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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Council is composed of 84 Councillors with one-third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to the residents of their Ward. The overriding duty of Councillors is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints the Leader and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its Committees. It also appoints representatives to serve on joint bodies and external organisations.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
28 MARCH 2018**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

(a) To receive any questions or petitions from the public, or communications submitted by the Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass such resolutions thereon as the Council Procedure Rules permit and as may be deemed expedient.

(b) Petition Requiring Debate

The Council's Petitions Scheme requires that any petition containing over 5,000 signatures be the subject of debate at the Council meeting. A qualifying petition has been received as follows:-

Request For Lease of Former Prince Edward School Building

To debate a joint paper and electronic petition containing over 5000 signatures, requesting the Council to grant to De Hood Community Project a long lease on the building at the former Prince Edward School. The online petition – <https://www.change.org/p/secure-a-long-term-lease-from-sheffield-city-council-for-de-hood-s-future> - contains 4,658 supporters (as at 20th March) (supplemented by over 400 paper signatures) and includes the following wording:-

De Hood Community Project needs to secure a long term lease on its existing premises "The Old Prince Edward School Buildings" at Manor Top from Sheffield City Council. The Council would like to demolish the building and grant planning permission to build another Retail Park. We are looking for your support so that we can continue to grow the project and make a difference to the local community, however, without a lease on the building, the future for De Hood is up in the air. The project has made a massive impact on the local community, both young and old, and provides a number of much needed community based activities for the local people to engage.

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- 4.1 Questions relating to urgent business – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii).
- 4.2 Supplementary questions on written questions submitted at this meeting – Council Procedure Rule 16.4.
- 4.3 Questions on the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions – Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

(NB. Minutes of recent meetings of the two South Yorkshire Joint Authorities have been made available to all Members of the Council via the following link -

<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13165&path=0>)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "HOMES IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAGNALL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE WILSON

That this Council:

- (a) welcomes the increasing public debate about private rented housing and notes the following regarding the growth of the private rented sector:-
 - (i) nationally the sector has grown significantly since the 1980s whilst the social rented sector has shrunk;
 - (ii) ‘generation rent’ is all too real: in the UK, 46% of people aged 25-34 and 29% of people aged 35-44 now rent privately, compared to 20% of the population as a whole, and a quarter of families with children now find their homes in the private rented sector;
 - (iii) austerity and the cost of living have made life harder for many private renters and have helped create a “rent trap” for many;
 - (iv) Sheffield’s private rented sector has doubled in size during the past decade to over 38,000 households, about 16% of all Sheffield’s housing, and is further predicted to grow to reach 25% of all housing in 2025; and
 - (v) Sheffield’s private rented housing is diverse – ranging from purpose-built flats to former council housing sold under ‘Right to Buy’; from student Houses of Multiple Occupation to families in terraced housing – with strong concentrations in

some neighbourhoods;

- (b) believes these changes in the housing market have produced the following challenges:-
 - (i) how to help people afford to enter and maintain a private tenancy;
 - (ii) how to change the sector to recognise that people are spending longer periods of their life privately renting than used to be typical;
 - (iii) how to help those who wish to move out of the private rented sector to do so;
 - (iv) how to help neighbourhoods with high numbers of privately-rented homes maintain a sense of community despite the turnover of neighbours; and
 - (v) how to fund council services to help private renters when the Government has imposed austerity, unfairly and unnecessarily slashing local government budgets;
- (c) believes that government policies since 2010 have spectacularly failed to address these growing challenges in the private rented sector, but the new measures finally being implemented - including 'banning orders' for landlords convicted of malpractice, an extension of licensing for Houses of Multiple Occupation, and an end to letting agencies' fees (all previously advocated by the Labour Party) - should be cautiously welcomed;
- (d) notes that a future Labour Government would introduce standard three-year tenancies; cap rent rises by inflation; introduce new legal minimum standards to ensure properties are "fit for human habitation"; and give renters new consumer rights (including tenants' rights to keep pets);
- (e) supports the following measures taken by this Administration to help people who are renting privately in Sheffield:-
 - (i) building new homes, including the first new council homes in a generation, to create more alternatives for those who wish to move on from renting privately;
 - (ii) co-operating with landlords, the universities and students' unions to run the SNUG accreditation scheme, which is achieving better standards for student renters;
 - (iii) assisting tenants to assert their legal rights to the safe and quiet enjoyment of their rented home is making renting in

Sheffield significantly safer;

- (iv) successful prosecutions against unscrupulous landlords – whether resulting in a suspended jail sentence, community service or a heavy fine – send a strong message that this Administration will pursue the strongest possible action against any landlords who are badly letting their tenants down;
 - (v) stepping in to help those at risk of homelessness find a new home through Housing Solutions is an important preventative step;
 - (vi) establishing a Selective Licensing scheme in Page Hall has significantly improved the quality of private rented homes in the area, with landlords investing over £1m in improving property conditions; and
 - (vii) mandating that new student apartments are designed so they can be converted to alternative uses in the future makes sure there is flexibility for these developments as housing changes; and
- (f) notes this Administration’s commitment to:-
- (i) publish a charter for people renting in the private sector, clearly explaining their rights and responsibilities;
 - (ii) act to limit the use of letting boards in neighbourhoods with a high density of privately-rented homes;
 - (iii) publish its response to the recent consultation on whether to introduce a Selective Licensing scheme for Abbeydale, Chesterfield and London Roads; and
 - (iv) continue taking the strongest possible action against rogue landlords through prosecution.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEMOCRACY UNDER ATTACK" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS ROSLING-JOSEPHS AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHIRA NAZ

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Government wants voters to present identification (ID) before being given a ballot paper in an attempt to combat “voter personation”, with five local authorities trialling this for the upcoming council elections in May;
- (b) notes with concern this development and highlights that a coalition

of charities and academics has warned the Government that plans to enforce voter ID at the upcoming local elections could 'damage turnout and undermine engagement';

- (c) contends that Electoral Fraud is a serious crime and should of course be combated, however, it is this Administration's belief that there is simply not enough evidence of voter fraud in the UK to justify these potentially damaging pilots, which threaten to disenfranchise members of some of the most vulnerable groups of society;
- (d) notes that in 2016 there were 44 allegations of impersonation out of nearly 64 million votes, reflecting just one case for every 1.5 million votes cast, and that last year there were only 28 allegations of impersonation out of nearly 45 million votes — one case for every 1.6 million votes cast – with only one of these allegations resulting in a conviction;
- (e) contends that whilst the Government has stated that anyone can apply for a Certificate of Identity, if without an identification document, this is still disadvantageous to many and those less likely to possess approved photo ID for a variety of socio-economic and accessibility reasons, and that international studies confirm this assertion;
- (f) argues, therefore, that voter ID reforms could affect young people, older people, disabled people, transgender and gender non-conforming people, BAME communities and the homeless and there is a great risk that these reforms would exclude far more people than the tiny few attempting to undermine the result;
- (g) notes that the Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society has stated that "electoral reform is a serious issue – but mandatory voter ID is a sledgehammer to crack a nut";
- (h) notes that Slough Borough Council's Conservative administration originally signed up to take part in the forthcoming pilot but later withdrew amid pressure from opposition Labour councillors, who managed to garner enough cross party support for their motion proposing a U-Turn on the proposals;
- (i) notes that Slough Borough Council's Labour councillors successfully argued that poorer groups were less likely to have access to appropriate ID, such as driving licences, meaning the pilot could disenfranchise the poor, with one councillor declaring: 'We don't want to use the residents as guinea pigs, and I don't want to punish the law-abiding majority or create hurdles for them.'
- (j) supports the sentiments of Slough MP, Tan Dhesi, that 'the Tories are trying to introduce this not to tackle election fraud, but basically

just to knock out not hundreds, but millions, of voters and disenfranchise them';

- (k) notes that there are only a handful of cases of voter fraud but, as the Association of Electoral Administrators have pointed out, the new set-up will require extra training for the staff at polling stations to make sure that genuine voters are not being turned away;
- (l) believes that even if the pilots go smoothly, it will remain debatable whether voter ID in its proposed form will even be effective in tackling fraud;
- (m) notes that in Britain we have electoral officers and a highly-respected judicial system to prevent abuses, and contend that these should be strengthened to tackle electoral fraud rather than potentially disenfranchising millions, as the Government is proposing; and
- (n) believes that, ultimately, the biggest threat for our democracy does not come from a tiny few electoral fraudsters but a Conservative government determined to make things difficult for an electoral base unlikely to vote for them – it is, in effect, gerrymandering at its most dangerous and callous and a real threat to the democratic process in this country.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "TRUST, TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that trust, truth and transparency are the bedrock of good governance;
- (b) believes that a lack of openness erodes confidence and trust in local government and agrees with the Leader of Rotherham Council that "you can't be accountable without being transparent";
- (c) agrees with the Chair of the Housing, Communities and Local Government (Commons Select) Committee and former leader of Sheffield City Council, Clive Betts MP, that a council's organisational culture is the most significant factor in whether scrutiny is effective, and that commercial confidentiality should not be used as an excuse to inhibit scrutiny;
- (d) notes that, at the present time, Sheffield City Council does not broadcast or record public meetings, unlike other core city councils, for example Leeds and Manchester;
- (e) notes the recommendation of the Housing, Communities and Local

Government Committee that all contracts should be available to be reviewed by councillors in overview and scrutiny committees;

- (f) notes that over the last three years, the refusal rate (including partial refusals) for FOI requests to Sheffield City Council has increased from 21% to 32%;
- (g) notes that it took more than two years for opposition Councillors to be given sight of the agreements made with Sichuan Guodong Construction;
- (h) notes that more than five years after the PFI contract was signed with Amey, opposition Councillors have still not been given sight of an un-redacted copy of the contract;
- (i) believes this demonstrates a worrying trend towards secrecy and a lack of transparency in Sheffield City Council, which restricts the ability of Councillors and members of the public to scrutinise the activities of the Council; and
- (j) resolves to undertake a wholesale review into the Council's lack of transparency with recommendations from that review to be brought back to full council within a year, and requests the Chief Executive to commission that review.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "REQUIREMENTS OF THE HIGHWAYS PFI CONTRACT" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALISON TEAL

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that this Administration has repeatedly refused to disclose specific details of the Highways PFI contract signed in 2012;
- (b) notes that this Administration has repeatedly put out statements that:-
 - (i) trees are only felled as a last resort;
 - (ii) trees are only felled in accordance with the 6 Ds criteria: i.e. if they are dead, dying, diseased, dangerous, damaging footpaths, private property or roads, or 'discriminatory'; and
 - (iii) there are no targets to fell trees;
- (c) notes that the Council's refusal to release part of the contract was found to be unlawful by the Information Commissioner, who ordered that these parts of the contract be released;
- (d) notes that the newly-released extracts from the contract show that

there was a contractual requirement for Amey to replace highway trees “at a rate of not less than 200 per year”;

- (e) further notes that it is a contractual requirement for Amey to replace 17,500 highway trees by the end of the 25-year contract;
- (f) believes that the Administration’s statements set out above are incompatible with these contractual requirements;
- (g) therefore asks the Administration to admit that those statements were untrue; and
- (h) resolves that this Council has no confidence in the present Administration to tell the truth.

9. STANDARDS REPORT 2015-17

To receive the Audit & Standards Committee’s Standards Report 2015-17, highlighting the activities of the Committee and providing details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

The Chair of the Committee (Councillor Josie Paszek) will briefly introduce the report.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the record of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7th February 2018 and the special meeting of the Council held on 7th March 2018 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

11. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

To consider any changes to the memberships and arrangements for meetings of Committees etc., delegated authority, and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies.

Chief Executive

Dated this 20 day of March 2018

The next meeting of the Council will be its Annual General Meeting to be held on 16 May 2018 at the Town Hall. The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 5 June 2018 at the Town Hall.

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

Further advice can be obtained from Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance on 0114 2734018 or email gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk.

