

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 6 April 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Talib Hussain)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Julie Gledhill Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nasima Akther Nikki Bond Mohammad Maroof
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Garry Weatherall	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Aodan Marken Brian Webster	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Jayne Dunn Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Steve Jones Cate McDonald Chris Peace	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Robert Murphy	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Geoff Smith Anne Murphy	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Dianne Hurst Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Campbell, Sarah Jane Smalley, Alan Law, Joyce Wright and Lynne Rooney.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Members of the City Council declared interests in items of business, as follows:-

2.2 Item 9: Notice of Motion Concerning the Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy

The following Members declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the above item as set out below and did not speak or vote on that item of business:-

Councillor Ibrar Hussain - As a Taxi Driver

Councillor Mohammad Maroof - As a Taxi Driver

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain - As a Taxi Driver

Councillor Gill Furniss declared a personal interest in the above item on the grounds that her Son in Law is employed as a Taxi Driver.

2.3 Item 12: Notice of Motion Concerning Business Rate Localisation and Rate Relief

Members declared Personal Interests in the above item as set out below:-

Councillor Paul Wood - Owner of a Licensed Premises

Councillor Neale Gibson - Small Business Owner

2.4 Item 17: Notice of Motion Concerning Private Rented Properties

Members declared Personal Interests in the above item as set out below:-

Councillor Cliff Woodcraft - Wife is a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Jack Clarkson - As a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Colin Ross	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Josie Paszek	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Bob Johnson	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed	-	Wife is a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Leigh Bramall	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Dianne Hurst	-	As a Private Sector Landlord
The Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain	-	Wife is a Private Sector Landlord
Councillor Mary Lea	-	Mother lives in rent free property
Councillor Mazher Iqbal	-	As a Private Sector Landlord

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 February 2016 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on 4 March 2016 (Budget Meeting) be approved as true and accurate records.

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

- 4.1 Prior to the commencement of the Public Questions and Petitions item, the Lord Mayor stated that, on the advice of the Chief Executive, the public questions received from Mr Brighton would not be dealt with at the meeting for the reasons previously conveyed to Mr Brighton by the Council's Monitoring Officer, and that, instead, Mr Brighton would receive a written response in due course.

#### **Petitions**

#### **4.2 Petition in respect of Attacks on Local Democracy**

- 4.2.1 The Council received a petition, containing 112 signatures, opposing attacks on local democracy.
- 4.2.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by June Cattell. She commented that she was speaking on behalf of the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign in response to what she believed was the Government trying to stop Councils making ethical

decisions on procurement and pensions fund investment.

- 4.2.3 She referred to a note recently circulated by the Government which she believed had the intention of aiming to stop Councils making ethical decisions on procurement and which was contrary to the localism agenda promoted by the Government. 26,000 people had recently signed a petition opposing the move.
- 4.2.4 The announcement outlining the changes had recently been made by Matthew Hancock M.P in Israel and came at a time where Councils were increasingly trying to make a stand against companies violating international law.
- 4.2.5 Sheffield had a proud history of standing up to regimes such as the apartheid regime in South Africa. Ms. Cattell therefore hoped that the Councillors would adopt a similar position in this instance. The principles under attack were crucial to local democracy and Ms. Cattell believed there should be a Full Council debate and the Council should oppose the changes proposed by the Government.
- 4.2.6 Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, thanked Ms. Cattell for the petition. It was an issue he was aware of and he shared Ms. Cattell's concerns. He had raised the issue with Louise Haigh M.P who was a member of the Shadow Cabinet Office team.
- 4.2.7 This was an issue of localism and the Council should be allowed to take decisions on who it could do business with. The Council should be aware of the impact its decisions made on other towns and cities and the global community. The Council did not invest in workers' pensions and did not invest in companies which breached international law.
- 4.2.8 Councillor Curran added that the Council did have some legacy contracts and a full review into Ethical Procurement had been undertaken which would be reported back following the local elections.

#### 4.3 Petition in respect of Burngreave Vestry Hall

- 4.3.1 The Council received a petition, containing 411 signatures, calling on the Council to save Burngreave Vestry Hall for the community to use, stop the eviction of the existing tenants and users of the building and opposing any lease or letting agreement which changed the big hall into small spaces and removed open public use of the big hall.
- 4.3.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mohammed Issa. He commented that the petitioners were opposed to any changes to the tenancy agreement at the Vestry Hall. He recognised that significant cuts had been made to the Council's

budget, but £5m had been invested into the Hall from the Burngreave New Deal for Communities funding.

4.3.3 Mr Issa believed the community had a right to have a say over the use of the building and called on the Council to develop a community led solution where the whole of the hall could be used by the community.

4.3.4 In response, Councillor Ben Curran stated that no decisions had been taken about the future use of the hall and only initial discussions had been held with the Citizens Advice Bureau. He was surprised to hear that no new bookings were being taken for use of the hall and he would look into that. No firm commitments could be made about the future but Councillor Curran would meet with community groups to try and agree a way forward.

#### 4.4 Petition in respect of Speed Reduction Measures on Dyke Vale Road

4.4.1 The Council received a petition, containing 967 signatures, requesting speed reduction measures on Dyke Vale Road.

4.4.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Laura Day. She commented that local residents, as well as herself, had had concerns over the safety of Dyke Vale Road for some time. Incidents on the road had appeared on the front cover of The Star newspaper twice in recent times.

4.4.3 One of the major problems was speeding vehicles. The top of the road was a 30mph speed limit but this changed to 20mph near Miss Day's house. Vehicles were not adhering to this limit and there had been a number of accidents and damage to Miss Day's personal property including significant damage to her car and also a hire car used by her. As she was medically trained, Miss Day had also had to administer urgent medical attention at the scene of accidents on the road.

4.4.4 Miss Day added that there were two parks nearby to the road which were very popular, particularly in the warm weather. As these were often used by children, the danger caused to them by the speeding vehicles was significant. There was also difficulty parking on the road, adding to the danger. Miss Day called on the Council to introduce speed reduction measures on the road before there was a fatality.

4.4.5 In response, Councillor Terry Fox, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, commented that he was aware of issues on the road from stories in the local press and discussions he had had with local Ward Councillors. He would be happy to meet on site with petitioners and local Ward Councillors to see if anything could be done and to try and agree a way forward. However, he could not commit to anything at this stage as the Council received a number of similar requests

across the City and, with the budget cuts, resources were tight. Nevertheless, he would arrange a meeting on site to discuss options with petitioners and local Ward Councillors.

4.5 Petition in respect of the Footpath between Ecclesall Church and the War Memorial, Ecclesall Road South

4.5.1 The Council received a petition, containing 176 signatures, requesting the Council to reinstate the footpath between Ecclesall Church and the War Memorial, Ecclesall Road South.

4.5.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kathleen Hebdon. She commented that many people had difficulty using the Public Right of Way up to Ecclesall Church as the steeper part of it had not been resurfaced. This Public Right of Way was the preferred route of many up to the Church.

4.5.3 There were a number of retirement properties nearby and, as a result, lots of elderly people used the Right of Way. The Church itself was an asset to the City and the yard was kept in excellent condition by volunteers. The ascent of the path was difficult, without the poor condition, with slopes at different rates. She was aware of a number of people who had slipped on the path including young mothers with prams. She therefore requested that the path offer a safe winter surface with a texture which it would be expected to help prevent slipping. A top layer of asphalt would not suffice.

4.5.4 Councillor Terry Fox responded that he understood the difficulties in getting up and down the path. The street light nearby had recently been repaired which it was hoped would improve the situation. He would arrange a meeting with Streets Ahead and petitioners and local Ward Councillors to try and find a solution and a way forward.

4.6 Petition in respect of Parking Spaces around Tinsley Green Park

4.6.1 The Council received a petition, containing 750 signatures, requesting the Council to stop reducing parking spaces around Tinsley Green Park.

4.6.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Zafar Khoukar. He commented that he had been a resident of Tinsley for the last 16 years. A local school was currently under construction in Tinsley Green Park to which many residents were opposed, particularly considering the already heavy parking in the area.

4.6.3 Mr Khoukar further commented that local residents were very concerned about proposals to introduce double yellow lines near the school which would make parking problems in the area even worse. He requested that the Council work with local residents to try and find a solution and for the Cabinet Member to meet with local residents on

site to listen to the views of the people of Tinsley.

4.6.4 Councillor Terry Fox commented that the Traffic Regulation Order for the double yellow lines was currently out for consultation where the views of interested people, including local residents, were sought. He had also spoken to local Ward Councillors regarding the proposals.

4.6.5 All responses to the consultation would be taken into consideration and the final recommendations would be included in a report which would be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet Highways Committee where local residents would be welcome to attend and make representations to Councillor Fox. No date for this Committee had yet been confirmed. Councillor Fox looked forward to hearing all views on the consultation and he would be in contact with the petitioner to arrange a meeting on site.

4.7 Petition in respect of the Cutting of Activity Sheffield Staff

4.7.1 The Council received a petition, containing 220 signatures, opposing the cutting of Activity Sheffield staff.

4.7.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.7.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, the Acting Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

4.8 Petition in respect of Parking for Workers in the Carbrook Area

4.8.1 The Council received an electronic petition, containing 21 signatures, requesting more parking for workers in the Carbrook area.

