

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2012

#### List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (j) as follows:-

- (b) remembers that the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods was fully committed to listening to the result of the ballot and stated that the most important views were those of tenants;
- (c) believes that information provided throughout the consultation process was thoroughly fair, impartial and balanced, which was demonstrated through the literature produced and events held where tenants were given information on both an Arms Length Management Organisation and an in-house model;
- (d) notes that the consultation exercise and information supplied through the process was assessed against Government guidance and complied with this guidance;
- (e) notes that the information referred to in media reports was not included in the consultation as it was created at the start of the process and refers to proposals the Council is no longer working towards;
- (f) accepts that, as this information is now out of date and does not relate to the proposal taken to tenants, the document was not released for reasons of good intention and was part of an attempt to ensure that tenants were given accurate information based on realistic, deliverable proposals instead of supplying information about proposals that were not being considered;
- (g) regrets that the previous Administration demonstrated no leadership or vision for the future of Council housing and believes that the reason they remained silent on the issue for so long was to cover up what this Council believes was their secret preferred option of stock transfer, which they consistently refused to rule out despite overwhelming opposition amongst Sheffield tenants;
- (h) remembers the previous Administration's shocking and incompetent

mismanagement of Council housing which included fiascos such as the Sheffield Homes Board Game and the Decent Homes scandal which caused outrage amongst tenants;

- (i) believes that the main opposition group stand for no values except for merciless political opportunism and are merely seeking to exploit this issue for political gain without any genuine interests in the future of Council housing or the welfare of tenants; and
- (j) welcomes that the present Administration will continue to stand up for Sheffield tenants and are getting on with the job of transferring housing management to the Council, which will result in a better service through joining up with other Council services, providing greater democratic accountability, and making savings to management and back office costs, building on the housing service that Sheffield Homes has provided over the last eight years to provide a service that works even more effectively, in line with what our tenants and staff have told us they want.

## **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

### **2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (f) and (h) to (u);
- 2. the re-lettering of paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (h);
- 3. the addition of the new paragraphs (c) to (g) and (i) to (p) as follows:-
  - (c) however, regrets that yet again the actions of the current Administration do not live up to their rhetoric;
  - (d) recalls that when the majority group were last in control of the Council, Sheffield was labelled the worst place to do business in South Yorkshire;
  - (e) notes that, even since adopting their business-friendly mantra, the current Administration have rejected a number of policies that would have supported local businesses, including:
    - (i) creating a Sheffield Investment Fund to help local business access finance;
    - (ii) bringing forward a Cabinet report on meeting the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce three point manifesto;

- (iii) repeating the previous Administration's free parking scheme in district and local centres;
  - (iv) providing additional parking capacity for Millhouses traders over the Christmas period; and
  - (v) containing economic impacts of decisions in all future Cabinet reports;
- (f) contrasts this record with that of the previous Administration, who introduced the following policies:
- (i) created First Point for Business;
  - (ii) reformed the Council's Planning Department and Transport & Highways Department to make them more responsive to local businesses;
  - (iii) initiated Showcase Sheffield and Buy Local policies;
  - (iv) funded a £250,000 Economic Fighting Fund and a BiG initiative, which helped people to set up in business and supported sustainable business growth;
  - (v) organised "Access to Finance" summits;
  - (vi) supported schemes to encourage footfall in the city-centre such as the Food Festival, Tramlines, a Christmas ice-rink and the Wheel of Sheffield; and
  - (vii) helped to develop a Local Enterprise Partnership for Sheffield, described as one of the strongest bids in the country;
- (g) believes these actions, among many others, helped to transform Sheffield – in the opinion of local businesses – from the worst place to do business in South Yorkshire to the best;
- (i) reiterates that all participants on the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme will receive at least Level 2 training, which will be funded by the Coalition Government, and thanks the Government for this support;
  - (j) reminds Members that it was the main opposition group that first suggested doubling the number of young people on the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme;
  - (k) is pleased that a radical apprenticeship scheme forms a key pillar of the Government's City Deal with Sheffield and thanks

Liberal Democrats in Government, in particular the Deputy Prime Minister, for helping to secure the deal;

