

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016

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

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN, HRA BUDGET AND RENT INCREASE 2016/17**

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, HRA Budget and Rent Increase 2016/17, be approved with the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-

- (k) calls on the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods and Director of Finance to report back to Council with details of any variations made to rent and any other charges contained within this report.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL WOOD**

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of the words “and the previous Coalition Government” from paragraph (b); and
2. the addition at the end of paragraph (e)(ii) of the words “thanks to the establishment of the Sheffield Housing Company by the previous Administration”.

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Aodan Marken, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (d)(v) as follows:-
- (v) that introducing a 1% enforced reduction to social housing rent this year will serve to reduce the Government’s benefits bill at the cost of

money for new housing stock and repairs, and believes that this is fuelled by an ideological commitment to austerity that means the poorest continue to suffer for the benefit of the wealthiest;

2. the addition at the end of paragraph (e)(i) of the words “notes that this will still be a net loss of stock since 2010/11”.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER**

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea

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

- (a) recalls that the decision to amalgamate Tinsley Nursery Infant and Junior schools to create Tinsley Meadows Primary School was agreed by Cabinet on 16th April 2014 and planning permission was granted in July 2015, and is surprised that if the main opposition group have genuine concerns they have not raised them until now;
- (b) believes that it is imperative that the school is moved away from the motorway in order to alleviate noise and air pollution issues and the overwhelming evidence concerning air quality and children’s health development;
- (c) recalls that none of the other options to relocate the school were viable and the decision facing the Administration was to leave the school where it was with the danger that presented to the health of local children or relocate it to the chosen site, and believes that the main opposition group should check their facts before making misleading assertions;
- (d) recognises the importance of protecting the local green space and notes that all efforts were made to keep the development to a quarter of the green space and commits to protecting the rest of the site from development;
- (e) notes that the school will continue to work with the community and offer community activity and support on the site, alongside providing a great inclusive education for children in Tinsley, in line with our corporate mission to make every school a great school;
- (f) commits to work with local young people to ensure they get best use of the pavilion, noting that the Administration has given Tinsley Forum a grant for the provision of activities for young people; and
- (g) recalls that Ochre Dike Playing Fields, Waterthorpe was protected due

to plans to develop whilst the previous Administration was in control and is therefore astounded at the hypocrisy of the main opposition group.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GLEDHILL**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows and the relettering of original paragraphs (b) to (h) as new paragraphs (c) to (i):-
  - (b) believes that climate change makes extreme weather events, including severe flooding, significantly more likely and agrees with the officer report establishing the Green Commission that “climate change is the biggest challenge facing our civilisation”;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-
  - (j) further notes that the report from the Green Commission is still awaited; and
  - (k) calls on the Administration to set a date for the release of the report.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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

- (b) welcomes the equalisation of the State Pension Age but is concerned that, due to the failure of previous Governments to properly communicate the changes to the State Pension Age for women born in the 1950's, many women only discovered the changes in 2009, or when they were contacted about the further, necessary, changes that were made in 2011, leaving them inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affecting their plans for retirement;
- (c) notes that, whilst in Government, Liberal Democrats worked hard to alleviate the impact of the equalisation by introducing £2bn worth of

changes that meant for most women no more than 12 months was added to their State Pension Age (SPA), with an absolute maximum of 18 months, from the position they inherited from the previous Government; and

- (d) believes that more can be done to help those women affected and therefore calls on the current Minister of State for Pensions to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by equalisation of the State Pension Age.

### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS**

7. 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 (c) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (g) as follows:-

- (c) welcomes the proactive measures taken by the present Administration to allow the development to be brought forward;
- (d) welcomes the redevelopment of the Moor under the present Administration;
- (e) further welcomes the series of actions taken by the present Administration to drive forward the city's New Retail Quarter, a crucial project for Sheffield, including:-
  - (i) securing the New Development Deal to inject funds into the retail quarter to bridge the financial gap facing the scheme;
  - (ii) parting company with Hammerson when they would not commit to start construction;
  - (iii) taking control of the scheme as a Council, working to redesign a new scheme that is viable and fit for purpose in the long term, and taking real action to make the scheme happen; and
  - (iv) securing the land and property needed to develop the scheme;
- (f) welcomes the interest from developers in the retail quarter and believes this is positive news which demonstrates viability and confidence in the new scheme; and
- (g) contrasts this action to the record of the previous Administration with three wasted years.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