4.8.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.8.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

4.9 Petition in respect of the Proposed Demolition of Cambridge Street and Surrounding Areas

4.9.1 The Council received a petition, containing 20 signatures, requesting the Council stop the proposed demolition of Cambridge Street and surrounding areas.

4.9.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.9.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development.

4.10 Petition in respect of Parking Controls and Permits around Hillsborough Stadium

- 4.10.1 The Council received a petition, containing 37 signatures, requesting the Council address parking problems and permits around Hillsborough Stadium.
- 4.10.2 There was no speaker to the petition.
- 4.10.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

**Public Questions**

4.11 Public Question in respect of Private Hire Vehicle Consultation

- 4.11.1 Mohammed Yasin stated that he was the President of the GMB Taxi branch, and had intended to attend the Council Meeting today to express concerns at the proposals, currently out to consultation, of changes to Private Hire Vehicle Licenses. However, he had now been informed that the more difficult elements for Taxi Drivers, such as the proposal for age limits of vehicles to be cut to one year, had been removed from the consultation and he therefore thanked Councillors for this as he believed that this would be a policy which could have put many Taxi Drivers out of business.
- 4.11.2 Councillor Leigh Bramall thanked Mr Yasin for his comments and commented that he had spoken to Mr Yasin on a number of occasions regarding this issue and others. The Council always welcomed constructive feedback, so he was happy to withdraw the elements referred to from the consultation.
- 4.11.3 Councillor Bramall encouraged everyone to put their views forward as part of the consultation so that things could move forward in the best way possible for everyone.

4.12 Public Question in respect of Land Moved into Parks

- 4.12.1 Martin Lawton commented that he understood that land had been moved into parks in the last five years and he asked how much land has been transferred to parks and how much if any into the Graves Charity?
- 4.12.2 Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, Acting Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, responded that she had discussed the issue with Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, and Councillor Roy Munn. She confirmed that the amount of land in parks had been increased, but could not provide the exact amount, so would provide this in a written response to Mr Lawton.

4.13 Public Question in respect of Housing Leak



- 4.13.1 Valerie Wilson referred to an incident at her house on Easter Monday where a water leak at her house had leaked onto her bed. She had rung the Council's Emergency Repairs line but was told no one could come out to inspect the leak as it was a Bank Holiday. The Call Centre was also based in Newcastle and not Sheffield.
- 4.13.2 As a result of this, Mrs Wilson had to ring the Fire Brigade who also attempted to contact the Council to send someone round. However, this was also unsuccessful so, eventually, the Fire Service sent someone round to Mrs Wilson's house. Mrs Wilson was aware of an elderly resident living nearby who had experienced similar problems. She therefore asked why there was no longer an Emergency Repairs Service on Bank Holidays and why the Call Centre had been moved to Newcastle?
- 4.13.3 Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing, acknowledged that what Mrs Wilson had described was unacceptable. All calls were recorded and, if what was said was correct, people would be held to account. She would follow it up to ensure that if people had incidents in the future on Bank Holidays they could be assured that they would be dealt with.
- 4.14 Public Question in respect of Burngreave Vestry Hall
- 4.14.1 Kaltune Elmi asked how much would the Council save by relocating existing organisations and by bringing other organisations into Vestry Hall?
- 4.14.2 Councillor Ben Curran stated that he could not confirm the exact saving as no decision had been taken in respect of the future use of the hall. The level of savings would need to be looked at when considering its future use. If savings could be made from the running costs of a building, this would be better for the City than having to make savings from a particular service.
- 4.15 Public Question in respect of Sheffield's Green Infrastructure
- 4.15.1 Helen Mcilroy commented that many graduates from the City choose to live in Sheffield but work in Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham etc. as Sheffield was a pleasant place to live. One of the things which made it special was its green infrastructure. Had the Council considered the potential damage which would be done to the local economy from the loss of green infrastructure?
- 4.15.2 Councillor Ben Curran commented that Sheffield had two great universities which attracted people from all over the world. The Council acknowledged the benefit which its green infrastructure had and it was looking to enhance that and make it more accessible, such as in the work undertaken on The Outdoor City. There was also many other attractions which retained people in the City once they had

graduated.

- 4.15.3 The money coming into the City Council was from Council Tax and Business Rates with the rest going to Government so the impact in monetary terms would be negligible but this could be looked into. There was a wish to keep people in the City and this could be seen through schemes such as the Innovation District, The RISE Graduate Scheme and the campaign to have the station for HS2 in the City Centre. There was also a Keep Sheffield Working Fund. Overall, there was an awful lot of work being done to make Sheffield a better place to work and keep people living in the City, including young graduates.
- 4.15.4 Councillor Leigh Bramall added that the Outdoor City Strategy had recently been approved. The Peak District was a major attraction in the City and the Council was developing the walking and cycling infrastructure and had worked with UK Athletics to create the biggest run route in the country.
- 4.15.5 Councillor Bramall further commented that the Council was committed to enhancing and protecting parks. 50,000 new trees had been planted and, through Streets Ahead, trees were being maintained on highways. Work was being undertaken with local and national organisations and Councillor Bramall looked forward to progressing with those initiatives.
- 4.15.6 Councillor Jayne Dunn also commented that she had recently Chaired the Council's Green Commission involving a number of private and public sector partners. A lot of good work had been undertaken through that and the outcomes would be published shortly, which would add to the unique green infrastructure which existed throughout the City.
- 4.16 Public Question in respect of Double Yellow Lines near Tinsley Green Park
- 4.16.1 Nasim Akther referred to the proposal to introduce double yellow lines near Tinsley Park School. She commented that she understood and appreciated the safety issues involved but asked if the Cabinet Member would reconsider the proposal and meet residents on site to discuss the issue, as many residents were concerned as parking was also an issue in the area?
- 4.16.2 Councillor Terry Fox responded that, as he had said to the petitioner earlier in the meeting, there was a balance to be struck between people who lived in the area and the wider community. The proposals were out for consultation and no decision had been made. Councillor Fox had also had discussions with local Ward Councillors about the proposals.

- 4.16.3 Final proposals would be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Highways Committee which would take into consideration the consultation responses. Everything would be taken into consideration but the key issue was ensuring child and road safety and that needed to be balanced against the needs of the local community. Councillor Fox encouraged residents to continue to respond to the consultation and a meeting on site could be arranged with local residents.
- 4.17 Public Question in respect of Comments at Full Council Meeting on 3 February 2016
- 4.17.1 David Dilner commented that at the last Full Council meeting, on 3 February 2016, Councillor Terry Fox referred to an incident involving a white van on Spurr Street, Heeley, seemingly implying involvement by campaigners. When challenged by the Public Gallery, the Deputy Lord Mayor requested that the challenger be seated stating 'Sit down, he was not referring to you personally, he was referring to you all.' Will those remarks now be withdrawn?
- 4.17.2 Councillor Terry Fox stated that he could not speak on anything regarding trees whilst there was an ongoing legal process and a written response would be provided to Mr Dilner.
- 4.18 Public Question in respect of Sheffield Retail Quarter (SRQ)
- 4.18.1 Nigel Slack commented that, with the International Monetary Fund's Managing Director, Christine Lagarde, suggesting further cutting world growth forecasts and George Osborne's pals in China being in recession (even if they won't admit it) the prospect of a City supporting its essential public services purely on local tax receipts by 2020 must be worrying.
- 4.18.2 Mr Slack added that the City Region deal was a small boost to investment but is as nothing compared to the cuts to local budgets over the last 6 years. Add to this a flat retail economy and the appropriate response to the regeneration of the City Centre may not be a single massive developer that will take their rents to that other place (South) but a longer term vision that will put Sheffield developers, architects and construction businesses in the driving seat, so retaining rent receipts in the City and boosting the local economy more directly. Since the Council have yet to name a major developer partner for the SRQ, will the Council consider this option again and with some urgency?
- 4.18.3 Councillor Leigh Bramall acknowledged that the global economy at the present time was extremely uncertain. This was a reason why it was more important than ever for Sheffield to put in place the right measures to grow its economy for people's security and for the Council to have more money to enable it to protect people in the City.

- 4.18.4 Councillor Bramall further commented that the Council was a partner in the Sheffield Retail Quarter scheme. This meant it shared some of the risks but also took some of the rewards. A business case would be made for the SRQ and costs would be factored into building the scheme in the first place.
- 4.18.5 The more successful the scheme, the more income from business rates the Council would receive, which could be put back into Council services. An ambitious scheme was needed and to be delivered as quickly as possible, with 2019 being the current target date in its quickest form.
- 4.18.6 The scheme would also create jobs which could help to lift people out of poverty and would help to attract more inward investment. Councillor Bramall hoped that a significant number of local businesses would be involved in the scheme and local businesses would also benefit from the increased footfall that the scheme would bring. The certainty from rents would also allow businesses to carry the risks associated with smaller shops.
- 4.18.7 Councillor Bramall wanted to see a mixed economy in the City Centre to create a vibrant, dynamic City Centre. The Council was currently in discussions with a major blue chip company in relation to the scheme which would help to secure and attract jobs to the City. If the scheme was delivered successfully this would cement the prosperity of the City Centre for years to come.

