

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 5 September 2012, at 2.05 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor John Campbell)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Vickie Priestley)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore John Robson Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Colin Ross Joe Otten Keith Hill	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> Anthony Downing David Barker Isobel Bowler
2	<i>Beauchief/Greenhill Ward</i> Roy Munn Simon Clement-Jones Clive Skelton	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Joyce Wright Steven Wilson Garry Weatherall	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond  Anders Hanson
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Ian Saunders Chris Rosling-Josephs Helen Mirfin-Boukouris	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Diana Stimely Roger Davison	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Lynn Rooney  Martin Lawton
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Bryan Lodge Denise Fox Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i>  Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Price Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Stuart Wattam Shaffaq Mohammed	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Janice Sidebottom	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Tony Damms Leigh Bramall Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Steve Jones Tim Rippon Cate McDonald	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> Katie Condliffe  David Baker
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Robert Murphy Jillian Creasy Mohammad Maroof	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Denise Reaney Ian Auckland Bob McCann	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Richard Crowther Philip Wood Alison Brelsford
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost  Geoff Smith Sylvia Anginotti	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> George Lindars- Hammond Robert Johnson Janet Bragg	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Neale Gibson  Nikki Sharpe Ben Curran
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mary Lea Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Pat Midgley Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Adam Hurst Alf Meade Trevor Bagshaw
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Jackie Satur Mick Rooney

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Qurban Hussain and Ray Satur.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham, that the minutes of both the Ordinary and Special meetings of the City Council held on 4th July 2012, be approved as correct records.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1 Petitions

(a) Petition concerning the removal of the cycle/skate park ramp from Sycamore Park, Worrall

The Council received a petition, containing 18 signatures, requesting the removal of the cycle skate park ramp from Sycamore Park, Worrall.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Margaret Hague, who referred to concerns regarding the cycling and skate board ramp and requested its removal on the grounds of noise, anti-social behaviour and safety. The noise created by people using the ramp was a problem for residents in properties adjoining the Park, in close proximity to the ramp, and had a particularly negative effect on older people and those who are housebound.

Noise could be heard after 9pm and sometimes much later into the evening and an existing brick boundary wall and narrow grassed area was being used as additional ramps. The grassed area leads directly into the road and the path of oncoming vehicles.

Young children were being discouraged from using the park in the early evening because of the noise and speed of other young people using the skate ramp and the bad language and obscene graffiti was also a concern. Litter had increased, particularly broken glass bottles, which was a safety issue and residents were cleaning up the area daily.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure (Councillor Isobel Bowler), who stated that the decision to remove the skate ramp should be made locally and she would refer the matter to the Northern Community Assembly, so that the issues could be explored with the Parks and Countryside service. If Local Councillors, after consultation with residents and users of the park wished to remove the ramp, this could be funded by the Council's Parks and Countryside service, but there was not central financial provision to re-site the ramp somewhere else.

(b) Petition concerning a safe pedestrian access between Wincobank and Meadowhall

The Council received a petition containing 1490 signatures and requesting a safe pedestrian access between Wincobank and Meadowhall. The petition had been received by the North East Community Assembly at its meeting on 11 July 2012 and referred to this meeting of the Council.

Representations of behalf of the petitioners were made by Bridget Ingle, who stated that the petition asked for further road safety improvements on Tyler Street and Barrow Road to improve access for pedestrians. These should include measures to reduce vehicle speed, markings, barriers to stop vehicles from mounting the pavement at the entrance to the transport interchange, a zebra crossing on Barrow Road at the junction with Tyler Street and changing the sequence of traffic lights to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall), who stated that there were a number of locations in the City where there were concerns regarding safety and access. The Council had to prioritise the use of what limited funding it had and the amount of money received from the Government for road safety schemes had reduced by fifty percent. Requests for schemes would be assessed by the Council's Highways team to see whether they should be given priority for funding and the petitioners would be informed of the outcome. Further examination would be given to issues identified of illegal parking and to the possibility of undertaking some improvement work as part of the Highways Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

(c) Petition concerning Whirlowbrook Hall Café

The Council received a petition containing 500 signatures objecting to the proposed closure of Whirlowbrook Hall Café.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure (Councillor Isobel Bowler), who stated that the issue of providing an alternative refreshment facility at the site was already being discussed and that officers would be seeking an alternative provider, but not in the same location, once the main contract had been handed over. She would write to the lead petitioner to give a more detailed response.

(d) Petition supporting City Council/Amey Craft Workers in their fight for fair pay

The Council received a petition concerning 261 signatures supporting City Council/Amey Craft Workers in their fight for fair pay.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Bryan Lodge), who responded that as this concerned matters relating to a pay dispute, he did not consider that it was appropriate for the Council to respond.

(e) Petition regarding Hesley Wood Reclamation Scheme

The Council received a petition concerning 14 signatures, objecting to the planning application by Recycoal regarding the Hesley Wood Reclamation Scheme.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development (Councillor Leigh Bramall) who stated that he was aware of the scheme, but not the details and would refer the petition to the relevant Council Planning Officers and the matter would be put to the relevant Planning and Highways Committee.

(f) Petition regarding community cohesion issues in the Firshill Road, Passhouses Road, Abbeyfield Road and Scott Road area

The Council received a petition containing 113 signatures requesting the Council to take action regarding community cohesion issues in the Firshill Road, Passhouses Road, Abbeyfield Road and Scott Road area.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion (Councillor Mazher Iqbal), who stated that he would respond to the matters raised in the petition directly with the lead petitioner.

4.2 Public Questions

(a) Public Questions on Decision – making, Digital Recording of Council meetings and the use of Council-sponsored Community Buildings

Mr. Martin Brighton asked the following questions which were responded to by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) as shown:-

(i) Would the Council re-consider implementing the proposals before it today as they will lead to “rubberstamping” of policy decisions following political “showboating” by the leading party? How will the proposal demonstrate openness and transparency?

Councillor Dore responded that she assumed that the proposals to which Mr Brighton referred related to Item number 9 on the Council agenda concerning changes to the Council’s Constitution. She added that, should Mr Brighton

decide to stay to observe the meeting, the Council would shortly discuss these matters, providing her with an opportunity to explain the proposed changes and the fact that they would not stifle debate or reduce Member accountability.

(ii) In light of the substantial changes coming into effect that require local authorities to both assist and facilitate citizens to attend and record public meetings, would the Council now re-consider its policy of not allowing the digital recording of meetings?

Councillor Dore responded that Members had received a report concerning web-casting but had decided that the cost of implementation was prohibitive, at an estimated cost of £100,000 and did not provide value for money at a time of severe financial stringency and she felt that there were other important things for the Council to invest money in at this time. She added that a record of meetings was taken through the preparation and publication of minutes. Councillor Dore stated that Council has asked Officers to bring forward a report detailing ways to improve public access to meetings.

