

# Agenda Item 13

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1 2BP, on Wednesday 16 June 2021, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Alan Woodcock                              | 19 | <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Peter Garbutt<br>Maroof Raouf<br>Alison Teal   |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Bob McCann<br>Chris Rosling-Josephs<br>Ann Woolhouse                    | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed            | 20 | <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Ben Miskell<br>Jack Scott<br>Sophie Wilson            |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                                | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Abdul Khayum<br>Abtisam Mohamed                                | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble                                    |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Brian Holmshaw<br>Kaltum Rivers  | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Cliff Woodcraft   | 22 | <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Dawn Dale<br>Peter Price<br>Garry Weatherall |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                           | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Alexi Dimond<br>Cate McDonald<br>Paul Turpin             | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Tony Damms<br>Jayne Dunn   |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i><br>Douglas Johnson<br>Ruth Mersereau<br>Martin Phipps                          | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Steve Ayriss                                  | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams                         |
| 7 | <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Mohammed Mahroof<br>Ruth Milsom            | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt             |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz   | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Terry Fox<br>Anne Murphy<br>Sioned-Mair Richards             | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Bernard Little                                     |
| 9 | <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Colin Ross<br>Martin Smith                                     | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Tony Downing<br>Kevin Oxley<br>Gail Smith                      | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Alan Hooper<br>Mike Levery<br>Ann Whitaker              |
|   |   |    |  | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Jackie Satur<br>Paul Wood                                      |

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sue Alston, Sue Auckland, Penny Baker, Mike Chaplin, Neale Gibson, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Francyne Johnson, Alan Law, Joe Otten, Moya O'Rourke, Mick Rooney and Andrew Sangar.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Councillor Angela Argenzio declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 10 (The Making of Broomhill, Broomfield, Endcliffe, Somerfield and Tupton (BBEST) Neighbourhood Plan) (item 9 of these minutes), as a member of the BBEST Executive.

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

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported that five petitions and questions from five members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. On three of the petitions, representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners, and the other two petitions would be received in the absence of a speaker. All five questioners had been invited to attend the meeting to ask their questions. Questions from another member of the public had been received immediately prior to the start of the meeting and, as chair of the meeting, the Lord Mayor had used her discretion and would permit the question to be asked.

3.2 Petitions

3.2.1 Petition Requesting Transparent and Inclusive Safety Measures in Sheffield's Green Spaces

The Council received a petition containing 2,148 signatures requesting the Council introduce transparent and inclusive safety measures in Sheffield's green spaces.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alison Romaine and Jenny Llewelyn on behalf of Our Bodies, Our Streets. Ms Romaine stated that Our Bodies, Our Streets was a grassroots campaign which began during lockdown to challenge street harassment. She stated that Our Bodies, Our Streets had gathered the experiences of over 250 women and other marginalised genders in Sheffield. Ms Romaine said that Our Bodies, Our Streets wanted the Council to improve both the equality and inclusivity of green spaces throughout the year. She asked that the Council invest in inclusive, research-led lighting for green spaces. She stated that Our Bodies, Our Streets wanted the Council to engage with Sheffield's universities, using data from

women and marginalised gender groups to improve access to green spaces. The petitioners stated that public sexual harassment was an intersectional issue, with women of colour, disabled women and trans women experiencing multiple oppressions. Ms Romaine asked that all experiences be gathered through a diverse, collaborative commission. She referenced an Ofsted report which encouraged education at school level around the culture of misogyny and asked that the Council promote this through public education campaigns.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure). Councillor Teal thanked the petitioners for presenting this petition. Councillor Teal stated that the lighting suggested was aesthetically pleasing, and she felt this would be appreciated by residents in Sheffield. Councillor Teal stated she was interested in focusing on male violence, and she wished to consider how men deal with their emotions and their relationship with alcohol. She stated that she believed that the responsibility was on men to make substantial changes to ensure women felt safe in society. She thanked the petitioners once again and stated that she looked forward to meeting with the group and would invite officers to attend the meeting in order to identify which ideas presented could be practically implemented as soon as possible.

### 3.2.2 Petition requesting the Council oppose the Closure of the Norfolk Park Doctor's Surgery

The Council received a petition containing 858 signatures requesting that the Council oppose the closure of the Norfolk Park Doctor's Surgery. Four related Public Questions were also submitted by Kim McMaster and were included in the presentation of this petition.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kim McMaster on behalf of the residents of Norfolk Park and the surrounding areas. Ms McMaster stated that there had been a protest outside the Surgery against its closure. She stated that it was residents' understanding that the Surgery was being closed as General Practitioners could not be attracted to the surgery as it is located in a deprived area. Ms McMaster stated that she believed that everyone, no matter wealth, background or location, should have access to quality and convenient health services.

Related Public Questions were asked as part of this petition:

1. 'Norfolk Park has lost shops, buses, it's dentist, community space and hundreds of council houses. Now we face the closure of our GP practice, which was purpose built for the community and opened just 8 years ago. The old Master Plan for Norfolk Park said that we should now have hundreds of new properties, shops, services and a community space. What does the Council propose for the future of our estate and when will previous agreements be honoured?'
2. 'We have had lots of support from our local councillors and MP Louise Haigh in fighting the proposal to close our surgery that is only 8 years old.'

Will Sheffield City Council commit to making a submission to the Clinical Commissioning Group against the closure of our practice? Doing this would be greatly appreciated by residents in Norfolk Park and surrounding areas.'

3. 'Also do you agree that the CCG should play a much more proactive role in supporting the surgery to stay open and helping them to recruit GPs? Could you also write to the CCG outlining these concerns?'
4. 'Finally we know that many people, especially the elderly, the disabled and those that don't drive, will struggle to get to a new practice some distance from Norfolk Park. Could Sheffield City Council assist us in getting hold of data on the number of elderly and disabled people and non-car owners in the area?'

The Council referred the petition to Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care). Councillor Lindars-Hammond thanked the petitioners for presenting the petition. Councillor Lindars-Hammond stated he was aware that Louise Haigh, the local MP for the area, and a number of local Councillors had been active in trying to protect health facilities in the area.

Councillor Lindars-Hammond stated that the Council would be happy to help to make the views of residents clear through talking with partners in the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who were currently consulting on this issue. He added that the Council would commit to making the argument for retaining Norfolk Park Surgery. He added he would be happy to meet with petitioners.

Councillor Terry Fox (Leader of the Council) responded to question one. He stated that the area of Manor Castle had seen a good deal of development. He added that he felt this development should not be limited to housing, but should include services and jobs. Councillor Fox said that Local Area Committees would allow local Councillors to further influence the communities they live in. He offered to meet with the petitioners to discuss this in further detail.