4.19 Public Question in respect of Commercial Services

- 4.19.1 Nigel Slack commented that he has been an advocate for greater transparency in outsourcing and contracts for a number of years. It was nice for Mr Slack to see that some of the political parties were starting to highlight this problem too. With austerity cuts affecting the Council's commercial services alongside other departments, how was the Council's ability to oversee and monitor contracts and performance being affected?
- 4.19.2 Councillor Ben Curran responded that Commercial Services had faced big reductions, as many internal facing departments of the Council had done. He acknowledged that there were tipping points but these hadn't been crossed in Commercial Services so they could still adequately oversee and monitor contracts.
- 4.19.3 Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of the Council, added that levels of business rates coming into the Council could appear to be worrying at a time when public services were becoming dependent on them. Councillor Colin Ross, Leader of the Main Opposition Group, had brought a Motion to this meeting regarding business rates. The Labour amendment to that motion recognised the contribution of small businesses to the local economy and highlighted that changes

announced in the Government's recent Budget announcement were a concern. It welcomed Business Rate localisation, but called on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensured that local authorities had appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services.

- 4.19.4 The Council believed there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places had the necessary funding to deliver services. Sheffield was not alone in this view and was working with Core Cities in discussions with Government and would continue to fight the City's cause.

## **5. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

### **Private Hire Operator and Vehicle Policies**

- 5.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Pat Midgley and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be amended as Notice of Motion 9 had generated significantly increased attendance by members of the public and it was therefore deemed appropriate to take this motion as the next item of business.
- 5.2 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-
- (a) notes the consultation currently taking place on the Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Policy;
  - (b) notes that Liberal Democrat Councillors have been contacted by hundreds of people within the taxi and private hire vehicle profession who have voiced their objections to these proposals;
  - (c) believes that some of the suggested changes to the Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy will make the taxi profession unviable for many people;
  - (d) notes in particular the proposal to change the age of vehicles able to register as private hire vehicles from under 5 years old to under 1 year old and the length of time a vehicle can remain licensed from 9 years to 7 years will make private hire vehicle drivers liable for huge unnecessary costs;
  - (e) believes the Council should be taking other measures to tackle air pollution such as improving cycle links and public transport to tackle problems with air pollution rather than through an attack on taxi and private hire vehicle drivers; and
  - (f) therefore calls on the Administration to immediately drop these proposals and go back to the drawing board.

5.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall seconded by Councillor Nasima Akther, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (j) as follows:-

- (b) notes that Licensing is a statutory function of the Council, designed to maintain public confidence in trades that require a license to operate, and that Licensing should therefore be operated transparently and correctly, with decisions based on Licensing Policy;
- (c) notes the current consultation on draft proposals for a revised set of private hire vehicle standards, and confirms that each member of the cross-party Licensing Committee was given the opportunity to comment on the content of the consultation and whether it should be put to the taxi trade for views, with no objections being raised by any members;
- (d) notes that Labour administrations have demonstrated a commitment to listen to previous consultations on Licensing, most recently on the driver standards consultation, with significant changes being made in response to feedback from the taxi trade;
- (e) confirms that the relevant Cabinet Member has received representations from Labour Councillors representing their constituents, as well as from the trade unions and trade bodies, around a small number of the proposals in the current consultation, and therefore confirms that, once again, this Administration will listen, and confirms that proposals around vehicle age and permanent company logos have been withdrawn from the consultation altogether, and thanks all those who have fed back their genuinely held views;
- (f) also confirms that it believes the current consultation should be completed to assess views on the vast majority of proposals that have not elicited a significant number of responses with a clear view;
- (g) confirms that issues around air quality remain important but that they should be addressed via a comprehensive policy which is being developed, requiring a range of measures across the Council and city partners;
- (h) deplores the way the Liberal Democrats have used the consultation to seek to gain political advantage, by flag waving in public, despite the Administration being unaware of any Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Licensing Committee objecting to any proposals in the consultation prior to its publication, and furthermore confirms that no Liberal Democrat Councillor has made any contact with the relevant Cabinet Member to represent the trade or public on this issue, in contrast to the trade unions, trade bodies and Labour councillors;
- (i) further believes that the Liberal Democrats should be judged by their

failure to genuinely attempt to raise the issues of concern with the Cabinet Member, versus the actions of the Liberal Democrats when they were last in power, which included many current Lib Dem Councillors, when they withdrew the cap on the number of taxi operating licenses despite vociferous opposition from the taxi trade and drivers, who clearly stated that it would lead to significant oversupply of taxis thereby drastically reducing the ability of taxi drivers to make a decent and fair living from the trade; and

- (j) further notes that it was also the subsequent Labour Administration that listened to the taxi trade and reinstated a taxi licence cap, and therefore believes it is clear which administration will genuinely work with the taxi trade to deliver a high quality taxi service for the people of Sheffield whilst responding to the legitimate concerns of the taxi trade and drivers.

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

5.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (f) and (g) and abstained on paragraphs (d), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

5.5 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of original paragraph (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (h) as follows:-

- (f) notes that in addition to the age restrictions on licensed vehicles, many within the taxi profession are also concerned about plans for permanent signage, which they fear will lead to their vehicles becoming targets for thefts and vandalism;
- (g) notes that this Administration, following feedback and media interest, have suspended these issues from the consultation for the time being; and
- (h) calls on the Administration to fully drop these contentious proposals, instead of merely suspending them until after the local elections.

5.6 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

5.7 Following a Right of Reply by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes the consultation currently taking place on the Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Policy;
- (b) notes that Licensing is a statutory function of the Council, designed to maintain public confidence in trades that require a license to operate, and

- that Licensing should therefore be operated transparently and correctly, with decisions based on Licensing Policy;
- (c) notes the current consultation on draft proposals for a revised set of private hire vehicle standards, and confirms that each member of the cross-party Licensing Committee was given the opportunity to comment on the content of the consultation and whether it should be put to the taxi trade for views, with no objections being raised by any members;
  - (d) notes that Labour administrations have demonstrated a commitment to listen to previous consultations on Licensing, most recently on the driver standards consultation, with significant changes being made in response to feedback from the taxi trade;
  - (e) confirms that the relevant Cabinet Member has received representations from Labour Councillors representing their constituents, as well as from the trade unions and trade bodies, around a small number of the proposals in the current consultation, and therefore confirms that, once again, this Administration will listen, and confirms that proposals around vehicle age and permanent company logos have been withdrawn from the consultation altogether, and thanks all those who have fed back their genuinely held views;
  - (f) also confirms that it believes the current consultation should be completed to assess views on the vast majority of proposals that have not elicited a significant number of responses with a clear view;
  - (g) confirms that issues around air quality remain important but that they should be addressed via a comprehensive policy which is being developed, requiring a range of measures across the Council and city partners;
  - (h) deplores the way the Liberal Democrats have used the consultation to seek to gain political advantage, by flag waving in public, despite the Administration being unaware of any Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Licensing Committee objecting to any proposals in the consultation prior to its publication, and furthermore confirms that no Liberal Democrat Councillor has made any contact with the relevant Cabinet Member to represent the trade or public on this issue, in contrast to the trade unions, trade bodies and Labour councillors;
  - (i) further believes that the Liberal Democrats should be judged by their failure to genuinely attempt to raise the issues of concern with the Cabinet Member, versus the actions of the Liberal Democrats when they were last in power, which included many current Lib Dem Councillors, when they withdrew the cap on the number of taxi operating licenses despite vociferous opposition from the taxi trade and drivers, who clearly stated that it would lead to significant oversupply of taxis thereby drastically reducing the ability of taxi drivers to make a decent and fair living from the trade; and



(j) further notes that it was also the subsequent Labour Administration that listened to the taxi trade and reinstated a taxi licence cap, and therefore believes it is clear which administration will genuinely work with the taxi trade to deliver a high quality taxi service for the people of Sheffield whilst responding to the legitimate concerns of the taxi trade and drivers.

5.8 (Notes 1. Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) and abstained on paragraphs (d), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraph (a) and against paragraphs (b) – (j) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.

3. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Mohammad Maroof, having declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item of business, did not speak or vote on this item, and the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) took the Chair for the duration of the item.)

## **6. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

### **UK Steel Industry**

6.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) announced the proposal that an urgent item of business be considered at this point in the proceedings. Council Procedure Rule 26 states that “An item of business may be considered at a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee as a matter of urgency, where it has not been possible to give five clear working days’ notice, on the recommendation of the Chair, but the reason for such urgency must be recorded in the minutes. Any non-confidential or non-exempt report relating to such item must be made available for public inspection once it has been issued.

6.2 The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) had requested that the Council considers an additional Notice of Motion concerning the UK Steel Industry, following the news after the Council agenda had been published, of risks to TATA Steel plants across the UK. In view of the nature of the issue and its relevance to Sheffield, plus the timing of the developments, the Lord Mayor stated that he was satisfied that there were clear reasons for taking the Notice of Motion as an urgent item of business.

6.3 The proposed Motion was circulated to all Members of the Council on 5 April 2016 and was published on the Council’s website. Copies of the Motion were made available in the Council Chamber and Public Gallery.