(iii) What do Members think should be the Council policy towards Council-sponsored community buildings being used for Occult practices?

Councillor Dore responded that Mr Brighton's interpretation of the suitable use of community buildings was a personal one but she indicated that she was not aware of the particular case that Mr Brighton referred to. However, if he supplied her with further details of the case, she would examine them by reference to Council's policies/agreements and determine whether the Council needed to intervene in this case.

(b) Public Question on problems with Loose Dogs

Marie Raynor referred to her loss of sight at age 20 and problems she and her German Shepherd guide dog had experienced as they walked in certain areas of Sheffield. Whilst she and her guide dog received training from guide dogs staff, there were problems which they could not overcome without assistance. Other loose dogs were a major problem because they interfered with her guide dog, whilst she was working putting Ms. Raynor in danger of tripping or walking into other people or obstacles. Some assistance dogs were attacked by other loose dogs and had to stop working because of their injuries. She stated that people with assistance dogs should be guaranteed protection from loose dogs.

Ms Raynor stated that there were notice boards in rural areas, stating that dogs should be kept on a lead, to protect moorland birds and previous legislation permitted farmers to shoot a stray dog if it was worrying sheep. She asked if her safety was less important than that of a bird or a sheep and did she not have a right to walk along the pavements or through urban precincts without interference and did anyone need to take a loose dog into the City Centre or on residential pavements?

Mr Raynor specifically asked if Councillors and staff would agree to support her request for a Control Order, requiring all dogs to be controlled on a lead in precincts and on residential pavements, throughout Sheffield.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene (Councillor Jack Scott) responded that street clutter had been a major problem for the City, detrimentally affecting Sheffield's reputation, but the Streets Ahead Programme would help to de-clutter the City Centre and other streets in the City.

The Council took action on loose dogs with approximately 1, 300 dogs being impounded each year. Legislation, including the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Dogs Act 1871 and the Dog Control Act 1996, permitted action to be taken by the Magistrates, local authorities and the Police, including the introduction of Control Orders. Councillor Scott stated that he would be meeting with Ms Raynor and Councillor Janice Sidebottom to discuss the possibility of implementing a Control Order, requiring dogs to be on a lead at all times in highly populated areas and a restriction on the number of dogs being permitted in an area at any one time, work upon which had been commenced by the Council's Dogs Team and the RSPCA.

Councillor Scott stated that responsible dog ownership was important in assisting to resolve these problems but that the implementation of additional controls was a distinct possibility. He thanked Marie Raynor for bringing the matter to the attention of the Council.

(c) Public Questions concerning violence in Myanmar (formally Burma)

Questions were asked by Messrs. Shayn Omair, Lay Naing, Ayub Choudhary, Kasim Chaudry and M. Aslam concerning the killing, violence and persecution being visited on parts of the Burmese population, some of whom were relatives and friends of Burmese people living in Sheffield and UK. In particular, they asked that, in the absence of any significant media coverage at national and local level, how the Council might raise awareness of the problems within the City, as well as asking what leverage the Council had to put pressure directly on the Burmese Government and indirectly, through the UK's Prime Minister, Foreign Office and United Nations, to press the Burmese Government to take action to stop the violence.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) responded that she recognised that it was a difficult and emotional time for many in Sheffield's Burmese community because of the current plight of their family and friends in Burma. She referred to Sheffield's standing as City of Sanctuary with a tradition of fighting oppression such as with the slave trade and apartheid. She stated that it was shameful that, in 2012, the incidents now raised were occurring. She added that the Council would continue to join with other local organisations to raise awareness and also lobby Sheffield Members of Parliament and the Government.

Councillor Dore added that the Council was unable to influence the situation

in Burma directly, but would press the Prime Minister and the Foreign Office to condemn the communal violence. Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Mohammad Maroof would seek the Council's support later in this meeting, through a Notice of Motion, for various actions to be taken on the situation in Burma.

(d) Public Questions on violence in the Middle-East, the culture of Political Celebrity, Olympics 2012, environmental policies of the Council and the use of Shops to fund unregistered Charities

Mr Knowledge Kutekwa asked a number of questions concerning the war in Afghanistan and violence which had occurred in Libya, Egypt and Syria, the dangers of politicians becoming regarded as celebrities, for example Police and Crime Commissioners, the multi-cultural opportunities provided by the London Olympics, the extent to which Council policies were environmentally friendly and the use of shops to provide funding to unregistered and illegitimate charities.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) responded that the violence in parts of the Middle East was an international issue, although the Council would continue to press the British Government to intervene as far as it could, to stop violence and oppression of the population there. As far as political celebrity was concerned, personally, she had never intended to enter politics or be a celebrity, but had entered this field with the aim of helping to develop social policy based on the principle of equality to make sure that all residents of the City got the best possible chance in life and access to Council services.

In relation to the Olympics, Councillor Dore stated that she thought that this had been a wonderful event, with more women participating than ever before and providing an opportunity for all countries to celebrate and come together through the universal language of sport.

In terms of environmental issues, Councillor Dore stated that she firmly believed in the environmental policies that the Administration was developing. She also believed that local politicians should be accountable.

Councillor Dore responded that she did not know what Mr Kutekwa was referring to in terms of shops and charities and asked him to supply her with further details on the matter.

(e) Public Question on changes to Council Tax benefit

Mr Douglas Johnson referred to the abolition of the Council Tax benefit system from April 2013 which would leave a gap of £4.6 million in the Council's budget for 2013/14. Mr Johnson asked did the Council intend that all working age households pay at least a flat rate of 20% Council Tax as when the Poll Tax was introduced in 1990? He also asked whether the Council was considering any other options to deal with the £4.6 million Government cut so that it did not fall solely on the poorest households in the City?

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Bryan Lodge) responded that the Government's cut of £4.6 million in 2013/14 would have a major impact on the Council's budget over and above that figure. However, the Council would try and minimise the impact of the changes on the City's poorest households. In relation to Universal Credit, further clarity was awaited from the Government as to how this would work. The Council would try to ensure that any new scheme continued to be as fair and consistent as possible. However, it was likely that the consequences of the changes would be felt across the City, although the Council would look to support those people in most difficulty. The Government had said that pensioners would not be affected by the changes.

He stressed that the Council was already faced with reducing its budget by £50 million in 2013/14 and so further tough decisions would have to be taken by the Council on Council Tax benefit and other services. The Council was looking at savings options, including reducing the Council Tax discount for empty properties.