### 3.2.3 Petition Requesting that the Council Stop the Demolition of Outhouses on Atlantic Road, and to Either Repair or Replace them with a Suitable Alternative

The Council received an electronic petition containing 58 signatures requesting that the Council stop the demolition of outhouses on Atlantic Road, and either repair or replace them with a suitable alternative.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alan Gravill. Mr Gravill asked that the Council does not demolish the outhouses, but instead assist in rebuilding them. He stated that residents who live on the highest floor of flats use the outhouses to store their children's prams. He stated he had assisted a neighbour in repairing an outhouse which has since been boarded up by the Council. Mr Gravill stated he would assist in repairing these. He also suggested that the tenants could pay an increased amount of rent to cover the cost of repairs.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management). Councillor Wood was unable to respond at the meeting, but it was stated that he would revisit this issue and respond in writing.

3.2.4 Petition Requesting a Removal of Double Yellow Lines on Hicks Street in Neepsend and Electronic Petition Requesting a Pelican Crossing in Crookes

The Council received two petitions which did not have speakers. The first petition contained 92 signatures and requested a removal of double yellow lines on Hicks Street, in Neepsend. The second, electronic, petition contained 7 signatures requesting a pelican crossing in Crookes.

The Council referred both petitions to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson stated in the absence of petitioners he would discuss this with officers and respond in due course.

3.3 Public Questions

3.3.1 Public Questions Concerning the Bridgehouses Footbridge, in Neepsend/Kelham Island

Russell Johnson asked the following question:

'Sheffield's first iron bridge, built in 1795, refurbished in 1841, destroyed by the Great Flood in 1864 and rebuilt the following year, then renovated in 1921.

The Friends of Bridgehouses Footbridge group carried out some restoration, installed interpretation boards and historical information, and the then Lord Mayor, Talib Hussain, 'reopened' the bridge in September 2015. Since then a group of volunteers have maintained both the bridge and the site.

This part of our City's heritage is now in need of further attention and the removal of the blockage at the southern end which was part of the Inner Ring Road construction.

Please will the Council:

- (a) Consider some sponsorship in the Centenary Year of the last major renovation to enable the Friends Group to improve, preserve and interpret this historic gem and its surrounding green area
- (b) Investigate the feasibility of re-opening the footbridge for pedestrian use?

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) stated that he was familiar with the bridge. He stated he would speak with Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure) regarding sponsorship. He added he would also consult with officers. Councillor

Johnson said he had been looking into increasing foot traffic here; however, he added there was a significant gap in terms of levels which would require significant adjustments and there was therefore not a plan to do this work currently.

3.3.2 Public Question Concerning Sheffield City Council's Move to a Committee System

Richard Axelby asked the Council a question on behalf of Ruth Hubbard:

'We are the largest city - and the first of the 'core cities' - to be transitioning to more democratic modern committee governance. Sheffielders mounted the biggest ever campaign seen anywhere for a change of governance (and many others across the country are now considering, or taking, similar action). In the face of an entrenched refusal by the then council ruling group to listen and change itself, it was citizens and communities working together who researched, initiated, developed, networked, informed, drove, delivered - and resoundingly won - our change of governance referendum. In the light of this, will this council ensure that community and stakeholder voices play a central and powerful role - as at least equal participants - in shaping, developing and designing the governance change required, in policy-building, and to produce a new council constitution? In the context of what has happened, wouldn't anything other than this be rather odd?

The report and recommendations you are receiving today seeks to reduce change to a technocratic and party political brokering exercise - with communities and stakeholders who have wholly driven change, as secondary and an afterthought. But the change sought by Sheffield citizens is not firstly "technical and procedural" and our shared democratic life is MUCH bigger than party politics. The change voted for is not "technical and procedural" (and e.g. about filling in legalistic and technical government statutory templates) - it is democratic, real, substantive and meaningful, and this is where we need to start if we intend to deliver actual change. With all due respect, our council has not yet demonstrated it has thought about and understood what this means.

By rejecting (or postponing) the report today, I cannot see anything by way of preparatory work that is stopped from happening. But the report is premature and is mistakenly oriented towards, and reduced to, technocratic requirements. It looks like a council not actually moving on, but seeking to return to 'business as usual'. Will this council think again? And, the new Leader or Deputy Leader have not yet been in touch with It's Our City! but will at least one of them, with representatives of the other political parties, now meet, soon, with us and at least a handful of other community stakeholders, to reflect on and discuss more productive, substantive and inclusive ways forward, and working together?'

An addendum was added to the above questions, thanking Councillor Julie Grocutt (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance [and Deputy Leader of the Council]) for contacting Ms Hubbard by email following the submission of her questions for Council.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance [and Deputy Leader of the Council]) thanked Ms Hubbard for submitting the questions, and Mr Axelby for presenting these questions. Councillor Grocutt stated that she agreed that the report submitted was a technical report, and added that this was because the transition to a new system of governance involved a significant amount of technical work in order to manage the change required by May 2022. Councillor Grocutt stated that the purpose of the report was to ensure that Transitional Committees started to function, and that a cross-party governance committee be established to guide the transition and determine how the public and stakeholders are engaged and involved in the process over the year to come. Councillor Grocutt said that the Council saw this as an opportunity to engage with citizens in helping to design the services the Council provides. She added that Local Area Committees had already been established, and that the Council was committed to ensuring the community voice was represented across the city. Councillor Grocutt stated that the challenge for the coming year would be to come up with a system which maximised the transparency of public involvement and decision making across the Council.

### 3.3.3 Public Questions Concerning Speeding in Mosborough and Off-Road Bikes in Green Spaces

Kurtis Crossland asked the following questions:

1. 'What progress has the council made to tackle speeding in Mosborough since I presented a petition back in March?'
2. 'What plans has the council got to deal with off-road bikes ruining our green spaces in the Mosborough, Waterthorpe, and Westfield areas?'

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) shared a note from officers, which stated that officers have previously considered the potential for speed limit gate way entry treatments and speed indicating devices to be provided with a view to these potentially being developed as local CIL funded projects. Councillor Johnson stated he would liaise with the local ward members and would see what could be done to progress these measures. In response to question two, Councillor Johnson stated he agreed this was an important matter, and one which was under South Yorkshire Police's remit. He stated that the Council worked closely with South Yorkshire Police. He asked that Mr Crossland send in details of any specific incidents in order to allow the Council to look into what could be done.