6.4 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Richard Crowther,

that this Council:-

- (a) is deeply concerned at the prospect of major job losses at Stocksbridge, Rotherham and other locations, following Tata Steel's decision to pull out of its UK steel operations;
- (b) reiterates the sentiments passed in previous Council motions, and once again urges the Government to:-
  - (i) provide support for a business rate cut for the steel industry;
  - (ii) give the steel industry a break from green taxes and high energy bills;
  - (iii) take urgent action to stop the dumping of cheap Chinese steel;
  - (iv) make a commitment to use British steel for all major infrastructure and construction projects; and
  - (v) look to use British-made steel in all government backed contracts;
- (c) deplores the Government's efforts to overhaul anti-dumping rules that would have helped the EU to raise retaliatory tariffs against Chinese steel similar to the level of those adopted by the US;
- (d) believes the Government's inaction shows they lack an industrial strategy and have no interest in supporting strategic national industries like steel;
- (e) believes the Government's unwillingness to save the steel industry adds weight to former Work and Pensions Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan-Smith MP's comments that the Conservative Party do not care for people who do not vote for them;
- (f) recalls the decision made by the Coalition Government to cancel an £80m loan to Sheffield Forgemasters which would have allowed the Company to be one of only two in the world able to make forgings large enough for the nuclear industry;
- (g) also believes that the Coalition Government did nothing to promote an industrial strategy;
- (h) believes that steel is an industry of huge strategic importance, and demands that the Government acts now to do whatever it takes to protect the steel industry, including considering nationalisation; and
- (i) recalls the successful temporary nationalisations that took place under the last Labour Government, including when it stepped in to save organisations of vital importance, including British Energy.

6.5 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes with regret the decision of TATA steel to sell their UK operations including their Steelworks in Stocksbridge and Rotherham;
- (b) notes that steel is an important national industry with particular relevance to Sheffield and the wider Sheffield City Region;
- (c) believes it is vitally important for the UK's long term prospects and our long term industrial strategy that the UK retains its capacity to produce steel;
- (d) calls on the Government, in the event that a buyer can't be found to take over TATA steel immediately, to step in and take over until a buyer can be found so the plants can remain open in the short term and to take on pensions liabilities to encourage a buyer to take over TATA;
- (e) also calls on the Government to mandate that the new infrastructure commission led by Lord Adonis ensures that British produced steel should be given every opportunity and where appropriate, priority, in procurement for new infrastructure that Lord Adonis and the Government will be signing off;
- (f) believes that the Government is being half hearted about its intentions;
- (g) therefore calls on Sheffield City Region and Sheffield City Council to set up a task force with other local councils, trade unions, community and individuals to work on an urgent action plan on mitigating the issues that will arise if TATA were to close, including skills, enterprise opportunities, debt, Job Match and community building; and
- (h) calls on the Administration to bring a report to the Cabinet as a matter of urgency on this issue and to include consideration of appropriate funding from itself and partners.

6.6 Following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment was put to the vote and negated.

6.7 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the amendment (21) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker

Against the amendment (53) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain),

the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur

Abstained on the amendment - Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster  
(3) and Robert Murphy

6.8 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) is deeply concerned at the prospect of major job losses at Stocksbridge, Rotherham and other locations, following Tata Steel's decision to pull out of its UK steel operations;
- (b) reiterates the sentiments passed in previous Council motions, and once again urges the Government to:-
  - (i) provide support for a business rate cut for the steel industry;
  - (ii) give the steel industry a break from green taxes and high energy bills;
  - (iii) take urgent action to stop the dumping of cheap Chinese steel;
  - (iv) make a commitment to use British steel for all major infrastructure and construction projects; and
  - (v) look to use British-made steel in all government backed contracts;
- (c) deplores the Government's efforts to overhaul anti-dumping rules that would have helped the EU to raise retaliatory tariffs against Chinese steel

- similar to the level of those adopted by the US;
- (d) believes the Government's inaction shows they lack an industrial strategy and have no interest in supporting strategic national industries like steel;
  - (e) believes the Government's unwillingness to save the steel industry adds weight to former Work and Pensions Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan-Smith MP's comments that the Conservative Party do not care for people who do not vote for them;
  - (f) recalls the decision made by the Coalition Government to cancel an £80m loan to Sheffield Forgemasters which would have allowed the Company to be one of only two in the world able to make forgings large enough for the nuclear industry;
  - (g) also believes that the Coalition Government did nothing to promote an industrial strategy;
  - (h) believes that steel is an industry of huge strategic importance, and demands that the Government acts now to do whatever it takes to protect the steel industry, including considering nationalisation; and
  - (i) recalls the successful temporary nationalisations that took place under the last Labour Government, including when it stepped in to save organisations of vital importance, including British Energy.

6.8.1 The votes on the Substantive Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) -  
and (i) of the Motion (75)

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Robert Murphy, Rob Frost, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Garry Weatherall, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-

Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur

Against paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) and (i) of the Motion (0)	-	Nil
Abstained on paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) and (i) of the Motion (0)	-	Nil
For paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Motion (60)	-	The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Robert Murphy, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur
Against paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Motion (15)	-	Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve

Ayris, Denise Reaney and David Baker

Abstained on paragraphs (f) - Nil  
and (g) of the Motion (0)

## **7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **7.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **7.2 Questions**

7.2.1 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.

### **7.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

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

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

8.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc.

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Remove Joan Stratford as a Co-Opted Member for the Diocese of Sheffield to create a vacancy
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(b) note that in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 20 May 2015, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointment:-

Access Liaison Group	-	Remove Councillor Tony Downing to create a vacancy.
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## **9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

### **Performance of the Administration**

9.1 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls that central government has taken away around a half of its funding to the Council, resulting in the current Administration having to make savings of over £300m since the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition came to power in 2010;
- (b) further recalls comments by the former Liberal Democrat MP and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Rt. Hon. Sir Danny Alexander, that local government has “borne the brunt of deficit reduction” under the coalition government;
- (c) regrets that the current government are continuing the approach to local government that was established by the coalition, decimating funding for local government, making significant cuts to provision in many services inevitable;
- (d) understands that these government cuts have made it impossible for the Council to continue to provide the same level of services, which has meant tough decisions have had to be taken about which services to protect and which ones have had to be cut; and
- (e) notes that despite these challenges the current Administration has balanced the books each year it has controlled the Council, and believes that the current Administration has retained its ambition for the city in these difficult times and has got significant achievements, including:
  - (i) protected child safeguarding from budget cuts;
  - (ii) achieved the best record for apprenticeships among the Core Cities;
  - (iii) helped to deliver Europe’s first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District;
  - (iv) established Sheffield Money as an alternative to exploitative payday lenders; and
  - (v) delivered the Streets Ahead project, which has resurfaced 350 miles of road and 600 miles of pavement.

9.2 Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, 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 addition of the following words:-



- (a) believes that poor political leadership and management, not solely Government cuts are the root cause of most of Sheffield's problems, and that, after five years of financial reductions from central Government, the present Administration should have been far more innovative and found new ways of working on a reduced budget, which shows real political leadership in difficult times rather than wasting so much time complaining and blaming everybody else;
- (b) notes the admission by the former Labour Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP, made prior to the May 2015 general election, that he would, given the chance, axe another £3.3bn from local government budgets;
- (c) believes that although Sheffield City Council has faced cuts from central Government, the present Administration has made politically motivated cuts and have made unpopular decisions to cut funding for libraries and parks and allowed cuts to be made to bus services, whilst continuing to spend money wastefully on their pet projects;
- (d) believes that the Streets Ahead project was only made possible thanks to Sheffield Hallam MP, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, who secured a £1.2 billion grant from central government as Deputy Prime Minister, without which the project could not go ahead;
- (e) believes that this Administration has failed to correctly manage the Amey Streets Ahead contract as many areas of the City have faced delays in work and hundreds of healthy mature highway trees have been felled and the current Administration has done everything it can to jump to the defence of Amey, rather than representing the wishes of the people and holding them to account and further believes that this is yet again another example of poor leadership from the current Administration; and
- (f) believes that Sheffield now is in need of real political leadership and innovation to deal with the situation Sheffield finds itself in, rather than the approach of the present Administration which is to just continue to explain what the present situation is.

9.3 Following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment was put to the vote and negatived.

9.3.1 (Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (f) and abstained on paragraphs (a) and (d) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

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**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) recalls that central government has taken away around a half of its funding to the Council, resulting in the current Administration having to make savings of over £300m since the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition came to power in 2010;
- (b) further recalls comments by the former Liberal Democrat MP and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Rt. Hon. Sir Danny Alexander, that local government has “borne the brunt of deficit reduction” under the coalition government;
- (c) regrets that the current government are continuing the approach to local government that was established by the coalition, decimating funding for local government, making significant cuts to provision in many services inevitable;
- (d) understands that these government cuts have made it impossible for the Council to continue to provide the same level of services, which has meant tough decisions have had to be taken about which services to protect and which ones have had to be cut; and
- (e) notes that despite these challenges the current Administration has balanced the books each year it has controlled the Council, and believes that the current Administration has retained its ambition for the City in these difficult times and has got significant achievements, including:
  - (i) protected child safeguarding from budget cuts;
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  - (iv) established Sheffield Money as an alternative to exploitative payday lenders; and
  - (v) delivered the Streets Ahead project, which has resurfaced 350 miles of road and 600 miles of pavement.