(f) Public Question on action taken by City Council, South Yorkshire Police and other Agencies

Mr. Saleh Mohamed Ali referred to previous concerns he had raised at Cabinet concerning alleged unwarranted harassment and persecution by the Police over a period of six years, despite the fact that he had not broken the law. He contested that, in addition, as a Council tenant, he had now been put into debt by Sheffield Homes. He asked why he had been subjected to this action?

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) responded that, as she had explained at the meeting of the Cabinet on 22 August, which Mr Ali had attended, most of his allegations referred to other agencies such as the South Yorkshire Police. She suggested that he should consult with his local Councillors about the possibility of making a complaint through the police complaints process if any matters remained unresolved from a few years ago. In relation to his query about his rent account, she would request Councillor Harry Harpham (Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods) to look into this to ascertain the current position and how an agreement might be reached to resolve any outstanding matters in this respect. She added that she knew that one of the Council's Executive Directors had been involved in numerous discussions with Mr. Ali and the South Yorkshire Police and other agencies about the matters he had raised.

(g) Public Question on the relationship between Local Government and Central Government

Mr Nigel Slack referred to the fact that the City Council recently hosted one of a number of public meetings on the renaissance of Local Government and the ongoing consultation process being carried out by the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee of the House of Commons to codify in law,



the relationship between central and local government. He suggested that this code provided for a written guarantee of local government rights and responsibilities, codified arrangements for the funding of local government to prevent it being used as a political football, provided for a greater emphasis on local issues and should, therefore, make the local parties more accountable and would, in general, tip the scales back towards town hall from Whitehall.

Mr Slack asked, as the consultation period ends in exactly a month and written submissions need to reach the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee of the House of Commons by 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012; did the Council agree that this is the most significant opportunity for restoring the reputation of local government in a generation; would the Council be making a formal submission on behalf of the City; would they publish that submission on the website and otherwise to enable the public to know their opinion; would the Council join him in urging all Councillors and all interested citizens to make individual submissions and with the Lord Mayor's permission, Mr Slack asked if the opposition parties in the Chamber be allowed to briefly answer the same questions?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) acknowledged that the Council had hosted a consultation event but stated that she had been disappointed with the attendance at the meeting, which perhaps in itself showed that local government needed to act to encourage greater public participation. Additionally, Councillors had discussed this issue in a pre-meeting, with all political parties being invited. She added that she fully supported the establishment of a code but felt that, whilst it was a significant opportunity to restore local government's reputation, it was not the most significant. Reputation actually had to be earned by the Council with the people.

The Council was still considering making a formal submission to Government on the matter and a formal submission, if made, by the Council would be published. Council Members were meeting with other interested organisations such as Sheffield for Democracy, to discuss responses.

Councillor Dore stated that, from a local government perspective, any code would need to enhance the representation of local people and the City Council was attempting to improve the way it engaged with local people on policy making. She assured Mr. Slack that he would be sent any feedback and stated that she would join with him, in urging Councillors to make individual submissions as part of the consultation.

The Lord Mayor (Councillor John Campbell) stated that public questions were answered by the Leader of the Council or the appropriate Cabinet Member and, should the other Groups on the Council wish to respond to Mr Slack's questions, they could do so in writing.

(h) Public question concerning litter in the London Road/Vincent Road area

A member of the public referred to litter in the London Road and Vincent Road area and tipping of waste. He stated that he had informed the Council of this problem.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene (Councillor Jack Scott) stated that he understood that a clean up was due in that area and that he would follow up the situation to achieve the necessary action.

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

There were no questions relating to urgent business under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii).

### **5.2 Questions**

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated and supplementary questions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4 were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

### **5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue, Integrated Transport, Pensions or Police under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6 (i).

## **6. PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES - UPDATE**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the application of the political proportionality framework as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted;
- (b) (i) agrees that, in order to ensure that each political group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all Committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, the Liberal Democrat Group's adjustment of two seats be from the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and the Admissions Committee, with those two seats being allocated to the Labour Group and (ii) accordingly, Councillor Anders Hanson be replaced by Councillor Jayne Dunn on the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development

Committee, and Councillor Clive Skelton's seat on the Admissions Committee be now recognised as belonging to the Labour Group;

- (c) removes Councillor Clive Skelton from all the other Committees, panels, groups, etc and external bodies, to which he had been appointed to serve on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group; and
- (d) notes that the financial effect of the consequential changes to appointments to positions attracting Special Responsibility Allowances, outlined in section 6 of the report, is an additional cost to the Members' Allowances budget of approximately £1,650.

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL AND APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that approval be given to the following arrangements for the establishment of a South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP):

- (1) That the PCP consists of 10 Elected Members and 2 independent co-optees;
- (2) That Sheffield City Council be allocated 4 of these 10 seats as part of the Balanced Appointment Objective, and will chair the PCP;
- (3) That three of Sheffield City Council's PCP seats be set aside for the Labour Group and one seat for the Liberal Democrat Group, and Councillors Harry Harpham, Talib Hussain, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris and Sylvia Anginotti be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Panel in 2012/13;
- (4) That the appointment of PCP Members be for 1 year terms;
- (5) That meetings of South Yorkshire Leaders be convened to consider the allocation of seats to the South Yorkshire PCP as and when required;
- (6) That the appointment of independent co-optees to the PCP be considered once the political membership of the Panel has been determined. The appointment of co-opted members to be agreed by the PCP;
- (7) That Rotherham MBC be identified as the Lead Authority to host the PCP and receive the Government funding to cover the cost of supporting the PCP;
- (8) That Panel Members be paid £920 annually (as directed by the Home Office) for the first 12 months and the host authority (Rotherham MBC) be requested to arrange for its Remuneration Panel to review the role of Panel Members in 12 months time;

- (9) That the PCP initially operates to the minimum of 4 meetings per year, with sufficient flexibility for additional meetings if required; and
- (10) That the Task and Finish Officer Group, established by South Yorkshire Chief Executive's to work up the details of the PCP, continue to meet to provide the necessary sub-regional Officer support to the Panel to ensure its establishment, including detailed work on the Panel arrangements and Rules of Procedure.

