) believes that although the Council is facing financially difficult times, the current Administration has still had choices about where to spend our money, and have often made the wrong choices over the past nine years, for example:-
  - (i) protecting tax payer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding to local communities;
  - (ii) continuing to spend vast amounts on Council spin doctors whilst cutting front line services;
  - (iii) spending millions on costly consultants whilst allowing important road safety schemes to be delayed;
  - (iv) spending thousands on hospitality of no-hope investors whilst ignoring struggling local businesses in the city centre and across the city;
- (9) further believes that this city still suffers from the poor choices made by previous Labour Administrations, particularly the financial burden of around £19million every year until 2024 to repay the debt from the major sports facilities associated with the financially disastrous World Student Games, even after Don Valley Stadium has now been demolished, and, further to this, now giving millions to Sheffield International Venues to keep the venues open after years of poor oversight by Sheffield City Council;

- (10) notes that we are in a Climate Emergency and if we do not act now to reduce carbon emissions we will soon be in a Climate Catastrophe;
- (11) believes that this Council currently has no real plan to tackle the climate emergency and is falling behind on its commitments to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- (12) believes the Liberal Democrats are the only party with a full plan to tackle climate change and this budget includes proposals that will help Sheffield achieve its target of carbon zero by 2030 by increasing Sheffield's tree cover, making recycling easier and investing in infrastructure that will help to mitigate climate change;
- (13) believes that by making Sheffield a greener place to live and supporting community gyms and sports projects, this will improve people's health and well-being across the city, as well as helping to tackle knife crime by treating it as a public health issue;
- (14) believes that, even more concerning than some of their financial choices, is the way this Administration operates, centralising decision making and often ignoring the concerns and wishes of the people of Sheffield;
- (15) asserts that the purpose of this Council is to represent, work for and be the voice of the people of Sheffield, and that it is important that our decision making reflects the interests of the city as a whole and always putting people at the forefront of our choices;
- (16) further asserts that this could be better achieved by the Liberal Democrat policy of devolving local decision-making to give local areas as much control as possible over decisions that directly affect their communities;
- (17) supports the proposed change to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few;
- (18) resolves to include in any new system, significant delegation of powers and budgets to formal Area Committees which comprise all the elected members in an area, allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures;
- (19) understands the huge financial strain this Council has been put under by central government cuts to local government and that this was needed to reduce the deficit bought on by recession;



- (20) however, believes that there is a better, different way for a city council to operate and that this budget amendment demonstrates that it is possible, even in difficult times, to be responsive and work with local people;
- (21) believes that local Councillors and local people are often best placed to take decisions over the things that affect them and their local areas and therefore wants to revolutionise how decisions are made in this Council, by devolving real budgets over to communities, to be spent on their priorities, not the Labour Party's;
- (22) asserts that, by making some simple savings and spending the same money differently, the Liberal Democrat alternative budget would:-

**(a) Demand a better environment**

- (i) double the city's current tree planting target to 200,000 trees over the next 10 years;
- (ii) recognise that walking and cycling is by far the best way to travel for the environment and for the health of people in Sheffield and would devote 10% of city wide CIL in major cycling schemes to encourage uptake of cycling and improve safety for cyclists and walkers on our roads;
- (ii) use 20% of city wide CIL for infrastructure that will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, such as planting trees, flood defences and improved moorland management;
- (iv) invest in the creation of an energy efficiency service in the Council's Private Sector Housing service which will provide the go to place for people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes;
- (v) improve Sheffield's recycling record by committing more than £600k to increasing the types of plastic that can be recycled here in our city;
- (vi) invest more than £500k on increasing the size of the blue bin so up to 10% of households in Sheffield are able to recycle cardboard and paper more easily;
- (vii) commit more than £250k to keep all Sheffield City Council recycling centres open seven days a week to improve access for everyone;

- (viii) increase the number of on street recycling bins across Sheffield by replacing single bins for rubbish only with double bins for rubbish and glass, paper and plastic, making it easier for people to recycle;
- (ix) investigate a food waste collection scheme to help people in Sheffield lower their wastage and use the food waste to generate electricity or fertilise farmer's fields;
- (x) investigate a reverse vending recycling system where people will receive a cash reward for recycling cans and plastic bottles;
- (xi) clean up Sheffield by investing £150k in a task force to crack down on litter, fly tipping, graffiti and dog mess, and reversing a cut to this budget;
- (xii) create a £50k fund available to local communities from a 'Greener Sheffield' pot, an additional pot of money to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment;
- (xiii) investigate providing all schools with air-quality monitors to educate children on the importance of air quality and to monitor carbon levels around schools; and
- (xiv) start a climate warden scheme, giving local people the support to clear icy footpaths and roads in their local communities, support communities in times of severe flooding and help with adapting to a changing climate;