9.4.1 (Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the substantive motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD**

### **Chancellor's Budget 2016-17**

- 10.1 It was moved by Councillor Cate McDonald, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, that this Council:-
- (a) expresses its dismay at the incompetence and unfairness of the Chancellor George Osborne's 2016/17 Budget, in particular the decision to cut £4.4bn from disability benefits which would have left 370,000 disabled people £3,500 a year worse off;
  - (b) believes the decision to cut Personal Independence Payments for disabled people and those with chronic health problems to fund lower rates of Capital Gains Tax for the wealthiest is indicative of the Conservatives' warped priorities and shows 'compassionate conservatism' to be nothing more than empty rhetoric;
  - (c) welcomes the Chancellor's u-turn on this decision, but believes he should apologise for the fear and worry his plans have caused many thousands of disabled people;
  - (d) notes analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies which shows that over 80p in every £1 spent on raising thresholds and allowances in this budget will go to the top half of households and more than 30p will go to the UK's richest 10%, and is disappointed that the Government appear to be continuing the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition government's policy of balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest;
  - (e) notes findings from The Centre for Welfare Reform that disabled people bore 29% of all cuts under the coalition government, despite accounting for just 8% of the population; and
  - (f) recalls cuts implemented under the coalition government which impacted disproportionately on the most vulnerable in society, including:
    - (i) the bedroom tax - two thirds of the tenants hit by this are from households that contain someone who has a disability;
    - (ii) cutting social care by £3.5bn, leading to a situation in which two out of five disabled people in this country are now unable to eat, wash, dress or get out of the house due to underfunded services in their area;
    - (iii) cutting Remploy – a scheme that helped disabled people into work;
    - (iv) cutting Working Tax Credits for low-paid workers;
    - (v) overseeing a huge increase in punitive benefit sanctions; and
    - (vi) scrapping Council Tax Benefit.

10.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of all the words after “10%” in paragraph (d); and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (j) as follows:-
  - (e) believes that cuts such as these would not have happened with the Liberal Democrats in Government and notes former Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP’s comments that he had blocked similar measures whilst in Coalition;
  - (f) notes further research by the IFS in their report ‘Are we ‘all in this together?’ which says that “there has been a considerable equalisation of the income distribution in the years since the recession ..... On some measures, inequality is now at a 25 year low”;
  - (g) notes that the same report projects that ‘we should expect much of the recent fall in inequality to be undone over the next five years,’ and recognises that this shows clear water between the previous Coalition Government’s policies and the current Government’s;
  - (h) believes that this Administration and the Labour Party have shown outstanding hypocrisy in deploring the ‘Bedroom Tax’, given the fact that a Labour Government introduced a similar policy - the ‘Local Housing Allowance’ - in 2008, which was a restriction on Housing Benefit for tenants of private landlords “to provide an incentive for those on Housing Benefit to find cheaper accommodation.”;
  - (i) believes that many of the problems with social housing today is a direct result of the previous Labour Government’s failure to build enough homes to be available for social rent, meaning many families have to live in overcrowded homes and there aren’t smaller homes available for social tenants who have surplus rooms to move into; and
  - (j) notes the parliamentary Labour Party’s abstention on the Work and Welfare Bill and that Labour Lords failed to back a fatal motion tabled by the Liberal Democrat Lords that would have killed the Bill altogether, shows the Labour Party’s indifference to welfare cuts and believes that this Administration are in no position to criticise the Liberal Democrats.

10.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

10.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) expresses its dismay at the incompetence and unfairness of the Chancellor

George Osborne's 2016/17 Budget, in particular the decision to cut £4.4bn from disability benefits which would have left 370,000 disabled people £3,500 a year worse off;

- (b) believes the decision to cut Personal Independence Payments for disabled people and those with chronic health problems to fund lower rates of Capital Gains Tax for the wealthiest is indicative of the Conservatives' warped priorities and shows 'compassionate conservatism' to be nothing more than empty rhetoric;
- (c) welcomes the Chancellor's u-turn on this decision, but believes he should apologise for the fear and worry his plans have caused many thousands of disabled people;
- (d) notes analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies which shows that over 80p in every £1 spent on raising thresholds and allowances in this budget will go to the top half of households and more than 30p will go to the UK's richest 10%, and is disappointed that the Government appear to be continuing the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition government's policy of balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest;
- (e) notes findings from The Centre for Welfare Reform that disabled people bore 29% of all cuts under the coalition government, despite accounting for just 8% of the population; and
- (f) recalls cuts implemented under the coalition government which impacted disproportionately on the most vulnerable in society, including:
  - (i) the bedroom tax - two thirds of the tenants hit by this are from households that contain someone who has a disability;
  - (ii) cutting social care by £3.5bn, leading to a situation in which two out of five disabled people in this country are now unable to eat, wash, dress or get out of the house due to underfunded services in their area;
  - (iii) cutting Remploy – a scheme that helped disabled people into work;
  - (iv) cutting Working Tax Credits for low-paid workers;
  - (v) overseeing a huge increase in punitive benefit sanctions; and
  - (vi) scrapping Council Tax Benefit.

10.4. (NOTE: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin  
1 Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney and David Baker voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and against paragraphs (d) to (f) of the substantive motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN**

**Housing and Planning Bill**

11.1 It was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, that this Council:-

- (a) reiterates its opposition to the Government's damaging Housing and Planning Bill and is concerned the Bill will lead to a reduction in the number of social homes in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Administration's support for 'Kill the Bill' – a national campaign opposing the Housing and Planning Bill, and a rally organised by Sheffield Trades Union Council and Sheffield Defend Council Housing, due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 outside Sheffield Town Hall; and
- (c) welcomes the Administration's commitment to increase the Council housing stock by 1,000 units over the next four years.

11.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows:-

- (b) notes that the Coalition Government oversaw the biggest net increase in social housing for 30 years; and
- (c) notes that despite the Administration's alleged commitment to increasing social housing, and nationally social house building being at a 30 year high, independent figures show that these are empty words from the Administration, as during the last 4 years, 270 homes for social rent have been completed in Sheffield, whilst nearby Rotherham, Leeds and Wakefield have had 280, 340 and 1020 homes completed, respectively.

11.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

11.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) reiterates its opposition to the Government's damaging Housing and Planning Bill and is concerned the Bill will lead to a reduction in the number of social homes in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Administration's support for 'Kill the Bill' – a national campaign opposing the Housing and Planning Bill, and a rally

organised by Sheffield Trades Union Council and Sheffield Defend Council Housing, due to take place on 1st April 2016 outside Sheffield Town Hall; and

- (c) welcomes the Administration's commitment to increase the Council housing stock by 1,000 units over the next four years.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

### **Minimum Standards Construction Site Charter**

- 12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that:
- (i) the health and safety of all construction workers is paramount; and
  - (ii) all workers should be fairly rewarded for their efforts;
- (b) therefore welcomes the current Administration's decision to adopt a Minimum Standards Construction Site Charter that clearly sets out the standards expected for construction sites and the employment rights of construction workers; and
- (c) looks forward to working with contractors to deliver the standards set out in the Charter.

## **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS**

### **Business Rate Localisation and Rate Relief**

- 13.1 It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the news in the budget that small businesses will be exempt from paying business rates, which had been called for before the budget by Liberal Democrat leader, Tim Farron MP;
- (b) believes that small businesses are at the heart of every local economy and by taking them out of paying business rates, they will have more time and money to invest in growing their businesses and employing more local people;
- (c) however, is concerned with the impact this will have on local government finance, when retention of business rates replaces

the Local Government Finance Settlement local government is set to lose nearly £2 billion in 2020;

- (d) notes the Chancellor made no commitment to making up the shortfall from business rates to councils in the future;
- (e) believes the tax rate relief for small businesses needs to be funded sustainably and there must be measures introduced to redistribute business rate income so areas with low business rates are not penalised; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to pull together a cross-party delegation to go and speak to the Treasury to voice our concerns about these potential hidden cuts to local government funding.

13.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes small businesses to be the backbone of the economy, and believes the Government should be doing more to create a supportive environment in which small businesses can grow and create jobs;
- (b) however, is concerned that the changes made to Business Rate thresholds in the Budget has the potential to restrict the financial capacity of local authorities to invest in public services once Business Rate income is fully devolved;
- (c) welcomes Business Rate localisation, but calls on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensures that local authorities have appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services;
- (d) is concerned that the transition from the current grant funding model to full Business Rate localisation will create significant risk for local financing and notes the Administration's commitment to work with Government to ensure Sheffield does not suffer a 'cliff-edge' effect between 2019 and 2020 which could have major implications for local services;
- (e) believes there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places have the necessary funding to deliver services; and
- (f) notes that the Administration is in dialogue with the Treasury through the Core Cities group to better understand the implications of full localisation of Business Rates.