- (l) believes the Sheffield City Deal is a radical agreement and the boldest step the Government have taken to truly put the region in the driving seat for economic growth;
- (m) however, for the avoidance of doubt, highlights the following Government measures which have also supported the local economy:
  - (i) £65 million that was recently awarded within Sheffield City Region, as part of the third round of the Government's Regional Growth Fund, following similarly successful bids in the first two rounds;
  - (ii) an enterprise zone for Sheffield City Region, which could produce as many as 12,000 new jobs;
  - (iii) £9.9 million for the construction of Sheffield University Technical College, which will provide the next generation of Sheffielders with the skills the City requires;
  - (iv) £1.2 billion to allow Sheffield's Streets Ahead project to proceed;
  - (v) millions of pounds invested in Sheffield's buses, trams, trains and highways;
  - (vi) millions of pounds to support construction and infrastructure through the New Homes Bonus and the Growing Places Fund; and
  - (vii) over £100,000 through the High Street Innovation Fund, which will fund the Administration's Chapel Walk project.
- (n) furthermore, welcomes the Tax Increment Financing that the Government has made available that should enable the Sevenstones development to progress and hopes the current Administration will ensure work is finally started on the project;
- (o) believes the current Administration continue to use our great city as a political battering ram against the Government, instead of supporting jobs and the local economy; and
- (p) recommends the current Administration adopt a mature and constructive relationship with the Government to ensure Sheffielders get the best possible deal.

3. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion of a new paragraph (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (g) to (k) as new paragraphs (h) to (l):-
  - (g) notes however that a large proportion of the Council's contracted out services are with a handful of multinational companies whose profits leave the City rather than being reinvested in the local economy;
2. the deletion of original paragraphs (l) and (m) and the addition of a new paragraph (m) as follows:-
  - (m) believes it is time to rethink the future of the city centre and to look away from multinational shopping chains and towards the needs of local shops and businesses, a wider range of entertainment and greater resilience in terms of community cohesion, energy supply and flooding;
3. the deletion of original paragraph (o) and the addition of a new paragraph (o) as follows:-
  - (o) will work to attract all possible funding to the City for projects which increase energy efficiency, sustainability and self sufficiency and which create jobs in the green economy.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHEILA CONSTANCE**

4. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion in paragraph (a) of the words "this current Government came to power" and their substitution by the words "this economic downturn";
2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) and (h) to (j);
3. the re-lettering of paragraphs (a) to (e) as new paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
  - (a) reminds Members that the previous Government oversaw the most severe economic collapse in post-war British history and left this country on the brink of economic abyss;

4. the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (l) as follows:-
- (h) recognises that despite 13 years in power, Labour politicians failed to tackle the root causes of homelessness, with 1.75 million people on social housing waiting lists and an estimated additional 380,000 'hidden homeless' people in the UK;
  - (i) notes with concern, that under the previous Government, the building of social housing declined to the lowest figure since the Second World War, with seven times more prison cells being built than Council homes;
  - (j) welcomes moves by the Coalition Government to increase the building of social housing, and action taken by the last Council administration to build the first new Council homes in Sheffield for two decades;
  - (k) acknowledges specific moves by the Coalition Government to tackle homelessness, such as a cross-departmental Homelessness Working Group and measures in the Localism Act, which will allow homeless families to find a suitable home in the private rented sector and avoid the uncertainty of long waits in temporary accommodation;
  - (l) supports broader Government initiatives, which have been welcomed by homeless charities, such as the Health Inclusion Board, which will tackle chronic health problems among the homeless, and the new mental health strategy, *No Health without Mental Health*, which focuses on the needs of homeless people;
5. the re-lettering of original paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (m).