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STANDARDS REPORT 2015-17

At its meeting on 11th January 2018, the Audit and Standards Committee received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance highlighting the activities of the Committee and providing details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

The Committee resolved to forward the report to Council for consideration, and the Committee's minute is set out below.

The Chair of the Committee (Councillor Josie Paszek) will briefly introduce the report. Council is asked to note the report.

STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report highlighting the activities of the Committee and providing details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

In presenting the report, Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance, informed the Committee that future reports would be a joint report of the Committee's Audit and Standards activities. In response to questions from Members of the Committee, she acknowledged that the rise in popularity of social media had caused certain issues and she had delivered training to a Parish Council in this respect. There may be a need for more support and training for all Members in respect of the use of social media. She would provide the Committee with comparative figures in terms of number of standards complaints from other Core Cities.

RESOLVED: That:-

- (a) the report, now submitted, be noted;
- (b) the report be forwarded to Full Council for consideration at its meeting to be held on 7 February 2017; and
- (c) the Director of Legal and Governance be requested to circulate figures in respect of the numbers of standards complaints at other Core Cities.

(NOTE: A copy of the report submitted to the Audit and Standards Committee is attached.)

Eugene Walker
Executive Director, Resources

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Audit and Standards Committee Report

Report of: Gillian Duckworth, Director Legal & Governance

Date: 11th January 2018

Subject: Standards Report 2015-2017

Author of Report: Philippa Braithwaite, Democratic Services Team Manager

Summary:

The report highlights the activities of the Committee and provides details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:-

- (a) Comments on the Annual Report; and
 - (b) Approves the report for submission to Full Council in February 2017.
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Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
NONE
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

Standards Report 2015-2017

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is the first Standards Annual Report of the merged Audit and Standards Committee and covers the period from June 2015 to December 2017.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Changes to the Standards regime were introduced in July 2012 following the Localism Act 2011. Although it was no longer a statutory requirement to have a Standards Committee, Full Council approved the retention of a Committee to deal with complaints and adopted a new Members' Code of Conduct and a Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

Including Legal, Financial and all other relevant implications (if any)

- 3.1 The Standards responsibilities of the merged Audit and Standards Committee include monitoring the Council's complaints process, training, learning and development, and advising the Council on the adoption and revision of relevant policies and Corporate issues.
- 3.2 As such, the attached report covers these areas in detail, summarising Standards activities from June 2015 to December 2017.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Committee comments on the attached report; and approves the report for submission to Full Council in February 2017.

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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STANDARDS REPORT 2015 - 2017

To be considered at the Council Meeting on 7 February 2018



FOREWORD

I am pleased to present this report which is the first since the Audit and Standards Committees merged in August 2016.

This report provides a summary of Standards activities from June 2015 through to December 2017.

I would like to thank our three Independent Persons, Stuart Carvell, Marvyn Moore and David Waxman, for their work in assisting the Monitoring Officer. I would also like to thank Dave Ross, our Principal Committee Secretary until earlier this year.

I recommend that Council receives this report on Standards Committee activities in 2015 – 2017.

Councillor Josie Paszek
Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee
December 2017

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1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 This is the first Standards Annual Report of the merged Audit and Standards Committee and covers the period from June 2015 to December 2017.
- 1.2 Changes to the Standards regime were introduced in July 2012 following the Localism Act 2011. Although it was no longer a statutory requirement to have a Standards Committee, Full Council approved the retention of a Committee to deal with complaints and adopted a new Members' Code of Conduct and a Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints. The three Parish and Town Councils adopted a Joint Members Code of Conduct and a Joint Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.
- 1.3 Three Independent Persons were appointed jointly with Barnsley Council and the South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat to assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with complaints.

2. **Role of the Standards Committee until August 2016**

The responsibilities of the Standards Committee, as set out in the Constitution, were:

- a) Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-opted Members Representatives on Committees and Sub-Committees.
- b) Assisting Councillors, Co-opted Members and Representatives to observe the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- c) Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and Protocols relating to Councillor and Officer Behaviour.
- d) Monitoring the operation of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- e) Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors, Co-opted Members and Representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.
- f) Discharging the functions of, hearing complaints against Councillors concerning the Members' Code of Conduct referred to them by the Monitoring Officer.
- g) The exercise of the above functions in relation to the Parish Councils wholly or mainly in its area and the Members of those Parish Councils.
- h) Advising the Council on the adoption and revision of its Whistle-blowing Policy and monitoring the operation of that Policy.
- i) Monitoring and reviewing procedures relating to gifts, hospitality and personal interests, for Councillors and officers.
- j) Monitoring the Council's response to complaints to the Ombudsman.
- k) Undertaking such other functions as the Council may delegate to the Committee.

3. **Standards-Specific Role of the Audit and Standards Committee**

3.1 The Standards responsibilities of the Committee, as set out in the Constitution, are:

- To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-opted Members and Representatives on Committees and Sub-Committees.
- To assist Councillors, Co-opted Members and Representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
- To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct and Protocols relating to Councillor and Officer behaviour.
- To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- To advise, train or arrange to train Councillors, Co-opted Members and Representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.
- To monitor, review and make recommendations to the Council with regard to the Learning and Development policy for Councillors, Co-opted members and Representatives.
- To discharge the functions of dealing with complaints against Councillors and Co-opted Members as set out in Procedure for Dealing with Complaints Regarding City, Parish and Town Councillors and Co-opted Members.
- To advise the Council on the adoption and revision of its Whistleblowing Policy and monitoring the operation of that Policy.
- To monitor and review procedures relating to gifts, hospitality and personal interests, for Councillors and officers.
- To monitor the Council's complaints process and the Council's response to complaints to the Ombudsman.

4. **Membership of the Committee**

4.1 The Standards Committee had 12 members comprising eight City Councillors and 4 non-voting-opted members (including 1 representative of the three Parish and Town Councils drawn from a pool of three representatives).

4.2 Following the merge of the Audit and Standards Committees in August 2016, the combined Committee has 7 (non-executive) Members with proportionality applied and a maximum of 3 non-voting co-opted members. (Where standards related matters are to be considered by the Committee, the three Parish/Town Councils would be invited to jointly send one representative to attend the meeting for those

items as an observer).

4.3 As of December 2017, the membership was:

- Councillor Josie Paszek (Chair)
- Councillor Adam Hanrahan (Deputy Chair)
- Councillor Dianne Hurst
- Councillor Alan Law
- Councillor Pat Midgley
- Councillor Peter Price
- Councillor Paul Scriven
- Liz Stanley (Independent Non-Voting Co-opted Member)
- 2 x vacancy for Independent Non-Voting Co-opted Member

5. **Monitoring Officer/Support to the Committee**

5.1 Gillian Duckworth is the Council's Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Governance. The Monitoring Officer is a statutory role that:-

- Supports the Standards Committee and the three Independent Persons;
- Contributes to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct within the Council;
- Maintains systems and processes for dealing with allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members;
- Investigates and reports to the Standards Committee on allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members;
- Has rights of access to any information from Members and/or officers in connection with a standards complaint;
- Establishes and maintains registers of members' interests, gifts and hospitality;
- Acts a point of contact for advice and/or queries by elected members
- Maintains and updates the Constitution;
- Advises on various issues, poor administration and impropriety;
- Attends all meetings of the Cabinet whether public or private.

5.2 Further support to the Committee was provided by Jason Dietsch (Head of Member Services) and, until October 2017, Dave Ross (Principal Committee Secretary). Further support is now provided by Simon Hughes (Principal Committee Secretary) and Philippa Braithwaite (Democratic Services Team Manager).

5.3 The Council is required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Act to provide the Monitoring Officer with "such staff, accommodation and other resources as are, in their opinion, sufficient to allow those duties to be performed". The Monitoring Officer has confirmed that she has the necessary resources to meet the requirements of her role.

6. **Complaints**

- 6.1 The number of complaints made per year and a breakdown by the findings is set out below:-

Complainant	2015 (Jun-Dec)	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)
Take No Action (no breach)	2	17	20
Withdrawn or Invalid	4	1	1
Informal Resolution	2	1	1
Refer to Consideration Sub-Committee with an Investigation	0	1	2
Refer to Consideration Sub-Committee without an Investigation	0	1	0
Total	8	21	24

- 6.2 During the year a review was undertaken by the Monitoring Officer of the Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints. A revised Procedure was considered by the Audit & Standards Committee at its meeting on 16 November 2017 and adopted by Full Council on 6 December 2017.
- 6.3 The revised Procedure incorporates both the City and Joint Parish and Town Councils' Procedure and provides greater flexibility to respond to each complaint at an appropriate level and to ensure complaints are concluded sooner for the benefit of both parties. The Monitoring Officer will review the Procedure in a year's time.

7. **Independent Persons**

- 7.1 The Council must appoint at least one Independent Person. Their role is advisory and they do not have a vote on any Council committee. The Independent Person can be consulted by the Monitoring Officer, and also by the Member who is subject to a complaint and the Audit and Standards Committee.
- 7.2 The three Independent Persons, Stuart Carvell, Marvyn Moore and David Waxman, provide invaluable assistance to the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards complaints.
- 7.3 An Independent Person is involved in each complaint and consulted at each stage of the process.

8. **Parish and Town Councils**

8.1 The Monitoring Officer provides advice and support to the three Parish and Town Councils and this included the Standards complaints dealt with in 2015, 2016, and 2017 relating to both of the Parish Councils.

8.2 The Monitoring Officer and Head of Member Services led training and development sessions with Ecclesfield and Bradfield Parish Councils in June and October 2016 respectively.

9. **Training and Development**

9.1 As part of the induction for new Councillors, information was provided on the Members' Code of Conduct, the Standards regime, the Register of Interests, the key principles of good governance, the Member/Officer Relations Protocol and how the Council and decision making works. The induction also included a practical exercise, using case studies to help Members' understanding of the Members' Code of Conduct and Members' interests. A training session for the Standards Committee was also carried out by the Monitoring Officer in September 2017 regarding Standards related issues.

9.2 Specific training took place for Members of the Planning and Highways and Licensing Committees and which covered the related legal framework and decision making and particular requirements relating to Member's interests and bias.

10 **Policy and Corporate issues**

The Committee has provided oversight and responded to the following policies, protocol, reports and consultations:

- 10.1
- The Whistleblowing Policy in November 2016
 - Review of the Members' Code of Conduct in January 2017
 - Annual Governance Statement in July 2017
 - Review of the Monitoring Officer Protocol in November 2017
 - Consultation on Disqualification Criteria for Councillors in November 2017
 - Annual Ombudsman and Complaints Report 2016/17 in November 2017

11. **Other Areas of Work**

11.1 The Monitoring Officer has ensured that all new Councillors had submitted their Register of Interests form relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests and that existing Councillors had reviewed and updated their interests.

11.2 The Monitoring Officer maintains a regular dialogue with the Council's other

Statutory officers to consider and review governance arrangements. The Monitoring Officer also maintains a dialogue around governance with the Leaders and/or Whips of the political groups represented on the Council.

12. **The Year Ahead**

12.1 The work programme continues to ensure the Audit and Standards Committee receives updates on the Members' Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure and an Annual Report on the complaints received. Meetings of the Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees are arranged as and when required to deal with complaints. The Consideration Sub-Committee has met once during the period covered in this report.

13. **Recommendation**

13.1 That Council receives and notes this report on the work of the Standards Committee and Audit and Standards Committee in 2015 - 2017.