### 3.3.4 Public Questions Concerning Conversion Therapy

Chrissy Meleady thanked the Lord Mayor for allowing the late submission of questions. Ms Meleady stated that conversion therapy has been ongoing for a number of years, and asked the following question: 'Local Authorities, including Sheffield LA have a statutory duty, in partnership with health, to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of local people and communities.'

The 6 principles of safeguarding are:-

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

In addition, people should be supported and encouraged to make their own decision. Prevention of abuse and harm should take place, along with the taking of action before abuse or harm occurs. Everyone is accountable for safeguarding and all should be working together to safeguard people from harm, including safeguarding members of our LGBT+ community.

With the above in mind, along with the necessity for the LA to adhere to the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty, what are Sheffield City Council doing to safeguard people from Conversion Therapy in all its forms and what action is being taken to designate Sheffield as a Conversion Therapy Free City?

In response, Councillor Jayne Dunn (Executive Member for Education, Children and Families) thanked Ms Meleady for her question. Councillor Dunn stated that she and her colleagues did not support conversion therapy. She said that she had seen Ms Meleady's article on the subject, and she confirmed that Sheffield City Council did not commission any conversion therapy. Councillor Dunn asked that Ms Meleady forward on any issues she had, and she stated she would review these along with Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care). She stated that she would consider the options suggested by Ms Meleady.

3.3.5 (NOTE: Questions which had been submitted by Mark Smith, but which were not asked at the meeting, would receive written responses from the relevant Executive Member/s).

#### **4. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "MAKING SHEFFIELD EVEN SAFER FOR ALL" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS**

4.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by (a) taking item 9 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Making Sheffield Even Safer For All") as the next item of business and (b) moving item 6 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Putting Sheffield First") to be taken after item 8 on the agenda.

4.2 It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), that this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges with sadness the abduction and murder of Sarah Everard who was walking home after a quiet evening out at a friend's house in South London; this incident led to widespread anger among women, many of whom spoke out about their own experiences of harassment and abuse when simply going about their daily lives;
- (b) believes Sheffield to be one of the safest of the largest cities and that we want all our residents to feel safe going about their daily lives in our city and we want all women and girls to feel safe and protected in their own homes, exercising and playing in our green spaces and socialising in our city centre and local communities;
- (c) notes that the third round of bidding is now underway for the Government's Safer Streets Fund, and that the bids are being asked to focus on safety and feelings of safety in public places, particularly for women and girls;
- (d) welcomes the work and petition of *Our Bodies, Our Streets*, a student-led campaign in Sheffield which aims to end street harassment and improve public safety for women and marginalised genders; Safer Parks After Dark, their current project, aims to ensure that public spaces are welcoming and safe from street harassment through demanding safety interventions and initiating dialogue about this in our local communities; and the campaign has had talks with council members and officers in Sheffield and also in Rotherham;
- (e) welcomes the detailed work that has been undertaken by the Campaign Group to identify current issues as well as potential solutions that could be developed and a call to action based on best practice identified from other areas in the UK and internationally;
- (f) resolves to consult and work with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, businesses, community, student and voluntary groups, both in the city and other local authorities, to prepare a bid for funding based around the proposals brought forward by *Our Bodies, Our Streets*, including:-
  - (i) improve lighting in parks and other open spaces; and
  - (ii) learn from any examples of best practice in other areas and countries which would improve and increase outdoor safety in this city; and
- (g) asks for a report to be brought forward which considers how local action can be taken, working across partners, to address the full range of ideas brought forward in *Our Bodies, Our Streets'* call to action, setting out the city's approach to safety in public places, noting the wider issues raised

by the campaign including:-

- (i) greater work to tackle the root cause; systematic change is needed to tackle the culture of misogyny and public sexual harassment in the UK;
- (ii) ensuring genuine community consultation with women and marginalised gender groups is placed at the heart of decision making;
- (iii) learning from cities who have pioneered inclusive gender design; and
- (iv) greater recording of data around lived experience to generate evidence that can inform decision making.

4.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton, and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion, in paragraph (b) of the words ", walking home from work or school" after the words "green spaces";
2. the deletion of paragraph (f)(i) and the addition of a new paragraph (f)(i) as follows:-
  - (f)(i) improve safety in streets, parks and open spaces through using research-led, inclusive design principles such as increasing navigation sight-lines and installing creative, warm and layered lighting, and by involving women and marginalised gender groups in the co-design process.
3. the addition of a paragraph (h) as follows:-
  - (h) recognises and welcomes that this is a call not just to deliver a safer environment, but to go about this in a fundamentally different way, using methods like those used by the Campaign Group such as the participatory mapping exercise, based on an understanding through engagement of the diverse intersectional lived experiences of women and marginalised genders and by involvement in the design process rather than consultation after the fact.

4.4 It was then moved by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (h):-
  - (e) acknowledges that male violence and harassment must be

addressed in Sheffield, and sadly that the majority of women have experienced harassment from men;

- (f) acknowledges Sheffield having a rising violence and sexual assault rate making up 30.70% of all crime reported in Sheffield;
  - (g) acknowledges sexism and patriarchy lies at the root of gender inequality;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (l) and (m):-
- (i) welcomes the ParkLight campaign and thanks all those who were involved with it, including students, university lecturers and staff, Our Bodies, Our Streets and The Star;
  - (j) resolves to engage with charities and organisations who work to end male violence and harassment to address this in Sheffield, with the Council to lead the way in employee and Member training, as well as outreach to Sheffield organisations;
  - (k) resolves to work with schools and other institutions within Sheffield to educate and train on Racism and Misogyny by:-
    - (A) implementing the Council of Europe’s “Sexism: See it. Name it. Stop it.” campaign in Sheffield. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/stop-sexism>
    - (B) implementing Race Equality training such as that provided by Race Equality First - <https://raceequalityfirst.org/training/>; and
    - (C) implementing the recommendations of Sheffield’s Race and Equality Commission.
- 4.5 After contributions from six other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Mary Lea, the amendment moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton was put to the vote and was carried.
- 4.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Kaltum Rivers was then put to the vote and was also carried.
- 4.7 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges with sadness the abduction and murder of Sarah Everard who was walking home after a quiet evening out at a friend’s house in