- 13.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 13.4 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) believes small businesses to be the backbone of the economy, and believes the Government should be doing more to create a supportive environment in which small businesses can grow and create jobs;
- (b) however, is concerned that the changes made to Business Rate thresholds in the Budget has the potential to restrict the financial capacity of local authorities to invest in public services once Business Rate income is fully devolved;
- (c) welcomes Business Rate localisation, but calls on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensures that local authorities have appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services;
- (d) is concerned that the transition from the current grant funding model to full Business Rate localisation will create significant risk for local financing and notes the Administration's commitment to work with Government to ensure Sheffield does not suffer a 'cliff-edge' effect between 2019 and 2020 which could have major implications for local services;
- (e) believes there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places have the necessary funding to deliver services; and
- (f) notes that the Administration is in dialogue with the Treasury through the Core Cities group to better understand the implications of full localisation of Business Rates.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

**Transparency and Accountability in the Provision of Public Services**

- 14.1 It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) across the country, many public services have been outsourced to

private sector providers - with the Financial Times reporting that local government outsourcing doubled in the last Parliament ([www.ft.com/content/244f0bd8-eccb-11e4-a81a-00144feab7de](http://www.ft.com/content/244f0bd8-eccb-11e4-a81a-00144feab7de));

(ii) outsourcing has often failed to deliver the expected savings to the taxpayer, and failed to lead to better service provision - and that in-house provision can provide better value for money and more flexibility at a time of severe budget cuts, according to the Association for Public Service Excellence ([www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-Catalogue201223.pdf](http://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-Catalogue201223.pdf)); and

(iii) research by the independent campaign group, We Own It, shows that the public have very little trust in outsourcing companies, want to see more transparency and accountability over outsourcing contracts, and want public ownership to be the default for running services (<http://weownit.org.uk/privatisation/outsourcing>);

(b) believes that:

(i) transparency is needed in the provision of public services, public service contracts and performance and financial data of providers should be available, and that freedom of information legislation should apply to private companies running public services;

(ii) accountability is needed in the provision of public services, the public must be consulted about what they want from their services both in general and before any outsourcing or privatisation, and there should be a right to recall private providers of public services when they do a bad job; and

(iii) people, not profit, need to be the priority in public service delivery, with public ownership the default (so a public interest case must be made for any outsourcing or privatisation), there should always be an in-house bid on the table if services are contracted out (or an explanation given why not), and social value must be a priority whenever contracts are awarded; and

(c) resolves to:

(i) support the We Own It campaign 'Our Services Our Say' (<http://weownit.org.uk/public-solutions/our-services-our-say>); and

(ii) provide a brief statement to We Own It explaining what the Council is doing in practice to work towards the principles of transparency, accountability and people before profit, for publication on the We Own It website.

14.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be

amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a)(ii) and (iii) and the addition of a new paragraph (a)(ii) as follows:-
    - (a)(ii) when outsourced contracts have been properly managed, outsourcing has helped to deliver better council services, particularly in times of financial difficulty;
  2. the deletion of paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) and paragraph (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b)(ii) and (c) as follows:-
    - (b)(ii) believes that a responsible city council should not take an ideological stance on whether insourcing or outsourcing is the best approach, but should look at services on a case by case basis and make the right decision to deliver the best outcome for service users at the best price for tax payers; and
    - (c) calls on the Administration to take a national lead on Freedom of Information for outsourcing of local services and to resolve that from now on, when new contracts are put out to tender from Sheffield City Council, service providers must agree to sign up to Freedom of Information rules that apply to the Council as a condition of winning a contract.
- 14.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.
- 14.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, 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 addition of the following words:-
- (a) believes that local people should have a say in how public services are run, which is why the Administration is bringing forward a range of measures to secure greater local and democratic control of public services;
  - (b) acknowledges that having council services delivered in-house is always the Administration's first consideration, but understands that this is not always feasible and cannot always deliver value for money for local people, and that each project is considered on its own merits;
  - (c) notes that the Administration has, over the last five years, brought a number of services back under Council control, including council housing and the council tax and housing benefit contact centre, and further notes the Administration's intention to bring more services back in-house, including the housing repairs and maintenance service and the management of council properties; and
  - (d) believes firmly in the principles of transparency and accountability in the provision of local services, and notes:-

- (i) the Council publishes as much data and contractual information as possible;
- (ii) the impending publication of the Council's Ethical Procurement Strategy which will reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability;
- (iii) that all private contracts are subject to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and the Council's contract register is published and available online; and
- (iv) that the Council is working with its major contractors to publish its contracts.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) believes that local people should have a say in how public services are run, which is why the Administration is bringing forward a range of measures to secure greater local and democratic control of public services;
- (b) acknowledges that having council services delivered in-house is always the Administration's first consideration, but understands that this is not always feasible and cannot always deliver value for money for local people, and that each project is considered on its own merits;
- (c) notes that the Administration has, over the last five years, brought a number of services back under Council control, including council housing and the council tax and housing benefit contact centre, and further notes the Administration's intention to bring more services back in-house, including the housing repairs and maintenance service and the management of council properties; and
- (d) believes firmly in the principles of transparency and accountability in the provision of local services, and notes:-
  - (i) the Council publishes as much data and contractual information as possible;
  - (ii) the impending publication of the Council's Ethical Procurement Strategy which will reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability;
  - (iii) that all private contracts are subject to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and the Council's contract register is published and

available online; and

- (iv) that the Council is working with its major contractors to publish its contracts.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

### **Health and Social Care Investment**

15.1 It was moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the medical profession takes an oath, "First do no harm", and believes that it is a pity that the Secretary of State for Health, the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, and the Conservative Party don't take the same oath before they implement their policies in relation to the NHS;
- (b) also believes that Great Britain's beloved NHS, our most important institution, founded over sixty years ago, a real victory for the citizens of our country, is itself in need of emergency care;
- (c) further believes that our ageing population, the worrying numbers of people suffering chronic, long-term conditions, and the population explosion, are bringing the NHS closer to the abyss;
- (d) notes that the NHS needs an investment of at least £13 billion over the next five years, and believes that taxes must rise in order to meet this cost; that we need up to 20,000 more nurses, 3,000 more midwives, and 10,000 more GPs, and that in order to assist with this recruitment we could waive university tuition fees for new medical students who commit to working in Great Britain for a period of time; that taking care of taxpayers' money must be a priority, making sure it is spent on front line patient care; and that the long term practice of spending as much on consultants fees as we do on the purchase of life saving drugs most stop;
- (e) expresses frustration over the Coalition Government's wasted billions on a top-down reorganisation of the NHS, and over the drastic cuts to the social care budget, that now results in elderly people remaining in hospital longer than they need to;
- (f) regrets the real problem of so-called "health tourism", noting that, every year, the NHS spends approximately £2 billion treating those ineligible for free care, and that there is already a

shortage of emergency medical consultants in our Accident and Emergency departments, and that patients who cannot get a GP appointment often turn up at A&E instead;

- (g) expresses concern over the spectre of the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP), this proposed EU/USA free trade agreement that is being negotiated secretly, which may force us to put many of our public services up for sale to US companies, thereby allowing the possibility of large parts of the NHS being privatised, and believes that all political parties and all citizens of Great Britain must stand together as one in defiance of this potentially disastrous event;
- (h) recognises that, according to Age UK, 900,000 older people between the ages of 65 and 89 have social care needs that are not met, and notes that residential care, nursing care, home care, day care and equipment budgets have been cut and that these cuts impact on the NHS, with one million hospital bed days being lost every year when patients cannot be discharged because there is no after-care service available to them, and believes that we need a fully integrated health and social care service; and
- (i) believes that the way we look after the sick, the vulnerable and the elderly is a direct mark of how civilised and caring we are as a society, and that collecting the right amount of tax from multinational companies and wealthy individuals must be a priority, and our fixation with foreign wars and doomsday weapons must stop; and further believes that life is more important than death, and we need a policy of welfare not warfare.

15.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) recalls that it was the Labour Party that founded the NHS, and further recalls the last Labour Government's impressive record on health, including record levels of investment, a huge increase in overall satisfaction with the NHS, and significant reductions in waiting lists and waiting times;
- (b) is concerned with the current state of the NHS – public dissatisfaction up and waiting times up, and staff morale down, and believes the NHS is not safe in this Government's hands;
- (c) is saddened that the NHS is in the midst of the longest and deepest squeeze on its finances in a generation, and believes that with demand rising, the NHS must be funded and staffed properly;

- (d) condemns comments made in 2014 by Paul Nuttall, Deputy Leader of UKIP: "I would like to congratulate the coalition government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service";
- (e) sends its support to junior doctors in their fight for adequate pay and conditions and urges the Government to return to the negotiating table;
- (f) notes the conclusion of a 2015 London School of Economics research paper examining the record of the Coalition Government on social care - that "spending cuts imposed by the Coalition intensified the pressure on social services from 2010 onwards";
- (g) notes that overall spending on social care fell by 13% over the Coalition's five years in office, during which time the number of people aged 65 and over increased by 10%;
- (h) further notes the number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell by one quarter between 2009/10 and 2013/14, from 1.7 million to below 1.3 million;
- (i) is concerned that record numbers of patients are getting stuck in hospital despite being fit to leave, and notes that 160,000 bed days were taken up in hospitals in England during October 2015 by patients who were unable to be discharged safely – the highest number since records began;
- (j) notes that the Administration is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group and doing everything it can to mitigate the Government's failure and tackle the issue of "bed blocking" in Sheffield; and
- (k) calls on the Government to undo the damage done to our health and care systems during the five years of neglect under the Coalition by providing adequate levels of funding to ensure that all those in need of treatment and care receive it.