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Agenda Item 10

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 7 February 2018, at 5.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Magid Magid)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i>
Andy Nash
Bob Pullin | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Pauline Andrews
Steve Wilson | 19 | <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Mohammad Maroof
Alison Teal |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Chris Rosling-Josephs
Ian Saunders
Sophie Wilson | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Shaffaq Mohammed
Paul Scriven | 20 | <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell
Jack Scott |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Abdul Khayum
Alan Law
Abtisam Mohamed | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i>
Mike Drabble
Dianne Hurst
Peter Rippon |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i>
Michelle Cook
Kieran Harpham
Magid Magid | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i>
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft | 22 | <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i>
Dawn Dale
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i>
Jackie Drayton
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i>
Lewis Dagnall
Cate McDonald
Chris Peace | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Robert Murphy
Moya O'Rourke | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Sue Auckland
Steve Ayris | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i>
David Baker
Vickie Priestley |
| 7 | <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Adam Hanrahan | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Jack Clarkson
Richard Crowther
Keith Davis |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Lisa Banes
Terry Fox
Pat Midgley | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Olivia Blake
Ben Curran
Neale Gibson |
| 9 | <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
David Barker
Tony Downing
Gail Smith | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
John Booker
Adam Hurst
Zoe Sykes |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Mick Rooney
Jackie Satur
Paul Wood |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Andy Bainbridge, Penny Baker, Craig Gamble Pugh, Richard Shaw and Jim Steinke.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Councillor Bryan Lodge declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 9 – Notice of Motion regarding Carillion, due to him being an employee of that Company, and he did not speak or vote on that item of business.
- 2.2 Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed declared a personal interest in the same Item due to his son being an employee of Carillion, and he stated that he would not speak or vote on that item of business.
- 2.3 Councillor Paul Scriven declared a personal interest in the same Item, on the grounds that he had undertaken work for Carillion over 12 months ago.

3. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that approval be given, for the duration of this meeting and (via suspension of Council Procedure Rule 4.1) the ordinary meeting of the Council on 28th March 2018, to certain revisions to the Council Procedure Rules, as set out in the schedule included with the agenda for this meeting, in order to apply, to these meetings, the changes to the operation of the full Council meeting that were used at the ordinary Council meetings held from September to December as part of a pilot exercise being overseen by the Review of Full Council Meetings Member Working Group.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Petitions

4.1.1 Petition Requesting a Safe House for Males Suffering Domestic Abuse

The Council received an electronic petition containing 123 signatures, requesting a safe house for males suffering domestic abuse.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alex Szumski and Cameron Barber. They informed the Council that the rate of suicides among males in the United Kingdom was three times that of females, although here were more programmes in place to support females. Young males aged 11 to 16 were subject to physical and verbal abuse and represented 13 percent of such reported cases. There are only 18 safe houses for males in the country

and a much higher number for women and it was considered that the resources available to support males were significantly less.

This work had been carried out by young people as part of a National Citizenship Service Programme. The petition requested a safe house for males suffering domestic abuse, where they can feel safe and able to openly share their experiences without being judged.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Cate McDonald, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care. Councillor McDonald thanked the petitioners and concurred that many people were affected by domestic abuse, sexual abuse and rape, which was clearly not acceptable. What was known was that the majority of people affected were women as shown by needs assessments. The Council did work with other agencies to provide services which supported people who had experienced abuse. There were options for men seeking accommodation to escape abuse. However, there was not a specific refuge for men in Sheffield. Arrangements were made for young men suffering abuse. There was also a domestic violence helpline and services provided at Howden House, independent domestic violence advocacy service, outreach services and homelessness support.

There was not a lot of demand for specific support for men and therefore in cases where it was thought men would benefit from all male support groups, people should contact the organisations, such as the helpline.

She welcomed the work which the young people leading the petition had done. She said that if it was felt that people would benefit from the provision of an all-male support group then she urged people to make contact so that discussion could be held with the relevant service.

4.1.2 Petition Requesting a Change to the Policy on Black Bins

The Council received an electronic petition containing eight signatures, requesting a change to the policy on black bins, to allow for one large, and one standard size bin for students in households with six or more residents.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene.

4.1.3 Petition Requesting Road Safety Improvements in Woodseats

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing 245 signatures, requesting road safety improvements in Woodseats.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

4.1.4 Petition Requesting Action in Connection with Slippery Pavements, and the lack of grit bins, in the Tinsley area

The Council received a petition containing 300 signatures, requesting action in connection with slippery pavements, and the lack of grit bins, in the Tinsley area.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Zaffarullah Khan who stated that recently, due to the winter temperatures people, including older and young people had slipped and fallen on pavements. He said that grit bins had been removed and there was no salt treatment of footpaths. There was concern that local school children would fall. The local community would he said be willing to help assist, if this was activity which the Council was not able to resource as they had done for litter-picks, for example. He asked the Council to consider installing a grit bin and taking action before a more serious injury occurred.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Councillor Lodge said that reports of people slipping and tripping on pavements were taken seriously by the Council. A review of winter maintenance was undertaken at the end of each winter season and the issues raised by the petition would be included as part of the review. Councillor Lodge said that there had been a relatively high number of contacts to the Council regarding winter conditions so far this year. The Council had never gritted pavements other than those in the City centre or in District Shopping Centres. He said that he would write to the petitioners following the winter review. He asked people to report empty grit bins to the Council, so that these could be replenished. The Council was also looking at the feasibility of using self-monitoring grit bins in the future.

4.1.5 Petition Regarding the Placement of Homeless Families in Bed and Breakfast Accommodation

The Council received a petition containing 58 signatures regarding the placement of homeless families in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Violet Dickenson who stated that there had been reports of concerns relating to the conditions for mothers and children in bed and breakfast accommodation. There were various concerns about the living conditions for mothers with children, including at the Earl Marshall Guest House where a lone mother and child had spent more than six weeks in such accommodation; there was overcrowding such that they had to share a single room, showers and toilets; and there was one cooker available for some 20 people.

On 21 November 2017, the South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group wrote to senior councillors, although the letter had not been acknowledged. A Freedom of Information request had found that there were 43 families with children in bed and breakfast accommodation in Sheffield and

some on more than one occasion or for many weeks. The Council had an obligation not to place women who were pregnant or who had children in bed and breakfast accommodation but it could do so where no other emergency accommodation was available and only as a last resort and for up to six weeks. The women in question were homeless and some were the survivors of human trafficking.

There was concern that children were being placed in accommodation which was potentially unsafe and the petition called on the Council to stop placement of mothers and children in potentially unsafe temporary accommodation and accommodation where single men were also placed.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Councillor Drayton thanked the petitioners for bringing this issue to the Council's attention and she said that she had not seen the correspondence which had been referred to. However, she apologised that a reply had not been given.

Councillor Drayton said that the petition and letter had raised important issues. The Housing Solutions service worked with people at risk of homelessness. Bed and Breakfast accommodation was only used in absolute emergencies and for short periods. Establishments providing accommodation had to hold a licence and were subject to checks detailed in a schedule of requirements. The Earl Marshall Guest House held such a licence was also subject to checks.

31 of the 43 families in bed and breakfast accommodation had been placed there for more than one night and two families longer still. These families were asylum seekers who had been refused with no recourse to public funds. However, the Council did have obligations to the children despite the families having no recourse to stay in the UK. Councillor Drayton said that she would write to the lead petitioner concerning this matter and said that the Council did work with anyone who is homeless to try to support them.

4.1.6 Petition Objecting to Council Cuts

The Council received a petition containing 20 signatures, objecting to Council cuts and requesting that services be brought back under Council control.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alistair Tice, who stated that he had submitted a similar petition in 2017 and which included the bringing in house of major contracts, including the Streets Ahead contract. He commented that events of the past 12 months vindicated what was proposed by the previous petition and said that the contract with Amey was unpopular and not one which protected jobs and conditions of Amey employees. Mr Tice referred to the Labour Party conference which had also indicated that PFI contracts should be taken back by public services. He said the Council had a legal means to free itself from the contract with Amey. The petition also proposed that the Council should refuse to implement the government cuts and instead set a lawful no cuts budget, using reserves and bringing services back in-house.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Olivia Blake, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance. Councillor Blake said that no councillor wished to see cuts of the kind made by the Government in recent years. However, the Council had a legal duty to set a legal and balanced budget and if it did not do so, the Government would send in commissioners to run the organisation.

The Council's budget gap for 2018/19 was £44 million and since 2010, the Council had had savings of £430 million. The Council had said to the Government that enough is enough and had done its best to protect vulnerable people. Nor did the Council have a policy of privatisation and it was in fact bringing services in-house, including housing and out of hours' services. If the Government deployed commissioners, it was felt they would treat people with contempt.

4.1.7 Petition Requesting the Council to Limit Work on the Chelsea Road Elm Tree to Essential Maintenance Required for Public Safety

The Council received a petition containing 67 signatures, requesting the Council to limit work on the Chelsea Road Elm tree to essential maintenance required for public safety.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by David Glass who stated that the Chelsea Elm tree was especially important because it was resistant to disease and had a White Letter Hairstreak Butterfly population. The Council wished to cut the tree down and had said that engineering works to retain it would cost around £50K, whilst an alternative quotation for the engineering works had been attained by residents, which put the cost at significantly less, if Amey was not employed to do the work.

Mr Glass said that the independent Arborist engaged by the Council had said that one branch should be removed rather than the tree canopy but the Council had said that the tree was dangerously decayed, which he said misrepresented that facts and there was a zero cost option.

He referred to a breakdown in trust in relation to highways trees and to the use of force and litigation with associated ongoing costs and damage to communities, which was something which he said had to change and the Chelsea Elm tree was a good place to start. He believed that mediation would assist in this process. Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust represented the butterfly population and those organisations did not necessarily accept the use of Amey to provide opinions on the future of the tree which would be trusted by people. If the Council was to push ahead with the plans to fell the tree, it would only create more mistrust and he urged the Council to allow mediation to take place and for meaningful discussion to attempt to resolve the issue.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene. Councillor Lodge thanked the petitioners for bringing the matter to Council. He said that an independent assessment of the tree had been conducted in October 2016 by ACS Consulting and an aerial

survey of the tree had taken place. The survey had identified a significant cavity in the south eastern canopy and which extended 600 mm into the limb. Other decay to the tree was found and work was identified in relation to safety. A mitigation plan had been produced in relation to the White Letter Hairstreak butterfly with the Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation UK (BCUK). The outcome of the activity relating to the butterfly would not be known until the summer. Indeed, there was also a risk to the butterfly colony if work was not done. Genetic material would be taken of the Huntingdon Elm tree by cloning by making cuttings and growing them for the future.

A number of organisations and individuals were involved in the proposals regarding the Elm tree or were being consulted. Councillor Lodge confirmed that the next stage in the work during week commencing 12 February related to safety and did not include the felling of the tree.

4.2 Public Questions

4.2.1 Public Question Concerning Sickle Cell

Leonie Williams said that she had suffered with Sickle Cell since birth and it had a huge effect on her life, caused by the resultant pain, which meant that she would be hospitalised for significant periods of time. She said that the SCAT organisation had provided her with understanding and advice on living with the condition. She said that whilst resources relating to Sickle Cell were limited, a positive difference could be made to people who suffered with Sickle Cell by building partnerships with health organisations and schools and she asked if councillors understood how the condition affected peoples' lives.

A question was also submitted on this subject by Gerald Edwards.

Councillor Cate McDonald, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, said that she had previously discussed the matters raised by Leonie Williams with the Director of Public Health and that she would make sure a response was provided to her as soon as possible. She thanked her for the question and for sharing her personal experiences.

4.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Women

Manuchehr Maleki Dizayi asked a question which also related to the petition submitted by Violet Dickenson concerning the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for lone mothers and children.

Nazona Mphande said that she had been accommodated in the Earl Marshall Guest House for a year and she was asking for help for both herself and her child.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, responded that she would meet with the questioners so that the particular details of the case could be discussed.

4.2.3 Public Question Concerning High Green Youth Club

David Ogle informed the Council that a volunteer run youth club in High Green, which had approximately 200 members, had closed because of the actions of the Parks department since November 2017. He said that a request for a meeting was refused and asked why this had happened. He said that he was, as a Parish Councillor, asking for the City Council's help with this matter.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, said that the Pavilion building and youth club was not closed but the use of deep fat fryers in the building had been stopped on the grounds of health and safety. She said that a communication had sent to a Mr Bawden regarding this matter but that the Council was awaiting a reply from him. Councillor Lea said that she would be pleased to arrange a meeting with the relevant interested parties.

