

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN AND HRA BUDGET 2018/19

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

That the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17th January, 2018, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2018/19, be approved with the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-

- (i) (i) notes that it was necessary to remove the cladding from Hanover Tower, due to safety concerns following the devastating Grenfell Tower fire;
- (ii) notes that the original purpose of the cladding was to insulate the tower block and that now residents of the building may face higher heating bills to compensate for the lack of insulation since the removal of the cladding; and
- (iii) requests that officers ensure that any increase in heating costs since the removal of the cladding is identified and, if necessary, arrange to provide financial support to the residents from the District Heating Account or alternative sources of financial assistance.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING THE STREETS AHEAD CONTRACT

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Mike Chaplin

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) reaffirms its commitment to the ongoing work under the Streets Ahead contract;
- (b) highlights the fact that a large number of Freedom of Information requests, and petitions, as well as a KPMG investigation instigated by members of the public, have been put forward in relation to the

aforementioned allegations and the suggestion that the Streets Ahead contract can be terminated without significant financial penalties;

- (c) notes that Sheffield City Council's legal department have scrutinised claims that the contract could be cancelled penalty free due to legal reasons, and does not agree, and also notes that the allegation that Amey plc had a conviction for corporate manslaughter was found by the Court to be inaccurate;
- (d) further notes that Amey UK plc was the lead bidder in the procurement and was required to respond to the mandatory and discretionary procurement regulated Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) questions and that they did this to the satisfaction of the Council and our external legal advisers;
- (e) reaffirms awareness of the Health & Safety conviction in 2011;
- (f) reiterates satisfaction that there has been no breach by Amey of the PQQ process or the Bid Process Agreement and, therefore, strongly disagrees that there are grounds for terminating the contract without incurred penalties on the basis that has been set out;
- (g) notes that in relation to the most recent Health & Safety Contravention Notices given to Amey by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Amey are complying with the terms of the PFI Contract by notifying the Council of the Contravention Notices, and continue to update the Council;
- (h) notes that, subject to the outcome of the discussions between the HSE and Amey, the Council will determine if any action needs to be taken in accordance with the terms of the PFI contract, and reiterates that, at this point in time, there are no grounds for termination of the PFI contract without significant financial penalties;
- (i) further notes that, ultimately, the facts are not disputed but that it is a difference of opinion in the consequences of these facts, and these could only really be resolved by a court or tribunal;
- (j) reiterates that this Administration has never supported the PFI model, however, voluntarily terminating the contract would cost the Council millions, and at a time when the Council has made £390 million of cuts to services since 2011, believes this is not acceptable; and
- (k) notes that the Labour Party has outlined their plan for government to bring certain PFI contracts in-house, and support is given to this proposal.

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson

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

- (e) asks officers, in the event that the inquiry finds evidence that the bidder for the Streets Ahead contract made a dishonest statement to obtain the contract, to investigate bringing the contract back in-house; and
- (f) believes that the Streets Ahead contract should be fully disclosed on the grounds of public interest to enable all Councillors and members of the public to see what has been signed up to on their behalf.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND WOMEN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY CAMPAIGN

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (g) - “, however, notes that the Minister then went on to secure concessions from HM Treasury that provided some mitigation against the equalising of the State Pension Age”;
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (h) and the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
 - (h) calls on Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- 3. the deletion of paragraphs (i) and (k) and the reletting of paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (i); and
- 4. the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
 - (j) requests that the Rt. Hon. Esther McVey MP, in her new role as the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, examines the case of women born on or after the 6th April 1950 and looks at ways to compensate them from the discrimination that was made against them regarding the equalisation of the pension age.

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

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

- (e) therefore looks forward to the publication by this Council, and its major contractors, of their gender pay data at the earliest opportunity;

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

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

- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council is working closely with its partners to bid for the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, and that, together, we are also looking at other funding opportunities that may be available;
- (m) further notes that a website ran by the Council and its partners will be launched to co-ordinate events across the city celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage and the historic role of Sheffield in the struggle for women's rights and equality;
- (n) notes the strong legacy of Sheffield women in the campaign for equal rights and that Labour and Co-Operative Party Councillor, Eleanor Barton (Attercliffe ward), was one of the first women to be elected to public office anywhere in the UK in 1919; and
- (o) opposes comments by Liberal Democrat MP, Jo Swinson, calling for a statue of Margaret Thatcher in Westminster and believes this demonstrates the ignorance of the Lib Dem's to all the lives and communities that were destroyed by the Thatcher government in the 1980s and notes that whilst the Liberal Democrats campaign for statues of Margaret Thatcher, Labour are putting up statues to celebrate Sheffield women of steel.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING CARILLION

