

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2018

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “NHS URGENT PRIMARY CARE IN SHEFFIELD”

NB. Proposed alteration to be sought by the mover of the Motion (Councillor Francyne Johnson)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.10(a) (Alteration of motion or amendment), the mover of the Motion will seek the consent of the meeting to alter paragraph (b) of the Motion by substituting the words “March 2021” for the words “September 2020”.

Once the mover has requested the alteration, the Lord Mayor will then ask the meeting to give its consent to the alteration.

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith

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

(e) recalls the Notice of Motion put to this Council in December 2017 calling upon the Leader of the Council to set up a group of Party Leaders on the Council to co-ordinate a campaign by the Council in opposing the closure of the Walk-In Centre on Broad Lane and the Minor Injuries Unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital;

(f) regrets that this was not taken up by the Administration at that time;

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion, in paragraph (e), of the words “, students’ unions” after the word “Healthwatch”; and

2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (i):-

- (g) notes the Care Quality Commission's recent review criticising the lack of scrutiny from the single-party Sheffield Health & Wellbeing Board, and supports the intention for the membership of this Board to be reassessed;
- (h) notes that one criticism of the CCG's consultation was the lack of any actual proposal to improve access to patients' own GPs for continuity of care, and therefore calls upon the CCG to bring forward quantitative proposals on how they intend to strengthen Primary Care in Sheffield;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “TACKLING MODERN DAY SLAVERY – COMMITTING THE COUNCIL TO THE CO-OPERATIVE PARTY’S CHARTER AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY”**

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (c), (d) and (g), and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (c) and (d);
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (k) as follows:-
  - (e) welcomes the on-going review of the Modern Slavery Act and hopes this will result in a less hostile environment that allows victims of modern slavery and human trafficking to come forward without fear of prosecution or unwelcome ramifications;
  - (f) welcomes the recent announcement that the UK government and other international governments have committed to adopting principles to tackle modern slavery in the supply line;
  - (g) notes the Liberal Democrats in Government helped to deliver the Modern Slavery Act which makes it easier to identify victims and bring traffickers to justice, and prosecutions have increased as a result;
  - (h) however, believes that many of the current Government's policies are undermining this effort to tackle it, for example they created a new offence of "illegal working", which traffickers use to keep victims in fear of prosecution if they seek help;
  - (i) commends the work achieved by Liberal Democrats in Government to deliver the Work in Freedom initiative to prevent trafficking and forced labour among women migrant workers from South Asia, which the Department for International Development continues to fund;
  - (j) believes that Brexit will massively damage the fight to end modern

slavery and human trafficking, as workers will rely on their employer for visas, meaning anyone attempting to escape exploitation could face deportation, especially in regards to temporary farm workers;

(k) further believes that Brexit puts at risk vital cross-border institutions and co-operation that we rely on to fight modern slavery and human trafficking;

3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (l).

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (i) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (g) and (h) as new paragraphs (j) and (k);

(g) notes that, by doing so, the Council would also commit to imposing requirements on its contractors, with contract termination as a possible sanction for non-compliance;

(h) looks forward to an assessment by this Administration of whether, and how, it meets each of the points in the Charter against Modern Slavery;

(i) further, looks forward to an audit by this Administration of which of its suppliers currently comply with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act by publishing a slavery and human trafficking statement each year;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (l) and (m) as follows:-

(l) notes that, despite this Council, on 2nd July 2014, resolving to use powers to exclude companies with a poor track record of breaches of human rights and equality laws, its ethical procurement policy was not brought into force until 2018; and

(m) calls on the Administration to publish a final version of the Council's own Modern Slavery Strategy.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “PEOPLE’S VOTE – SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE GIVEN THE FINAL SAY OVER BREXIT”**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Miskell, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (g) to (k), the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (m) as follows, and the re-