- South London; this incident led to widespread anger among women, many of whom spoke out about their own experiences of harassment and abuse when simply going about their daily lives;
- (b) believes Sheffield to be one of the safest of the largest cities and that we want all our residents to feel safe going about their daily lives in our city and we want all women and girls to feel safe and protected in their own homes, exercising and playing in our green spaces, walking home from work or school and socialising in our city centre and local communities;
  - (c) notes that the third round of bidding is now underway for the Government's Safer Streets Fund, and that the bids are being asked to focus on safety and feelings of safety in public places, particularly for women and girls;
  - (d) welcomes the work and petition of *Our Bodies, Our Streets*, a student-led campaign in Sheffield which aims to end street harassment and improve public safety for women and marginalised genders; Safer Parks After Dark, their current project, aims to ensure that public spaces are welcoming and safe from street harassment through demanding safety interventions and initiating dialogue about this in our local communities; and the campaign has had talks with council members and officers in Sheffield and also in Rotherham;
  - (e) acknowledges that male violence and harassment must be addressed in Sheffield, and sadly that the majority of women have experienced harassment from men;
  - (f) acknowledges Sheffield having a rising violence and sexual assault rate making up 30.70% of all crime reported in Sheffield;
  - (g) acknowledges sexism and patriarchy lies at the root of gender inequality;
  - (h) welcomes the detailed work that has been undertaken by the Campaign Group to identify current issues as well as potential solutions that could be developed and a call to action based on best practice identified from other areas in the UK and internationally;
  - (i) welcomes the ParkLight campaign and thanks all those who were involved with it, including students, university lecturers and staff, *Our Bodies, Our Streets* and *The Star*;
  - (j) resolves to engage with charities and organisations who work to end male violence and harassment to address this in Sheffield, with the Council to lead the way in employee and Member training, as well as outreach to Sheffield organisations;
  - (k) resolves to work with schools and other institutions within Sheffield to educate and train on Racism and Misogyny, by:-

- (i) implementing the Council of Europe's "Sexism: See it. Name it. Stop it." campaign in Sheffield. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/stop-sexism>;
  - (ii) implementing Race Equality training such as that provided by Race Equality First - <https://raceequalityfirst.org/training/>; and
  - (iii) implementing the recommendations of Sheffield's Race and Equality Commission;
- (l) resolves to consult and work with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, businesses, community, student and voluntary groups, both in the city and other local authorities, to prepare a bid for funding based around the proposals brought forward by *Our Bodies, Our Streets*, including:-
- (i) improve safety in streets, parks and open spaces through using research-led, inclusive design principles such as increasing navigation sight-lines and installing creative, warm and layered lighting, and by involving women and marginalised gender groups in the co-design process; and
  - (ii) learn from any examples of best practice in other areas and countries which would improve and increase outdoor safety in this city;
- (m) asks for a report to be brought forward which considers how local action can be taken, working across partners, to address the full range of ideas brought forward in *Our Bodies, Our Streets'* call to action, setting out the city's approach to safety in public places, noting the wider issues raised by the campaign including:-
- (i) greater work to tackle the root cause; systematic change is needed to tackle the culture of misogyny and public sexual harassment in the UK;
  - (ii) ensuring genuine community consultation with women and marginalised gender groups is placed at the heart of decision making;
  - (iii) learning from cities who have pioneered inclusive gender design; and
  - (iv) greater recording of data around lived experience to generate evidence that can inform decision making; and
- (n) recognises and welcomes that this is a call not just to deliver a safer environment, but to go about this in a fundamentally different way, using methods like those used by the Campaign Group such as the participatory mapping exercise, based on an understanding through

engagement of the diverse intersectional lived experiences of women and marginalised genders and by involvement in the design process rather than consultation after the fact.

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **5.2 Written Questions**

A schedule of questions to Executive Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated. Supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, were asked and were answered by the appropriate Executive Members.

### **5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

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

## **6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "TRUTH, TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARBARA MASTERS**

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that local government is at its best when it operates on the principles of truth, trust and transparency;
- (b) believes that the destruction of large numbers of healthy highway trees, the handling of the associated protests and the withholding of information has undermined public trust in the Council and that this trust must be rebuilt and restored;
- (c) believes that a necessary step to rebuilding this trust is to hold an inquiry to ascertain the facts and make recommendations, and specifically that such an inquiry:-
  - (i) is fully held in public;

- (ii) is led by someone of the status of a retired judge, and who has a detailed understanding of public procurement;
- (iii) has access to all the council papers it requests; and
- (iv) is able to question any council officers it believes appropriate;
- (d) recommends that the Cooperative Executive commission such an inquiry to commence by September 2021 at the latest;
- (e) calls on all current and past councillors and past council officers to co-operate with this inquiry;
- (f) calls on partners, specifically Amey and South Yorkshire Police, to co-operate with this inquiry; and
- (g) resolves to request the Cooperative Executive to publish the findings of this inquiry and act on its recommendations.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (d), the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (h) to (j):-

- (b) acknowledges that the Council has made an unreserved apology for the failings relating to the implementation of the Streets Ahead project and the management of the street trees element of this, following the reports of the Local Government Ombudsman, the Forestry Commission and the Lessons Learnt work;
- (c) believes that over the past three years the approach to Streets Ahead and highway trees is now significantly different and supported by the majority of people, however recognises that this should have been reached a long time before it was;
- (d) notes that we are now working towards a street tree strategy that has been co-produced with the groups who were previously at the centre of the dispute and believes this is a demonstration of how far we have come together and thanks everyone who has been involved in making this happen;
- (e) recognises that the Administration has already committed to holding an inquiry and, as outlined in the commitments of the Co-operative Executive, the Council will 'Appoint an independent person to conduct a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.';
- (f) believes that the important principle of the inquiry is that it is independent

and that this should be undertaken in accordance with best practice for similar inquiries in local government and supports that the independent lead should have full discretion over any relevant papers they wish to view or council officers that they wish to speak to; and

- (g) believes that the full details and terms of reference for the inquiry must be properly developed and that it would be premature at this stage to limit the professional background of the independent person leading the inquiry to a specific profession, such as a retired judge, as there are a range of skills that will be needed to lead the inquiry and these could be drawn from a range of backgrounds.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (c), the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (e) to (h):-

- (c) welcomes the commitment to an inquiry, open to the public, secured by the Green Group in negotiation with the Labour Group, into the management of the street trees dispute;
- (d) requests the Administration to ensure that the inquiry is led by someone of the status of being impartial and deemed to be sufficiently skilled, knowledgeable and capable to conduct this independent inquiry by both the Cooperative Executive and by appointed representatives from the tree campaign group known as Sheffield Tree Action Groups, and Amey;

6.4 After contributions from seven other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the amendment (33) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Tony Downing, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the amendment (24) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, Ann Woolhouse,

Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (14) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal and Bernard Little.