4.2.4 Public Questions Concerning Streets Ahead Programme

Maggie Young said that it was understood that there was a plan to fell a further 250 street trees during the core investment period and whilst she would like that plan to be rescinded, would the Council provide full information and undertake consultation prior to any further action on this matter.

Celia Pinnington asked whether the Council accepted that parking restrictions on more than 20 streets for several continuous weeks to allow work to street trees caused a major inconvenience to residents and whether the duration of restrictions could be reduced.

Isabel O'Leary said that one of the principles of good governance to which the Council was committed was to take informed and transparent decisions, which were subject to effective scrutiny and management of risk. In view of this, she asked what independent audits had been undertaken to check that the contractor Amey was reporting work accurately, including details of by whom these had been done, dates undertaken and where the results had been published.

Julie Stribley asked the Council to make available the independent report regarding the Chelsea Elm tree and to explain the nature of the safety work to be undertaken in relation tree and the one dead limb. She commented that heavy pollarding would present a risk to the future of the tree in the form of disease and that cuttings taken of the tree were likely to fail due the climate. She also commented that the transportation of the butterfly was something which had not been done before.

Shelly Cockayne asked whether the Council acknowledge that it had created the circumstances that led to recent protest events and conflict on Meersbrook Park Road and commented that there were solutions available including genuine negotiation and mediation.

Justin Buxton asked whether the Council would rescind the Streets Ahead contract on the grounds of information not having been disclosed by Amey

during the bidding process. He asked why the Council had made payments to Amey LG when there was no contract with that firm visible on the contract register. He commented that he had asked this question at the January meeting of Council but had not yet received a reply.

Nigel Slack made reference to a response to his question at Cabinet in January provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene and said he awaited responses to the following part of the question:

“Irrespective of whether they will be met, will Council give full details of all the milestones for this initial 'Core Investment' period of the contract, detailing the original milestone, and any changes to milestones that were made during the course of the contract to date? Please provide supporting documentary evidence for the answers to these questions.”

Secondly, Mr Slack referred to the collapse of Carillion, and to people questioning whether some major contracts remained financially prudent. He said that many of these major contracts had been won with undervalued bids that have little hope of creating any added value for the contractors. He said that Amey Hallam Highways appeared to have made no profit in the first five years of the contract and now Capita was issuing profit warnings and its share value had more halved.

He asked what steps Council was taking to ensure it had contingency plans in place should any of the City's major contractors collapse.

Thirdly, Mr Slack asked whether the Council had undertaken any formal analysis of the reputational impact on the City of the widespread media coverage, locally, nationally and internationally surrounding the protests regarding the City's street trees; if so, when will the results of this analysis be published; and if not, why such an analysis had not been undertaken.

Fourthly, Mr Slack referred to Sheffield MP Louise Haigh recently having called (via an early day motion) for private contractors delivering public services to be included in Freedom of Information Act (FOI) regulations. He said that in an exchange on social media, a Cabinet Member praised this idea and commented “SCC already requires contractors to comply with FOI law. Quite rightly”.

He said that he had been told that private contractors were not themselves covered by FOI and can only be scrutinised for information they hold on behalf of Council. This , he said was irrespective of the apparent blanket use of Commercial Confidentiality as an escape clause which Council seem too eager to accept.

He asked the following:

Are members of the public able to place FOI requests on individual contractors? If so, which contracts are included, all or just selected contracts? If not, could the Council please clarify, for each of the major contracts, the information the contractor's hold on behalf of the Council?

Fifth, Mr Slack said that at the last Cabinet meeting he made the following comment: “The silence from this Council over the violence and unlawful behaviour of security staff employed by its Streets Ahead contractor is shameful and for women Councillors to remain silent in the face of violence to women is unbelievably so.”

He said that he had included evidence of the casual abuse handed out to a female Councillor at just one protest and had then asked for any comment. He said that the response he received was clearly a carefully pre-prepared legal statement that boiled down to 'take it up with the police'.

He asked, in the centenary year of the first victory for Women's Suffrage, is this how Council wish to be remembered?

Richard Davis referred to the termination of a contract by the Council with another organisation and that the same action had not been taken with regard to Amey. He asked whether there was a disparity in the application of contract management. Secondly, he referred to an injury (a broken wrist) to a member the Amey workforce which had been reported by Amey, whilst a Freedom of Information request to the Health and Safety Executive had found that no such injury was reported. He asked whether there was disparity in the accounts and incidents reported by Amey.

Russell Johnson asked whether the Cabinet Member would be listening to residents of Nether Edge who wanted healthy trees retained. Secondly, he asked whether the Leader of the Council would consider her position with a view to resigning.

Paul Turpin asked a question about the use of unacceptable language on social media to refer to people involved in tree related protests.

Dave Dillner referred to the anniversary of women winning the right to vote and the opening of an exhibition celebrating 200 years of people and protest in Sheffield. He asked whether the Leader of the Council would join him in paying tribute to the women of the tree campaign.

Sheldon Hall asked whether the Leader of the Council was satisfied that the Streets Ahead PFI Project Board exercised all due diligence during the procurement of the Streets Ahead contract?

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability, responded as regards parking restrictions, which he said were imposed by the Council and not Amey. He agreed that parking restrictions might potentially be annoying and disruptive for some people, but they were only temporary and there was a wish that these were in place for as short a time as possible. When work to the highways was completed, people were satisfied with the results.

Councillor Olivia Blake, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, responded with regard to the question concerning major contracts. She said that all Council services had to develop business continuity plans and

where necessary other providers would be engaged or the Council would step-in to provide services.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council responded as regards peaceful protest and stated that she had said on many occasions that she would welcome people who had chosen to protest in relation to a worthy cause. As regards the use of inappropriate language concerning the abuse of women, she would suggest that the matter was brought to the attention of the provider of the social media platform concerned. She said such comments as those which insight hatred and violence were not acceptable and should not be tolerated. With regard to the allegations of violent or unlawful behaviour of security personnel, Councillor Dore responded that if someone had evidence of such behaviour, they should report this to the Police.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, responded in relation to the pause in work as part of the Streets Ahead programme. This was the result of a review taking place and given concerns regarding safety. He referred to the protest on Meersbrook Park Road and said it was wise that the Amey workers had decided to cease work given the situation. Councillor Lodge said that he supported the right to peaceful protest.

As regards the reports of injuries, the Police were investigating a number of allegations of assault and if there was evidence of criminal activity, this should be handed to the Police. He said that the reasons for the work to street trees had not changed and this was according to the Six D's criteria: dangerous, dead, diseased, dying, damaging or discriminatory. Amey was assessing the risk as regards the safety of members of the public, protesters, workers, stewards and the Police.

In relation to governance, Councillor Lodge said that he would provide a more detailed response to Isabel O'Leary. In summary, the relevant standards was ISO 14001 2015 and the Streets Ahead contract was self-monitoring. Independent assessment had been undertaken of work to street lighting and two audits had also been carried out in the past 5 years with another due later this year.

Councillor Lodge said that the report relating to the Chelsea Elm and previous reports were available to view on the Council website.

With regards the issue of use or reasonable force during the situation on Meersbrook Park Road, Councillor Lodge said that if people had evidence of any alleged criminality, this should be reported to the Police.

The Council policy with regards to the tree replacement programme included addressing trees where they fell into the category of discriminatory or were damaging and work was to continue and formed part of the Streets Ahead programme which was over a longer period of time.

Councillor Lodge referred to the question from Mr Slack, which concerned milestones for the core investment period of the contract, the original milestone

and any changes to milestones, and said that he would provide a full response in writing to Mr Slack. Information concerning the milestones was published on the Council's website and in fact the milestones had not changed. The proportion of work to which he had previously referred concerned the amount of improvement work completed in relation to condition surveys

Councillor Lodge said that in respect of reputational impact on the Council and the City, the reports in the media were partly due to the effectiveness of campaign activity relating to highway trees in Sheffield. He did not believe that this was an issue which was being discussed widely in other places in the UK.

In relation to Mr Slack's question concerning violence and unlawful behaviour, Councillor Lodge said that he had seen footage from body cameras of the incident to which Mr Slack referred. There was evidence of abuse which both he and other colleagues had received which was not acceptable and he hoped that everybody would decry such behaviour. He said that whilst councillors may have their political differences, he believed that no councillor deserved to be subjected to abuse.

Councillor Lodge undertook to provide a written response to Mr Davis in relation to the questions which he had asked concerning contract management; and reports relating to health and safety and injury.

In response to Russell Johnson's question concerning listening to residents who asked wanted healthy trees retained, Councillor Lodge said that the Council did listen to all of the comments made from all over the City. However, he said that some people did not accept that there were different opinions amongst the public and Councillors.

With reference to the question of Justin Buxton regarding rescinding the Streets Ahead contract with Amey, Councillor Lodge said that he had nothing further to add regarding the issue of Amey and health and safety and that there had been an investigation regarding that matter by KPMG. With regards Mr Buxton's second point regarding payments to Amey LG to which he had not yet had a reply, Councillor Lodge said that a response would be sent to Mr Buxton.

Councillor Olivia Blake stated that as regards Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, public bodies were subject to FOI legislation and the public could submit FOI requests to the Council regarding information that it held.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated in response to the question from Mr Johnson that she was not going to resign and that the electorate would effectively make a decision on her behalf.

4.2.5 Public Questions Concerning Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Women

Carrie Hedderwick made reference to a report which had been submitted to Cabinet on 13 December 2017 and in which it had been stated that existing temporary accommodation provided for homeless people by the Council was 'not fit for purpose' and urgent action was recommended as a result. She asked

when action would be taken and by when did the Council aim to have decent suitable accommodation available?

Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, said that she would send Carrie Hedderwick information concerning general homeless accommodation which was out of scope of the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Families. The Council was examining the issues of housing for people who were homeless, supported housing and housing commissioning and it was thought that £700K of funding would be required. The Government had offered £140K for the Council to fulfil statutory obligations. There were challenges relating to homelessness and rough sleeping and the Council was working to maximise and improve available resources and a submission had been sent to the Government. It was important that suitable accommodation was found for people and especially for those who were vulnerable and the Council was committed to act on this issue.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Families, referred to the questions which had previously been asked on the issue of use of bed and breakfast accommodation. The individual concerned had been successful in her claim to remain in the UK and Councillor Drayton stated that she would follow up the issues which had been raised concerning the quality of the temporary accommodation where the woman and her child were staying.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 Questions

5.2.1 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.

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

5.3.1 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).

6. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN & HRA BUDGET 2018/19

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17th January 2018 in relation to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Budget 2018/19, be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 7 February 2018 that:-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2018/19 as set out in the appendix to the report is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2018/19 as set out in the appendix to the report is approved;
- (c) rents for council dwellings, including temporary accommodation, are reduced by 1% from April 2018 in line with the requirements in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016;
- (d) a single rate for garage rents of £9.35 per week for a garage plot and £2.10 per week for a garage site be applied to new garage tenancies from April 2018 and to existing garage tenancies once improvements have been made to existing garage sites and plots;
- (e) the community heating unit charges remain unchanged for 2018/19;
- (f) the sheltered housing service charge remain unchanged for 2018/19;
- (g) burglar alarm charges remain unchanged for 2018/19; and
- (h) service charges for furnished accommodation remain unchanged from April 2018.”

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Steve Ayriss, as an amendment, that the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17th January, 2018, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2018/19, be approved with the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-

- (i) (i) notes that it was necessary to remove the cladding from Hanover Tower, due to safety concerns following the devastating Grenfell Tower fire;
- (ii) notes that the original purpose of the cladding was to insulate the tower block and that now residents of the building may face higher heating bills to compensate for the lack of insulation since the removal of the cladding; and

(iii) requests that officers ensure that any increase in heating costs since the removal of the cladding is identified and, if necessary, arrange to provide financial support to the residents from the District Heating Account or alternative sources of financial assistance.

6.3 After contributions from other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Jayne Dunn, the amendment was put to the vote and was negated.

