

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH OCTOBER, 2017

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “SOUTH YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION DEAL”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (b), (d), (e), (h), (i) and (j) and the relettering of paragraphs (c), (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (b) to (d); and
2. the addition of a new paragraphs (e) to (l) as follows:-
 - (e) notes the results of the 2012 referendum where Sheffield people voted overwhelmingly against an elected mayor for Sheffield;
 - (f) notes the decision of the Special Council meeting of Friday 18th March 2016, supported by the Administration and the main opposition group, to endorse the proposed Sheffield City Region Devolution Agreement and delegating authority to the Chief Executive to conclude the agreement;
 - (g) notes that despite admitting that 'the City Region consultation was also imperfect' the proposal was voted through;
 - (h) notes that after judicial review the High Court found the Sheffield City Region consultation on whether to include the Chesterfield area was unlawful;
 - (i) notes the failure of the Sheffield City Region devolution deal after the withdrawal of all but two members of the City Region and believes that this failure has been caused by poor leadership across the region;
 - (j) believes this Council should stop following this Government's agenda on devolution and listen instead to the views of the people of Sheffield;
 - (k) believes Sheffield should join the 'Coalition of the Willing' 17 of the 20 Yorkshire Councils and pursue closer links and devolution for Yorkshire; and
 - (l) believes that a final decision on devolution for Yorkshire should not be made without a Yorkshire-wide referendum.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

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 since 2010 investment in regional economic growth has been decimated under both the Conservative/Liberal Democrat Coalition and Conservative Government;
- (b) believes that it is important that all Elected Members do everything possible to secure investment in Sheffield and that the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal was the responsible thing to do, to bring investment into the region, as has been seen in Greater Manchester, Merseyside, West Midlands and Tees Valley;
- (c) notes the recent decision of McLaren and Boeing to come to South Yorkshire and believes this further demonstrates the importance of the devolution deal as an additional source of resources and investment;
- (d) believes that this demonstrates that despite all the difficulties that have occurred, the Combined Authority has made a difference and working together across South Yorkshire it has supported the development of the region's economy with every part of the region receiving additional investment;
- (e) reaffirms the benefit of the South Yorkshire Deal being an economic deal and not one that takes over public services and implementing the Government's austerity agenda;
- (f) notes that, following the recent Combined Authority meeting, consultation will not now take place on the new powers secured as part of the deal, and although Sheffield and Rotherham both supported proceeding with the consultation, accepts that all local authorities have the right to make their own democratic decisions;
- (g) notes the letter from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, to the 'Coalition of the Willing', stating that he will not consider any proposals for a further devolution deal involving South Yorkshire Councils, and has confirmed that the scheduled 2018 mayoral election, signed off by all constituent members of Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, will go ahead;
- (h) notes that arrangements for regional economic development have changed significantly over recent years, noting that in only seven years since 2010 we have had Regional Development Agencies, then Local Enterprise Partnerships, then Combined Authorities and now Mayoral Combined Authorities;
- (i) therefore believes there is no reason why the South Yorkshire Deal would prohibit South Yorkshire authorities benefiting from further opportunities that come forward in the future and for example,

supports the proposals outlined by the Labour Party to transform industrial policy through setting up a national investment bank and regional development banks, to help unlock £250 billion of investment and lending to address funding gaps in the private sector, revive local economies and incentivise economic activity;

- (j) believes therefore that whilst doing a South Yorkshire Deal does not prohibit Sheffield and South Yorkshire benefitting should a better opportunity come along in the future, it is, however, abundantly clear that there is no current prospect of a Yorkshire Deal to be implemented at the same pace as the South Yorkshire deal;
- (k) notes that this has been confirmed by the Secretary of State and that some of the 'coalition of the willing' are actually walking away from, instead of coming towards, a 'One Yorkshire' deal and that, in addition, there is no evidence that such a deal would be better for Sheffield and South Yorkshire than the current deal; and
- (l) therefore believes that the prospect of a better deal down the road, which has not come forward to date, should not prevent us from accessing investment now and will continue to do everything possible to secure the investment on the South Yorkshire footprint as a mayor will be elected in May, and will continue to work with other South Yorkshire authorities and the Government to attempt to take this forward.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “POLICE CUTS”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (k) and the relettering of paragraph (l) as a new paragraph (j); and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (i) as follows:-
 - (a) commends the officers of the South Yorkshire Police for their service on the front line of the fight against crime and terrorism, often placing themselves in harm's way to protect us;
 - (b) recognises the challenges caused by ongoing budgetary and pay restraint, believes this has gone too far, and fears that unless Brexit is prevented, never mind a hard or a 'no deal' Brexit, there will be yet less money available to the Treasury for public services, including police, in the future; nonetheless welcomes Liberal Democrat proposals for £300m extra police funding, meaning £6,810,000 extra for South Yorkshire;
 - (c) notes that 999 calls to South Yorkshire Police fell in 2012 and 2013 on

the previous years, and did not exceed 2011 levels until 2016;