lettering of original paragraphs (l) to (n) as new paragraphs (n) to (p):-

- (g) accepts that the public voted to leave the EU, but believes that when people voted to 'take back control' they were not voting for fewer rights, economic chaos or to risk jobs, and welcomes efforts to hold the Government to account on this;
- (h) believes that the Conservatives should not be given a 'blank cheque' to drive through a destructive Brexit deal and notes that workers in industries across the economy, in ports, food, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, energy, chemicals, in our public services and beyond, are worried about the impact of a hard Brexit on livelihoods and communities;
- (i) believes we need a relationship with the EU that guarantees full participation in the Single Market, but the Brexit deal being pursued by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, the NHS, and peace in Northern Ireland, and that a Conservative Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity, and notes that Labour has set six robust tests for the final Brexit deal and believes that Parliament should vote against any deal failing to meet these tests in full;
- (j) notes the Labour Party's commitment to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, including no hard border in Ireland, and believes that there is no satisfactory technological solution that is compliant with the Good Friday Agreement, and resolves to oppose any Brexit deal that would see the restoration of a border on the island of Ireland in any form for goods, services or people;
- (k) notes that the recent Labour Party conference passed a motion that if Parliament should vote down the Prime Minister's Brexit deal, or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government and in these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is an immediate general election;
- (l) believes that if a general election is not forthcoming, then support should be given to all options remaining on the table, including campaigning for a public vote, and contends that if the Government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from, they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public;
- (m) believes that crashing out of Europe without a deal risks being, in the words of the Rt. Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, "a national disaster" and that the Government and EU officials must do all they can to avoid a no-deal outcome; which would be so damaging to jobs and living standards in both the UK and EU countries;

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

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

- (o) resolves that this Council supports a People's Vote, which includes the option to remain.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson

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 UKIP stands for a complete and total withdrawal from the European Union, and contends that the democratic will of the people must be respected and acted upon; Brexit must mean exit;
- (b) further contends that, irrespective of whatever 'Withdrawal Agreement' HM Government agrees with the EU, we must continue to fight for the UK's total independence from the EU, and to fully restore the UK's former status as an independent, self-governing, sovereign state;
- (c) believes that no more money should be paid to the EU, no more EU laws should be imposed upon us, and there should be no more jurisdiction over us by the European Court and no more open-border EU immigration;
- (d) contends that a clean exit from the EU must include withdrawing from the PESCO (Permanent Structure Cooperation), the EU's 'Defence Union', or nascent Army, which the Government agreed to prior to Brexit;
- (e) believes that, post-Brexit, the UK will be free of the costs and impositions of the Common Agricultural Policy, and will be able to move from a system which subsidises large landowners to one that supports food producers and environmental protection, and further believes that leaving the EU will enable the UK to design a tailor-made agricultural policy, rather than a one-size fits all scheme designed to benefit continental farmers; allowing us to (i) introduce a Single Farm Payment to support British farmers; (ii) create a National Agricultural Council to ensure 'joined-up thinking' between different Government Departments for food, farming and environmental matters; (iii) re-establish the Agricultural Wages Board for England, which would protect the incomes and conditions of farm workers; and (iv) introduce legislation for food labelling to show country of origin, method of production, transport and slaughter;
- (f) also believes the UK must have total withdrawal from the EU's

Common Fisheries Policy without a transition period, and that (i) post-Brexit, the UK should take control of the full 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), as is our entitlement under international law; allowing us to rebuild our fishing industry, its ancillary industries, and our coastal towns, (ii) we need a complete overhaul of our fisheries systems for a fairer allocation of post-Brexit fishing opportunities, with priority given to the low-impact, small-scale fishers, (iii) there must be an end to the discard system, with no fish going to waste, and (iv) the UK Government must invest in British ports and fishing infrastructure, and amend the Maritime Shipping Act with a view to limiting the exploitation of UK fishing waters by foreign vessels; and that these changes will provide opportunities for British business and career opportunities for British citizens;

- (g) notes that Britain's trade policy has been under the control of the EU since we joined in 1973, and our businesses have been obliged to obey EU legislation, even when they do not export to the EU, and believes that leaving the EU will free Britain to pursue its own trade and commercial policies, which offer enormous opportunity for increased trade and employment; and
- (h) contends that, outside the European Union, Great Britain will be a more prosperous nation, it will gain control of its trade policy, free business from unnecessary regulation, regain control of its agricultural industry and restore its fishing industry, and that increased prosperity will mean more jobs, and more tax revenue to pay for the things we all want for the British people.

8. 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 (o) to (r) as follows:-

- (o) notes the closeness of the referendum result in Sheffield where 49% of residents voted to stay in the EU and the national result of 48% of the UK population voting to stay in the EU;
- (p) notes that analysis by the The Centre for European Reform shows that the UK economy is already 2.5% smaller than it would have been had Remain won the referendum;
- (q) believes there should be a People's Vote on the final terms of the deal which includes an option to remain in the European Union; and
- (r) calls on the Council to actively support a People's Vote on the final deal which includes an option to remain in the European Union.

## ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “UNION SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES”

### 9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mike Chaplin, seconded by Councillor Jim Steinke

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) believes that the Grenfell Tower disaster tragically demonstrated what can happen when tenants are not listened to properly and the relevant safety checks are not carried out;
- (b) notes that Sheffield City Council acted swiftly and responsibly in the wake of the disaster – ensuring that tenants were well communicated with, reassured and that safety checks were carried out on all 24 local authority tower blocks to an even higher standard than the later government-required standards;
- (c) believes that it is of paramount importance that the Council do all that is necessary to ensure that our tenants can live in comfort, safety and in complete peace of mind, and notes that this Administration has adopted a policy of “zero tolerance to anyone operating in the city who does not share this approach”;
- (d) notes that, prior to the Grenfell disaster, health and safety checks on our tower blocks were undertaken every 6 weeks by staff working in our estates teams;
- (e) further notes that, after Grenfell, this Administration acted swiftly and proactively to carry out further tests on council-owned tower blocks, and this was in advance of the Government mandating this;
- (f) notes that a single element of cladding in Hanover failed the new test, though it met the pre-Grenfell government standards, and that as soon as this was identified, immediate action was taken to remove this cladding, and that significant work was undertaken to ensure that tenants and the tenants’ and residents’ association (TARA) were communicated with and reassured throughout this process, and that the new cladding will be installed at Hanover very shortly;
- (g) further notes that, post-Grenfell, the Administration has moved housing repairs and activity “in-house” into the Council’s Repairs Policy team, where trained staff have extensive experience of building maintenance;
- (h) further notes that these inspections are supplemented by an annual Fire Risk Assessment undertaken by trained Fire Risk Assessors who work in the Council’s Facilities Management Team;
- (i) notes that, in addition to these routine checks, sample inspections by

an independent Fire Expert are carried out and that, following recent investigations, the Council identified some actions for repairs and housing, for example improving signage and removing waste materials, and that it is expected that these matters will be completed over the next few months;

- (j) contends that Sheffield City Council officers also respond to short notice audits by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) for council-owned tower blocks and that any concerns will be worked on together;
- (k) believes that there is no reason to doubt the robustness or validity of these health and safety checks and that, whilst the TUC and its affiliated Trades Unions have a large amount of Accredited Union Health and Safety Representatives (USRs), it is well understood that they are not qualified to do the relevant fire safety checks on these buildings, however, the Council should ensure that Trade Unions are regularly updated; and
- (l) further contends that ensuring the continued safety of tenants is of paramount importance to this Administration and notes that the Chief Executive has set up a Fire Safety Board to respond to the Hackitt review and an action plan is being developed to ensure residents living in high rise accommodation (regardless of tenure) in Sheffield are safe.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mike Levery, 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) recognises the role of the Union Safety Representative as described under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, namely that "USRs are there to represent the interests and concerns of their co-workers in the workplace, and respond on their behalf";
- (b) notes that any inspection of a building by a USR is in the context of ensuring that co-workers are in a safe environment to enable them to carry out their duties;
- (c) recognises that safety inspections of buildings at any stage, from construction through operation to demolition, is the responsibility of the building owner, through the use of Building Inspectors who have specialist expertise in the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, well beyond the scope of workplace inspections;
- (d) commends the work of all safety representatives, who hold management to account, ensuring that everyone has a right to excellent health and safety in the workplace;



- (e) recognises the work undertaken by council officers and the fire brigade to ensure the safety of those living in, and working in, high rise properties;
- (f) notes the fatal fire at Ganrock Court, Irvine, in 1999 where the fire spread through external cladding in a 14 storey residential tower block in just 10 minutes, and, following a parliamentary enquiry, recommendations were made for cladding to meet new requirements in the Building Regulations, and that this included the fire testing of cladding and insulation as a whole system to be carried out on any high rise building;
- (g) notes that, even after 12 months, the Government have still not produced a final report on the terrible tragedy at Grenfell Tower where 76 people died and the cladding on the property has still not been banned; and
- (h) calls on the Government to strengthen the Building Regulations on insulation and cladding, including strictly specifying the requirements of fire testing, in order that the likelihood of fire spreading externally on high rise buildings is eradicated.

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