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

RESOLVED: That, as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17th January, 2018:-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2018/19 as set out in the appendix to the report is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2018/19 as set out in the appendix to the report is approved;
- (c) rents for council dwellings, including temporary accommodation, are reduced by 1% from April 2018 in line with the requirements in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016;
- (d) a single rate for garage rents of £9.35 per week for a garage plot and £2.10 per week for a garage site be applied to new garage tenancies from April 2018 and to existing garage tenancies once improvements have been made to existing garage sites and plots;
- (e) the community heating unit charges remain unchanged for 2018/19;
- (f) the sheltered housing service charge remain unchanged for 2018/19;
- (g) burglar alarm charges remain unchanged for 2018/19; and
- (h) service charges for furnished accommodation remain unchanged from April 2018.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE STREETS AHEAD CONTRACT" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the concerns reported in the press regarding the tendering process which resulted in the Amey StreetsAhead contract;
- (b) believes that this contract should serve the people of Sheffield; that the Council Administration should work towards achieving greater flexibility,

timeliness, cost effectiveness and improve the safety whilst achieving better value for money from the StreetsAhead programme;

- (c) is deeply concerned by the reported allegations that Amey may have failed to declare legal proceedings that were pending or threatened, leading to a criminal conviction, and therefore believes this warrants further investigation as, if found to be true, it could be the basis to determine a legal validity of the StreetsAhead contract; and
- (d) resolves that due to the serious nature of the allegations, the Administration should ensure that an open and independent inquiry be carried out as a matter of urgency by a person such as a retired judge with expertise in commercial law, which would report back to full Council so an open, independent and transparent recommendation can be made to this Council to allow us to continue to invest in our highways infrastructure.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, and seconded by Councillor Mike Chaplin, 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) reaffirms its commitment to the ongoing work under the Streets Ahead contract;
- (b) highlights the fact that a large number of Freedom of Information requests, and petitions, as well as a KPMG investigation instigated by members of the public, have been put forward in relation to the aforementioned allegations and the suggestion that the Streets Ahead contract can be terminated without significant financial penalties;
- (c) notes that Sheffield City Council's legal department have scrutinised claims that the contract could be cancelled penalty free due to legal reasons, and does not agree, and also notes that the allegation that Amey plc had a conviction for corporate manslaughter was found by the Court to be inaccurate;
- (d) further notes that Amey UK plc was the lead bidder in the procurement and was required to respond to the mandatory and discretionary procurement regulated Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) questions and that they did this to the satisfaction of the Council and our external legal advisers;
- (e) reaffirms awareness of the Health & Safety conviction in 2011;
- (f) reiterates satisfaction that there has been no breach by Amey of the PQQ process or the Bid Process Agreement and, therefore, strongly disagrees that there are grounds for terminating the contract without incurred penalties on the basis that has been set out;

- (g) notes that in relation to the most recent Health & Safety Contravention Notices given to Amey by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Amey are complying with the terms of the PFI Contract by notifying the Council of the Contravention Notices, and continue to update the Council;
- (h) notes that, subject to the outcome of the discussions between the HSE and Amey, the Council will determine if any action needs to be taken in accordance with the terms of the PFI contract, and reiterates that, at this point in time, there are no grounds for termination of the PFI contract without significant financial penalties;
- (i) further notes that, ultimately, the facts are not disputed but that it is a difference of opinion in the consequences of these facts, and these could only really be resolved by a court or tribunal;
- (j) reiterates that this Administration has never supported the PFI model, however, voluntarily terminating the contract would cost the Council millions, and at a time when the Council has made £390 million of cuts to services since 2011, believes this is not acceptable; and
- (k) notes that the Labour Party has outlined their plan for government to bring certain PFI contracts in-house, and support is given to this proposal.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:-

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

7.4 After a contribution from another Member, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge was put to the vote and was carried.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Robert Murphy was then put to the vote and was negated.

7.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted against paragraph (e) and for paragraph (f) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) reaffirms its commitment to the ongoing work under the Streets Ahead contract;
- (b) highlights the fact that a large number of Freedom of Information requests, and petitions, as well as a KPMG investigation instigated by members of the public, have been put forward in relation to the aforementioned allegations and the suggestion that the Streets Ahead contract can be terminated without significant financial penalties;
- (c) notes that Sheffield City Council's legal department have scrutinised claims that the contract could be cancelled penalty free due to legal reasons, and does not agree, and also notes that the allegation that Amey plc had a conviction for corporate manslaughter was found by the Court to be inaccurate;
- (d) further notes that Amey UK plc was the lead bidder in the procurement and was required to respond to the mandatory and discretionary procurement regulated Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) questions and that they did this to the satisfaction of the Council and our external legal advisers;
- (e) reaffirms awareness of the Health & Safety conviction in 2011;
- (f) reiterates satisfaction that there has been no breach by Amey of the PQQ process or the Bid Process Agreement and, therefore, strongly disagrees that there are grounds for terminating the contract without incurred penalties on the basis that has been set out;
- (g) notes that in relation to the most recent Health & Safety Contravention Notices given to Amey by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Amey are complying with the terms of the PFI Contract by notifying the Council of the Contravention Notices, and continue to update the Council;
- (h) notes that, subject to the outcome of the discussions between the HSE and Amey, the Council will determine if any action needs to be taken in accordance with the terms of the PFI contract, and reiterates that, at this point in time, there are no grounds for termination of the PFI contract without significant financial penalties;
- (i) further notes that, ultimately, the facts are not disputed but that it is a difference of opinion in the consequences of these facts, and these could only really be resolved by a court or tribunal;
- (j) reiterates that this Administration has never supported the PFI model, however, voluntarily terminating the contract would cost the Council

millions, and at a time when the Council has made £390 million of cuts to services since 2011, believes this is not acceptable; and

- (k) notes that the Labour Party has outlined their plan for government to bring certain PFI contracts in-house, and support is given to this proposal.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "WOMEN'S EQUALITY & WOMEN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY CAMPAIGN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR OLIVIA BLAKE AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHIRA NAZ

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Olivia Blake, and formally seconded by Councillor Zahira Naz, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that this month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Representation of the People Act (1918), which first granted the vote to 8.4 million women in the UK, being initially only to those over the age of 30 who meet a property qualification;
- (b) notes that in addition to this important milestone, International Women's Day will be celebrated globally on 08 March and it is, therefore, a pertinent time to consider how far we have travelled in the fight for gender equality but to also recognise how much further we have to go, both in the UK and internationally;
- (c) believes that the challenge now is to build on past achievements and push for full equality for women: financially, in the workplace, in families and homes and in public spaces, but further believes, with regret and anger, that many policies introduced by this Government are retrograde for the economic equality for women;
- (d) believes it is outrageous that in 2016, women in the UK are more likely to work for less pay than men, in low paid sectors and be disproportionately affected by austerity;
- (e) notes that women approaching the pensionable age have also been badly affected by the 2011 Pensions Act, which legislated that women's State Pension Age would increase to 65 by 2018;
- (f) believes that whilst the equalisation of the State Pension Age should be welcomed, the acceleration of that equalisation, implemented by the Coalition Government and overseen by former Liberal Democrat Pensions Minister, the Rt. Hon. Steve Webb, discriminates against women born in the early 1950s, and has left them with inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affected their retirement plans;

- (g) notes Steve Webb's admission to the Institute for Government in December 2015 that he made a "bad decision" on raising the State Pension Age;
- (h) calls on Richard Harrington MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- (i) notes with regret that the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the Labour Party have been demanding such transitional arrangements for seven years and yet Conservative governments, and the preceding Coalition government, have failed to implement such arrangements and have, as such, affected millions of women in the UK, which this Council believes is unfair and unjust;
- (j) notes that for 2016's Autumn Statement, 86% of the amount taken by HM Treasury through tax and benefit measures had come from women, with a disproportionate impact on women from black and minority ethnic backgrounds; and
- (k) supports the Labour Party's on-going consultation on a new Economic Equality Bill, as this Bill will aim to strengthen legislation around equal pay and tackle the structural and economic barriers that stop women, BAME communities and disabled people from reaching their full potential.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Sue Auckland, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (g) - " , however, notes that the Minister then went on to secure concessions from HM Treasury that provided some mitigation against the equalising of the State Pension Age";
2. the deletion of paragraph (h) and the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
 - (h) calls on Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
3. the deletion of paragraphs (i) and (k) and the re-lettering of paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (i); and
4. the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
 - (j) requests that the Rt. Hon. Esther McVey MP, in her new role as the

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, examines the case of women born on or after the 6th April 1950 and looks at ways to compensate them from the discrimination that was made against them regarding the equalisation of the pension age.

8.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (k) as new paragraphs (f) to (l):-

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

8.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Mary Lea, and formally seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (o) as follows:-

(l) notes that Sheffield City Council is working closely with its partners to bid for the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, and that, together, we are also looking at other funding opportunities that may be available;

(m) further notes that a website ran by the Council and its partners will be launched to co-ordinate events across the city celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage and the historic role of Sheffield in the struggle for women's rights and equality;

(n) notes the strong legacy of Sheffield women in the campaign for equal rights and that Labour and Co-Operative Party Councillor, Eleanor Barton (Attercliffe ward), was one of the first women to be elected to public office anywhere in the UK in 1919; and

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

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Sue Auckland was put to the vote and was negated, with the exception of Part 2 - the proposed new paragraph (h) - which was carried.

8.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was negated.

8.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Mary Lea was then put to the vote and was carried.

8.7.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (l) to (n) of the amendment and against paragraph (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded: and

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (l) to (n) of the amendment and abstained from voting on paragraph (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that this month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Representation of the People Act (1918), which first granted the vote to 8.4 million women in the UK, being initially only to those over the age of 30 who meet a property qualification;
- (b) notes that in addition to this important milestone, International Women's Day will be celebrated globally on 08 March and it is, therefore, a pertinent time to consider how far we have travelled in the fight for gender equality but to also recognise how much further we have to go, both in the UK and internationally;
- (c) believes that the challenge now is to build on past achievements and push for full equality for women: financially, in the workplace, in families and homes and in public spaces, but further believes, with regret and anger, that many policies introduced by this Government are retrograde for the economic equality for women;
- (d) believes it is outrageous that in 2016, women in the UK are more likely to work for less pay than men, in low paid sectors and be disproportionately affected by austerity;
- (e) notes that women approaching the pensionable age have also been badly affected by the 2011 Pensions Act, which legislated that women's State Pension Age would increase to 65 by 2018;
- (f) believes that whilst the equalisation of the State Pension Age should be welcomed, the acceleration of that equalisation, implemented by the Coalition Government and overseen by former Liberal Democrat Pensions Minister, the Rt. Hon. Steve Webb, discriminates against women born in the early 1950s, and has left them with inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affected their retirement plans;
- (g) notes Steve Webb's admission to the Institute for Government in

December 2015 that he made a “bad decision” on raising the State Pension Age;

- (h) calls on Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- (i) notes with regret that the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the Labour Party have been demanding such transitional arrangements for seven years and yet Conservative governments, and the preceding Coalition government, have failed to implement such arrangements and have, as such, affected millions of women in the UK, which this Council believes is unfair and unjust;
- (j) notes that for 2016's Autumn Statement, 86% of the amount taken by HM Treasury through tax and benefit measures had come from women, with a disproportionate impact on women from black and minority ethnic backgrounds;
- (k) supports the Labour Party's on-going consultation on a new Economic Equality Bill, as this Bill will aim to strengthen legislation around equal pay and tackle the structural and economic barriers that stop women, BAME communities and disabled people from reaching their full potential;
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council is working closely with its partners to bid for the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, and that, together, we are also looking at other funding opportunities that may be available;
- (m) further notes that a website ran by the Council and its partners will be launched to co-ordinate events across the city celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage and the historic role of Sheffield in the struggle for women's rights and equality;
- (n) notes the strong legacy of Sheffield women in the campaign for equal rights and that Labour and Co-Operative Party Councillor, Eleanor Barton (Attercliffe ward), was one of the first women to be elected to public office anywhere in the UK in 1919; and
- (o) opposes comments by Liberal Democrat MP, Jo Swinson, calling for a statue of Margaret Thatcher in Westminster and believes this demonstrates the ignorance of the Lib Dem's to all the lives and communities that were destroyed by the Thatcher government in the 1980s and notes that whilst the Liberal Democrats campaign for statues of Margaret Thatcher, Labour are putting up statues to celebrate Sheffield women of steel.