6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was also carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that local government is at its best when it operates on the principles of truth, trust and transparency;
- (b) acknowledges that the Council has made an unreserved apology for the failings relating to the implementation of the Streets Ahead project and the management of the street trees element of this, following the reports of the Local Government Ombudsman, the Forestry Commission and the Lessons Learnt work;
- (c) believes that over the past three years the approach to Streets Ahead and highway trees is now significantly different and supported by the majority of people, however recognises that this should have been reached a long time before it was;
- (d) notes that we are now working towards a street tree strategy that has been co-produced with the groups who were previously at the centre of the dispute and believes this is a demonstration of how far we have come together and thanks everyone who has been involved in making this happen;
- (e) recognises that the Administration has already committed to holding an inquiry and, as outlined in the commitments of the Co-operative Executive, the Council will 'Appoint an independent person to conduct a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.';
- (f) believes that the important principle of the inquiry is that it is independent

and that this should be undertaken in accordance with best practice for similar inquiries in local government and supports that the independent lead should have full discretion over any relevant papers they wish to view or council officers that they wish to speak to;

- (g) believes that the full details and terms of reference for the inquiry must be properly developed and that it would be premature at this stage to limit the professional background of the independent person leading the inquiry to a specific profession, such as a retired judge, as there are a range of skills that will be needed to lead the inquiry and these could be drawn from a range of backgrounds;
- (h) welcomes the commitment to an inquiry, open to the public, secured by the Green Group in negotiation with the Labour Group, into the management of the street trees dispute;
- (i) requests the Administration to ensure that the inquiry is led by someone of the status of being impartial and deemed to be sufficiently skilled, knowledgeable and capable to conduct this independent inquiry by both the Cooperative Executive and by appointed representatives from the tree campaign group known as Sheffield Tree Action Groups, and Amey;
- (j) calls on all current and past councillors and past council officers to cooperate with this inquiry;
- (k) calls on partners, specifically Amey and South Yorkshire Police, to cooperate with this inquiry; and
- (l) resolves to request the Cooperative Executive to publish the findings of this inquiry and act on its recommendations.

6.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker, voted for paragraphs (a), (j), (k) and (l) and voted against paragraphs (b) to (i) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ACTION ON THE NATURE EMERGENCY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PETER GARBUTT AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, and seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises our natural world is struggling from the impact of habitat

degradation, urbanisation, consumerism, pollution, industrial agricultural and waste management practices and climate change – all contributing to widespread disruption to the survival and distribution of native species;

- (b) recognises and congratulates the excellent work by the Ecology Department, supported by the Parks and Countryside Service and partner organisations, being done on Species Specific Projects, as well as Landscape Projects, e.g. Urban Nature Parks and Nature Recovery Networks; and that, in addition, the Council defended the ecology of the Loxley River Valley by providing staff as key expert witnesses in a major planning inquiry, for the people of Sheffield;
- (c) in addition, congratulates and thanks all Council departments and employees working on projects and measures that protect and support nature, such as Sustainable Urban Drainage System work on Grey To Green projects, as well as organisations in Sheffield more broadly for their work, such as Hunter's Bar Infant School for their work on their green wall;
- (d) declares a nature emergency;
- (e) commits to developing a comprehensive Nature Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) for Sheffield, in association with partner organisations;
- (f) resolves that the plan will look to connect initiatives and unify the Council's approach to biodiversity through the NEAP;
- (g) requests the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee develop the NEAP with input from all departments within the Council, and providing the opportunity for relevant external partner organisations, businesses and community stakeholders to input and collaborate on initiatives where there are benefits to doing so, for example, a wildlife corridor could affect several departments including Transport, Housing and Parks;
- (h) recognises that co-operation and communication is key to the success of the Nature Emergency Action Plan and that, from the planning stage to implementation, monitoring and protecting, it is important for the Council to lead initiatives which address the Nature Emergency and have widespread support from the public and local campaign groups;
- (i) acknowledges the likely challenges to projects within the NEAP from developers under the current national planning guidelines which severely constrain proper consideration of the Climate and Ecological Emergency, and for this reason, it is imperative that this Council develops robust policies in the Local Plan which can help to protect and enhance biodiversity; and
- (j) requests that the Administration ensures relevant staff and all elected

members will receive training on biodiversity net gain (BNG) - a vital aspect of the new Environment Bill.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Barbara Masters, seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (o) as follows:-

- (k) acknowledges that the work done to promote biodiversity and sustainability in Sheffield over a number of years by the various organisations, formal and informal, working with and within the Council, provides a solid base on which to build, for example the tree planting in Bolehills done in conjunction with local groups and the park rangers;
- (l) recognises that top down measures must be balanced by input from the bottom up such as the initiative to allow residents to take over the management of grass verges close to their home; and the Council should review the range of measures that have been introduced by wildlife organisations, volunteer groups and Council departments to inform future plans;
- (m) calls for consultation with the wider community in recognition of the need for widespread public support and engagement with any initiative proposed under the NEAP;
- (n) recognises that changes called for will have a greater impact on the livelihoods of people working in certain sectors such as those involving land use, whether for food production or leisure use, and calls for the development of new job opportunities as part of the NEAP to help people and businesses make the transitions necessary under the NEAP; and
- (o) calls on Local Area Committees to allocate a funding stream specifically for nature projects.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Bernard Little, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of paragraphs (k) to (w) as follows:-

- (k) looks forward to Sheffield's green spaces, parks, riversides and verges becoming havens and corridors for wildlife and future proofing as the climate changes through landscape management changes, such as changed mowing regimes and reduced use of chemicals, air pollution reduction and sympathetic planting choices;
- (l) recognises that the success of natural areas to prosper is enhanced by the active engagement of both formal and informal neighbourhood groups taking a role in their care;
- (m) understands the multi-faceted ways nature plays in community building, recreation, physical and mental health, scientific discovery, literature and art and lasting economic prosperity;

- (n) recognises that both individual and communal gardens and orchards play a key role in encouraging wildlife and connection to nature;
- (o) understands that good design of the built environment can help anchor wildlife in urban spaces and believes that this should be addressed fully in the local plan;
- (p) reminds the Council that there are many people who take an interest in wildlife;
- (q) recognises that the terms Nature, Ecological and Biodiversity can be and are often used interchangeably by people and, for the purpose of this motion, all mean the same thing;
- (r) recognises that the Climate and Nature emergencies are intrinsically linked with each other and also to social justice; and by building a better world to deal with the Climate and Ecological Emergency we will also be building a better society;
- (s) aims for Sheffield to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- (t) resolves to request the Administration to ban the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides such as glyphosate;
- (u) will seek to rewild areas such as grass verges and make sure there are areas for wildlife in our green spaces including but not exclusively for wildlife corridors;
- (v) aims for 100% of waterways to have water quality that supports healthy wildlife by 2030; and
- (w) requests the Administration to provide and recommend resources for businesses to help them understand how their procurement decisions impact ecology in Sheffield, the UK and across the world; such resources include the Natural Capital Protocol and the SHIFT online platform.