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the replacement, in paragraph (f), of the words "reiterates the Labour Party's belief" by the words "supports the belief";

2. the deletion of paragraphs (i) to (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) notes that the UK saw an explosion of PFI contracts being awarded to private companies during the prime ministerships of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, and further notes that over a third of the Carillion PFI contracts were awarded by the previous Labour government;
 - (j) resolves to support the Rt. Hon. Sir Vince Cable MP's position that "shareholders and creditors, not taxpayers, should take the financial "hit" of saving struggling construction giant Carillion from collapse"; and
 - (k) further notes his call for a National Audit Office investigation and Parliamentary scrutiny by the Public Accounts Committee to understand what led to Carillion's collapse and why the Government awarded public sector contracts to the Company when they had issued concerning profit warnings.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING COST EFFECTIVE IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Wilson, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox

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 the many inherent flaws in the proposed motion, without even going into what a costly exercise such measures would cost;
- (b) notes that, as a very rough estimate, to fit all the Veolia vehicles in the fleet would need the system to be fitted, along with back up units that would need to be placed to hired vehicles that are used from time to time, therefore for the units and fitment alone would cost around £15,000;
- (c) further notes that whilst the cost of the actual system could not be properly estimated, the last minor change requested to be made to Veolia CRM system was in excess of £15k; the scheme would likely need someone to oversee the system, and that even part-time this would likely be £10k a year and there would also be administration set up costs of around £25k;
- (d) notes that, regardless of cost, waste collection crews do not follow a set route, unlike buses, therefore it is impossible to give a "10 minute warning" as the crew could be in the next street but may not collect the bin for another hour;

- (e) further notes that Sheffield City Council trialled a scheme a number of years ago where students could sign up for a text reminder the night before their scheduled collection day, and the sign up rate was extremely poor and the trial was dropped;
- (f) believes that the original proposal rests on the highly dubious assertion that the vast majority of Sheffield residents are at home and able to place their bin out in the daytime, and further believes that UKIP, a self-proclaimed “party of the people”, without any evidence of this, should really know better;
- (g) further contends that the Council asks residents to place their bins out by 7am, with many people putting out their bin the night before, so as to avoid any confusion and miss a collection and that such a scheme as, originally proposed, could lead to an over reliance on the reminders;
- (h) notes that Veolia already provide a yearly collection calendar to those households who have to place their containers out for collection; therefore, the number of collections reported as being missed due to the resident forgetting to place their containers out is small, and as such believes this is not an issue than needs addressing; and
- (i) further believes that residents can easily find their collection day online and that it is incredible that a party like UKIP, who have frequently decried that the UK is a “nanny state”, have come up with such a scheme and that this does really denote that UKIP have ran out of all ideas, and relevance, now that the country has voted to leave the EU.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Mick Rooney

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 Sheffield City Council was successful in its applications to the court in issuing civil injunctions against Messrs Calvin Payne and Dave Dillner, Councillor Alison Teal and “persons unknown”;
- (b) reiterates that any decisions to pursue potential breaches of the injunction are made completely independently of Members and that the impartiality of the legal process and the courts must be respected;
- (c) notes the mover and seconder of this motion have been informed on several occasions that the legal action against Councillor Teal was not

political, but an independent decision, and asks Councillors to stop making allegations which are categorically untrue, and notes that Councillors have already been informed of this by the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer;

- (d) further notes that no Councillor is above the law and that this Council opposes the illegal entry of safety zones to prevent work from happening;
- (e) notes that this Administration has always respected the right to peacefully protest, but when someone enters the safety zone their action is no longer legal as it prevents work from being safely carried out, and that by entering the safety zone a trespasser is putting the potential safety of themselves, staff and other protestors and bystanders at substantial risk;
- (f) believes that public safety is of paramount importance and, as reaffirmed and agreed by the High Court, it is a breach of the injunction and therefore unlawful for protestors to enter the safety zone and prevent work from being safely carried out;
- (g) believes that the reported intimidation tactics being used by protestors to frighten people in their own homes are deplorable and notes that pre-dawn mask wearing by protestors has been described by residents as “sinister”, and condemns all threats and abuse regardless of which side one takes in this debate; and
- (h) reaffirms its commitment to the Streets-Ahead scheme which is ensuring a sustained and greener future for Sheffield streets, as well as significantly improved roads and pavements, and that any illegal activity preventing such work should be opposed.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

