

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, seconded by Councillor Kieran Harpham

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

- (i) declares its aspiration that Sheffield should play a pioneering and leadership role in becoming fossil free as a city and recognises that, if this is to be achieved, it is important to work in partnership with stakeholders across the city to develop a collective and shared agenda that all major partners will be involved in;
- (j) believes we should look at a full range of ways in which we can reduce the city's reliance on fossil fuels, including action on divestment and also on support for renewable energy and the green economy;
- (k) acknowledges the work of the Green Commission in the city to bring together partners to develop an ambitious and broad plan to set out how Sheffield can become more sustainable in the future and believes it is important that this is done through partnership to realise the full potential of institutions in the city who hold the power locally to make change happen;
- (l) notes that the Council's response to the Green Commission will be submitted to the Cabinet in the coming months, and that the recommendations of the Green Commission will be used to inform Council policy development;
- (m) commits to identify any necessary actions around divesting in fossil fuel companies over a reasonable period of time to be determined by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources;
- (n) notes that the Administration will include a statement on ethical and environmental investment in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18, incorporating the above commitment;
- (o) believes that, as a local authority, we have a considerable degree of power to act, but also believes we can achieve more by working with partners to influence wider adoption and this should inform the approach we take; and

- (p) condemns the Government's approach of stating that councils will be penalised for diverging from the same environmental and social policies of central government in its procurement practices, and believes this flies in the face of localism.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, in paragraph (h), of all the words after the words "positive steps", and the addition of the following words "Local Government Cabinet Office procurement policy note of 17 February 2016, entitled 'Putting a stop to public procurement boycotts', limits the extent to which local authorities in England and Wales can use boycotts in their procurement and pensions investment policies"; and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (i) to (m) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) believes that this new guidance is an attack on local democracy and is another example of the Government centralising powers and dictating policy to local authorities, moving away from the localism agenda that the Liberal Democrats implemented whilst in the Coalition Government;
 - (j) believes that it should be up to individual communities to decide which companies they wish to do business with in a fair and transparent process and, whilst we think it is right that public sector procurers are required to seek the best value for money for the taxpayer, local councils should have regard for the wider interests of their local populations, which they have been elected to represent; and
 - (k) directs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR OLIVIA BLAKE

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Auckland, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (d):-

"and further notes that it is likely to be the big chains that are able to withstand the cuts and, as local pharmacies are vital contributors to thriving district and local shopping centres, believes these changes will disproportionately hit smaller local businesses."

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Gail Smith, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

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

- (f) notes that it has a responsibility to tackle climate change and protect the environment and the wellbeing of local communities;
- (g) notes the recent landmark decision by the Government to overturn the decision of the local council and approve a planning application to start fracking in Lancashire, and believes this sets a very dangerous precedent for the Government to ignore the views of local people in relation to fracking;
- (h) notes that areas in and around Sheffield have been licensed for investigations for shale gas and notes that some people in the South East of Sheffield have received letters from companies who wish to perform seismic surveys for this purpose on land they own;
- (i) acknowledges that exploration of unconventional fossil fuel undermines action on climate change and diverts resources away from investment in a safe and secure renewable energy future;
- (j) notes that there are possible significant adverse impacts from shale gas exploration and exploitation, including water contamination and air pollution, and supports a 'Frack-Free' declaration for this area;
- (k) calls on the Administration to draw up a 'Minerals Strategy' as part of the Local Plan;
- (l) calls on Her Majesty's Government to impose a moratorium on shale gas exploration within the UK to prevent the adverse impact it will have on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change; and
- (m) directs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the replacement, in paragraph (d), of the words "Labour Party" by the words "Labour and Green Parties".

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GAIL SMITH

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tony Downing, seconded by Councillor David Barker

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 the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct shale gas testing at a number of sites across the country, which has included areas within Sheffield, mainly areas bordering the local authority;
- (b) further notes that approaches have been made to property owners to start surveying around Mosborough and many members of the local community have opposed the prospect of fracking in their area, including hosting public meetings to raise objections;
- (c) regrets that the Government now appear to be determined to force fracking on areas, regardless of local opinion;
- (d) supports the position taken by the Labour Party calling on the Government to ban fracking and focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure can provide for our industry, workforce and communities;
- (e) commits to not permitting fracking on Council-owned land and to reject approaches to do so;
- (f) regrets that the 2015 Liberal Democrat manifesto would have allowed fracking and notes that, under the Coalition Government, the national ban on fracking was lifted by the then Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon. Sir Ed Davey; and
- (g) regrets comments made by the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP in 2013 “Fracking has a role”, and believes that the actions of the Coalition Government have paved the way for fracking to come to Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRYAN LODGE

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-

- (c) believes that it is also vital to protect and enhance Sheffield's waterways, public green spaces and ancient woodlands, which contribute to our city's valuable reputation as an "Outdoor City", as well as the health and happiness of residents from all over Sheffield and beyond;
 - (d) believes that, on this occasion, the consultation has not been good enough and that better involvement of local stakeholders could have been sought in the form of letters to local residents, public notices at the affected areas and early engagement of local business owners;
 - (e) calls for active engagement at future stages of consultation with local Elected Members, the users and friends groups of parks and other green spaces in the development of any plans for flood mitigation measures in those spaces, to ensure that any schemes that go ahead are acceptable to the local community;
2. the relettering of original paragraphs (c) and (d) as new paragraphs (f) and (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
- (h) believes that there are other measures which could be taken to mitigate flooding in Sheffield, such as dredging rivers and using existing reservoirs to store water; and
 - (i) calls on the Administration to follow the lead of the MP for Sheffield Hallam in writing to the Government raising these issues with respect to the 'National Flood Resilience' pilot scheme.
8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid

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

- (e) is grateful to the local people who have taken the trouble to respond to the Council's recent flood protection consultation; and requests the Administration to consider the many comments and suggestions received from respondents in relation to flood prevention and protection, and report its views to interested people in due course.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMAD MAROOF

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Talib Hussain, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea

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

- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR VICKIE PRIESTLEY

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan

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) praises the fantastic work of volunteers at Associate Libraries across the city and library staff who make a vital contribution to the service;
- (b) notes that due to the unprecedented level of cuts to local government funding, hundreds of libraries across the country have closed, and welcomes the fact that work between the Council, voluntary groups and other partners has kept all Sheffield libraries open;
- (c) is appalled at the continued hypocrisy of the main opposition group who supported the Coalition Government’s drastic cuts to the Council’s funding but campaigned against their impact locally, and believes that, if the Coalition Government had not focused funding cuts so heavily on Sheffield at the same time as giving some of the wealthiest areas in the country just a fraction of the cuts, services across the Council, including libraries, would have received less cuts;
- (d) notes the following comments made by the Council’s politically independent Chief Executive and Section 151 officer about the main opposition group’s budget proposal for 2016/17, that it was “not a sustainable strategy, as it simply defers identifying spending reductions for one year”;
- (e) therefore regrets that the main opposition group’s budget would have put further pressures on the Council’s budget this year and, if the Council had listened to the advice of the main opposition group, the library service could have been put at further risk; and
- (f) believes it is important to protect the support given to Associate Libraries going forward and welcomes the commitment of the present Administration to extend the funding and support given to Associate Libraries for a further 3 years.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Richard Crowther, seconded by Councillor Alan Law

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (c) to (h) as new paragraphs (e) to (j):-
 - (c) welcomes the Administration's manifesto commitment to a metro system for Sheffield and its development of a comprehensive Transport Strategy for the whole city, which will include transport ambitions for Stocksbridge and the wider area;
 - (d) welcomes that the idea of expanding the tram network to Stocksbridge was put forward by the present Administration as part of the Citywide Options for Growth, and believes that new housing growth and infrastructure must be underpinned by adequate transport links, and notes that the document states "URBED suggest that smaller developments of around 1,000 homes could take place at Stocksbridge and in the Upper Don Valley at Oughtibridge, with both locations having potential to be served by tram extensions or reinstatement of passenger services on the railway line running between Stocksbridge and Sheffield Victoria station.";
2. the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-
 - (k) believes that strengthening the city's public transport network is essential to accommodating housing growth and believes that the Supertram network must be expanded to achieve this, and recognises that significant support and investment within Sheffield City Region and financial support from central government are essential in delivering this.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS PEACE

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (c), "and welcomes the Labour Party's acknowledgement of the success of the Pupil Premium, a Liberal Democrat flagship policy introduced in the Government by local MP, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, which has been shown in analysis by the Department for Education to close the attainment gap between rich and poor pupils, with those secondary schools using the Pupil Premium to best effect halving the gap in three years, and the best primary schools almost entirely removing it in two years, and

contrasts this with the comments of the then Shadow Education Secretary, the Rt. Hon. John Denham, in 2010, who described the programme as “a con”, and resolves to write to Nick Clegg MP thanking him for introducing the pupil premium.”

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain

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) is conscious about the current serious situation in Kashmir and deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the families and friends of many Sheffielders living in the region;
- (b) is disturbed by the recent violence where use of pellet guns, tear gas shells, rubber bullets, as well as assault rifles, resulted in the deaths of more than 110 civilians, with over 7,000 civilians injured;
- (c) recognises Amnesty International's criticism of Indian security forces for the use of arbitrary and excessive force to deal with the protests in Kashmir and they also criticised the use of pellet guns, stating they had been used 100 times in Kashmir during the first week of September 2016;
- (d) believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue to bring peace and stability to the region;
- (e) acknowledges the strong ties between Sheffield and Kashmir and that many people in the city have Kashmiri heritage and ties to the region;
- (f) welcomes the work of the delegation from Sheffield to Parliament last week, to raise awareness of the human rights abuses on a national level;
- (g) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the High Commissioners of India and Pakistan calling for:-
 - (i) the immediate cessation of violence, including the use of pellet guns on civilians;
 - (ii) the immediate lifting of the curfew and restrictions on free speech;
 - (iii) the investigation of human rights abuses in the region;
 - (iv) the restarting of diplomatic talks to resolve the situation peacefully; and

- (v) immediate help and support for those who have been injured;
and
- (h) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.20 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS

14. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, seconded by Councillor Alan Law

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a paragraph (e) as follows:-

- (e) thanks Angela Smith, Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge, for her work campaigning on behalf of the family for many years for the resources from central government to ensure the case can be investigated further by the police.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.21 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

15. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, seconded by Councillor Zoe Sykes

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (g):-

- (f) welcomes the work of Sheffield Trades Council in campaigning on this issue;

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