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

- For paragraphs (a) to (h) and (l) to (n) of the Substantive Motion (76) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Moya O'Rourke, Adam Hanrahan, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraphs (a) to (h) and (l) to (n) of the Substantive Motion (0) - Nil
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) to (h) and (l) to (n) of the Substantive Motion (0) - Nil
- For paragraphs (i), (k) and (o) of the Substantive Motion (55) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell,

Jack Scott, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

- Against paragraphs (i), (k) and (o) of the Substantive Motion (17) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (i), (k) and (o) of the Substantive Motion (4) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.
- For paragraph (j) of the Substantive Motion (72) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Adam Hanrahan, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraph (j) of the Substantive Motion (0) - Nil

Abstained from voting on - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid paragraph (j) of the Substantive Motion (4) Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "CARILLION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LISA BANES AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARK JONES

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, and formally seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, that this Council:-

- (a) believes Carillion's collapse is deeply concerning and that the Government have significant questions to answer as to how this situation was allowed to develop and why they so recently awarded contracts worth billions of taxpayers' money;
- (b) notes that Carillion's demise will be felt right across the county, but gives reassurances that Sheffield City Council has no contracts for services with Carillion, and that all works under previous construction deals have already been completed;
- (c) notes that Carillion employs 250 people in Sheffield at their call centre on Broad Street West, and the Council's Administration will provide whatever support it can to those affected;
- (d) believes that the Carillion case highlights Government negligence and corporate failure and, whilst the government have committed to an investigation, it is essential that this is thorough and of consequence;
- (e) notes that on 10 July 2017, Carillion issued its first profit warning, with its share price dropping by 39%, but only one week later the Transport Secretary, the Rt. Hon Chris Grayling MP, awarded Carillion a £1.4 billion HS2 contract as part of a joint venture;
- (f) reiterates the Labour Party's belief that workers should have representatives on company boards, and that had such a policy been in place it would have almost certainly improved the governance of Carillion;
- (g) further notes that Carillion has had a long history of involvement in the blacklisting of trade union workers, and reiterates that, whilst under this Administration, this Council has previously passed a motion (November 2012) decreeing blacklisting as an unacceptable practice which cannot be condoned;
- (h) supports the Labour Party's position that the Government need to act quickly to bring Carillion's public sector contracts back in-house to protect public services and ensure employees, supply-line businesses, taxpayers and pension fund members are all protected, as the

Government cannot outsource its responsibility and duty of care to these workers and vital public sector projects;

- (i) notes that this Council Administration has never supported financing through the PFI model when work can be properly done in-house, but under the present Government, and the Coalition government before them, this is often the only means of securing funding to improve and maintain Council services and that organisations are forced to, in the words of the Shadow Chancellor, the Rt. Hon John McDonnell MP, use the “only show in town” as a means of getting required funding from central government;
- (j) notes that, where possible, Council services are being brought back in-house, such as housing repairs, human resources, payroll and the 101 telephone service (ran with South Yorkshire Police);
- (k) reiterates that a Labour government would review all large government contracts outsourced and that it is vital that shareholders and creditors are not allowed to walk away with the rewards from profitable contracts while the taxpayer bails out loss-making parts of the business; and
- (l) supports the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Corbyn MP’s call for Carillion bosses to hand back bonuses recently paid – awarded despite running the Company into debts and liabilities worth £1.5 billion, and in addition, believes this affair is yet more proof that there is need for far greater pay transparency.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the replacement, in paragraph (f), of the words “reiterates the Labour Party’s belief” by the words “supports the belief”; and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (i) to (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) notes that the UK saw an explosion of PFI contracts being awarded to private companies during the prime ministerships of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, and further notes that over a third of the Carillion PFI contracts were awarded by the previous Labour government;
 - (j) resolves to support the Rt. Hon. Sir Vince Cable MP’s position that “shareholders and creditors, not taxpayers, should take the financial “hit” of saving struggling construction giant Carillion from collapse”; and
 - (k) further notes his call for a National Audit Office investigation and Parliamentary scrutiny by the Public Accounts Committee to understand what led to Carillion’s collapse and why the Government awarded public

sector contracts to the Company when they had issued concerning profit warnings.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes Carillion's collapse is deeply concerning and that the Government have significant questions to answer as to how this situation was allowed to develop and why they so recently awarded contracts worth billions of taxpayers' money;
- (b) notes that Carillion's demise will be felt right across the county, but gives reassurances that Sheffield City Council has no contracts for services with Carillion, and that all works under previous construction deals have already been completed;
- (c) notes that Carillion employs 250 people in Sheffield at their call centre on Broad Street West, and the Council's Administration will provide whatever support it can to those affected;
- (d) believes that the Carillion case highlights Government negligence and corporate failure and, whilst the government have committed to an investigation, it is essential that this is thorough and of consequence;
- (e) notes that on 10 July 2017, Carillion issued its first profit warning, with its share price dropping by 39%, but only one week later the Transport Secretary, the Rt. Hon Chris Grayling MP, awarded Carillion a £1.4 billion HS2 contract as part of a joint venture;
- (f) reiterates the Labour Party's belief that workers should have representatives on company boards, and that had such a policy been in place it would have almost certainly improved the governance of Carillion;
- (g) further notes that Carillion has had a long history of involvement in the blacklisting of trade union workers, and reiterates that, whilst under this Administration, this Council has previously passed a motion (November 2012) decreeing blacklisting as an unacceptable practice which cannot be condoned;
- (h) supports the Labour Party's position that the Government need to act quickly to bring Carillion's public sector contracts back in-house to protect public services and ensure employees, supply-line businesses, taxpayers and pension fund members are all protected, as the Government cannot outsource its responsibility and duty of care to these workers and vital public sector projects;

- (i) notes that this Council Administration has never supported financing through the PFI model when work can be properly done in-house, but under the present Government, and the Coalition government before them, this is often the only means of securing funding to improve and maintain Council services and that organisations are forced to, in the words of the Shadow Chancellor, the Rt. Hon John McDonnell MP, use the “only show in town” as a means of getting required funding from central government;
- (j) notes that, where possible, Council services are being brought back in-house, such as housing repairs, human resources, payroll and the 101 telephone service (ran with South Yorkshire Police);
- (k) reiterates that a Labour government would review all large government contracts outsourced and that it is vital that shareholders and creditors are not allowed to walk away with the rewards from profitable contracts while the taxpayer bails out loss-making parts of the business; and
- (l) supports the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Corbyn MP’s call for Carillion bosses to hand back bonuses recently paid – awarded despite running the Company into debts and liabilities worth £1.5 billion, and in addition, believes this affair is yet more proof that there is need for far greater pay transparency.

9.4.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) of the Motion, voted against paragraphs (f), (h), (i), (k) and (l) of the Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g) and (j) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (h) of the Motion and abstained from voting on paragraphs (i) to (l) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded;

3. Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) to (l) of the Motion and voted against paragraph (f) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

4. Councillors Bryan Lodge, Shaffaq Mohammed, having declared Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests in this item of business, did not speak or vote on this item.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COST EFFECTIVE IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS

10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor John Booker and formally seconded by Councillor Keith Davis, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and software, etc., to tell passengers where the bus is and inform the person at the bus stop how long they have to endure their wait there;
- (b) believes this Council should introduce a Ward trial where this type of system is applied to bin lorries, whereby customers could register their mobile phone with the advertised SCC number, and on bin collection day they would receive a text stating "your bin lorry is ten minutes away, please put your bin out for collection, today is green/black/blue/brown bin";
- (c) recognises that many people forget to put their bin out for collection; a black bin full of domestic waste that is not emptied on collection day will have waste up to a month old by the time of the next collection; and in summer months especially, this would be detrimental to public health;
- (d) believes that this would alleviate the amount of litter strewn around our streets resulting from bins being put out prematurely in inclement weather conditions;
- (e) notes the 'yield' of the rubbish/waste from the bin lorry, if weighed before and after the Ward trail, would prove if the scheme was successful and worth city-wide roll out;
- (f) further notes that Geo-tracking could replace mobile phone registration, if the number is registered from a home address, with linked postcode; and
- (g) states that the objective of this initiative is cost effective improvement in public health, and requests the Administration to assess its feasibility.

10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Steve Wilson, and formally seconded by Councillor Denise Fox, 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 the many inherent flaws in the proposed motion, without even going into what a costly exercise such measures would cost;
- (b) notes that, as a very rough estimate, to fit all the Veolia vehicles in the fleet would need the system to be fitted, along with back up units that would need to be placed to hired vehicles that are used from time to

time, therefore for the units and fitment alone would cost around £15,000;

- (c) further notes that whilst the cost of the actual system could not be properly estimated, the last minor change requested to be made to Veolia CRM system was in excess of £15k; the scheme would likely need someone to oversee the system, and that even part-time this would likely be £10k a year and there would also be administration set up costs of around £25k;
- (d) notes that, regardless of cost, waste collection crews do not follow a set route, unlike buses, therefore it is impossible to give a “10 minute warning” as the crew could be in the next street but may not collect the bin for another hour;
- (e) further notes that Sheffield City Council trialled a scheme a number of years ago where students could sign up for a text reminder the night before their scheduled collection day, and the sign up rate was extremely poor and the trial was dropped;
- (f) believes that the original proposal rests on the highly dubious assertion that the vast majority of Sheffield residents are at home and able to place their bin out in the daytime, and further believes that UKIP, a self-proclaimed “party of the people”, without any evidence of this, should really know better;
- (g) further contends that the Council asks residents to place their bins out by 7am, with many people putting out their bin the night before, so as to avoid any confusion and miss a collection and that such a scheme, as originally proposed, could lead to an over reliance on the reminders;
- (h) notes that Veolia already provide a yearly collection calendar to those households who have to place their containers out for collection; therefore, the number of collections reported as being missed due to the resident forgetting to place their containers out is small, and as such believes this is not an issue than needs addressing; and
- (i) further believes that residents can easily find their collection day online and that it is incredible that a party like UKIP, who have frequently decried that the UK is a “nanny state”, have come up with such a scheme and that this does really denote that UKIP have ran out of all ideas, and relevance, now that the country has voted to leave the EU.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the many inherent flaws in the proposed motion, without even going into what a costly exercise such measures would cost;
- (b) notes that, as a very rough estimate, to fit all the Veolia vehicles in the fleet would need the system to be fitted, along with back up units that would need to be placed to hired vehicles that are used from time to time, therefore for the units and fitment alone would cost around £15,000;
- (c) further notes that whilst the cost of the actual system could not be properly estimated, the last minor change requested to be made to Veolia CRM system was in excess of £15k; the scheme would likely need someone to oversee the system, and that even part-time this would likely be £10k a year and there would also be administration set up costs of around £25k;
- (d) notes that, regardless of cost, waste collection crews do not follow a set route, unlike buses, therefore it is impossible to give a “10 minute warning” as the crew could be in the next street but may not collect the bin for another hour;
- (e) further notes that Sheffield City Council trialled a scheme a number of years ago where students could sign up for a text reminder the night before their scheduled collection day, and the sign up rate was extremely poor and the trial was dropped;
- (f) believes that the original proposal rests on the highly dubious assertion that the vast majority of Sheffield residents are at home and able to place their bin out in the daytime, and further believes that UKIP, a self-proclaimed “party of the people”, without any evidence of this, should really know better;
- (g) further contends that the Council asks residents to place their bins out by 7am, with many people putting out their bin the night before, so as to avoid any confusion and miss a collection and that such a scheme, as originally proposed, could lead to an over reliance on the reminders;
- (h) notes that Veolia already provide a yearly collection calendar to those households who have to place their containers out for collection; therefore, the number of collections reported as being missed due to the resident forgetting to place their containers out is small, and as such believes this is not an issue than needs addressing; and
- (i) further believes that residents can easily find their collection day online and that it is incredible that a party like UKIP, who have frequently decried that the UK is a “nanny state”, have come up with such a scheme and that this does really denote that UKIP have ran out of all ideas, and relevance, now that the country has voted to leave the EU.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON

11.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent application to the High Court by Sheffield City Council to commit Councillor Alison Teal, potentially to prison;
- (b) notes that the case was dismissed by the Court against Councillor Teal after the Judge agreed with Councillor Teal's view of the facts and law;
- (c) is seriously concerned that a member of the opposition on this City Council was selected from a significantly larger group of protestors for the case;
- (d) believes that the nationwide bad publicity has brought severe reputational damage to the City Council and the City of Sheffield;
- (e) is seriously concerned that despite the Judge's findings, there has been no public apology, statement or investigation by the Administration;
- (f) calls for an independent enquiry into the conduct of members of the Administration and Council officers that led to this case being brought, the enquiry team being agreed by all groups represented on Sheffield City Council, and the findings made public; and
- (g) will ensure that the enquiry team will have access to all information requested.