- (d) notes that non-emergency calls to South Yorkshire Police fell in 2012 and 2016 on the previous year, but showed a substantial discontinuous increase in 2014 for reasons that are not entirely clear, but in a manner suggestive of an operational or recording change or a change in public awareness of the service;
- (e) notes that South Yorkshire Police also faces cost pressures from a number of legacy issues including Hillsborough and CSE, and that Police and Crime Commissioner Billings spent over £500,000 in legal fees and other expenses on a failed attempt to dismiss Chief Constable David Crompton, a decision described by the High Court as “irrational, perverse, unreasonable, misconceived and wholly disproportionate”;
- (f) believes that the Labour Members of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, at its meeting on 7th July 2017, effectively closed ranks in not allowing a question to be put to Dr Billings, viz why his legal case against Mr Crompton did not address the issue of the conduct of police counsel at the Hillsborough Inquest, this being a principal grievance of the Hillsborough families;
- (g) notes that the most recent (2016) Peel assessment of South Yorkshire Police indicates that the Force 'requires improvement' in all three areas assessed, a decline from 2015 and 2014;
- (h) believes that the decision by Dr Billings and Chief Constable Crompton to integrate neighbourhood and response teams represented in practice an abolition of neighbourhood policing, that this was a false economy and has increased demand on response teams and led to a loss of intelligence;
- (i) welcomes the reversal of this decision under Chief Constable Watson, and calls on all Councillors and relevant community groups to engage constructively with the new neighbourhood policing model; and

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE IMPACT OF AUSTERITY ON LIFE EXPECTANCY”

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
- (c) also notes that according to Public Health (England) some of the factors that have historically driven improvement, such as a reduction in smoking and circulatory disease, may have largely been realised;

2. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-
 - (i) believes that changes to life expectancy and healthy life expectancy are the result of long term changes, and supports efforts at a national and local level to improve the health of the population; and
 - 3 the deletion of paragraph (a) and the re-lettering of paragraphs (b) to (j) as new paragraphs (a) to (i).
5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

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

- (k) but believes that this Labour-controlled Council contributed to children's disadvantage by closing Surestart centres and reducing funding to community nurseries in the most disadvantaged areas of Sheffield;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION”

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, seconded by Councillor Mohammad Maroof

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- (c) notes the recent decision of McLaren and Boeing to come to South Yorkshire and believes this further demonstrates the importance of the devolution deal as an additional source of resources and investment;
- (d) believes that this demonstrates that despite all the difficulties that have occurred, the Combined Authority has made a difference and working together across South Yorkshire it has supported the development of the region's economy with every part of the region receiving additional investment;

- (e) reaffirms the benefit of the South Yorkshire Deal being an economic deal and not one that takes over public services and implementing the Government's austerity agenda;
- (f) notes that, following the recent Combined Authority meeting, consultation will not now take place on the new powers secured as part of the deal, and although Sheffield and Rotherham both supported proceeding with the consultation, accepts that all local authorities have the right to make their own democratic decisions;
- (g) notes the letter from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, to the 'Coalition of the Willing', stating that he will not consider any proposals for a further devolution deal involving South Yorkshire Councils, and has confirmed that the scheduled 2018 mayoral election, signed off by all constituent members of Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, will go ahead;
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- (i) therefore believes there is no reason why the South Yorkshire Deal would prohibit South Yorkshire authorities benefiting from further opportunities that come forward in the future and for example, supports the proposals outlined by the Labour Party to transform industrial policy through setting up a national investment bank and regional development banks, to help unlock £250 billion of investment and lending to address funding gaps in the private sector, revive local economies and incentivise economic activity;
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7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Martin 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 a strong successful economy is vital for future opportunities in business for entrepreneurs and the people of Sheffield, with adult skills and transport schemes so needed at its core;
- (b) believes the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal is a stepping stone to supporting a more locally driven economic policy;
- (c) is concerned that the recent break down in trust within South Yorkshire potentially puts at risk jobs and future investment in our local area;
- (d) notes with disappointment that other devolution deals started after the Sheffield City Region deal, like Tees Valley (October 2015) and West England (March 2016), are much more advanced than the Sheffield City Region deal;
- (e) notes that despite a number of years working on the deal there is still no agreement on funding for the HS2 Station remodelling and Supertram replacements;
- (f) notes that the Devolution deal also had figures of up to £5m per annum for running the new devolved Authority out of the £30m per annum deal;
- (g) is concerned that we could end up electing a regional Mayor with very limited powers at a cost of up to £1m;
- (h) suggests that to keep the prized devolution deal on the table, local politicians and Sheffield City Council now needs to focus on how to go forward and not blame other Councils for the impasse that we find ourselves in;
- (i) requests the Administration to work together with South Yorkshire partners to find a way forward for the Sheffield deal that accommodates all South Yorkshire partners; and
- (j) requests that the Leader of Sheffield City Council reports back every quarter to full Council on the progress made regarding the developments in keeping the South Yorkshire Devolution deal on the table.

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