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT-JONES**

5. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (f) as follows:-

- (b) is pleased to promote the Christmas shopper parking rate of £3 for 6 hours, which will apply to selected city centre car parks, and is a discount from the current rates of up to £9.30 for 6 hours in city centre car parks;
- (c) notes that the Administration is offering this discounted rate despite

devastating Government cuts to the Council's budget, to support businesses over the Christmas period;

- (d) notes that parking changes came into force after the Christmas lights switch on, meaning the rate has been in place from Monday 19th November and will be in place throughout the Christmas period, not just on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays like the previous Administration's schemes when they were in power;
- (e) is committed to being a business friendly Council and believes it is vital for our City's economy to have a vibrant city centre, which is why the current Administration is taking action to support businesses in the short term through reduced parking charges and projects like Chapel Walk; and
- (f) is also committed to securing the City's long term future through key projects such as the Moor redevelopment and continuing its work to deliver Sevenstone.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM**

6. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sylvia Anginotti, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) notes that the three largest political parties in Britain went into the 2010 general election, pledging to make local police forces more responsive and accountable;
- (b) maintains that the best way of achieving this would have been through the Liberal Democrat plan for directly-elected police authorities and retains concerns about the consequences of placing too much power in the hands of one individual;
- (c) believes that, at the national level, the Police and Crime Commissioner elections held on November 15<sup>th</sup> were poorly managed and could have been promoted in a much more effective manner;
- (d) hopes that South Yorkshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner will work hard to protect front-line services, and refuse to use our great city as a pawn in national political spats;
- (e) encourages South Yorkshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner to not waste money that could have been spent on front-line services, appointing a Deputy Commissioner; and

- (f) furthermore, calls upon members on the new Police and Crime Panel to effectively hold the new Commissioner to account and ensure Sheffield gets a fair deal from South Yorkshire police.

7. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) and (b) and the re-lettering of paragraphs (c) to (e) as new paragraphs (a) to (c);
2. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
  - (d) notes there was a significant number of spoilt ballot papers;
3. the deletion of original paragraph (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (i) as follows:-
  - (e) believes the post of Police Commissioner goes against the Government's stated agenda of bringing power closer to local people;
  - (f) believes that it is wrong that the head of local police commissioning should be a single person drawn from a single political party;
  - (g) further believes that it is impossible for such a person to fully represent the many diverse communities in South Yorkshire;
  - (h) believes that the post would have been better served by a good independent candidate, but believes the high cost of the deposit and lack of free post mailing prevented such a possibility;
  - (i) believes the public has shown contempt for the position of Police Commissioner and the role should be abolished as soon as possible;
4. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (g) to (l) as new paragraphs (j) to (o);
5. the addition of a new paragraph (p) as follows:-
  - (p) resolves to send a copy of this motion to all Sheffield MPs and the Home Secretary.



**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON**

8. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-

- (i) welcomes that the UN has given the Palestinian Authority non-member observer status;
- (j) regrets that this was immediately followed by Israel announcing the establishment of more illegal settlements; and
- (k) congratulates the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign for organising Palestine Culture Week and for their continuing humanitarian support for the Palestinian people.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY**

9. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor David Baker, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (f) as follows:-

- (b) nevertheless welcomes the Bill as a roadmap for the UK's switch to “a low-carbon economy” and believes the Bill is a victory for Liberal Democrats in Government;
- (c) hopes that whoever forms the next Government will legislate for an effective 2030 decarbonisation target in 2016;
- (d) welcomes comments from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Davey MP, that “The right wing of the Tory party are trying to make out shale gas is the answer but I’m afraid the evidence does not bear it out”;
- (e) believes at a local level this Council should promote green and sustainable methods of energy production; and
- (f) reaffirms its commitment to become the country’s first decentralised energy city, entirely reliant on green energy produced within the City.

10. **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) notes that the Energy Bill announced last week shows a complete lack of commitment by the Government to address environmental issues;
- (b) further notes that, despite the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and expand the green economy, the Energy Bill will not include a decarbonisation target for electricity production for 2030 and relies on gas power stations in the short to medium term;
- (c) regrets that to encourage green energy, the Government is permitting an increase in energy bills of £20 a year reaching over £100 extra a year in 2020, and that this Government is putting the cost of infrastructure projects onto the already squeezed general public while energy companies make millions in profits;
- (d) further regrets that this has come at a time when energy bills have already increased on average by £200 in the last two years;
- (e) believes the energy companies should be investing in carbon reducing projects;
- (f) is disappointed that this Government refuses to address the issue of reducing our carbon footprint, leaving targets out of the report, and believes this omission of targets is proof that the Liberal Democrats in Government have no influence over their Coalition partners to affect a policy they have previously championed;
- (g) regrets that this Government's short sighted economic approach was again demonstrated recently through their refusal to invest in proposals for a 650MW "clean coal" power station at Hatfield Colliery, near Doncaster, with public money and recalls that the scheme had previously been picked out by the EU as the most advanced Carbon Capture and Storage project in Europe, putting it in pole position for a grant of around £250m from Brussels;
- (h) further notes that this project would have put the Sheffield City Region and the Yorkshire and Humber Energy Intensive Industries on a more secure footing;
- (i) notes that by not setting targets it causes uncertainty for businesses and investors, and that the Emission Performance Standards (EPS) said the target needed to be set realistically to encourage investment;

