

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5TH APRIL, 2017

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion, in paragraph (h), of the words “, backed by the Liberal Democrats,” between the words “welcomes the work by the Labour Party” and “in successfully implementing”;
2. the replacement, in paragraph (i), of the word “Labour’s” by the words “the Opposition’s”;
3. the replacement, in paragraph (j), of the word “Labour’s” by the words “Labour and the Liberal Democrats”; and
4. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the relettering of paragraphs (d) to (k) as new paragraphs (c) to (j).

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

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

- (l) raises concerns that the Bus Services Bill has now been passed in its entirety (in the third reading stage) by MPs and that a Labour amendment to remove Clause 21 was defeated by 276 to 188 votes; and notes that the Bill will now go back to the House of Lords before it can be passed into law; and wishes to continue to put pressure on Lords to consider removing Clause 21 and allowing councils such as Sheffield to decide themselves whether they wish to run bus services themselves or not; and
- (m) reaffirms that, despite the inclusion of Clause 21, the Bus Services Bill should be welcomed for allowing local authorities to replace the current deregulated system of bus provision by allowing for enhanced bus partnerships and greater franchising powers; something this Administration has been calling for.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, in paragraph (c), of the words “under this Administration”;
2. the deletion, in paragraph (f), of the words “as undertaken by this Administration”;
3. the deletion, in paragraph (g), of the word “Administration’s”;
4. the deletion of paragraphs (d) and (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) believes that this success is in part due to the efforts of the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, who in the previous Government oversaw record investment and a monumental shift in devolving powers and funding over from Whitehall to Sheffield City Region through the historic City Deal and Growth Deals, which has allowed local authorities, the universities and the private sector in Sheffield City Region to work together to secure this investment;
5. the relettering of paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (e) and (f).

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nasima Akther

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (d) and the the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (d) as follows:-
 - (a) notes that, last June, the UK narrowly voted to leave the European Union and that the Prime Minister has now subsequently invoked Article 50 for full exit negotiations to begin;
 - (b) laments that the Prime Minister has seemingly taken a “hard Brexit” strategy by choosing to take the UK out of the Single Market before negotiations have even begun; as such, gives support to the demands by Sir Keir Starmer MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, that the deal reached must safeguard the “exact same benefits” as we currently have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union;

- (c) notes that the Labour Party is the only political party who have been consistent in their rejection of an in/out referendum on EU membership and that the Liberal Democrat 2010 general election manifesto stated that they “remain committed to an in/out referendum”, and, furthermore, that Sheffield MP Rt. Hon Nick Clegg walked out of the Commons in 2008 when the then Speaker of the House refused to call a Lib Dem amendment demanding a referendum on EU membership; and in addition, their petition stated “we, the undersigned, believe the government should give the British people a real choice on Europe by holding a referendum on Britain’s membership of the European Union”;
 - (d) believes that any Brexit deal must make sure it delivers for Sheffield and ensure the “exact same benefits” as we currently have with being in the Single Market;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (j) and (k) and the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
- (j) supports Labour’s position that they will not support a deal that fails to reflect core British values and the six tests set out as follows:-
 - (i) does it ensure a strong and collaborative future relationship with the EU?
 - (ii) does it deliver the “exact same benefits” as we currently have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union?
 - (iii) does it ensure the fair management of migration in the interests of the economy and communities?
 - (iv) does it defend rights and protections and prevent a race to the bottom?
 - (v) does it protect national security and our capacity to tackle cross-border crime?
 - (vii) does it deliver for all regions and nations of the UK?.