7.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Peter Garbutt, the amendment moved by Councillor Barbara Masters was put to the vote and was carried.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Bernard Little was then put to the vote and was also carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-
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- (a) recognises our natural world is struggling from the impact of habitat degradation, urbanisation, consumerism, pollution, industrial agricultural and waste management practices and climate change – all contributing to widespread disruption to the survival and distribution of native species;
- (b) recognises and congratulates the excellent work by the Ecology Department, supported by the Parks and Countryside Service and partner organisations, being done on Species Specific Projects, as well as Landscape Projects, e.g. Urban Nature Parks and Nature Recovery Networks; and that, in addition, the Council defended the ecology of the Loxley River Valley by providing staff as key expert witnesses in a major planning inquiry, for the people of Sheffield;
- (c) in addition, congratulates and thanks all Council departments and employees working on projects and measures that protect and support nature, such as Sustainable Urban Drainage System work on Grey To Green projects, as well as organisations in Sheffield more broadly for their work, such as Hunter's Bar Infant School for their work on their green wall;
- (d) declares a nature emergency;
- (e) commits to developing a comprehensive Nature Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) for Sheffield, in association with partner organisations;
- (f) resolves that the plan will look to connect initiatives and unify the Council's approach to biodiversity through the NEAP;
- (g) requests the Climate Change, Economy and Development Transitional Committee develop the NEAP with input from all departments within the Council, and providing the opportunity for relevant external partner organisations, businesses and community stakeholders to input and collaborate on initiatives where there are benefits to doing so, for example, a wildlife corridor could affect several departments including Transport, Housing and Parks;
- (h) recognises that co-operation and communication is key to the success of the Nature Emergency Action Plan and that, from the planning stage to implementation, monitoring and protecting, it is important for the Council to lead initiatives which address the Nature Emergency and have widespread support from the public and local campaign groups;
- (i) acknowledges the likely challenges to projects within the NEAP from developers under the current national planning guidelines which severely constrain proper consideration of the Climate and Ecological Emergency, and for this reason, it is imperative that this Council develops robust policies in the Local Plan which can help to protect and enhance biodiversity;

- (j) requests that the Administration ensures relevant staff and all elected members will receive training on biodiversity net gain (BNG) - a vital aspect of the new Environment Bill;
- (k) acknowledges that the work done to promote biodiversity and sustainability in Sheffield over a number of years by the various organisations, formal and informal, working with and within the Council, provides a solid base on which to build, for example the tree planting in Bolehills done in conjunction with local groups and the park rangers;
- (l) recognises that top down measures must be balanced by input from the bottom up such as the initiative to allow residents to take over the management of grass verges close to their home; and the Council should review the range of measures that have been introduced by wildlife organisations, volunteer groups and Council departments to inform future plans;
- (m) calls for consultation with the wider community in recognition of the need for widespread public support and engagement with any initiative proposed under the NEAP;
- (n) recognises that changes called for will have a greater impact on the livelihoods of people working in certain sectors such as those involving land use, whether for food production or leisure use, and calls for the development of new job opportunities as part of the NEAP to help people and businesses make the transitions necessary under the NEAP;
- (o) calls on Local Area Committees to allocate a funding stream specifically for nature projects;
- (p) looks forward to Sheffield's green spaces, parks, riversides and verges becoming havens and corridors for wildlife and future proofing as the climate changes through landscape management changes, such as changed mowing regimes and reduced use of chemicals, air pollution reduction and sympathetic planting choices;
- (q) recognises that the success of natural areas to prosper is enhanced by the active engagement of both formal and informal neighbourhood groups taking a role in their care;
- (r) understands the multi-faceted ways nature plays in community building, recreation, physical and mental health, scientific discovery, literature and art and lasting economic prosperity;
- (s) recognises that both individual and communal gardens and orchards play a key role in encouraging wildlife and connection to nature;
- (t) understands that good design of the built environment can help anchor wildlife in urban spaces and believes that this should be addressed fully in the local plan;

- (u) reminds the Council that there are many people who take an interest in wildlife;
- (v) recognises that the terms Nature, Ecological and Biodiversity can be and are often used interchangeably by people and, for the purpose of this motion, all mean the same thing;
- (w) recognises that the Climate and Nature emergencies are intrinsically linked with each other and also to social justice; and by building a better world to deal with the Climate and Ecological Emergency we will also be building a better society;
- (x) aims for Sheffield to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- (y) resolves to request the Administration to ban the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides such as glyphosate;
- (z) will seek to rewild areas such as grass verges and make sure there are areas for wildlife in our green spaces including but not exclusively for wildlife corridors;
- (aa) aims for 100% of waterways to have water quality that supports healthy wildlife by 2030; and
- (bb) requests the Administration to provide and recommend resources for businesses to help them understand how their procurement decisions impact ecology in Sheffield, the UK and across the world; such resources include the Natural Capital Protocol and the SHIFT online platform.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PUTTING SHEFFIELD FIRST" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCU TT**

At the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Terry Fox), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Julie Grocutt) and of the meeting, item 6 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Putting Sheffield First"), was withdrawn from consideration.

**9. THE MAKING OF BROOMHILL, BROOMFIELD, ENDCLIFFE, SOMERFIELD AND TAPTON (BBEST) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

9.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the outcome of the Broomhill, Broomfield, Endcliffe, Somerfield

and Tapton (BBEST) Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, as outlined in the report of the Executive Director, Place, now submitted; and

- (b) resolves to 'make' the BBEST Neighbourhood Plan such that it is adopted as a planning document as part of Sheffield's Statutory Development Plan.

## **10. TRANSITION TO A COMMITTEE SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE**

10.1 It was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, and seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that approval be given to the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, regarding the transition to a committee system of governance.

10.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayriss, as an amendment, that the recommendations in the report be approved with the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (b)(i) –

“and (A) subject to the size of the Committee being increased from 7 to 11 seats by the addition of one additional nominee from the Labour Group, two additional nominees from the Liberal Democrat Group, and one additional nominee from the Green Group and (B) with a recommendation that a representative of the It's Our City campaign be co-opted to the Governance Committee in a non-voting capacity.”

10.3 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Terry Fox, the amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was put to the vote and part (A) of the amendment was carried and part (B) of the amendment was negated.