**(b) Demand a Better Council**

- (i) increase the neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30% for use by local communities to spend money on infrastructure and fully compensate them for the disruption and pressures that come from big developments in their area;
- (ii) create a fund available to local councillors to use on projects and capital investments in their wards, through boosting ward pots to £10,000 in every ward; and
- (iii) allocate 50k towards reinstating community assemblies;

**(c) Demand better health and social care**

- (i) invest £250k in a pot of money that community groups who provide sports activities can bid for, in recognition

that knife crime is a public health issue and these groups and projects are vital to reduce knife crime in Sheffield;

- (ii) support Sheffield's foster carers, who look after some of our city's most challenging and vulnerable children, and encourage more people to sign up to become foster families with a discretionary reimbursement of Council Tax; this has the potential to save the Council significant sums in reducing the amount spent on agency foster placements;
- (iii) invest over £60k in Sheffield Young Carers so they can provide their service users' free bus travel across Sheffield;
- (iv) support Citizen's Advice Bureau with an increase of £50k in grant funding; and
- (v) invest £50k for an extra member of staff in the Council's Private Sector Housing team to deal with some of the problems in the city's fast growing private housing sector;

**(d) Demand a more successful Sheffield**

- (i) invest £1million in local and district shopping centres to support businesses outside the city centre, in Woodseats, Chapeltown, Hillsborough, Woodhouse and Mosborough;
- (ii) reinstate a free city centre bus service to reduce journeys by car into the city centre and encourage more visitors to our vibrant shopping, eating and entertainment districts; the buses will be electric and run every 15 minutes around the city;
- (iii) invest £1million in all road safety schemes, such as traffic systems, pedestrian crossings and school crossing patrols, paying particular attention to where the community have made a call for a particular scheme in their area;
- (iv) put aside extra funding for more school crossing wardens to help children get to school safely;
- (v) use 10% of the unallocated community infrastructure levy (CIL) money to support small business infrastructure to allow the city's independent businesses to flourish by amending the Regulation 123 list which governs how CIL can be spent; and

- (vi) support Associate Libraries and their volunteers by providing £133k's worth of professional librarian support;
- (23) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a City Council that provides good value for money for all residents of Sheffield, is open for business, is responsive to and works with the people of Sheffield and protects our natural environment and heritage which make our city such a great place to live;
- (24) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources, to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

**Revenue Budget Proposals**

	<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>	<u>Spending proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>
		Grant for local sports clubs and community groups to bid on for sport activities	250
Allocate part of the New Homes Bonus	1,288	Reinstatement of community assemblies	50
		Private housing sector officer	53
		An energy efficiency advice service for householders	53
		100% Council tax relief for Foster Carers (up to Band D)	280
		Free bus pass for members of Sheffield Young Carers	60
Reduce posts within the Communications team	75	Provide additional professional librarian support for associate libraries	133

		Increase grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau	50
Withdraw funding from Sheffield City Partnership Board	10	Invest in crossing patrols for schools which currently fall below threshold for wardens, and where road safety conditions allow	40
Delete 3 senior manager posts	100	<u>Big Sheffield Clean Up / Greener Sheffield Fund Group</u>	
Remove Leader's policy officer post (6 month saving)	25	Additional spending on walking and cycling schemes	100
		Reverse cut in fly tipping and graffiti contract budget	9
Cut to taxpayer subsidy to trade unions	325	Reinstate snow wardens/ Climate Wardens	35
		Create a Greener Sheffield fund	50
Cuts to Special Responsibility Allowances for cabinet advisors	54	Replace 50 single street bins with double aperture bins with recycling facility	39
		Double tree strategy planting target	95
Reallocation of unutilised funds - Invest in Sheffield fund	430	Reinstatement of free, city centre electric bus - revenue element Every 30min	285
		Investigate reverse vending machines	25
		Investigate food waste collection scheme	25
		Increase funding for the Environmental Enforcement team for a "Clean Up Sheffield" task force with target of 25% recovery via fines for littering, fly tipping, dog	150

fouling and graffiti.

Increased blue bin capacity collection - revenue costs of providing bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households who request them 286

Explore air quality monitors for schools 25

<b>Sub-total firm savings</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>Sub-total firm commitments</b>	<b>2,092</b>
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The following savings schemes require the agreement of new contract, or actions to be agreed with other bodies. Consequently the following investments are proposed conditionally on the successful implementation of these schemes.

Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region	100	Increase the types of plastic that can be recycled in Sheffield - eg yoghurt pots, carrier bags, margarine tubs, food trays and bottle tops (half year)	675
Pay review - forego assumed 2% pay increase for staff on salaries above £60k	85	Keep recycling centres open seven days a week (half year)	271
Re-negotiate Increments for 2020/21 (9 month implementation)	875	Additional spending on road safety schemes to be allocated over the year	330
<b>Sub-total conditional savings</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>Sub-total conditional commitments</b>	<b>1,275</b>
<b>Savings total</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>Investments - total</b>	<b>3,367</b>
		<b>Deficit/(surplus)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Capital Budget Proposal**

	<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>

Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	670	Road Safety	670
City Wide CIL money required for top up of ward pots	78	Increase ward pots to £10,000 across the city as a minimum (to be used for capital purposes)	78
Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	720	Reinstatement of free, city centre electric bus - capital element	720
Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	595	Provide bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households that request them	595
Financed from unallocated CIL	1000	Local and District Centres - Woodseats, Chapeltown and Hillsborough	1000
Devote 10% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Walking, Cycling and Active Travel Schemes, based on 10% of CIL	cost neutral
Devote 20% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Green Infrastructure Funding, based on 20% of CIL.	Cost neutral
Devote 10% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Small business infrastructure, funded from 10% of CIL	cost neutral
Devote 30% of CIL to the neighbourhood portion on an ongoing basis	cost neutral	Increase neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30%	cost neutral
<b>Financing of capital proposals total</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>Capital spending total</b>	<b>3,063</b>

**Local Transport Plan Budget Proposal**

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	(£'000)	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	(£'000)
Re-allocate decision making over £1.3 million of transport funding away from Cabinet Member to local communities to be	Cost neutral	Nil	cost neutral

allocated via the LAP

**Financing LTP proposals total 0 LTP spending total 0**

- (25) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (26) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above;
- (27) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.601m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (24) above, as follows:-

**Appendix 3**

Restated

<b>2019/20 £000</b>	<b><u>Summary Revenue Budget</u></b>	<b>2020/21 £000</b>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
232,655	People	251,346
145,423	Place	149,070
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,080
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,272
<b>420,020</b>		<b>440,768</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312



0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
<b>Corporate Items</b>		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
<b>Capital Financing Costs</b>		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
<b>Reserves Movements</b>		
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-2,939
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
<b>403,291</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>420,601</b>
<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-104,258
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
<b>-403,291</b>	<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>-420,601</b>

- (28) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);

- (29) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (30) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (31) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above;
- (32) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above;
- (33) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (34) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (35) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (36) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (24) above relating to relating to salary reductions;
- (37) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (24) above relating to Special Responsibility Allowances cuts;
- (38) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (39) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- (40) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (41) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.601m set out in paragraph (27) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

**Appendix 6a**

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2020/21**  
**REVENUE BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**£140,243,9406** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:  
**£227,390,937**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,436,417,940** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,208,373,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£228,044,940** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

- (d) **£1,626.0591** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£654,003** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,621.3958** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.

5. **£19,776,453** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

**Bradfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

**Ecclesfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

**Stocksbridge Town Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

**Appendix 6b**

**Council Tax Schedule 2020/21**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

**Appendix 6c**

**Parish Council Precepts**

Parish Council	2019/20					2020/21					
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

- 7.5 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19th February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) continues to condemn the cuts to local authority funding over the past 10 years, which is a political choice by central government, and applauds the efforts of politicians and campaigners calling for an alternative to this policy;
- (2) believes that Sheffield's citizens have suffered through continual cuts to council funding - and consequently to services to the public;
- (3) believes that central Government has utterly failed to address the growing and substantial crisis in the care of older and disabled people and that, even passing on extra costs through council tax increases, the sum raised is still wholly inadequate to meet the cost of social care;
- (4) notes, however, that long-term, outsourced contracts with big private businesses have not taken an equivalent share of the cuts; and that long-term costs of finance stretch into Sheffield's future until 2057;
- (5) therefore recognises that, despite Government suggestions to the contrary, we believe austerity and its effects are not going away and that Elected Members in Sheffield, however difficult the crisis we face, have a responsibility to do the best we can for the people of Sheffield, prioritising the available resources to protect communities and the most vulnerable and working towards a more equitable and resilient city;
- (6) accordingly, thanks the officers of the Council, voluntary and private sectors directly affected by the austerity programme, for the way they have responded to the increasing cuts and made sacrifices;
- (7) welcomes the progress now being made on issues in previous amendments submitted by the Green Group, including:-
  - (i) webcasting of council meetings;
  - (ii) mental health resilience work in schools;
  - (iii) steps towards re-opening the Don Valley Railway;
  - (iv) significantly increased funds to support the least well-off with council tax bills; and
  - (v) funding to prepare brownfield sites for development, in order to save greenfield locations;
- (8) believes that the city's resilience will be tested by the climate crisis and is therefore disappointed that, despite declaring a "climate emergency"

over a year ago, no proposals appear in the Administration's revenue budget to address the climate emergency;