**8. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Panels, Groups, etc:

Shadow Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living	- Councillor Roger Davison to replace Councillor Clive Skelton
Licensing Committee	- Councillor Clive Skelton to replace Councillor Jenny Armstrong
Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	- Councillor Roger Davison to fill a vacancy
Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	- Councillor Clive Skelton to replace Councillor Jayne Dunn
Corporate Members Group	- Councillor Penny Baker to fill a vacancy
Planning and Highways Committees Substitute Members	- Councillor Clive Skelton to replace Councillor Joyce Wright
Younger People's Champion	- Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy
Environmental Performance Working Party	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Fairtrade Working Group	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Member Development Working	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy

Group	
	- Councillor Geoff Smith to fill a vacancy
Planning Committee Advisory Group	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Planning Policy Advisory Group	- Councillor Jillian Creasy to fill a vacancy
Environmental Performance Working Party	- Councillor Martin Lawton to fill a vacancy
(b) approval be given to the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies, as follows:-	
Health and Social Care Foundation Trust Council of Governors	- Councillor Clive Skelton to fill a vacancy
Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber	- Councillor Clive Skelton to fill a vacancy
(c) it be noted that, in accordance with their delegated powers, the Community Assemblies have nominated the under-mentioned Members to serve on Sheffield Homes Area Boards as follows:-	
Sheffield Homes South East Area Board	- Councillors Denise Fox and Chris Rosling-Josephs from the South East Community Assembly
Sheffield Homes South West Area Board	- Councillor Steve Jones from the South Community Assembly - Councillor Keith Hill from the South West Community Assembly
Sheffield Homes North Area Board	- Councillor Garry Weatherall from the Northern Community Assembly - Councillor Alan Law from the North East Community Assembly
Sheffield Homes North West Area Board	- Councillor Richard Crowther from the Northern Community Assembly
Sheffield Homes East Area Board	- Councillor Ibrar Hussain from the North East Community Assembly

(d) it be noted that in July Councillor Jackie Satur was removed from the

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee under delegated powers to create a vacancy.

(e) (i) it be noted that, following a canvas of parent governors serving on school governing bodies in the City, Ms. Jules Jones and Ms. Paulette Kennedy have been nominated to serve as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and (ii) accordingly, Ms. Jones and Ms. Kennedy be appointed to serve on the Committee for a three year period ending 31st July 2015.

(f) it be noted that the Building Schools for the Future Strategic Board has now been disbanded and will no longer meet.

## **9. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Pat Midgley, that this Council:-

- (a) approves the changes to the following Parts of the Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and its appendices:-
  - (i) Part 2 - Articles 6, 11 and 12;
  - (ii) Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions;
  - (iii) Part 4 – Council Procedure Rules;
  - (iv) Part 4 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules;
  - (v) Part 5 - Code of Conduct for Council Members and Officers in respect of Planning Matters;
  - (vi) Part 5 - Guidance Note on General Procedures at Planning and Highways Committee meetings;
  - (vii) Part 5 - Guidance Note to Chairs on Disruption of Planning and Highways Committees by Members of the Public;
  - (viii) Part 5 - Monitoring Officer Protocol;
  - (ix) Part 5 – Members’ Code of Conduct; and
  - (x) Part 7 - Management Structure and Proper Officers;
- (b) agrees that the changes now approved in relation to the operation of the Council meetings be implemented with immediate effect and applied for the remainder of this Council meeting;
- (c) gives authority to the Monitoring Officer or his/her Deputy to grant dispensations in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, as detailed in Section 3.9 of the report, and Article 12 of the Constitution be amended accordingly;
- (d) regrets that under the current arrangements of a 40 minute time limit per motion the time for back bench members to participate in the debates is extremely limited;

- (e) welcomes proposals to remove the 40 minute time limit meaning that important issues can be given more time for consideration and local ward councillors will have a greater opportunity to engage in debates, representing their constituents on important issues;
- (f) acknowledges that the constitution has always stated that order of motions should reflect the political balance of the Council and acknowledges it is necessary to change the sequence of motions following the reduction in Liberal Democrat councillors following the 2012 local elections, with the current balance being Labour 60, Lib Dems 22, Green 2;
- (g) welcomes the proposals of the present Administration to give the opposition groups the first motion at three of the eight meetings, nearly half of the meetings, which no other administration has ever done; and
- (h) supports these constitutional changes which will give more opportunities for local members to engage in debate and publically represent their constituents who have elected them.

(NOTE: 1. Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (f), against paragraphs (d), (e) and (h) and abstained on paragraph (g) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.  
2. Councillor Julie Dore exercised a right of reply prior to the above Motion being put to the vote.)

## **10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LORD MAYOR 2011/12**

RESOLVED: That the report of Dr. Sylvia Dunkley on her term of office as Lord Mayor during the Municipal Year 2011/12, now submitted be noted, and the recommendations contained in the report be referred for consideration by the Director of Modern Governance, in consultation with the Chief Executive.

### **NOTE:**

(NOTE: In accordance with the Council procedure rule 10.2 now adopted, the order of business as published on the Council Summons was altered and Notices of Motion were considered in the following order:- Item 12, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 16, 18 and 19.)

## **11. NOTICE MOTION CONCERNING HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING**

It was moved by Councillor David Baker, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the record of the current Administration, which includes:

- (i) ending the weekly collection of black bins;
  - (ii) ceasing the funding for the free collection of green bins and green sacks;
  - (iii) further reducing funding for Sheffield's household waste recycling centres; and
  - (iv) delays in the city-wide roll out of the flexible blue bin and box offer;
- (b) believes that cutting recycling services at the same time as weekly black bin collections always amounted to a recipe for disaster;
- (c) recalls the fully-costed budget amendment put forward by the main opposition group at the Full Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012, which would have retained weekly black bin collections and free green waste collections;
- (d) further recalls the decision of the current Administration not to formally bid for funding under the Department for Communities and Local Government's scheme to save weekly bin collections, unlike Labour-controlled Wolverhampton and Liberal Democrat-controlled Cambridge;
- (e) further notes with distress reports that, prior to the change of bin collections, Sheffield had the highest reported number of complaints of fly-tipping in the country;
- (f) expresses disappointment at the complete failure of the current Administration to effectively communicate the change of collection to some local residents, despite spending £400,000 on a propaganda strategy for the policy;
- (g) regrets that due to the inept communications of the current Administration many residents have missed their first collection;
- (h) laments the shambolic miscommunication of the amnesty on additional sacks and unclosed lids, which was previously denied by members of the Administration and was not mentioned in the information leaflet distributed to households;
- (i) understands that, outside of mitigating criteria, residents can only apply for a larger bin if they compose a household of six or more individuals;
- (j) in addition, deplores the complete mishandling of Sheffield's recycling centres, in particular, closing Blackstock Road three days a week, which has seen serious threats to road safety, as cars tail back along roads;