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

For Part (A) of the amendment (70)	-	The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cliff Woodcraft, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Steve
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- Against Part (A) of the amendment (0) - Nil
- Abstained from voting on Part (A) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith)
- For Part (B) of the amendment (23) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.
- Against Part (B) of the amendment (46) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Tony Downing, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Bernard Little, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Abstained from voting on Part (B) of the amendment (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillor Lewis Chinchin.

- 10.4 The recommendations in the report, as now amended, were then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the proposals for the operation of Transitional Committees as set out in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, and approves their establishment in respect of the four theme areas;
- (b) agrees to (i) establish a Governance Committee as a politically proportionate member steering group to guide the transition to a committee system of governance and to set the parameters for stakeholder engagement, as described in the report, and subject to the size of the Committee being increased from 7 to 11 seats by the addition of one additional nominee from the Labour Group, two additional nominees from the Liberal Democrat Group, and one additional nominee from the Green Group and (ii) receive a report at the next Council meeting outlining the revised political proportionality framework, and allocations of seats to political groups on individual committees, resulting from the establishment of the Governance Committee; and
- (c) requests the Director of Legal and Governance to amend Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) by updating the Transitional Committee Terms of Reference to reflect their areas of responsibility, adding Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee once agreed by the Committee and to make any minor consequential amendments that may be necessary.

(NOTE: During the above item of business, it was - RESOLVED: On the motion of The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and seconded by The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), that the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 5.5 be suspended and the termination of the meeting be extended by 15 minutes, to 5.45 p.m.).

## **11. UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

- 11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that this Council adopts the updated Members' Code of Conduct appended to the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, following agreement by the Audit and Standards Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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

- 12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that:-

- (a) it be noted that, further to the decision taken by the City Council at its

annual meeting held on 19th May 2021, in relation to the establishment of committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22, and in order to ensure that each political group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, the Labour Group had released a seat on each of the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, and on Transitional Committee 4 ('Education, Health and Care'), with the seats on the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and on the Transitional Committee 4 ('Education, Health and Care') being allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group, and the seat on Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee being allocated to Councillor Lewis Chinchin;

(b) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 19th May 2021, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

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| Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members                     | - Councillors Dianne Hurst, Abdul Khayum, Anne Murphy, Peter Price and Sioned-Mair Richards to serve as substitutes for Labour Group Members, with effect from 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021;<br>Councillors Sue Auckland, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Richard Shaw and Martin Smith to serve as substitutes for Liberal Democrat Group Members, with effect from 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021. |
| Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members        | - Councillors Ian Auckland, Alan Hooper, Tim Huggan, Barbara Masters, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft to serve as substitutes for Liberal Democrat Group Members, with effect from 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.  |
| Audit and Standards Committee                             | - Councillor David Barker to replace Councillor Dianne Hurst, and Councillor Ben Curran to fill a vacancy, both with effect from 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.   |
| Admissions Committee                                      | - Councillor Denise Fox to replace Councillor Sophie Wilson with effect from 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.   |
| South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel Substitute Members | - Councillors Tony Damms and Garry Weatherall to serve as substitutes for the Labour Group Members, with effect from 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021; and<br>Councillor Joe Otten to serve as substitute  |

for the Liberal Democrat Group Member, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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Executive Board for  
Transport and the  
Environment Board

- Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy as the SCC Member with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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

Overview & Scrutiny  
Management Committee

- Councillors Ian Auckland and Joe Otten to replace Councillors Penny Baker and Tim Huggan.

Children, Young People and  
Family Support Scrutiny and  
Policy Development  
Committee

- Councillor Richard Shaw to replace Councillor Barbara Masters, and Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to replace Councillor Jack Scott.

Healthier Communities and  
Adult Social Care Scrutiny  
and Policy Development  
Committee

- Councillor Lewis Chinchen to replace Councillor Neale Gibson;  
Councillor Ruth Milsom to replace Councillor Jackie Satur;  
Councillors Vic Bowden and Alan Hooper to replace Councillors Penny Baker and Richard Williams; and Councillor Ruth Mersereau to replace Councillor Martin Phipps.

Scrutiny Committee  
Substitute Members

- Councillor Jackie Satur to be appointed as an additional substitute for Labour Group Members;  
Councillors Alexi Dimond, Peter Garbutt, Brian Holmshaw, Martin Phipps, Maroof Raouf and Kaltum Rivers, to be appointed as substitutes for Green Group Members.

Planning and Highways  
Committee Substitute  
Members

- Councillors Angela Argenzio, Christine Gilligan, Bernard Little and Ruth Mersereau to be appointed as substitutes for Green Group Members.

Transitional Committee 1  
(‘Our Council’)

- Councillors Julie Grocutt and Cate McDonald to fill vacancies;  
Councillors Penny Baker, Simon Clement-Jones and Shaffaq Mohammed to replace Councillors Sue Alston, Joe Otten and Andrew Sangar.

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| Transitional Committee 2<br>(‘Communities and Neighbourhoods’)          | - Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards to replace Councillor Mark Jones; Councillors Ben Curran, Karen McGowan, Moya O’Rourke and Paul Wood to fill vacancies; Councillors Joe Otten and Andrew Sangar to replace Councillors Tim Huggan and Richard Shaw; and Councillor Kaltum Rivers to replace Councillor Ruth Mersereau. |
| Transitional Committee 3<br>(‘Climate Change, Economy and Development’) | - Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards; Councillors Neale Gibson, Dianne Hurst, Abtisam Mohamed and Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill vacancies; and Councillors Tim Huggan and Barbara Masters to replace Councillors Ian Auckland and Alan Hooper.   |
| Transitional Committee 4<br>(‘Education, Health and Care’)              | - Councillors Jayne Dunn, George Lindars-Hammond and Mary Lea to fill vacancies; Councillor Sue Alston to replace Councillor Steve Ayriss and Councillor Richard Williams to fill a vacancy.   |
| Transitional Committee Substitute Members                               | - Councillors David Barker, Mike Drabble, Francyne Johnson, Bryan Lodge and Ben Miskell to serve as substitutes for Labour Group non-Executive Members.  |
| Senior Officer Employment Committee                                     | - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill a vacancy.  |
| Health and Wellbeing Board  | - Councillors Jayne Dunn, George Lindars-Hammond and Alison Teal to fill vacancies.  |
| Heritage Champion   | - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill a vacancy.   |
| Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education                       | - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.   |
| Access Liaison Group  | - Councillors George Lindars-Hammond and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies.   |
| Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group                           | - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.   |
| Castlegate Member Working Group   | - Councillors Abdul Khayum, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Sophie Wilson to fill  |