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

- (e) believes that this Administration, by signing the proposed devolution deal which contains the condition of a mayor, has weakened any powers of negotiation over the Sheffield City Region devolution deal that we may have held.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Geoff Smith

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

- (a) notes that following the launch of the official consultation on the devolution proposals, the Leader of the Council stated that for Sheffield to support the proposal the following issues must be addressed:-
  - (i) Mayoral Model - we cannot have a situation where half of the combined authority are not involved in electing a mayor; and
  - (ii) Mayoral Veto – we cannot have a situation where the mayor would have a veto over every decision;
- (b) believes that Sheffield should not agree to bring forward the proposal until these issues are addressed;
- (c) notes that the Council hosted a scrutiny meeting involving external stakeholders where the proposals were given consideration;
- (d) further notes that the consultation has now closed and believes it is important to listen to the consultation responses of the people of Sheffield City Region before coming to any decision;
- (e) supports concerns that were raised at the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee about the consultation process; and
- (f) notes that any proposal must be agreed by Full Council, however, notes that there is no current specified date to bring the proposal to a Council meeting until the necessary changes have been made.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon

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

- (a) was saddened to hear news of the closure of Kellingley Colliery, Britain’s last deep coal mine, and the loss of 450 jobs;
- (b) further regrets that the Government refused to extend a loan facility to Hatfield Colliery last summer, leading to its closure;
- (c) believes that the decimation of the mining industry was led by the Government of Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s and is appalled that during this period she was being cheered on by UKIP Leader Nigel Farage, who was a member of the Conservative Party whilst Mrs Thatcher was Prime Minister;
- (d) recalls UKIP Leader Nigel Farage declaring in 2013 that he was the only politician "keeping the *flame of Thatcherism* alive";
- (e) further notes the comments by Nigel Farage that UKIP are "the true inheritors of Thatcher" and talking about Mrs. Thatcher said “I think she would get involved in UKIP”;
- (f) believes UKIPs claims to be a champion of the mining industry hypocrisy at its worst when they continue to back a leader who idolised the Prime Minister who embarked upon a personal crusade to destroy miners, their families and communities for political reasons;
- (g) notes that in a few years’ time there will be a new market for coal with a clean coal power station at Drax, but that market will be supplied by imported coal, with all the environmental costs of shipping coal to Britain; and
- (h) recognises the labour of all the miners who have worked in Britain’s coal industry over the last century and regrets that their jobs have been lost for generations.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL**

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows and the relettering of the original paragraphs (e) to (h) as new paragraphs (g) to (j):-

- (e) notes that increased maintenance grants were a key protection brought in by the Liberal Democrats when tuition fees were raised and have meant that in recent years more students from poorer background have gone to university than ever before;
- (f) regrets the removal of NHS bursaries for student nurses;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS**

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Peter Price, seconded by Councillor Sioned Mair Richards

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

- (d) regrets the decline in the number of pubs in the city, and understands that this is part of a national trend which can be explained by a range of factors including higher taxes on alcohol, competition from supermarkets selling cheap alcohol and changing demographics; and
- (e) understands that:-
  - (i) the Council assess all nominations for Assets of Community Value status impartially and on a case by case basis, according to the Localism Act 2011 and guidance issued in 2012 by the Coalition Government, of which the main opposition group was a part; and
  - (ii) when assessing nominations, the decision maker acts only on the information provided in each application and makes no presumptions regarding what is and isn't a community for the purposes of that nomination; and
- (f) notes that there is a review of the assessment process underway, with a view to simplifying the process, which will be developed bearing in mind the comments of all interested parties.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

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

- (a) wishes to place on record its respect and appreciation for members of the armed forces and the work they do to keep our country safe;
- (b) notes the action the current Administration has taken to support the armed forces, including the community covenant - a pledge to commit to improving the transition from service life into civilian life for local residents and their families;
- (c) sympathises with the case of Sergeant Blackman, and notes that new and potentially significant information came to light following the publication of a military report into the incident in September which contained several issues which were never put to the court martial panel and could have significantly helped Sergeant Blackman's case, including the finding that commanders had missed signs that Sergeant Blackman and his men were showing evidence of "moral regression, psychological strain and fatigue"; and
- (d) notes the fact that MPs from various political parties have expressed similar sympathies.