11.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jack Scott, and formally seconded by Councillor Mick Rooney, 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 that Sheffield City Council was successful in its applications to the court in issuing civil injunctions against Messrs Calvin Payne and Dave Dillner, Councillor Alison Teal and "persons unknown";
- (b) reiterates that any decisions to pursue potential breaches of the injunction are made completely independently of Members and that the impartiality of the legal process and the courts must be respected;
- (c) notes the mover and seconder of this motion have been informed on several occasions that the legal action against Councillor Teal was not political, but an independent decision, and asks Councillors to stop making allegations which are categorically untrue, and notes that Councillors have already been informed of this by the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer;

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

11.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-

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

11.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Jack Scott was put to the vote and was carried.

11.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that Sheffield City Council was successful in its applications to the court in issuing civil injunctions against Messrs Calvin Payne and Dave Dillner, Councillor Alison Teal and “persons unknown”;

- (b) reiterates that any decisions to pursue potential breaches of the injunction are made completely independently of Members and that the impartiality of the legal process and the courts must be respected;
- (c) notes the mover and seconder of this motion have been informed on several occasions that the legal action against Councillor Teal was not political, but an independent decision, and asks Councillors to stop making allegations which are categorically untrue, and notes that Councillors have already been informed of this by the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer;
- (d) further notes that no Councillor is above the law and that this Council opposes the illegal entry of safety zones to prevent work from happening;
- (e) notes that this Administration has always respected the right to peacefully protest, but when someone enters the safety zone their action is no longer legal as it prevents work from being safely carried out, and that by entering the safety zone a trespasser is putting the potential safety of themselves, staff and other protestors and bystanders at substantial risk;
- (f) believes that public safety is of paramount importance and, as reaffirmed and agreed by the High Court, it is a breach of the injunction and therefore unlawful for protestors to enter the safety zone and prevent work from being safely carried out;
- (g) believes that the reported intimidation tactics being used by protestors to frighten people in their own homes are deplorable and notes that pre-dawn mask wearing by protestors has been described by residents as “sinister”, and condemns all threats and abuse regardless of which side one takes in this debate; and
- (h) reaffirms its commitment to the Streets-Ahead scheme which is ensuring a sustained and greener future for Sheffield streets, as well as significantly improved roads and pavements, and that any illegal activity preventing such work should be opposed.

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

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| For the Substantive Motion (51) | - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, |
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Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the Substantive Motion (8) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Pauline Andrews, Alison Teal, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (16) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION "TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF THE CENTENARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ALISON TEAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON

12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the city of Sheffield should take pride in its heritage;
- (b) believes it is important to create a legacy to celebrate and commemorate Sheffield's campaign for women's suffrage, with the founding of the Female Political Association in 1851;
- (c) expresses a view that a cross-party steering group of councillors, community and university members be formed to develop proposals on suitable options to create a worthy legacy;
- (d) notes that a number of UK cities already successfully bid for funding to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918 this year, and there is still time to apply for some Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme funding from the Government Equalities Office;
- (e) notes that Sheffield has a rightful opportunity to develop a lasting legacy to attract visitors and scholars to the city, as the place of the UK's founding organisation for the political struggle for women's suffrage;

- (f) notes possible legacies could include a wide range of ambitious projects such as a home for a centre for Women's History, to smaller scale provision of a PhD scholarship with a women's studies focus; and
- (g) requests that a steering group be established without delay to take advantage of current funding opportunities.

12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Gail Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (g) to (i):-

(e) expresses disappointment that Sheffield City Council, though invited to apply for the Centenary City Fund, as a city with significant suffrage history, failed to meet the deadline and missed out on a share of the £1.2million fund allocated to the seven cities who applied;

(f) expresses disappointment at what this Council regards as the unrealistic time frames and shambolic organisation applied to the small grant applications available via the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-

(j) requests that the Government Equalities Office (GEO) reopens the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme for applications for small grants by community groups to help fund centenary celebrations; and

(k) asks officers to investigate other sources of funding available to celebrate Sheffield's history of women's suffrage.

12.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Julie Dore, and formally seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, 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 that this month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Representation of the People Act (1918), which first granted the vote to 8.4 million women in the UK, being initially only to those over the age of 30 who meet a property qualification;

(b) notes that in addition to this important milestone, International Women's Day will be celebrated globally on 08 March and it is, therefore, a pertinent time to consider how far we have travelled in the fight for gender equality but to also recognise how much further we have to go, both in the UK and internationally;

- (c) believes that the challenge now is to build on past achievements and push for full equality for women: financially, in the workplace, in families and homes and in public spaces, but further believes, with regret and anger, that many policies introduced by this Government are retrograde for the economic equality for women;
- (d) believes it is outrageous that in 2016, women in the UK are more likely to work for less pay than men, in low paid sectors and be disproportionately affected by austerity;
- (e) notes that women approaching the pensionable age have also been badly affected by the 2011 Pensions Act, which legislated that women's State Pension Age would increase to 65 by 2018;
- (f) believes that whilst the equalisation of the State Pension Age should be welcomed, the acceleration of that equalisation, implemented by the Coalition Government and overseen by former Liberal Democrat Pensions Minister, the Rt. Hon. Steve Webb, discriminates against women born in the early 1950s, and has left them with inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affected their retirement plans;
- (g) notes Steve Webb's admission to the Institute for Government in December 2015 that he made a "bad decision" on raising the State Pension Age;
- (h) calls on Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- (i) notes with regret that the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the Labour Party have been demanding such transitional arrangements for seven years and yet Conservative governments, and the preceding Coalition government, have failed to implement such arrangements and have, as such, affected millions of women in the UK, which this Council believes is unfair and unjust;
- (j) notes that for 2016's Autumn Statement, 86% of the amount taken by HM Treasury through tax and benefit measures had come from women, with a disproportionate impact on women from black and minority ethnic backgrounds;
- (k) supports the Labour Party's on-going consultation on a new Economic Equality Bill, as this Bill will aim to strengthen legislation around equal pay and tackle the structural and economic barriers that stop women, BAME communities and disabled people from reaching their full potential;
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council is working closely with its partners to

bid for the Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, and that, together, we are also looking at other funding opportunities that may be available;

- (m) further notes that a website ran by the Council and its partners will be launched to co-ordinate events across the city celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage and the historic role of Sheffield in the struggle for women's rights and equality;
 - (n) notes the strong legacy of Sheffield women in the campaign for equal rights and that Labour and Co-Operative Party Councillor, Eleanor Barton (Attercliffe ward), was one of the first women to be elected to public office anywhere in the UK in 1919; and
 - (o) opposes comments by Liberal Democrat MP, Jo Swinson, calling for a statue of Margaret Thatcher in Westminster and believes this demonstrates the ignorance of the Lib Dem's to all the lives and communities that were destroyed by the Thatcher government in the 1980s and notes that whilst the Liberal Democrats campaign for statues of Margaret Thatcher, Labour are putting up statues to celebrate Sheffield women of steel.
- 12.3.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Julie Dore), the amendment as circulated at the meeting and published with the agenda, was altered by the substitution, in paragraph (h), of the words "Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion" for the words "Richard Harrington MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions".)
- 12.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Gail Smith was put to the vote and was negatived.
- 12.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Julie Dore, as altered, was then put to the vote and was carried.
- 12.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (h), (j) and (l) to (n) of the amendment and voted against paragraphs (i), (k) and (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 12.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that this month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Representation of the People Act (1918), which first granted the vote to 8.4 million women in the UK, being initially only to those over the age of 30 who meet a property qualification;

- (b) notes that in addition to this important milestone, International Women's Day will be celebrated globally on 08 March and it is, therefore, a pertinent time to consider how far we have travelled in the fight for gender equality but to also recognise how much further we have to go, both in the UK and internationally;
- (c) believes that the challenge now is to build on past achievements and push for full equality for women: financially, in the workplace, in families and homes and in public spaces, but further believes, with regret and anger, that many policies introduced by this Government are retrograde for the economic equality for women;
- (d) believes it is outrageous that in 2016, women in the UK are more likely to work for less pay than men, in low paid sectors and be disproportionately affected by austerity;
- (e) notes that women approaching the pensionable age have also been badly affected by the 2011 Pensions Act, which legislated that women's State Pension Age would increase to 65 by 2018;
- (f) believes that whilst the equalisation of the State Pension Age should be welcomed, the acceleration of that equalisation, implemented by the Coalition Government and overseen by former Liberal Democrat Pensions Minister, the Rt. Hon. Steve Webb, discriminates against women born in the early 1950s, and has left them with inadequate time to make alternative arrangements and adversely affected their retirement plans;
- (g) notes Steve Webb's admission to the Institute for Government in December 2015 that he made a "bad decision" on raising the State Pension Age;
- (h) calls on Guy Opperman MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, to immediately introduce transitional arrangements to provide protection for women affected by the equalisation of the State Pension Age;
- (i) notes with regret that the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the Labour Party have been demanding such transitional arrangements for seven years and yet Conservative governments, and the preceding Coalition government, have failed to implement such arrangements and have, as such, affected millions of women in the UK, which this Council believes is unfair and unjust;
- (j) notes that for 2016's Autumn Statement, 86% of the amount taken by HM Treasury through tax and benefit measures had come from women, with a disproportionate impact on women from black and minority ethnic backgrounds;

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

12.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (h), (j) and (l) to (n) of the Substantive Motion and voted against paragraphs (i), (k) and (o) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (h) and (l) to (n) of the Substantive Motion and abstained from voting on paragraphs (i), (j), (k) and (o) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "CARE LEAVERS AND COUNCIL TAX" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ALISON TEAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON

13.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that, last year, around 75 young people (aged 16 or over) left the

care of Sheffield City Council and began the difficult transition out of care and into adulthood;

- (b) further notes that a 2016 report by The Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time and can find this extremely challenging, often with no family to support them and insufficient financial education;
- (c) further notes research from The Centre for Social Justice, which found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care;
- (d) believes that as national welfare cuts are removing financial support and the national strategy on care leavers is inadequate, care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for Council Tax debt;
- (e) notes that Sheffield City Council has statutory corporate parenting responsibilities towards young people up to the age of 25 who have left care;
- (f) further notes that there are around 440 care leavers in Sheffield liable to pay Council Tax at any one time;
- (g) believes that, to ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying Council Tax until they are 25;
- (h) believes that the lost revenue of around £75,000 in Council Tax receipts is excellent value given the positive impact that exemption will have for this vulnerable group, the duty the Council has under its corporate parenting responsibilities and the savings in reduced instances of housing and social care staff input; and
- (i) therefore requests officers to take steps to exempt all care leavers from Council Tax up to the age of 25.