- (k) understands that further strikes at Sheffield's recycling centres are anticipated, which will only serve to exacerbate the situation;
- (l) believes the current Administration's handling of the changes within Sheffield's waste management amounts to sheer incompetence; and
- (m) calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene to offer an immediate public apology to all Sheffield residents and get a grip on the deteriorating situation.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in the 2012/13 budget and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12 and regrets that the main opposition group continue to fully support the level of cuts imposed on the Council by the Conservative-led Government and recognizes the devastating impact of these cuts on our economy;
- (b) further regrets that to meet this unprecedented financial gap in the budget, it has been necessary for the Council to reduce spending on waste services, noting that moving to Alternate Week Collection saves the Council approximately £2.4 million every year, ceasing funding for the green waste service saves approximately £1.5 million and reducing hours at household waste recycling centres saves approximately £500,000;
- (c) notes that the Council makes every effort to provide the best possible waste service through conducting a cross party waste review, the results of which indicated that there was scope to reduce the number of black bin collections, noting that all other local authorities in South Yorkshire and the majority in England and Wales operate Alternate Week Collections and ensuring sufficient opening hours for 29 days per week at the Household Waste Recycling Centres to offer a sustainable service, working within the severe financial constraints imposed by the Government;
- (d) notes comments by Councillor Anders Hanson on website Lib Dem Voice, "*I think it has now become almost impossible politically to introduce new fortnightly bin collections as both the opposition and the press will mercilessly attack anyone who does it. ... However most people are happy with fortnightly collections when they get used to it.*" and therefore deplores the opportunistic "merciless" campaign that the Liberal Democrat Party have conducted to scaremonger against fortnightly collections and believes this is an attempt to deflect the responsibility from the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam and

the Liberal Democrats who are imposing unprecedented cuts to council services, which is inevitably impacting on the services that are provided for Sheffield people;

- (e) believes that despite teething issues, the roll out of Alternate Week Collections has been successful to date with over 99% of communication material delivered successfully, but notes a small amount were not and welcomes that Veolia have apologised in writing to those households and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene has publicly apologised for any inconvenience caused;
- (f) welcomes measures to help Sheffield people adjust to Alternate Week Collections such as the roll out of flexible choice for blue bins and boxes, allowing the collection of two sacks of side waste for the first two collections, increasing staffing in the Veolia call centre to deal with the increased volume of calls and the work of the liaison team to support Sheffield people to use the full range of facilities they are entitled to such as larger bins;
- (g) welcomes the fact that household collection recycling rates in Sheffield are now at the highest they have ever been and are still rising and believes this demonstrates that Sheffield people are adjusting to the roll out of Alternate Week Collections;
- (h) recognises that the present Administration have made several improvements to original proposals to manage the reductions in opening hours and under the revised opening hours, Sheffield's five Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open a total of 29 days every week, with all sites open on the peak days of Friday to Monday, sites open every day of the week and summer opening times until 6pm which better suits the needs of users;
- (i) recalls that the previous Administration made the majority of the cuts to these Centres in the 2011/12 budget, and notes that in their 2012/13 budget amendments, neither opposition group proposed to reverse any savings to Household Waste Recycling Centres which would be required to re-consider reductions in opening hours and believes that the late involvement of the main opposition group after the revised opening hours have already been implemented is nothing more than blatant political opportunism;
- (j) further remembers that the Leader of the main opposition group was previously the Cabinet Member who oversaw the most shambolic mismanagement of the waste service the City has known through the introduction of blue boxes to recycle paper which angered many local people and welcomes that the present Administration are now resolving this issue across the City; and
- (k) reiterates its regret for all cuts to waste services, however, recognises

that they are ultimately a consequence of the Liberal Democrat Party's, led by the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam, decision to support a Conservative-led Government which is heavily cutting Sheffield's budget at the same time as some of the wealthiest councils in the Conservative heartlands receive almost no cuts at all and regrets that the Liberal Democrat Party both locally and nationally continue to refuse to stand up for Sheffield and attempt to score cheap points.

Motion to move to next business

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor David Baker that (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.3) the Council does now move to the next item of business

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

(NOTE: 1. Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a), (f), (g) and (h), against paragraph (i), and abstained on paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (j) and (k) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

After a right of reply from Councillor David Baker, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council

- (a) regrets that the Council has had to reduce spending by £55 million in the 2012/13 budget and that by 2015/16 the Council will have £170m less to spend than it did in 2011/12 and regrets that the main opposition group continue to fully support the level of cuts imposed on the Council by the Conservative-led Government and recognizes the devastating impact of these cuts on our economy;
- (b) further regrets that to meet this unprecedented financial gap in the budget, it has been necessary for the Council to reduce spending on waste services, noting that moving to Alternate Week Collection saves the Council approximately £2.4 million every year, ceasing funding for the green waste service saves approximately £1.5 million and reducing hours at household waste recycling centres saves approximately £500,000;
- (c) notes that the Council makes every effort to provide the best possible waste service through conducting a cross party waste review, the results of which indicated that there was scope to reduce the number of black bin collections, noting that all other local authorities in South Yorkshire and the majority in England and Wales operate Alternate Week Collections and ensuring sufficient opening hours for 29 days per week at the Household Waste Recycling Centres to offer a sustainable service, working within the severe financial constraints

imposed by the Government;

- (d) notes comments by Councillor Anders Hanson on website Lib Dem Voice, *"I think it has now become almost impossible politically to introduce new fortnightly bin collections as both the opposition and the press will mercilessly attack anyone who does it. ... However most people are happy with fortnightly collections when they get used to it."* And therefore deplores the opportunistic "merciless" campaign that the Liberal Democrat Party have conducted to scaremonger against fortnightly collections and believes this is an attempt to deflect the responsibility from the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam and the Liberal Democrats who are imposing unprecedented cuts to council services, which is inevitably impacting on the services that are provided for Sheffield people;
- (e) believes that despite teething issues, the roll out of Alternate Week Collections has been successful to date with over 99% of communication material delivered successfully, but notes a small amount were not and welcomes that Veolia have apologised in writing to those households and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene has publicly apologised for any inconvenience caused;
- (f) welcomes measures to help Sheffield people adjust to Alternate Week Collections such as the roll out of flexible choice for blue bins and boxes, allowing the collection of two sacks of side waste for the first two collections, increasing staffing in the Veolia call centre to deal with the increased volume of calls and the work of the liaison team to support Sheffield people to use the full range of facilities they are entitled to such as larger bins;
- (g) welcomes the fact that household collection recycling rates in Sheffield are now at the highest they have ever been and are still rising and believes this demonstrates that Sheffield people are adjusting to the roll out of Alternate Week Collections;
- (h) recognises that the present Administration have made several improvements to original proposals to manage the reductions in opening hours and under the revised opening hours, Sheffield's five Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open a total of 29 days every week, with all sites open on the peak days of Friday to Monday, sites open every day of the week and summer opening times until 6pm which better suits the needs of users;
- (i) recalls that the previous Administration made the majority of the cuts to these Centres in the 2011/12 budget, and notes that in their 2012/13 budget amendments, neither opposition group proposed to reverse any savings to Household Waste Recycling Centres which would be required to re-consider reductions in opening hours and believes that the late involvement of the main opposition group after the revised

opening hours have already been implemented is nothing more than blatant political opportunism;