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

15.3. (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster  
1 voted for paragraphs (b) to (k) and abstained on paragraph (a) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

15.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) thanks the many migrant NHS workers for their continuing hard work and dedication, which the NHS depends upon to function;
- (b) notes the comments of Stephen Nickell, a senior economist who is on the board of the Office for Budget Responsibility, that the NHS would be "in dire straits" without migrant workers;
- (c) notes that the NHS was founded on 3 core principles:-
  - (i) that it meets the needs of everyone;
  - (ii) that it be free at the point of delivery; and
  - (iii) that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay; and
- (d) notes that UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, was secretly filmed in 2012 telling UKIP supporters that - “I think we are going to have to move to an insurance-based system of healthcare. Frankly, I would feel more comfortable that my money would return value if I was able to do that through the marketplace of an insurance company, than just us trustingly giving £100bn a year to central government and expecting them to organise the healthcare service from cradle to grave for us.”

15.4. (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and the mover of the amendment (Councillor Sue Alston), the amendment was altered so as to propose the four paragraphs as additional paragraphs to the motion, and not to replace the motion.)

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) recalls that it was the Labour Party that founded the NHS, and further recalls the last Labour Government’s impressive record on health, including record levels of investment, a huge increase in overall satisfaction with the NHS, and significant reductions in waiting lists and waiting times;
- (b) is concerned with the current state of the NHS – public dissatisfaction up and waiting times up, and staff morale down, and believes the NHS is not safe in this Government’s hands;
- (c) is saddened that the NHS is in the midst of the longest and deepest squeeze on its finances in a generation, and believes



- that with demand rising, the NHS must be funded and staffed properly;
- (d) condemns comments made in 2014 by Paul Nuttall, Deputy Leader of UKIP: "I would like to congratulate the coalition government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service";
  - (e) sends its support to junior doctors in their fight for adequate pay and conditions and urges the Government to return to the negotiating table;
  - (f) notes the conclusion of a 2015 London School of Economics research paper examining the record of the Coalition Government on social care - that "spending cuts imposed by the Coalition intensified the pressure on social services from 2010 onwards";
  - (g) notes that overall spending on social care fell by 13% over the Coalition's five years in office, during which time the number of people aged 65 and over increased by 10%;
  - (h) further notes the number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell by one quarter between 2009/10 and 2013/14, from 1.7 million to below 1.3 million;
  - (i) is concerned that record numbers of patients are getting stuck in hospital despite being fit to leave, and notes that 160,000 bed days were taken up in hospitals in England during October 2015 by patients who were unable to be discharged safely – the highest number since records began;
  - (j) notes that the Administration is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group and doing everything it can to mitigate the Government's failure and tackle the issue of "bed blocking" in Sheffield;
  - (k) calls on the Government to undo the damage done to our health and care systems during the five years of neglect under the Coalition by providing adequate levels of funding to ensure that all those in need of treatment and care receive it;
  - (l) thanks the many migrant NHS workers for their continuing hard work and dedication, which the NHS depends upon to function;
  - (m) notes the comments of Stephen Nickell, a senior economist who is on the board of the Office for Budget Responsibility, that the NHS would be "in dire straits" without migrant workers;

- (n) notes that the NHS was founded on 3 core principles:-
  - (i) that it meets the needs of everyone;
  - (ii) that it be free at the point of delivery; and
  - (iii) that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay; and
- (o) notes that UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, was secretly filmed in 2012 telling UKIP supporters that - "I think we are going to have to move to an insurance-based system of healthcare. Frankly, I would feel more comfortable that my money would return value if I was able to do that through the marketplace of an insurance company, than just us trustingly giving £100bn a year to central government and expecting them to organise the healthcare service from cradle to grave for us."

15.6. (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster  
1 voted for paragraphs (b) to (o) and abstained on paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS**

### **Illegal Off Road Motorcycling**

16.1 It was moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, seconded by Councillor Zoe Sykes, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises and condemns the anti-social behaviour caused by illegal motorcyclists and quadbike riders, including damage to woodland and parks, noise nuisance, and a lack of respect for other park users; and
- (b) welcomes the Council's action alongside the Police, as part of a city-wide group, to tackle this issue.

16.1.1 (Note: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), paragraph (a) of the Motion as published in the Council Summons was altered by the addition of the words "and quadbike riders" after the words "illegal motorcyclists".)

16.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

- (c) believes the current Administration has also shown a complete

lack of respect to the park users of Sheffield by:-

- (i) selling off Cobnar Cottage which falls within the bounds of Graves Park Trust and which was gifted to the people of Sheffield by Alderman J.G Graves to be used as park land in perpetuity;
  - (ii) building the new Tinsley School on part of Tinsley Recreational Ground, the only publicly accessible green space in the Tinsley area; and
  - (iii) considering the disposal of other so called 'liabilities'; and
- (d) commits that it will not sell off any further park land or any publicly owned open space.

16.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated

16.3.1 The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

- For the amendment (19)
- Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.
- Against the amendment (55)
- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Robert Murphy, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary

Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Abstained on the amendment - Nil  
(0)

16.4 The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) recognises and condemns the anti-social behaviour caused by illegal motorcyclists and quadbike riders, including damage to woodland and parks, noise nuisance, and a lack of respect for other park users; and
- (b) welcomes the Council's action alongside the Police, as part of a city-wide group, to tackle this issue.

## 17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MICK ROONEY

### Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Club

17.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Mick Rooney, seconded by Councillor Peter Price, that this Council:-

- (a) sends its congratulations to the Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Club who recently became the first team to win five Elite League titles; and
- (b) acknowledges the skill of the players and Paul Thompson, Head Coach and General Manager, and his coaching staff.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS**

**Private Sector Housing Standards**

18.1 It was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield, around 16% of our city's population, double the amount 10 years ago and almost as many are living in social housing;
- (b) notes that a lack of social housing properties, rising house prices and the difficulty in accessing mortgages mean that many people, particularly the young or vulnerable, have no choice but to live in private sector rental accommodation;
- (c) despite this growth in the sector, private sector housing remains 'Cinderella' to social housing in terms of Council time and investment, and currently the Council generally only provides a reactive service to problems in private sector housing in line with its statutory duties;
- (d) notes that there are many good landlords in Sheffield who provide excellent, affordable accommodation and a good service to their tenants;
- (e) believes that prevention is better than a cure and that we, as the city council, should find a way of working with landlords and using the skills and experience of the many good landlords in our city to drive up standards in the sector; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to work with the appropriate scrutiny committee to develop proposals and consult the public and landlords on what can be done to improve the standards of landlords and private sector housing in Sheffield.

18.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (d) as follows:-

- (b) recalls the Coalition Government's decision to implement deep cuts to grant funding for social housing, which made it much more difficult for councils and housing associations to build affordable homes;

- (c) notes action the current Administration has taken to improve standards in the private rented sector, including:-
  - (i) introducing a Selective Licensing Scheme in Page Hall to great effect, with 96% of privately rented properties in that area now compliant;
  - (ii) launching Snug - a flagship student housing scheme where properties that are good quality and well managed get a certificate; Sheffield is the only local authority in the country to inspect every home before issuing the certificate, and around 12,000 students are now safer in their homes as a result;
  - (iii) becoming the first local authority outside of London to enforce the Lettings Agents' Redress Scheme to enforce standards and protect tenants; and
  - (iv) supporting the growth of the private rented sector team and providing extra resources to target some neighbourhoods where private landlords or properties are causing problems; and
- (d) further notes the Administration's commitment to continue working with the public and landlords to improve the private rented sector in Sheffield.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield, around 16% of our city's population, double the amount 10 years ago and almost as many are living in social housing;
- (b) recalls the Coalition Government's decision to implement deep cuts to grant funding for social housing, which made it much more difficult for councils and housing associations to build affordable homes;
- (c) notes action the current Administration has taken to improve standards in the private rented sector, including:-
  - (i) introducing a Selective Licensing Scheme in Page Hall to great effect, with 96% of privately rented properties in that area now compliant;

- (ii) launching Snug - a flagship student housing scheme where properties that are good quality and well managed get a certificate; Sheffield is the only local authority in the country to inspect every home before issuing the certificate, and around 12,000 students are now safer in their homes as a result;
  - (iii) becoming the first local authority outside of London to enforce the Lettings Agents' Redress Scheme to enforce standards and protect tenants; and
  - (iv) supporting the growth of the private rented sector team and providing extra resources to target some neighbourhoods where private landlords or properties are causing problems; and
- (d) further notes the Administration's commitment to continue working with the public and landlords to improve the private rented sector in Sheffield.

18.4.1 (NOTES 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney and David Baker voted for paragraph (a) and against paragraphs (b) – (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c)(i) - (iii) and (d) and abstained on paragraph (c)(iv) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded).

## **19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH**

### **“Sheffield Pound” Community Currency Initiative**

19.1 It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that part of what makes Sheffield so special and unique is our local independent businesses and the community spirit in supporting those businesses;
- (b) believes that by keeping wealth in our city, the Sheffield Pound will improve our local economy and in turn create more local jobs for local people;
- (c) believes that a ‘Sheffield Pound’, a ‘community currency’ that can be used

as an alternative to Sterling within our city, would be a boost to our local economy by keeping money circulating in Sheffield;

- (d) notes other areas have launched similar schemes which have proven both successful and popular, such as the 'Bristol Pound' in 2012; and
- (e) calls on the Administration to work with community groups to explore the possibility of establishing the 'Sheffield Pound'.