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

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the insertion, in paragraph (f), of the words “the cuts to” between the words “will become evidently worse as” and “Universal Credit”; and

2. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-
 - (f) notes that numerous forecasts have suggested that the effects of Brexit might reverse or stagnate the decline in unemployment and is therefore concerned about the ability to scale up support in the already overstretched Jobcentres if, as many expect, unemployment begins to increase in the future if the cuts go ahead;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mick Rooney, seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge

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, through the Schools Fairer Funding Formula, the Government is imposing real term cuts on schools by freezing per-pupil funding while inflation and school costs, such as staff salary costs, employer pension and national insurance contributions, increase; which affect all schools and academies alike;
- (b) notes that the ‘area cost adjustment’ will still apply and that this system perpetuates the inherent unfairness of the system and, as according to the Government’s own statistics, in Sheffield by 2019 there will be an average pupil funding decrease of approximately 10%, around £350 per pupil, and that, even with a new funding formula, 98% of schools will be worse off in real terms;
- (c) notes that, eventually, schools funding will be distributed by national government, not through local authorities and the Schools Forum, removing any local discretion, influence or accountability;
- (d) believes that these proposals create divisions between primary and secondary schools and pits local authorities, parts of our City and even neighbouring schools, against each other; at the same time as the Government is finding over £500m extra cash for its Free and Grammar School agenda - which this Council is totally opposed to;
- (e) believes that the Government is continuing to penalise small schools and effectively forcing them to look for economies of scale by joining a Multi Academy Trust, pushing its Academy Policy;
- (f) reaffirms its opposition to segregation and the creation of new grammar schools and believes that the evidence base for grammar schools improving social mobility is incredibly weak and the Government’s decision is derived more from ideology than evidence;
- (g) believes that every child deserves the best possible start in life, and

that an excellent education is central to this, yet this Government's funding proposals will make it extremely difficult for schools to meet the increasing demand of pupil numbers or address the growing national crisis in teacher recruitment and retention; and

- (h) urges all schools, governors, parents, carers and students to join with the NUT, Unison, GMBU and the Council to support the More Funding for all Sheffield Schools' Campaign; fighting for more funding to be found for schools, not from the proposed redistribution of cash between local authorities or from taking money from primary schools to give to secondary schools, but from new money; and encourages them to write to their local MPs to support the Campaign and to the Secretary of State for Education for the Government to review these proposals and find more money for our schools.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROB MURPHY

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, seconded by Councillor Kieran Harpham

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) states that improving air quality is a top priority for this Administration and that it is committed to reducing levels of air pollution in the city;
- (b) acknowledges that, like other cities across the world, we face growing air quality challenges posed by an increasing population and a strong growing economy, which we have seen under this Administration;
- (c) notes that, like all major UK cities - including London, Birmingham, Leeds, Tyneside, Liverpool, Bristol and Nottingham - Sheffield has failed in the transposition of EU regulations on air quality, however, Sheffield is on target to be one of the first of these cities to be fully compliant with the European directive;
- (d) reaffirms that as a city we have to do a lot more to tackle air pollution and we will make Sheffield's air cleaner to improve everyone's health and protect the environment; and that action is needed across the city;
- (e) notes that this Administration is extensively looking at measures to reduce air pollution and that "nothing is off the table" in its efforts to improve the air which we all breathe; and is already in conversations with the Government about how to best achieve this;
- (f) further notes that this Administration is working with all of Sheffield's bus and tram providers to make public transport more joined up, affordable and as low-carbon and energy efficient as possible;
- (g) supports taxis and public transport to meet clean emission standards, and notes the following examples:-

- (i) active member of the ECO Stars Fleet Recognition Scheme;
 - (ii) through the Council's Procurement Strategy, all new vehicles purchased are now Euro 6;
 - (iii) there are now 18 diesel hybrid mini-buses and 13 Euro VI wheelchair accessible (17 seat) mini-coaches for use on Home-School transport services;
 - (iv) Peugeot Ion Electric Vehicles have been purchased in partnership with the Sustainability Team for use on green projects;
 - (v) there are 140 new Telematics units fitted to the Home-School transport fleet; 80 units for Housing Services vehicles; and Parking Services vehicles are now fitted with telematics;
 - (vi) 120 drivers received ECO driving training, resulting in an initial 13% fuel saving; and
 - (vii) a Commercial Services Advisory Notice is currently under preparation in order to ensure that, in the future, air quality issues are fully taken into account when the Council procures any goods and services (whether transport related or not);
- (h) notes that significant work has been undertaken to reduce air pollution and that, last month, this Administration released the sustainability vision; the strategy has set out a vision for how, working in partnership, Sheffield will become a smarter, more sustainable and competitive place to live, work and do business in, building on the work of the Sheffield Green Commission final report last year;
- (i) believes that the Administration's new sustainability plan will ensure this by joining-up all decision making in the city to our green objectives;
- (j) recognises that any attempts to tackle air quality must be seen within the holistic context of our ambitions for the growth of Sheffield's economy; and that this Administration is committed to ensuring that it works with business and that its policies reflect our ambitions for economic growth and a green sustainable future with better quality of air;
- (k) believes that Sheffield now has a bold plan for sustainability and improving air quality and that, over the next few months and years, this Administration will drive significant work undertaken to improve the lives and health of people in Sheffield;
- (l) understands that, in many parts of the city centre and areas close to the M1, air pollution is a significant concern and supports the measures taken by this Administration, such as:-