- (j) further remembers that the Leader of the main opposition group was previously the Cabinet Member who oversaw the most shambolic mismanagement of the waste service the City has known through the introduction of blue boxes to recycle paper which angered many local people and welcomes that the present Administration are now resolving this issue across the City; and
- (k) reiterates its regret for all cuts to waste services, however, recognises that they are ultimately a consequence of the Liberal Democrat Party's, led by the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam, decision to support a Conservative-led Government which is heavily cutting Sheffield's budget at the same time as some of the wealthiest councils in the Conservative heartlands receive almost no cuts at all and regrets that the Liberal Democrat Party both locally and nationally continue to refuse to stand up for Sheffield and attempt to score cheap points.

(NOTE: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Roberts Murphy voted for paragraphs (a), (f), (g) and (h), against paragraph (i), and abstained on paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (j) and (k) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC GROWTH**

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson, that this Council:

- (a) notes that the latest estimates indicate that the British economy contracted by 0.5% in the second quarter of 2012 which means that the economy has been shrinking for three consecutive quarters in the country's second recession in four years;
- (b) further notes that construction fell by 3.9%, manufacturing output down 0.9% and the service sector shrank by 0.1%;
- (c) regrets that the UK is just one of two countries in the G20 in recession and believes that it is now beyond doubt that the Government's economic plan has failed and has caused a double dip recession and the Government have completely failed to produce a credible plan for jobs and growth;
- (d) further regrets that at the current time there are still more than one million young people unemployed and believes that more action should be taken to tackle youth unemployment;
- (e) notes that as a result of the Government's reckless economic mismanagement the deficit is up by more than a quarter compared to

the same period last year with fewer people in work and fewer businesses succeeding, and the Government is having to borrow more not less as welfare bills rise and tax revenues fall;

- (f) regrets that because of the Government's mismanagement of the economy, with slower growth and higher unemployment, spending reductions are now set to continue beyond the current Parliament;
- (g) believes that the Government should now change course and take action to secure growth and supports Labour's five-point growth plan for jobs and growth which includes:
  - (i) repeating the bank bonus tax and using the money to build 25,000 affordable homes and guarantee a job for 100,000 young people;
  - (ii) bringing forward long term investment projects, such as schools, roads and transport, to create jobs;
  - (iii) reversing the Government's VAT rise now for a temporary period;
  - (iv) an immediate one-year cut in VAT to 5% on home improvements, repairs and maintenance; and
  - (v) a one-year national insurance tax break for every small firm which takes on extra workers;
- (h) further believes that these policies are better placed to grow the economy than recent suggestions by Conservative MPs Kwasi Kwarteng, Priti Patel, Dominic Raab, Chris Skidmore and Elizabeth Truss in their book "Britainia Unchained" who blame British workers for the poor state of the economy;
- (i) completely condemns these comments by Conservative MPs which include "The British are among the worst idlers in the world. We work among the lowest hours, we retire early and our productivity is poor.";
- (j) believes that these comments are completely out of touch with reality and are an insult to millions of British people who work long hours for low pay; and
- (k) further believes that instead of mounting attacks on hard working British people these MPs would be better served calling on the Government, which has created a double dip recession and continues to hit hard working families through tax rises and spending cuts at the same time as they are cutting taxes for millionaires, to change course.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now

submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) recalls the light touch banking regulation masterminded by the Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown and Ed Balls, M.P.s, which brought the British economy to the edge of collapse in 2008;
- (b) furthermore, notes the previous Government's record with public finances, increasing the national deficit year-on-year from 2001 onwards, reaching a total of £43bn prior to the economic crash;
- (c) notes the commitment of the last Government to halve the deficit by 2014, by pledging £82bn worth of cuts, compared to £81bn worth of cuts the Coalition plans to implement by 2015;
- (d) supports the decisive action taken by the Coalition Government, which has seen the deficit cut by a quarter since 2010, allowing the United Kingdom to avoid a loss of confidence experienced in Greece, Ireland and Italy;
- (e) however, recalls the scandal of youth unemployment under the last Government, with youth unemployment rising steadily from 2004 onwards, reaching almost half a million prior to the economic crash;
- (f) therefore, endorses the £1 billion Youth Contract announced by the Deputy Prime Minister, which will provide:
  - (i) 160,000 wage incentives for 18-24 year olds;
  - (ii) 250,000 additional work experience places for 18-24 year olds;
  - (iii) 20,000 incentive payments to encourage smaller businesses to recruit their first apprentices; and
  - (iv) a new programme of intensive support for 16 and 17-year olds who are not in employment, education or training;
- (g) in addition, welcomes the Sheffield City Region Deal, which has the potential to deliver 4,000 new apprenticeships, 2,000 employees with new training, and 12,000 new jobs at the City's enterprise zone, which has been named the most attractive for businesses in the United Kingdom;
- (h) further, welcomes the hundreds of millions of pounds of investment in the region's infrastructure, including the recent announcement of the electrification of the Midland Main Line, the start of the Streets Ahead project, and the financial backing for a Sheffield University Technical College;
- (i) furthermore commends the Government's commitment to increase the income tax threshold to £10,000, cutting the tax bill of 24 million people and taking 2 million low paid workers out of income tax, compared to the last government, who scrapped the 10p tax rate, doubling the tax bill for some of the lowest paid in the country;

- (j) would like to see the Coalition go further to promoting a more Liberal economy and therefore supports proposals due to be discussed at the Liberal Democrat Conference including:
  - (i) developing a more sustainable banking industry;
  - (ii) rebalancing the economy from the City of London to Northern cities like Sheffield;
  - (iii) increasing the powers of the Green Investment Bank;
  - (iv) increasing the numbers of mutuals, co-operatives and employee owned businesses;
  - ring fencing the Government's science budget; and
  - (vi) measures to ensure the very wealthiest in our society pay their fair share; and
  
- (k) recognises that without market confidence, long term growth will not return to Britain and to facilitate this, the Government needs to balance the books.

Motion to move to next business

It was moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.3) the Council does now proceed to next business.