- (9) will therefore provide funding to recruit an entire team of environmental sustainability officers to address the need for warmer homes; locally-owned, clean energy production; increased active travel and public transport; and to support businesses and householders to make carbon-reducing changes in response to the climate emergency;
- (10) regrets the lost opportunity of jobs in the renewable energy industry and thousands of cheaper energy bills for council tenants when proposed by Green Councillors in 2014; but will still promote energy efficiency schemes in maintained schools by using £500,000 of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy receipts;
- (11) will go further and set aside £1 million of unallocated New Homes Bonus to introduce solar panels on council housing, to generate energy and to reduce tenants' bills;
- (12) will build climate resilience into the city's housing stock by ensuring that all funding for new-build council housing is only used for housing designed at high standards of thermal efficiency, so that future tenants do not risk fuel poverty;
- (13) will earmark £1 million of Local Transport Plan funding for active travel schemes, including providing cyclists with the protection of segregated cycle lanes and secure bike storage, thereby increasing the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health and better air quality;
- (14) will recognise the failure to build this city's cycling infrastructure and will therefore appoint a cycling officer to promote the ability of Sheffield residents to choose this form of transport;
- (15) further, will earmark £50,000 to purchase e-cargo bikes to allow the Council, businesses and organisations to carry goods around the city in a cleaner, quieter, more sustainable way;
- (16) will put £500,000 of unused Community Infrastructure Levy funding to invest in electric vehicle charging points;
- (17) will ensure that all future Local Transport Plan spending is used only on sustainable modes of transport that do not have any adverse impact on air quality;
- (18) in line with this principle, will encourage use of public transport by providing free bus and tram travel on the six Sundays before Christmas, in place of the current subsidy for free car parking in the city centre;



- (19) believes the public is becoming more aware and concerned at the dangers of illegal levels of air pollution and will therefore invest in public-facing visual displays on the city's air quality monitoring stations, to ensure the public can see and monitor the measure of air pollution affecting them in real time;
- (20) will stop reimbursing car-parking claims for Elected Members who do not have a blue badge;
- (21) will tackle what we believe to be the increasing scourge of dangerous and irresponsible parking, by creating 6 new jobs for parking enforcement officers, to be provided with e-bikes instead of patrol cars, where possible;
- (22) will develop proposals to introduce a workplace parking levy for larger employers, in order to generate additional long-term revenue to invest in the city's public transport, whilst improving air quality and encouraging more active forms of travel to work;
- (23) will reduce the price of residents' parking permits to 2010 levels and dissuade commuters from driving into the city centre by increasing on-street parking by 40p, meaning that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas of the city are not subsidising other transport services;
- (24) will re-introduce the FreeBee bus service in the city centre, operating every 10 minutes, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, by investing in 3 new electric buses owned directly by the local authority;
- (25) will take steps to increase the potential for more affordable housing in the city by funding a pilot project of a small number of energy-efficient "container homes", such as those already being pioneered at Heeley City Farm;
- (26) will create an additional officer post to bring empty homes back into use, in order to tackle the blight and waste of empty houses and increase housing supply with far less energy consumption than new buildings;
- (27) will fund an additional post to help tenants and take enforcement action on substandard rented housing in the private sector;
- (28) will take further steps to open up the workings of democracy by increasing the number of public tours to show off the Town Hall and its heritage, building on Sheffield's success with Heritage Open Days;
- (29) recognises the cultural and economic importance of the city's heritage and will therefore expand skills in the Planning Service with funding for a dedicated heritage officer;

- (30) asserts that in a properly regulated planning system, it is essential that developers comply with planning conditions and will therefore fund an additional planning enforcement officer to maintain high standards for the benefit of the public;
- (31) will maximise the expertise of our planning officers and bring fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers into line with other major cities;
- (32) will cut political spin from the Town Hall and will remove the posts of Group Policy Officers from the Council payroll, requiring politicians to do their own research and press work;
- (33) notes that evidence to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee about governance was clear that the public want to see more active work in local areas and will therefore reverse the Administration's proposed cut to locality working;
- (34) will also reverse the Administration's funding cut to the Uppertorpe Healthy Living Centre;
- (35) will support the voluntary sector by increasing funding for advice centres, which was previously cut by this Administration, thus protecting jobs and helping people facing the real difficulties of universal credit;
- (36) recognises the number of people in serious financial hardship and therefore welcomes the further £200,000 increase in the Council Tax hardship fund, as proposed in Green Party Councillors' budget proposals in recent years, to protect more of the 30,000 poorest families in the city;
- (37) recognises the particular difficulties faced by young people leaving care setting up their own homes for the first time and will therefore set aside funds to meet council tax bills paid until the age of 25;
- (38) recognises the ongoing value of the city's library service and rewards the hard work of volunteers who have supported their local branch libraries by providing funding to ensure a paid, professional librarian in every branch library;
- (39) will pilot the development of a "Library of Things" in a staffed library to reduce individual consumption of occasionally-used household items;
- (40) notes that Green councillors first proposed a Living Wage in 2008 to address low pay and will now tackle the principle of income inequality head-on by reducing the pay of senior officers on salaries over £50,000 a year, narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest paid in the Council to within a 10:1 ratio;