- (j) is committed to reducing energy demand to reduce carbon emissions and reduce the burdens on family budgets;
- (k) has delivered a city-wide free insulation programme covering over 30,000 homes over the past four years and welcomes that the current Administration is now planning how to deliver even greater benefits by delivering the Green Deal and developing the City's heat networks;
- (l) welcomes the Administration's plans to undertake England's largest energy switch next year, to help Sheffield people get better deals on their energy bills;
- (m) believes it is more important than ever that the country has a competitive energy market that delivers fair prices and works in the public interest, and notes that this is why the Labour Party has called for an overhaul to the energy market and the creation of a tough new watchdog with powers to force energy companies to pass on price cuts;
- (n) urges this Government to hold the energy companies to account instead of making policy that benefits them, noting that this Energy Bill doesn't do enough to tackle the growing energy crisis that is taking hold of the country and that increasing the burden on family budgets is not fair when the energy companies are making millions in profit;
- (o) is committed to working towards the Green Deal to attract green industry to Sheffield and helping to tackle fuel poverty in the City; and
- (p) supports Ian Lavery MP who is bringing forward an Early Day Motion to debate this Bill further.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROB FROST**

**11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Clive Skelton**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) has a strong commitment to improving and developing services for people with dementia and their families and notes that the Council invests over £19m in these services in the City;
- (b) has endeavoured to protect adult social care services where it can, as part of its commitment to supporting and protecting communities and vulnerable people and notes that the spending cut for adult social care overall is less than that for many other Council services;

- (c) is aware that the policy of reviewing resource centres was started by the previous Administration, leading to a Cabinet report in 2010 which recommended that Cabinet give permission to consult on the future of Foxwood and Ravenscroft and a further recommendation was that Cabinet "recognises that further consideration will be needed on the future of all the existing resource centres and that a report should be brought to Cabinet in due course.";
- (d) notes that the consultation resulted in the closure of Foxwood and Ravenscroft in March 2011, under the previous Administration and deplores the hypocrisy and merciless political scaremongering by the main opposition group, who demonstrably followed this policy whilst in administration;
- (e) further notes that at the same time, the implementation of self-directed support has also seen people with dementia and their families choosing to use other services for their day and respite care and this has an impact on the remaining resource centres;
- (f) regrets that due to devastating budget cuts by the Coalition Government, the Administration has been forced to consider reducing the funding for the remaining resource centres by £385k (out of a total £3.9m budget for the three resource centres) and this has led to the proposals to decommission Norbury and Bole Hill;
- (g) notes that the Administration has conducted a review of the services the Council provides for people with dementia and asked people about the services that they need, and that, working with the Sheffield Alzheimer's Society, people with dementia were asked for their views on what services are currently available, their experiences of them and where they would like to see changes, and furthermore, that carers were also invited to an event at the Town Hall as well as a 'Talk to Us' day at Sheffield Showcase exhibition space in the city centre;
- (h) is aware that the results of the feedback showed that for people with dementia and their carers, the important areas they would like to see more investment in is to support earlier access to diagnosis and treatment, better information and advice and support, more opportunities for carer breaks and the development of integrated, flexible and personalised support for people with dementia who are living at home;
- (i) is pleased that this information has been fed into a wide-ranging review of dementia services in the City and how they could be used to help Sheffield become a dementia friendly city by 2015;
- (j) notes that resulting from these proposals, the Administration can give a clear commitment that no-one who currently attends these Centres will have their overall service reduced through any changes that may

happen; and

- (k) will continue to do all it can to support and protect people with dementia and their families; to consult with them; and to fund services, in the face of unprecedented cuts in the funding which this City receives from the Government.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

**12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) recalls the failure of the last Government to tackle the scandal of youth unemployment, with numbers rising steadily from 2004 onwards, reaching almost half a million prior to the economic crash; and
- (b) welcomes the steps the Coalition Government are taking to help and support people back into work, in particular, young people.