On being put to the vote, the motion was negatived.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

After a right of reply from Councillor Leigh Bramall, the original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the latest estimates indicate that the British economy contracted by 0.5% in the second quarter of 2012 which means that the economy has been shrinking for three consecutive quarters in the country's second recession in four years;
- (b) further notes that construction fell by 3.9%, manufacturing output down 0.9% and the service sector shrank by 0.1%;
- (c) regrets that the UK is just one of two countries in the G20 in recession and believes that it is now beyond doubt that the Government's economic plan has failed and has caused a double dip recession and the Government have completely failed to produce a credible plan for jobs and growth;
- (d) further regrets that at the current time there are still more than one million young people unemployed and believes that more action should be taken to tackle youth unemployment;



- (e) notes that as a result of the Government's reckless economic mismanagement the deficit is up by more than a quarter compared to the same period last year with fewer people in work and fewer businesses succeeding, and the Government is having to borrow more not less as welfare bills rise and tax revenues fall;
- (f) regrets that because of the Government's mismanagement of the economy, with slower growth and higher unemployment, spending reductions are now set to continue beyond the current Parliament;
- (g) believes that the Government should now change course and take action to secure growth and supports Labour's five-point growth plan for jobs and growth which includes:
  - (i) repeating the bank bonus tax and using the money to build 25,000 affordable homes and guarantee a job for 100,000 young people;
  - (ii) bringing forward long term investment projects, such as schools, roads and transport, to create jobs;
  - (iii) reversing the Government's VAT rise now for a temporary period;
  - (iv) an immediate one-year cut in VAT to 5% on home improvements, repairs and maintenance; and
  - (v) a one-year national insurance tax break for every small firm which takes on extra workers;
- (h) further believes that these policies are better placed to grow the economy than recent suggestions by Conservative MPs Kwasi Kwarteng, Priti Patel, Dominic Raab, Chris Skidmore and Elizabeth Truss in their book "Britainia Unchained" who blame British workers for the poor state of the economy;
- (i) completely condemns these comments by Conservative MPs which include "The British are among the worst idlers in the world. We work among the lowest hours, we retire early and our productivity is poor.";
- (j) believes that these comments are completely out of touch with reality and are an insult to millions of British people who work long hours for low pay; and
- (k) further believes that instead of mounting attacks on hard working British people these MPs would be better served calling on the Government, which has created a double dip recession and continues to hit hard working families through tax rises and spending cuts at the same time as they are cutting taxes for millionaires, to change course.

(Note: 1. The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) and Councillors Simon Clement Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for Paragraphs (i) and (j), against paragraphs (a) to (g) and (k) and abstained on Paragraph (h) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) and abstained on paragraphs (f) to (k) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF LEEDS' CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY UNIT (1)**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, that this Council:-

- (a) condemns the decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts to cease performing children's heart surgery at Leeds General Infirmary;
- (b) acknowledges that the decision means that there will no longer be specialist surgery anywhere within the Yorkshire and Humber Region and children and families from Sheffield will face increased journey times to alternative provision which may put lives at risk;
- (c) notes that 13.7 million people live within a two hour drive time of Leeds and the birth rate in Yorkshire and Humber over the last 5 years and projected forward to 2015 is double the national average;
- (d) believes that there is a great deal of concern surrounding the decision-making process;
- (e) is aware that there is now to be a review of services to Adults with Congenital Heart Disease which will take place during the Summer/Autumn 2013 and that in Leeds surgeons treat both children and adults on the same site providing continuity of care;
- (f) believes the decision is short-sighted, flawed and will have a hugely negative impact on families and children in the City and throughout the Yorkshire and Humber region who will face severe logistical difficulties and disruption at a time of massive worry about the health of their child and is not in their best interests;
- (g) also believes the decision to cease the provision for children in isolation without considering the impact on the provision of services for people with Congenital Heart Disease is not in the best interests of

people from across the region; and

- (h) supports the decision taken by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, to refer the decision to the Secretary of State for Health for reconsideration.

(NOTE: Councillor Mary Lea exercised a right of reply prior to the above Motion being put to the vote.)

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF LEEDS' CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY UNIT (2)**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls its opposition to the closure of the paediatric cardiac surgical centre at Leeds General Infirmary;
- (b) notes the NHS' Safe and Sustainable Review into National Children's Heart Surgery provision, which was launched in 2009 by the previous Government with the aim of raising standards of care;
- (c) notes with concern, reports that the review team ignored independent analysis of patient flow;
- (d) highlights the decision of the review to investigate England and Wales in isolation, ignoring associated problems with the Glasgow unit, which also currently fails to meet the 'safe and sustainable' benchmark;
- (e) thanks the 600,000 people who signed the petition against the closure of the Leeds unit and welcomes the cross-party campaign to save the unit;
- (f) reaffirms its opposition to the closure of the Paediatric Cardiac Surgery unit at Leeds General Infirmary and calls upon the Secretary of State for Health to refer the decision to the Independent Reconfiguration Unit; and
- (g) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the Secretary of State for Health.

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE OLYMPIC GAMES (1)**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Tim Rippon, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the successful staging of the London 2012 Olympic Games

and notes that the Paralympic Games are currently underway;

(b) celebrates the success of our Yorkshire athletes, and takes particular pride in the success of Sheffield's Jessica Ennis for winning gold in the Heptathlon, noting that if Yorkshire were a country it would have finished 12th overall in the Olympic rankings;

(c) welcomes that the Games have attracted over 20 million pounds of external funding in to Sheffield's economy, and over 50,000 additional visitors to Sheffield;

(d) is proud that 250 athletes and officials involved in eight sports from 10 countries have made full use of four of Sheffield's facilities for pre games training and overall, Sheffield has held over 70 international events and training camps connected to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

(e) notes that 51 of 'Team GB' will have trained in Sheffield and the City is home to five British teams, namely GB Volleyball, GB Boxing, GB Diving, GB Table Tennis and GB Para Table Tennis.

(f) is proud that Sheffield will be named as one of only three National Centres for Sport and Exercise Medicine as part of the Olympic legacy bid commitments made by the UK;

(g) thanks local people for supporting events associated with the Games held in Sheffield, including the Torch Relay, Sheftival, Paralympic flame events and Jessica Ennis' homecoming celebration; and

(h) would like to thank the City Centre Management and Events Teams, Activity Sheffield, Sheffield International Venues and Streetforce for their contribution to the success of these and other events held in the City over the summer, including Tramlines and the Sheffield Grand Prix cycling event.