- (41) will further reduce eight posts in the HR function to protect frontline services;
- (42) notes that the proposals in this amendment will provide over £1 million in every future year for social care;
- (43) will promote health, activity and fun by funding outdoor gym equipment in the city's parks and developing the network of park runs throughout the whole city, working alongside community organisations;
- (44) will commemorate the very origins of a municipal authority for public health by providing the public with clean, fresh water through the provision of new drinking fountains in major parks, thereby reducing waste and litter from single-use disposable plastics;
- (45) will support these further improvements in the city's parks by increasing parking charges in them;
- (46) will also invest in planting trees bearing edible fruit in open spaces and parks, to be decided and distributed fairly on a Ward basis;
- (47) will promote the city's economic opportunity of specialist tourism by engaging two part-time ecologists to market and lead specialist nature tours on Sheffield's nearby and unique moorland, thereby generating further income for the Council and for the city's economy;
- (48) will fund an extra four Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs) and employ four Safer Neighbourhoods Officers, with a focus on youth work, to support young people and their families;
- (49) will support the many voluntary, business and public sector agencies trying to address homelessness, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and aggressive begging in the city centre, by providing funds for a new worker under the Help Us Help umbrella;
- (50) will put further resource into prevention work by supporting an additional substance misuse worker;
- (51) notes that these proposals will result in a net gain of 34 permanent jobs, in addition to the increased employment in the voluntary sector and from capital investment;
- (52) recognises the hard work of Sheffield citizens who have highlighted the economic risks attached to fossil fuels and the need for Sheffield City Council to do business ethically, and welcomes the inclusion, in its Treasury Management Strategy, of commitments not to hold any direct investments in fossil fuels or companies involved in tax evasion or grave misconduct;
- (53) approves the updating of the statutory Regulation 123 list to include the

spending of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy within the limits set out above;

- (54) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources, to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

**Revenue Budget Proposal**

<b><u>Savings proposals</u></b>	<b><u>2020/21 (£'000)</u></b>	<b><u>Spending proposals</u></b>	<b><u>2020/21 (£'000)</u></b>
Remove Elected Members' car parking claims	2	Recruitment of a 6 person sustainability team (1xG10, 4xG8 and 1xG5 - 9 months allowing for recruitment of full team)	209
Additional 40p on street parking charge	738	Cycling officer (grade 8)	47
Increase fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers	73	Free Christmas bus / tram travel on 6 Sundays before Christmas	66
Remove Group Policy Officers (half year saving)	80	Recruitment of 6 extra parking enforcement officers at net £3k each	18
Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	88	Workplace Parking Levy Study. (Grade 8 post to develop work)	47
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	47	Reduce Parking Permit Fees to 2010 levels	298
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	939	Re-introduce the Free Bee Bus - low emission vehicle at 10 minute frequency, 12 hrs/ day , 6 days / week.	427
Remove 8 posts in HR (assume half-year saving)	161	Additional Empty Homes Officer to bring empty properties back into use (grade 7)	42

Increase parking fees in parks from 50p to £1 per hour	86	Additional post in Private Sector Housing (grade 5)	31
Remove free city centre parking at Christmas	40	Increased Town Hall tours	5
		Heritage officer (grade 8)	47
		Extra Planning enforcement officer (grade 7)	42
		Reverse cut to Locality team (BIP reference 36)	26
		Reverse cut to Upperthorpe HLC. BIP ref 38.	25
		Increase funding to voluntary sector for advice work	40
		Provide Young Care Leavers with a fund to cover Council Tax bills	30
		Staff for branch libraries (based on 16 PT members of staff)	335
		Library of Things pilot	30
		Investment in parks, including maintenance of drinking fountains (8k) & gym equipment (4k), & developing park runs in all areas of the city	86
		Ecology officers to promote nature tourism (2 half-time g8 posts)	47
		Four extra Police Community Safety Officers	138
		Four Safer Neighbourhoods officers	140

(grade 6)

Help Us Help worker (grade 5) to assist DACT with admin work, liaison and co-ordination with relevant agencies. 31  
 Additional substance misuse worker in DACT 47

**Savings - subtotal 2,254**

**Spending - subtotal 2,254**

**Capital Budget Proposals**

<b><u>Savings proposals</u></b>	<b><u>2020/21 (£'000)</u></b>		<b><u>2020/21 (£'000)</u></b>
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,000	Introduce further Solar Panels on the HRA Estate	1,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,080	Purchase of 3 x Electric Freebee buses	1,080
Reprioritise funding for acquiring new council homes	250	Fund to establish low-energy "container homes" pilot	250
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending	1,000	Improved transport infrastructure, including segregated cycle lanes & bike storage	1,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	50	Purchase of new e-cargo bikes	50
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending	54	Air Quality Monitoring Digital Displays	54
Use of unallocated CIL	500	Energy efficiency for schools fund	500
Use of unallocated CIL	500	Fund to provide Electric Vehicle charging points	500
Use of unallocated CIL	40	Outdoor gym equipment in parks	40
Use of unallocated CIL	100	Provision of fruit trees on	100

a ward basis

Use of unallocated CIL	24	Drinking Fountains for City Centre & parks	24
<b>Financing of capital proposals total</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>Capital spending total</b>	<b>4,598</b>