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| Community Covenant Working Group                       | - Councillor Tony Damms to fill a vacancy.  |
| Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions            | - Councillors Jayne Dunn, Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt, Douglas Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Cate McDonald, Alison Teal, Paul Turpin and Paul Wood to fill vacancies.       |
| Corporate Parenting Board                              | - Councillors Dawn Dale, Mike Drabble, Denise Fox, Anne Murphy, Peter Price, Mick Rooney and Jack Scott to fill vacancies; and Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill a vacancy. |
| Cycle Forum  | - Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy; and Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill a vacancy.  |
| Joint Commissioning Committee                          | - Councillors Jayne Dunn, George Lindars-Hammond, Cate McDonald and Alison Teal to fill vacancies.  |
| Local Area Committee Chairs Group                      | - Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill a vacancy.   |
| Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)         | - Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy.  |
| People Services Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee | - Councillors Jayne Dunn and George Lindars-Hammond to fill vacancies.  |
| Schools Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee         | - Councillor Jayne Dunn to fill a vacancy.  |
| Place Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee           | - Councillors Douglas Johnson, Alison Teal and Paul Wood to fill vacancies.   |
| Resources/CEX Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee   | - Councillor Cate McDonald to fill a vacancy.   |
| Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group                  | - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill a vacancy.  |

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

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| South Yorkshire Local Pension Board  | - Councillor Mike Chaplin to fill a vacancy.  |
| South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel   | - Councillors Ruth Milsom and Garry Weatherall to replace Councillors Ben Curran and Neale Gibson.  |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority   | - Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill a vacancy as the Rotational Member, joining Councillor Terry Fox as Leader.  |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Board for Business Recovery and Growth        | - Councillor Paul Turpin to fill a vacancy as the SCC Member; and Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a vacancy as the Reserve Member.  |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Board for Education, Skills and Employability | - Councillor Paul Turpin to fill a vacancy as the SCC Member; and Councillor Jayne Dunn to fill a vacancy as the Reserve Member.  |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Board for Housing and Infrastructure Board    | - Councillor Paul Wood to fill a vacancy as the SCC Member; and Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a vacancy as the Reserve Member.  |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Board for Transport and the Environment Board | - Councillor Paul Wood to fill a vacancy as the Reserve Member.   |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee                                      | - Councillors Dianne Hurst and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies; Councillor Martin Smith to replace Councillor Penny Baker and Councillor Penny Baker to fill a Substitute Member vacancy. |
| Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit & Standards Committee                             | - Councillors Ben Curran and Sioned-Mair Richards to fill vacancies; Councillor Dianne Hurst to fill a Substitute Member vacancy; Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy.               |
| Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee   | - Councillor Cate McDonald to fill a vacancy.   |

- South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Steve Ayris to fill a vacancy.
- Anne Reresby Trust, High Green - Councillor Ann Whitaker to fill a vacancy.
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum - Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy.
- Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee - Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill a vacancy.
- ACIS Local Management Committee - Councillors Terry Fox and Dianne Hurst to fill vacancies, and Councillor Anne Murphy to serve as a Substitute Member.
- Great Places: Sheffield Housing Board - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies.
- Sanctuary Housing: Shiregreen Community Committee - Councillors Dawn Dale and Peter Price to fill vacancies.
- Together Housing – Local Panel - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.
- Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service - Councillor Sophie Wilson to fill a vacancy; and Councillor Barbara Masters to fill a vacancy.
- Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Jayne Dunn to fill a vacancy.
- Learn Sheffield - Councillor Jayne Dunn to fill a vacancy.
- Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillors Terry Fox and Mark Jones to fill vacancies.
- Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee - Councillor Cate McDonald to fill a vacancy.
- Longley Park College Governing Body - Councillor Alan Law to fill a vacancy.

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| Manor and Castle Development Trust                                       | - | Councillors Anne Murphy and Sioned-Mair Richards to fill vacancies.                                   |
| Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group)                    | - | Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.  |
| National Association of British Market Authorities                       | - | Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill a vacancy.   |
| National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee              | - | Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.  |
| Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee  | - | Councillor Sophie Wilson to fill a vacancy.   |
| Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber              | - | Councillor Tony Damms to fill a vacancy.  |
| River Stewardship Company  | - | Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy.  |
| Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board                    | - | Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy.  |
| Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board                                  | - | Councillors Mike Drabble and Ben Miskell to fill vacancies.   |
| Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership                       | - | Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy, and Councillor Paul Turpin to serve as the Substitute Member. |
| Sheffield Compact  | - | Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy.  |
| Sheffield Co-Operative Development Group - Board                         | - | Councillor Anne Murphy to fill a vacancy.   |
| Sheffield Football Trust   | - | Councillor Anne Murphy to fill a vacancy.   |
| Sheffield Museums Trust - Directors and Members                          | - | Councillors Tony Damms and Josie Paszek to fill vacancies.  |
| Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors | - | Councillor Josie Paszek to fill a vacancy.  |

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| Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members        | - Councillors Ben Curran and Josie Paszek, and Ms. Veronica Hardstaff to fill vacancies.                |
| Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members | - Councillor Mike Drabble to fill a vacancy.  |
| Sheffield Partnership Board                                       | - Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy.   |
| Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership           | - Councillor Alison Teal to fill a vacancy; and Councillor Joe Otten to replace Councillor Penny Baker. |
| Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust                 | - Councillor Ben Miskell to fill a vacancy.   |
| Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members                  | - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Anne Murphy to fill vacancies.                                   |
| Sheffield Transport Users Group                                   | - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill a vacancy.  |
| South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives              | - Councillor Sophie Wilson to fill a vacancy; and Councillor Vic Bowden to fill a vacancy.              |
| South Yorkshire Leaders' Group                                    | - Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy.   |
| Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board                          | - Councillors Mike Chaplin, Abdul Khayum, Peter Price and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies.           |
| Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities                   | - Councillor Cate McDonald to fill a vacancy.   |
| Transport 4 All   | - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill a vacancy.  |
| University Technical College Trust Board                          | - Councillor Mike Drabble to fill a vacancy.  |
| Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust          | - Councillor Neale Gibson to fill a vacancy.  |
| Voluntary Action Sheffield  | - Councillor Mark Jones to fill a vacancy.  |

(e) it be noted that Groundwork South Yorkshire, to which Members of the Council have previously been appointed as Company Directors, has now been

dissolved as a Company.

- 12.1.1 (NOTE: Councillor Roger Davison voted against paragraph (d) of the resolution and asked for this to be recorded.)