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN MYANMAR**

RESOLVED On the Motion of Councillor Ibrar Hussain, seconded by Councillor Mohammad Maroof, that this Council:-

(a) calls upon the British Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary to condemn the communal violence by Myanmar (formally Burma) security forces of the minority Rohingya communities in the North East of the country, and to respond to the Human Rights Watch report on the killings published in June and to make representations to the Myanmar Government to call for action to be taken to protect minority communities in the Country;

(b) calls upon all Sheffield MP's on behalf of the people of the City to make representations to the Myanmar Embassy to condemn the

- violence and lack of action by the Myanmar Government;
- (c) questions why there has been so little coverage in the British media, in particular the BBC, ITV and SKY have been noticeable in their absence of reporting;
  - (d) rejects the comments of Myanmar Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin who said the authorities had exercised "maximum restraint" in restoring law and order;
  - (e) calls upon the Myanmar Government to recognise the Rohingya Muslims who have lived in the area for over 800 years;
  - (f) demands that the Myanmar Government end abuses, grant full humanitarian access and invite in international monitors and allow open access to the area; and
  - (g) calls upon neighbouring Bangladesh to comply with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' agreement and accept refugees from Myanmar.

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES (2)**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the overwhelming success of the London 2012 Olympic Games;
- (b) commends the 29 Gold, 17 Silver & 19 Bronze medals won in the Games, the highest tally for Great Britain since the 1908 Olympic Games;
- (c) praises the logistical operation undertaken by London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, in particular, Sheffield's Lord Sebastian Coe;
- (d) applauds the energy and delight with which all the volunteers welcomed the world to the United Kingdom;
- (e) congratulates Jessica Ennis and all of TeamGB on their great success at these Olympic Games, especially those from or based in Sheffield, including coaching and support staff;
- (f) also eagerly welcomes the London 2012 Paralympics Games, and wishes TeamGB good luck at those Games;
- (g) believes that participation in sports at any level can have profoundly positive effects on mental and physical well-being and social cohesion, and hopes the example of TeamGB will inspire not just future elite

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| athletes, but also participation in sports and activity at all levels; and<br>(h) therefore encourages all Sheffielders inspired by the summer of sport to get involved with sport and volunteering. |
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**18. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE CITY DEAL FOR THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION**

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the announcement of a City Deal for the Sheffield City Region, with an unprecedented shift in power and investment from the Government to Sheffield City Region;
- (b) understands the deal has the potential to deliver 4,000 new apprenticeships, 2,000 employees with new training, nearly £40 million to redevelop the city centre, and 12,000 new jobs at the City's enterprise zone;
- (c) thanks Liberal Democrats in Government for securing this historic deal, in particular the Deputy Prime Minister;
- (d) recalls that the deal follows hundreds of millions of pounds of investment in the region's infrastructure, including the recent announcement of the electrification of the Midland Main Line, the start of the Streets Ahead project, and the financial backing for a Sheffield University Technical College;
- (e) believes the deal underpins this Government's commitment to re-balancing the nation's economy, away from the City of London so shamelessly courted by Governments of the last thirty years, and towards cities of the North;
- (f) calls upon local authorities, the local enterprise partnership and business leaders in the Sheffield City Region to work together to ensure the City Deal is a success and that Sheffield becomes a deliverer of growth; and
- (g) directs that an annual report is presented to this Council setting out progress made in meeting the goals set out in the City Region's deal.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) welcomes the City Deal for Sheffield City Region which delivers innovative proposals on skills, investment, transport and innovation

developed by the present Administration and partners across the Sheffield City Region, however, notes that despite the welcome proposals in the City Deal, the vast majority of the money is not extra funding, it is existing Government money that will now come under local control rather than a significant rebalancing of government finance from London to the north;

- (b) notes that as part of the City Deal negotiations, Core Cities were asked to come forward with their 'asks' of Government and believes that asking for control of skills funding to shape how this is invested and to meet the needs of the local economy demonstrates that the City Region is leading on the skills agenda which is key to bringing jobs, developing growth industries and securing investment in the Region and demonstrates that the present Administration is standing up for Sheffield;
- (c) welcomes the successful collaboration and joint working between public and private sector partners across the Sheffield City Region to secure the City Deal, noting that the private sector have been heavily involved in the Deal, ensuring that it is responsive to the needs of local business and supports the business friendly approach of the present Administration;
- (d) welcomes the creation of the Sheffield City Region Apprenticeship hub which will deliver 4,000 new apprenticeships by 2016 and comes on the back of the innovative Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme developed by the present Administration and thanks everyone involved in developing and participating in this successful scheme including the apprentices, young people and council officers;
- (e) welcomes the numerous other proposals in the City Deal including Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 2, infrastructure investment, the 'sourcing roadmap' to support the City Region's advanced manufacturing industry and transport funding;
- (f) however, notes that despite the welcome proposals in the City Deal, the majority of this funding is not new investment and not a substitute for a credible economic plan to take the country out of recession; and
- (g) resolves to send a copy of this motion to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on the Government to take responsibility for the situation they have created and to develop an alternative based on the Shadow Chancellor's Plan for Jobs and Growth.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the City Deal for Sheffield City Region which delivers innovative proposals on skills, investment, transport and innovation developed by the present Administration and partners across the Sheffield City Region, however, notes that despite the welcome proposals in the City Deal, the vast majority of the money is not extra funding, it is existing Government money that will now come under local control rather than a significant rebalancing of government finance from London to the north;
- (b) notes that as part of the City Deal negotiations, Core Cities were asked to come forward with their 'asks' of Government and believes that asking for control of skills funding to shape how this is invested and to meet the needs of the local economy demonstrates that the City Region is leading on the skills agenda which is key to bringing jobs, developing growth industries and securing investment in the Region and demonstrates that the present Administration is standing up for Sheffield;
- (c) welcomes the successful collaboration and joint working between public and private sector partners across the Sheffield City Region to secure the City Deal, noting that the private sector have been heavily involved in the Deal, ensuring that it is responsive to the needs of local business and supports the business friendly approach of the present Administration;
- (d) welcomes the creation of the Sheffield City Region Apprenticeship hub which will deliver 4,000 new apprenticeships by 2016 and comes on the back of the innovative Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme developed by the present Administration and thanks everyone involved in developing and participating in this successful scheme including the apprentices, young people and council officers;
- (e) welcomes the numerous other proposals in the City Deal including Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 2, infrastructure investment, the 'sourcing roadmap' to support the City Region's advanced manufacturing industry and transport funding;
- (f) however, notes that despite the welcome proposals in the City Deal, the majority of this funding is not new investment and not a substitute for a credible economic plan to take the country out of recession; and
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**19. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE RUSSIAN JUDICIARY CONVICTION OF PUSSY RIOT**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Denise Reaney, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with extreme concern the decision of the Russian judiciary to convict the members of the band, Pussy Riot, to two years in jail for hooliganism;
- (b) deplores attempts by any administration to curtail free speech, stifle genuine debate, or restrict opposition voices; and
- (c) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.