- (55) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (56) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above;
- (57) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (54) above, as follows:-

<b>Restated</b>		<b><u>Appendix</u></b>
<b>2019/20</b>	<b><u>Summary Revenue Budget</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>2020/21</b>
		<b>£000</b>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
232,655	People	250,638
145,423	Place	147,122
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,080
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,209
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<b>420,020</b>		<b>439,050</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834

-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
<b>Corporate Items</b>		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
<b>Capital Financing Costs</b>		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
<b>Reserves Movements</b>		
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-1,651
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
<b>403,291</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>420,171</b>
<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
<b>-403,291</b>	<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>-420,171</b>

- (58) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);



- (59) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (60) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (61) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above;
- (62) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above;
- (63) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (64) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (65) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (66) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (54) above relating to salary reductions;
- (67) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (68) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (69) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (70) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire

Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;

- (71) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (57) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

**Appendix 6a**

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2020/21 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**140,243.9406** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:  
**£227,390,937**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,434,699,940** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,206,655,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£228,044,940** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the

formula in Section 31B of the Act).

- (d) **£1,626.0591** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£654,003** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **1,621.3958** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£19,776,453** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

**Bradfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

**Ecclesfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

**Stocksbridge Town Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

**Appendix 6b****Council Tax Schedule 2020/21**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

**Appendix 6c****Parish Council Precepts**

Parish Council	2019/20					2020/21					
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

7.6 After contributions from 32 Members, the amendment moved by Councillor Terry Fox was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the amendment (43) - Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie

Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against the amendment - (26)

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, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (10)

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

For the amendment (26)

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, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Against the amendment - (42) Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on - the amendment (10) The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.

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

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

For the amendment (8) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

Against 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, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, 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, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Kevin Oxley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Lavery, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony the amendment (2) Downing) and Councillor Jack Clarkson.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) places on record its thanks to the staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year-on-year lead to uncertainty about their own futures and those of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of cuts to staffing numbers;
- (2) notes the following financial assessment for 2020/21:-
  - (i) resolute financial planning by the Council means that the budget will be balanced, a significant achievement following a decade of austerity and cuts from Central Government;



- (ii) however, a further £15 million of savings are required for 2020/21, taking the cumulative total of savings and financial pressures to £475 million over the last 10 years; and
  - (iii) a rising demand in social care services nationally, along with the decreasing funding allocated by government over the last decade, is seeing councils across the country struggle to cope, and this is why Sheffield City Council has continuously lobbied for fairer funding, particularly for social care, and whilst an additional £12million for social care was announced in the 2019 Spending Round, significant cost and demand pressures completely outstrip this;
- (3) notes/believes the following regarding the national political context:-
- (i) that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its tenth year, and that a decade after we believe the banking sector caused the financial crisis, it is still being paid for by the vast majority of people;
  - (ii) notes, however, that not everyone is doing badly out of austerity and according to the Office for National Statistics, the average income of the richest fifth rose by 4.7%, whilst the poorest fifth of the population contracted by 1.6% in the financial year ending in 2018 (the most up-to-date information available);
  - (iii) believes that inequality is rising and public and local services have been badly damaged after a decade of Government-led austerity, moreover the present Government are doing very little to resolve the domestic issues that matter a great deal to the people of Sheffield, such as the continuing and increasing pressures on health and social care services, insufficient housing, lack of support for our skills and young people, the climate emergency, air quality issues and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour;
  - (iv) believes that the Government has no sustainable plan for local government finance and that the proposed “fair funding” review is likely to make things even worse and could see the removal of deprivation from the funding formula; meaning that urban and poorer areas, such as Sheffield, are likely to see funding taken away to instead benefit rural shire counties, who are predominately under Conservative control;
  - (v) notes that, despite these factors, the present Administration maintains it has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable; and
  - (vi) believes that central government needs to move away from

successive policies since 2010 which have brought unnecessary, cruel and deeply damaging funding cuts and to instead give public services and local authorities the funding they so desperately need;