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

- (h) apologises for the alarm and distress caused to Councillor Alison Teal.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF THE CENTENARY OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Gail Smith, seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (g) to (i):-
 - (e) expresses disappointment that Sheffield City Council, though invited to apply for the Centenary City Fund, as a city with significant suffrage history, failed to meet the deadline and missed out on a share of the £1.2million fund allocated to the seven cities who applied;
 - (f) expresses disappointment at what this Council regards as the unrealistic time frames and shambolic organisation applied to the small grant applications available via the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme;
 2. the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-
 - (j) requests that the Government Equalities Office (GEO) reopens the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme for applications for small grants by community groups to help fund centenary celebrations; and
 - (k) asks officers to investigate other sources of funding available to celebrate Sheffield's history of women's suffrage.
12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Dore, 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) notes that this month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Representation of the People Act (1918), which first granted the vote to 8.4 million women in the UK, being initially only to those over the age of 30 who meet a property qualification;
- (b) notes that in addition to this important milestone, International Women's Day will be celebrated globally on 08 March and it is, therefore, a pertinent time to consider how far we have travelled in the fight for gender equality but to also recognise how much further we have to go, both in the UK and internationally;
- (c) believes that the challenge now is to build on past achievements and push for full equality for women: financially, in the workplace, in families and homes and in public spaces, but further believes, with regret and anger, that many policies introduced by this Government are retrograde for the economic equality for women;
- (d) believes it is outrageous that in 2016, women in the UK are more likely to work for less pay than men, in low paid sectors and be disproportionately affected by austerity;

- (e) notes that women approaching the pensionable age have also been badly affected by the 2011 Pensions Act, which legislated that women's State Pension Age would increase to 65 by 2018;
- (f) believes that whilst the equalisation of the State Pension Age should be welcomed, the acceleration of that equalisation, implemented by the Coalition Government and overseen by former Liberal Democrat Pensions Minister, the Rt. Hon. Steve Webb, discriminates against women born in the early 1950s, and has left them with inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affected their retirement plans;
- (g) notes Steve Webb's admission to the Institute for Government in December 2015 that he made a "bad decision" on raising the State Pension Age;
- (h) calls on Richard Harrington MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- (i) notes with regret that the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the Labour Party have been demanding such transitional arrangements for seven years and yet Conservative governments, and the preceding Coalition government, have failed to implement such arrangements and have, as such, affected millions of women in the UK, which this Council believes is unfair and unjust;
- (j) notes that for 2016's Autumn Statement, 86% of the amount taken by HM Treasury through tax and benefit measures had come from women, with a disproportionate impact on women from black and minority ethnic backgrounds;
- (k) supports the Labour Party's on-going consultation on a new Economic Equality Bill, as this Bill will aim to strengthen legislation around equal pay and tackle the structural and economic barriers that stop women, BAME communities and disabled people from reaching their full potential;
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council is working closely with its partners to bid for the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, and that, together, we are also looking at other funding opportunities that may be available;
- (m) further notes that a website ran by the Council and its partners will be launched to co-ordinate events across the city celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage and the historic role of Sheffield in the struggle for women's rights and equality;
- (n) notes the strong legacy of Sheffield women in the campaign for equal rights and that Labour and Co-Operative Party Councillor, Eleanor

Barton (Attercliffe ward), was one of the first women to be elected to public office anywhere in the UK in 1919; and

- (o) opposes comments by Liberal Democrat MP, Jo Swinson, calling for a statue of Margaret Thatcher in Westminster and believes this demonstrates the ignorance of the Lib Dem's to all the lives and communities that were destroyed by the Thatcher government in the 1980s and notes that whilst the Liberal Democrats campaign for statues of Margaret Thatcher, Labour are putting up statues to celebrate Sheffield women of steel.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 13 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING CARE LEAVERS AND COUNCIL TAX

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, 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) notes that a form of Council Tax exemption has been in place for care leavers since November 2017, through the use of the Council's discretionary powers;
- (b) further notes that the Care Leaver Team support customers who receive Council Tax Support in applying for assistance from the Council Tax Hardship Scheme and that, under this Scheme, the Revenues and Benefits Client Team can reduce the care leaver's Council Tax amount further - this allows the Council to lower or reduce an individual's Council Tax bill to nil in appropriate circumstances;
- (c) notes that, not for the first time, the Green Group have their figures wrong and that, as of the end of November 2017, there were 115 care leavers who are aged under 25 who have a current Council Tax bill, and of these 115 care leavers, 91 are receiving Council Tax Support;
- (d) notes that what the Council has in place for care leavers currently is a bespoke deal for Council Tax Support, which attends to the individual needs, and that this arrangement is the outcome of significant consultation, working with Sheffield care leavers; and
- (e) reiterates that a new piece of work is already ongoing for care leavers, including measures of support for Council Tax payments, which will be formalised soon.