**13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) notes with great concern recently published figures indicating the failure of the Government’s Work Programme, with only 3.53% of people enrolled on the scheme finding a job, missing the 5.5% target;
- (b) is concerned about the Government’s model, which sees a number of third sector groups paid on results under pressure, leading them to leave the Work Programme or go out of business;
- (c) notes that despite the Work Programme, long term unemployment has continued to increase year on year and is therefore concerned that this is not the best way to help reduce unemployment;
- (d) deplores the secrecy around the statistical data around the Work Programme’s success, and believes that such a policy offers little opportunity for transparency and scrutiny of the Programme and prevents actions to co-ordinate activities that would make work to reduce unemployment more effective;

- (e) expects the situation to get worse with the Government cuts to welfare, which will see tens of millions of pounds less coming into the Sheffield economy;
- (f) urges the Government to adopt innovative schemes such as the Sheffield 100 Apprenticeship Scheme to effectively reduce unemployment; and
- (g) urges the Government to immediately review the Work Programme model and take urgent action to boost the economy and create more jobs such as adopting Labour's five point plan for jobs and growth.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER**

**14. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) fully opposes the Government's record level of cuts to Sheffield City Council, noting that the Government's cuts are targeted at Councils in the north of England whilst some of the wealthiest councils in the country receive almost no cuts at all, and which have necessitated changes to the waste management service to bring in savings of at least £4 million;
- (b) further notes the opinion of The Sheffield Star on 23rd November 2012, which stated:  
  
"the Lib Dems merely buried their heads in the sand and pretended the problem would go away. Labour may have taken an unpopular decision, but decisions were needed."
- (c) is committed to supporting Sheffielders to recycle and therefore deplores the record of the previous Administration who increased recycling by less than 2.5% between 2008 and 2011 and believes this is just another example of their three wasted years;
- (d) notes that these poor recycling levels under the previous Administration are despite spending an additional £2 million on recycling services which was made possible due to the investment in local public services by the previous Government;
- (e) believes that the incompetence of the previous Administration contributed to this failure to significantly improve recycling rates, which

is demonstrated by ill-thought through initiatives which clearly made it harder for Sheffielders to recycle, such as the blue boxes for paper and card, a decision made when the present Leader of the main opposition group was the Cabinet Member for waste management between 2008-2010;

- (f) welcomes the present Administration's campaign to improve recycling in Sheffield whilst moving to Alternate Week Collections, with measures such as the roll out of flexible choice for blue bins and boxes, increasing staffing in the Veolia call centre and the work of the liaison team to support Sheffield people to use the full range of facilities available;
- (g) welcomes recent reductions in the amount of waste sent to landfill and acknowledges that this now at a record low under the present Administration;
- (h) notes the reduction in green waste recycling in 2012 in the months of April to September is a result of unprecedented wet weather, with the wettest summer on record;
- (i) notes that the Government's fund to protect weekly collections was a public relations stunt from the start, and that Sheffield City Council wrote to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government twice and also to the Deputy Prime Minister asking for confirmation that this would give the Council the money to keep weekly collections in Sheffield, and that if the Coalition had given the Council this guarantee the Council would not have moved to alternate week collections, but the guarantee never came;
- (j) further notes that, out of 216 local authorities, only 90 are receiving funding from the bin fund, and that of these 90, there is a clear bias towards London and the South with almost two thirds of councils receiving funding in comparison to less than 18% in the North; and
- (k) believes that despite some teething problems, the change to alternate week collection has gone smoothly, and notes that the change is now saving at least £2.4m per year, which is money the current Administration will use to protect other vital services from this Government's reckless cuts.

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