- (4) notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) under this Administration, the budget for the People Services Portfolio, which provides these care services, has risen by £53 million from £198m in 2017/18 to £251m in 2020/21, enhancing the major principle of this Council of looking after the most vulnerable in our city;
  - (ii) that ten years of central government forcing councils to slash budgets, coupled with the increased costs in adult and children's social care, means that councils are, in the words of the Local Government Association (LGA), "close to the edge", and that the LGA estimate that councils in England face an overall funding gap of £5.8 billion by 2020;
  - (iii) that there is a wide disparity in the ability of local authorities to raise income from council tax increases; for instance, a 1% rise in Sheffield is worth £2.2 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £7.3 million);
  - (iv) due to the crisis in social care, believes the Council simply has no other option than implement the Government's adult social care precept council tax rise by 2%, introduced by the Government as a way of passing onto local taxpayers the costs of their own failings to properly fund social care;
  - (v) believes that despite the national social care crisis and great financial pressures on local authorities, this Administration has worked hard to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield; and
  - (vi) believes that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and fostering campaigns, all of which are aimed at providing the right preventative measures and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;
- (5) notes the following regarding Council services and the actions of this Administration to show a real alternative to what it believes are the failed dogma of recent governments:-
- (i) by bringing services back "in-house"; housing repairs, IT and Digital services, Human Resources and payroll and setting up

- an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
- (ii) we are fully accredited as a Foundation Living Wage employer;
  - (iii) our ethical procurement strategy commits the Council to ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way it trades, and works with partners, companies and inward investors across the city; and
  - (iv) we are approved supporters of the TUC Great Jobs Agenda and the Co-Operative Party's Charter against Modern Day Slavery;
- (6) notes the following spending commitments to help the city fight the climate emergency and to protect the city from environmental changes, such as flooding:-
- (i) £22.7 million in keeping the city safe from flooding, with widespread investment in Culvert Renewal Programme and flood defences schemes at Lower Don and Upper Don Valley, including the River Loxley;
  - (ii) nearly £15 million spent on greening the city's transport and assisting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
  - (iii) over the next 10 years, the Council will plant 100,000 trees as part of the Administration's Trees and Woodland Strategy;
  - (iv) 'Grey to Green' is delivering improved air quality and safer travel as well, bringing more of this colour into the city centre, turning once dull streets into vibrant public spaces with significant areas of wild flowers, trees and shrubs;
  - (v) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
  - (vi) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to a 40% saving for tenants, as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
  - (vii) plans to implement a Clean Air Zone to improve air quality;
- (7) believes that this Administration is improving the living standards for all by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – we are investing in exciting developments for the Heart of City II scheme, on the Olympic Legacy Park, Castlegate regeneration, the Knowledge gateway, Charter Square and Fitzalan Square;
- (8) notes that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates the Administration's commitment to council housing, despite the

challenging financial climate:-

- (i) a commitment to provide 3,100 new council houses over the next 10 years to meet the increased demand for affordable housing;
  - (ii) provide £500 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained; and
  - (iii) continuing to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;
- (9) notes that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by what it believes is the Government's continued, and botched, rollout of Universal Credit, and has given assurances that no tenant will be evicted for delays in payment that are solely a result of delayed payments in their Universal Credit;
- (10) notes that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme and increased the council tax hardship fund by £200,000 for 2020/21 meaning the Hardship Fund will total £1.6 million;
- (11) notes that the Administration is committed to locality working and empowering our communities, with over £3.2 million spent on locality management, including support for the voluntary sector and localised health schemes;
- (12) believes that the Government's National Funding Formula implementation is being implemented too slowly for schools, and that this will have a significant impact on Sheffield's primary schools, when what is really required is significant funding increases to all of our schools, with specific additional funding to schools most in need;
- (13) notes this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for children is a key priority; with Sheffield families continuing to have a better chance than most of accessing one of their preferred schools – with 97% of pupils given a secondary school of their choice, and 98% in this year's intake were able to get a primary school of their choice - both above the national average - and work is well underway to provide more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
- (14) notes the Administration is prioritising transport to deliver safe, well maintained streets which enable the city's on-going development and is exploring more segregated networks for public transport, walking, cycling and private cars to reduce conflict and accidents and promote transport speed, capacity and choice, and that it is this Administration's aim to deliver an integrated transport system, where different modes of transport complement each other;
- (15) notes that this Administration is funding road safety to ensure that

Sheffield is moving and freer from accidents and delays, with Sheffield's neighbourhoods safe and liveable through initiatives such as 20mph speed limits;