- (i) a joint Highways England (HE) and Sheffield City Council study on NO₂ levels in the Tinsley area completed and a HE-funded M1 J34 Southbound Entry Slip Road study in progress;
 - (ii) HE proposed implementation of a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit between Junctions 28 to 35A (weekday peak periods only) to mitigate air quality impacts of Smart Motorways ALR;
 - (iii) HE-funded Smart Motorway Monitoring Programme underway;
 - (iv) HE consulting on potential 'off-line' local mitigation schemes; and
 - (v) in Tinsley, this Administration acted decisively to move Tinsley Junior School; to move pupils away from the M1 and reduce the negative effects of air pollution and at the same time help tackle the lack of school places; this was despite the opposition at the time from the Liberal Democrats;
- (m) notes that this Administration has put in place measures to reduce congestion in the city centre and encourage the use of public transport;
- (n) further notes that this Administration has implemented 20 mile an hour zones across the city; and
- (o) also notes that policies to support better air quality are being formulated with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Development Management – for example, the Council has conditioned the installation of over 50 electric charging points through its Development Control policies.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Zoe Sykes, seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale

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

- (d) notes that the Labour Party has an avowedly anti-austerity party position and offer an alternative economic agenda to the Conservatives, whereas, in contrast, UKIP now offer absolutely nothing in way of Parliamentary opposition with their one-and-only MP choosing to leave their Party last week;
- (e) supports Labour Party policy to renationalise our railways and to tackle the perceived monopolisation by “the big 6” energy providers; and

- (f) believes that UKIP offer nothing to the working people of the country, as seen in the Stoke Central by-election, and that furthermore, UKIP have openly called for privatisation of the NHS and to be the only party “keeping the flame of Thatcherism alive”.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Adam Hanrahan

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and paragraphs (c) to (i); and
2. the deletion, in paragraph (b), of “(b)” and the words “, at the same time,” and “, which makes a total Quantitative Easing package of £435bn to be deployed so far;”; and the addition of the words “to mitigate the potential devastating cost of a hard Brexit, in addition to the extra £100bn over the next 6 years the UK is forecast to borrow than was expected before the referendum” after the words “financial markets”, resulting in a new motion to read as follows:-

“That this Council notes that the Government is creating an additional £60bn of Quantitative Easing to spend in the financial markets to mitigate the potential devastating cost of a hard Brexit, in addition to the extra £100bn over the next 6 years the UK is forecast to borrow than was expected before the referendum and wonders what good could have been made of this kind of financial clout for the benefit of society as a whole.”

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

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mark Jones, seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain

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

- (a)(iii) according to NUS surveying, 76% of students oppose the Teaching Excellence Framework;
- (b) believes that education is a public good that benefits the society as a whole, and gives support to the work being undertaken by Labour in formulating a “national education service”;
- (c) notes that, despite the Liberal Democrats pledging to abolish tuition fees in 2010, they trebled the fees when in coalition government with the Conservatives, a move which both Labour and the Greens opposed and cited would lead to the further marketization of education;

- (d) notes that the present government replaced student grants worth £3,387 a year to students from families with annual incomes of £25,000 or less, and replaced this grant with a loan – a measure which discourages people from less affluent backgrounds to attend university; and notes the Labour Party's strong opposition to the government grants being replaced by loans; and
- (e) believes it is essential that people are not priced out of a decent education and that there are equal opportunities for all, and is committed to ensuring this aim.

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