19.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (e) as follows:-

- (b) notes the recent reports of the suggested benefits of community currencies;
- (c) believes the Sheffield Pound may have a role to play in supporting local businesses;
- (d) notes the Sheffield Executive Board has looked at this issue in the past; and
- (e) requests that the Sheffield Executive Board works with local stakeholders to re-examine if this initiative would be beneficial to the City and the local economy.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) believes that part of what makes Sheffield so special and unique is our local independent businesses and the community spirit in supporting those businesses;
- (b) notes the recent reports of the suggested benefits of community currencies;
- (c) believes the Sheffield Pound may have a role to play in supporting local businesses;
- (d) notes the Sheffield Executive Board has looked at this issue in the past; and
- (e) requests that the Sheffield Executive Board works with local stakeholders to re-examine if this initiative would be beneficial to the City and the local economy.



**20. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR AODAN MARKEN**

**Decision Making on Ethical and Environmental Issues**

20.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Aodan Marken, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with concern what this Council believes to be a troubling pattern by the current Government of reducing local decision-making power on important ethical and environmental issues;
- (b) believes that this pattern is illustrated by, among other things:-
  - (i) the issue of planning guidance in August 2015 stating that if local planning authorities do not approve or reject planning applications for fracking wells within 16 weeks, ministers can intervene;
  - (ii) plans announced in November 2015 to grant the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government the “power of intervention” over locally taken investment / divestment decisions with respect to the Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS), where those decisions are taken wholly or largely on ethical or environmental grounds;
  - (iii) proposals reported in the Daily Telegraph newspaper in January 2016 to “bring commercial shale production [fracking] within the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning regime”, which would remove decisions on fracking-related planning applications from local authority control entirely; and
  - (iv) the publication of procurement guidance in February 2016 asserting that it is “inappropriate” for public bodies, including local authorities, to undertake procurement boycotts unless these are in line with nationally-directed foreign policy decisions;
- (c) believes that these steps by Government represent a concerted attack on local democracy and demonstrate that the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s claimed pursuit of a “devolution revolution” is a sham, with the localisation or centralisation of powers used opportunistically to pursue the Government’s ideological agenda;
- (d) believes that it is not only right but essential that the ethical and environmental concerns of local people and (where relevant) pension scheme members be taken into account when decisions are taken that impact them, and that this is most effectively done when decisions are wherever possible taken locally;
- (e) calls upon the Administration to oppose the Government’s efforts to remove

locally-held powers over ethical and environmental decision-making in areas such as fracking, investment and procurement; and

- (f) directs officers to send copies of this motion to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

## **21. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAULINE ANDREWS**

### **Membership of the European Union**

21.1 It was moved by Councillor Pauline Andrews, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the United Kingdom should vote to leave the European Union and that by leaving the EU, the UK would be safer, stronger, financially better off and free, and that only by leaving can we regain our national democracy, and further believes that the best people to govern Britain are the British people, and that British laws should be decided by our own democratically elected parliament;
- (b) recognises that the EU Membership Referendum is a once in a generation opportunity to take back our own country;
- (c) regrets that £17 billion a year is sent to the European Union from the British tax payer, and notes that this amount of money could build 750 new schools, or 10 new state of the art hospitals and could cover the costs for a period of 25 years of employing 2,000 qualified nurses, or 2,000 trained police officers, or 1,500 GPs, or 2,000 trained soldiers;
- (d) notes that the UK is the 5th largest trading nation in the world, and believes that we don't need to be in a political union in order to trade;
- (e) further notes that by being outside of the European Union, Britain would regain its power to negotiate its own trade deals;
- (f) believes the European Court of Human Rights has become a danger to British democracy and that the UK would be better off without it, allowing British judges to decide how our own laws are implemented;
- (g) believes that by being outside the European Union, Britain would have the power to choose who comes into the UK, whereas, whilst members of the European Union, we have no say, and notes that the European Union has publicly stated that

the UK has absolutely no chance of changing EU freedom of movement;

- (h) believes that a vast influx of unskilled labour does not benefit ordinary people in our country, as jobs are put at risk and wages undercut;
- (i) also believes that, with the huge numbers of migrants that have entered our country in the last decade, this puts tremendous pressure on our scarce resources, schools, housing, transport and jobs market;
- (j) notes that mass immigration can lead to access to free education, health care and benefits for many non-contributors;
- (k) regrets that while we are a part of the EU we also have to abide by the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and cannot withdraw from this and the Court's demands;
- (l) notes that Britain, once a great sea-faring nation with the greatest trading seaborne empire the world has ever seen, is now reduced to importing fish to satisfy rising domestic demand, with the fish imported being caught in what was previously our fishing waters and subsidised with our own taxpayers' money;
- (m) believes that we can only stop this by leaving the EU and reclaim what is ours;
- (n) also believes that if we were out of the European Union we could make our own global trade deals, govern ourselves, control our borders and make massive savings; and
- (o) further believes that by being outside of the EU political union, the UK would thrive.

21.1 (Note: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Pauline Andrews), paragraph (c) of the Motion as published in the Council Summons was altered by adding the word "or" between each of the purposes mentioned in that paragraph for which £17 billion could be used.)

21.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that by being part of the European Union we are safer, stronger and financially better off, and that we should vote to remain in the European Union;

- (b) believes that we are financially better off by remaining in the EU and notes that:-
  - (i) the EU is Britain's biggest trading partner;
  - (ii) millions of jobs are linked to our EU membership;
  - (iii) £26.5 billion is invested in Britain by EU countries every year;
  - (iv) almost half of all of Britain's exports go to the EU; and
  - (v) exports to the EU are worth £227 billion a year to the British economy;
- (c) believes that Britain's membership of the EU helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, tax evasion and terrorism;
- (d) believes that we are safer by remaining in the EU and notes that thousands of criminals, including terrorists, have been arrested under the European Arrest Warrant;
- (e) believes that being in the EU enhances Britain's global influence; and
- (f) notes the EU's contribution to advancing worker's rights, including the right to holiday pay, paid maternity and paternity leave, anti-discrimination laws, equal pay and protection for agency workers.

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

21.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, 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 addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that the United Kingdom should vote to remain in the European Union, for the benefit of our future prosperity and security, as a statement of support for peace and co-operation in Europe and of solidarity against the terrorists and demagogues of the world;
- (b) believes that this referendum is only happening because of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP's weakness in the face of his right-wing backbenchers; and that the UK's interests have been subordinated to a strategy for managing the Conservative party;

- (c) notes that for a £340 contribution per household to the EU budget, the UK gains £3000 per household in trade, investment, jobs and lower prices as a result of the EU;
- (d) believes that the UK would continue to secure better trade agreements with the rest of the world negotiating as part of the world's largest single market, and would be in a weaker position negotiating alone;
- (e) supports the continued UK membership of the European Convention on Human Rights, and moral leadership in advancing human rights around the world, whether or not the UK remains in the EU;
- (f) notes that 2.2m UK citizens exercise the right to live elsewhere in the EU, and believes that the freedom to work and travel in the EU is a benefit to all EU citizens, UK included;
- (g) welcomes the 2013 reforms of the Common Fisheries Policy and recognises that co-operation on fisheries is necessary to prevent catastrophic overfishing;
- (h) believes "Brexit" would put at risk co-operation on policing, terrorism and intelligence; and that it is in the UK's interest to remain in the measures in this area that we have chosen to opt into;
- (i) believes that co-operation on intelligence, terrorism and policing is particularly important to maintain while Europe is under the threat of terrorist attack, and that co-operation is not improved by tearing up the good measures that we have agreed to;
- (j) believes that we should stand by the people of Brussels and Paris following recent attacks, practically and symbolically, and that any sign of us turning our backs on them, such as "Brexit", would only delight terrorists and would make us all less secure;
- (k) believes "Brexit" would put at risk UK access to the EU single market, threatening 45% of our exports, and notes that, in contrast, only 16% of exports from the rest of the EU come to the UK;
- (l) notes that access to the EU single market, in the cases of Norway and (partially) Switzerland, requires following all of the EU trade rules without having any say in them, allowing free movement of labour, and making payments into the EU budget;
- (m) notes that any trade agreement between the UK and the rest of the EU would require agreement of all 27 remaining EU member states, not all of whom may be motivated primarily by trade, and

many of whom are likely to be concerned to save face, maintain free movement, and/or reduce the risk of other countries seeking a better deal by threatening exit;

- (n) notes that Sheffield in particular has benefited from over £1bn of investment from the EU since the 1990s, including in the Advanced Manufacturing Park, Sheffield Station and the Winter Gardens; and
- (o) further notes that, as a city with strong universities, Sheffield benefits disproportionately from EU research funding, including 30% of the University of Sheffield's research funding.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) believes that by being part of the European Union we are safer, stronger and financially better off, and that we should vote to remain in the European Union;
- (b) believes that we are financially better off by remaining in the EU and notes that:-
  - (i) the EU is Britain's biggest trading partner;
  - (ii) millions of jobs are linked to our EU membership;
  - (iii) £26.5 billion is invested in Britain by EU countries every year;
  - (iv) almost half of all of Britain's exports go to the EU; and
  - (v) exports to the EU are worth £227 billion a year to the British economy;
- (c) believes that Britain's membership of the EU helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, tax evasion and terrorism;
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- (e) believes that being in the EU enhances Britain's global influence; and

- (f) notes the EU's contribution to advancing worker's rights, including the right to holiday pay, paid maternity and paternity leave, anti-discrimination laws, equal pay and protection for agency workers.