- (16) notes the results of the Council's Big City Conversation and believes that in addition to the spending outlined in the 2020/21 Budget, the following additional funding commitments should be made:-
- (i) invest an extra £2 million for Young People's services, with an ambition to mainstream within revenue spending, details of which will be expanded on when the new strategy goes to Cabinet in March;
  - (ii) to help make Sheffield's streets safer and cleaner, £2.5 million will be invested in a three year programme to provide an enhanced neighbourhood service focussing on improving the neighbourhood, tackling waste, combating fly tipping and graffiti, housing landlord enforcement and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
  - (iii) invest an additional £4 million into road safety measures across the city, as the Council's capacity to make interventions compared with previous years has been massively reduced by austerity, meaning that the Council is currently only able to fund around two to three crossings per year and, as such, this investment will increase the number of interventions for next year, a welcome addition given the increasing backlog;
  - (iv) to help accelerate efforts to deliver better football facilities at a grassroots level, invest £50,000 to identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment;
  - (v) helping ensure the city's much loved and successful theatre offer is available for all, by match funding £100,000 towards improving the Montgomery Theatre's disabled access;
  - (vi) use £2 million to bring forward an investment programme for district centres and high streets in the city, working with local businesses to invest in some key neighbourhood and district centres to increase footfall in our local shops and leisure outlets;
  - (vii) following the successful pilots earlier in the year of School Streets – where roads outside of schools are closed during drop-off and pick-up - invest £600,000 further undertakings to address the adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school, and helping to improve localised air quality;
  - (viii) use £220,000 to restrict vehicle access to part of Carver Street on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm until 6am, by installing

automated raise/lower bollards at each end of the target area, thereby improving road safety and helping add to the vibrancy of the area, supporting local businesses and boosting the city's thriving night-time economy;

- (ix) the Council's capital budget denotes that £43.3 million is provided for climate-related spending and efforts to tackle the climate emergency, but £100,000 is to be invested for wider stakeholder engagement, including the citizens assembly, into ways to manage zero carbon projects and programmes, assist with the Council's estate energy review, and lead to a Zero Carbon Sheffield Plan;
  - (x) continued regeneration of the city centre with an additional £150,000 for work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate;
  - (xi) every community library in the city to receive an additional one-off grant of £10,000; and
  - (xii) £800,000 for funding key infrastructure to support placements for vulnerable children and young adults - including independent living places for children in care, care leavers and those with learning disabilities to be brought forward as part of the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy, with further investment to be detailed in this Strategy;
- (17) notes the following regarding job losses:-
- (i) there could be up to 34 redundancies during the financial year 2020/21;
  - (ii) that this Administration, as in previous years, will take steps to minimise redundancies, such as offering voluntary severance and voluntary early retirement schemes, as well as using vacancies not yet filled; and
  - (iii) that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (18) notes the following regarding the budget process:-
- (i) that thanks is given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and all of the members involved in this crucial work; and
  - (ii) that this year's budget process involved a large consultation process and that the public is thanked for their involvement;

- (19) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

**Revenue Budget Proposals**

<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>	<u>Spending proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Use of New Homes Bonus	3,200	Young People services	2,000
		Cleaner, safer streets	900
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	200
		Citizens Assembly	100
<b>Savings total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>Investments - total</b>	<b>3,200</b>
		<b>Deficit/(surplus)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Capital Budget Proposals**

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Use of unallocated CIL funding	8,790	Cleaner, safer streets	500
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	100
		Priority highway improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion	4,000
		Identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities at grassroots level	50
		SCC match funding towards refurbishment of Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street (total	100

est cost £5m)

Local Neighbourhood Centres 2,000

School Streets - Programme of measures at key locations to address adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school 600

Night-time Economy - Safer Carver Street - restricted night-time access via automatic bollards 220

Continuation of work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate & progress new priorities 150

Capital investment in each of the city's 27 libraries 270

Additional investment in infrastructure to support vulnerable children and young adults 800

<b>Financing of capital proposals total</b>	<b>8,790</b>	<b>Capital spending total</b>	<b>8,790</b>
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- (20) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above, and that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (21) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (22) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (19) above, as follows:-



<u>Restated</u> <u>2019/20</u>	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	<u>Appendix 3</u> <u>2020/21</u>
<u>£000</u>		<u>£000</u>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
232,655	People	252,582
145,423	Place	147,806
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,158
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,704
<b>420,020</b>		<b>442,250</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
	<b>Corporate Items</b>	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
	<b>Capital Financing Costs</b>	
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
	<b>Reserves Movements</b>	
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-4,851

9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
<b><u>403,291</u></b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>420,171</u></b>
<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
<b><u>-403,291</u></b>	<b>Total Financing</b>	<b><u>-420,171</u></b>

- (23) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (24) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (25) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (26) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (27) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (28) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (29) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (30) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources, to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate

Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;

- (31) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (32) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (22) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

**Appendix 6a**

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2020/21 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**140,243.9406** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"));  
and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:

**£227,390,937**

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,437,899,940** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,209,855,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£228,044,940** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - (d) **£1,626.0591** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
  - (e) **£654,003** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
  - (f) **£1,621.3958** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£19,776,453** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

**Bradfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

**Ecclesfield Parish Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

**Stocksbridge Town Council**

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18

South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

**Appendix 6b**

**Council Tax Schedule 2020/21**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

**Appendix 6c**

**Parish Council Precepts**

2019/20						2020/21					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%

Total/ Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%
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7.9.1 The votes on the Substantive Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the Substantive Motion (43) - Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against the Substantive Motion (34) - 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, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillor Jack Clarkson.

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