13.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, and formally seconded by Councillor Kieran Harpham, 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 that a form of Council Tax exemption has been in place for care leavers since November 2017, through the use of the Council's discretionary powers;
- (b) further notes that the Care Leaver Team support customers who receive Council Tax Support in applying for assistance from the Council Tax Hardship Scheme and that, under this Scheme, the

Revenues and Benefits Client Team can reduce the care leaver's Council Tax amount further - this allows the Council to lower or reduce an individual's Council Tax bill to nil in appropriate circumstances;

- (c) notes that, not for the first time, the Green Group have their figures wrong and that, as of the end of November 2017, there were 115 care leavers who are aged under 25 who have a current Council Tax bill, and of these 115 care leavers, 91 are receiving Council Tax Support;
- (d) notes that what the Council has in place for care leavers currently is a bespoke deal for Council Tax Support, which attends to the individual needs, and that this arrangement is the outcome of significant consultation, working with Sheffield care leavers; and
- (e) reiterates that a new piece of work is already ongoing for care leavers, including measures of support for Council Tax payments, which will be formalised soon.

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

13.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of the amendment and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) and (e) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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) notes that a form of Council Tax exemption has been in place for care leavers since November 2017, through the use of the Council's discretionary powers;
- (b) further notes that the Care Leaver Team support customers who receive Council Tax Support in applying for assistance from the Council Tax Hardship Scheme and that, under this Scheme, the Revenues and Benefits Client Team can reduce the care leaver's Council Tax amount further - this allows the Council to lower or reduce an individual's Council Tax bill to nil in appropriate circumstances;
- (c) notes that, not for the first time, the Green Group have their figures wrong and that, as of the end of November 2017, there were 115 care leavers who are aged under 25 who have a current Council Tax bill, and of these 115 care leavers, 91 are receiving Council Tax Support;
- (d) notes that what the Council has in place for care leavers currently is a bespoke deal for Council Tax Support, which attends to the individual

needs, and that this arrangement is the outcome of significant consultation, working with Sheffield care leavers; and

- (e) reiterates that a new piece of work is already ongoing for care leavers, including measures of support for Council Tax payments, which will be formalised soon.

- 13.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Bob Pullin, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of the Substantive Motion and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

- 14.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Michelle Cook, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd January 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record.

15. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 15.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Michelle Cook, that:-

(a) approval be given to the following change to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc.:-

Audit & Standards Committee - Lynda Hinxman to be appointed to serve as a non-voting independent co-opted member of the Committee.

(b) the appointment of Councillor Tony Downing as a Director of the River Stewardship Company, be confirmed; and

(c) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies as follows:-

Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust – Council of Governors - Councillor Josie Paszek to serve a 2nd term of office ending 03/02/2021.

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 7 March 2018, at 5.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Anne Murphy)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Magid Magid)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i>
Andy Nash
Bob Pullin
Richard Shaw | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Pauline Andrews
Andy Bainbridge
Steve Wilson | 19 | <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Mohammad Maroof
Jim Steinke
Alison Teal |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Ian Saunders
Sophie Wilson | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Shaffaq Mohammed
Paul Scriven | 20 | <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Julie Dore
Ben Miskell
Jack Scott |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Abdul Khayum
Alan Law
Abtisam Mohamed | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i>
Mike Drabble
Dianne Hurst
Peter Rippon |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i>
Michelle Cook
Kieran Harpham
Magid Magid | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i>
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft | 22 | <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i>
Dawn Dale
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i>
Jackie Drayton
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i>
Lewis Dagnall
Cate McDonald
Chris Peace | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Robert Murphy
Moya O'Rourke | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Sue Auckland
Steve Ayriss | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i>
David Baker
Penny Baker
Vickie Priestley |
| 7 | <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Craig Gamble Pugh
Adam Hanrahan
Anne Murphy | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Bob Johnson
George Lindars-Hammond
Josie Paszek | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Jack Clarkson
Keith Davis |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Lisa Banes
Terry Fox
Pat Midgley | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Olivia Blake
Ben Curran |
| 9 | <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
David Barker
Tony Downing
Gail Smith | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
John Booker
Adam Hurst
Zoe Sykes |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Mick Rooney
Jackie Satur
Paul Wood |

1. FORMER COUNCILLOR SHEILA CONSTANCE

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) reported, with sadness, the death on 4th March of former Councillor Sheila Constance, who had served as a Member of the Council from May 2012 to May 2016. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in her memory. The Lord Mayor stated that an opportunity for Members to pay tribute to Ms. Constance would be provided at the Council meeting on 28th March.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Neale Gibson and Chris Rosling-Josephs.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR INABILITY TO VOTE ON THE SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX CHARGE

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council, and no Members declared an inability to vote on the setting of the Council Tax charge on the grounds of having Council Tax arrears.

4. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

- 4.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):-

(a) Council Procedure Rule 5.5 be suspended to remove the four hour and 30 minute time limit for this meeting and instead to set a new time limit of 3 hours; and

(b) as regards item 6 on the agenda (Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19):-

(i) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 be suspended to remove the 3 minute time limit on the speeches of the movers and seconders of amendments and a new time limit be set whereby a total of 20 minutes will be shared by the mover and seconder of each amendment, and all other speakers shall have 3 minutes;

(ii) Council Procedure Rule 17.11(a) be suspended to remove the right of reply for the mover of the motion; and

(iii) the revised procedure for debate, used at recent meetings of the Council, be adopted.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Petitions

5.1.1 Petition Requesting Pedestrian Crossings Outside Schools in High Green

The Council received a petition containing 710 signatures, requesting pedestrian crossings outside schools in High Green.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by David Ogle who stated that there were some 2,000 young people under 18 years old in High Green, which represented a significant proportion of the population. At this time, there was no zebra crossing in the area. He said that almost every parent that he had spoken with had told him of a near miss incident. He commented that he believed that the Council should stop ignoring High Green.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability. Councillor Scott stated that there were issues and challenges around the City regarding schools and road safety. High Green had not been left out or forgotten and local councillors did everything they could to stand up for the area that they represented. At this time, a view had not been formed regarding the location and nature of road safety measures in High Green and the Council would need to work with local people, the Parish Council and City Councillors to address this issue. He was not in a position at this meeting to give a definite and detailed response and the Council also had to be mindful of budget restrictions. However, the Council was committed to look at options and to work towards the right solution over the coming months.

5.1.2 Petition Objecting to the Felling of Trees in Fitzalan Square

The Council received an electronic petition containing 3,059 signatures, objecting to the felling of trees in Fitzalan Square

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Graham Wroe who stated that there were plans to develop Fitzalan Square, which included the removal of mature trees. The petitioners believed that the trees should be retained because they were effective at reducing pollutants and they provided biodiversity and were a beautiful part of the environment of the Square. As an alternative, it was proposed that the newly developed Square could be designed around the trees.

He asked why a condition survey had been ignored which had stated that the removal of the four trees concerned would impact upon on the area. The trees provided shade and the canopies served to break up the wind movement between buildings. The trees were well established and considered to be in their prime. These were also some of the few mature trees in the City Centre. The trees could not be replaced and Plane trees would take approximately ten years to develop. He asked that the matter was referred to a Scrutiny Committee for further consideration and as the petition had more than 2,500 signatures.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment. Councillor Iqbal stated that removal of the trees was an essential part of the improvement scheme for Fitzalan Square and development of a Knowledge Gateway. Permission was not required for the removal of the four trees as part of the application.

Representations had been made on this matter which was considered at the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee in December 2017. The Planning Committee had supported the approval of the application for Fitzalan Square. The priority at this time was to prevent birds from nesting in the trees. It was proposed that the four existing Plane trees were replaced with 12 new trees. He said that he would not recommend that this issue be submitted to a Scrutiny Committee.

5.1.3 Petition Requesting the Rescission of the Streets Ahead PFI Highways Contract with Amey

The Council received an electronic petition containing 9,312 signatures, requesting the rescission of the Streets Ahead PFI Highways Contract with Amey.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Justin Buxton who confirmed that, whilst the petition had received over 5,000 signatures, he wished the petition to be considered at this meeting of the Council and as an ordinary petition and one which would not be subject to debate by the Council. Mr Buxton stated that the petition requesting the Council to rescind the Streets Ahead PFI (Private Finance Initiative) Highways Contract with Amey.

He said that previous petitions or requests for similar action had been declined by the Council. However, none of the previous requests had called for the rescission of the contract in accordance with the Misrepresentation Act 1967. He said that the grounds for this action were that Amey had not declared an act of grave misconduct in relation to a workplace fatality which had occurred on a materially identical highways contract; it had not declared that legal proceedings by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) were pending in connection with the fatality; and it did not declare during the procurement process that it had been successfully prosecuted by the HSE and that a criminal conviction had been handed down by the Courts.

He said that Amey was required by law to declare these matters both in accordance with public contracts regulations and by the Council's pre-qualification questionnaire and although the bid was submitted by Amey UK plc, it was also a requirement to declare information relating to Amey LG.

Mr Buxton said that providing false or misleading information was grounds for disqualification in the terms of the bid process agreement between the Council and Amey. He explained that rescinding the contract would nullify the argument that it would cost millions of pounds for the Council to remove itself from the contract. It would mean that the contract would be legally recognised as never

having existed and the Misrepresentation Act would allow the Council to sue Amey for costs and damages with no financial penalties to the Council.

The petition called for a clear decision by the Council to rescind the PFI contract immediately and before a serious injury or death occurred.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene. Councillor Lodge stated that similar issues had been put to the Council previously and the Council's Director of Legal and Governance had responded to the matters raised. He said that he would arrange for a written response to be made to the petition.

5.1.4 Petition Requesting the Establishment of a Bus Route from Chapeltown to Meadowhall, via Ecclesfield

The Council received a petition requesting the establishment of a bus route from Chapeltown to Meadowhall, via Ecclesfield.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

5.1.5 Petition Requesting Traffic Lights at the Junction of Burncross Road, Hollow Gate, Bracken Hill and Hallwood Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing 16 signatures, requesting traffic lights at the junction of Burncross Road, Hollow Gate, Bracken Hill and Hallwood Road.

There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

5.2 Public Questions

5.2.1 Public Question Concerning the Committee System

Celia Pinnington stated that she believed the committee system in local government was more democratic and would mean more involvement by councillors in decision making as well as allowing people's views to be heard when compared to the Cabinet model of governance.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council responded that the committee system model of governance was also an issue which was included as a proposal in one of the amendments for this meeting of Council. She said that she would not immediately dismiss the idea or wish to pre-empt the debate which Council might have on this issue.

5.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Streets Ahead Programme

Celia Pinnington asked a question on behalf of Russell Johnson which asked for an assessment of the reputational damage relating to incidents during protests concerning highway trees. Secondly, she asked a question regarding comments by Louise Haigh MP concerning an attempt to renegotiate the Streets Ahead contract.

Councillor Julie Dore responded that the Council had looked at various issues relating to the Streets Ahead contract, including varying the contract, renegotiating and terminating the contract. This was mainly in the context of austerity and budget cuts affecting the Council and the highways contract had been examined to see whether savings could be found. She said that there would be consequences if a contract was terminated and there would also be substantial costs. Councillor Dore also stated that the Council would not move funding from other critical services which it provided to fund the highways contract.

Councillor Bryan Lodge responded in relation the question concerning reputation. He said that where there was peaceful protest and there were not breaches of safety zones relating to the Streets Ahead work, then there was no reason for people to be removed. He said that he supported peoples' right to peaceful protest.

5.2.3 Public Question Concerning Selective Licensing

Ibrahim Ullah made reference to consultation relating to Selective Licensing for the Abbeydale Road corridor and he asked why the Council was not using other measures to deal with landlords who were not considered to be good. He said that the introduction of a Selective Licensing scheme might punish good landlords, who were in the majority.

Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that it was not the intention of the Council to punish good landlords. The Selective Licensing consultation was being undertaken widely to give an opportunity for the local community to contribute.

She said that many properties in the area had evidence of serious hazards which could affect tenants and the problems in the area were of a larger scale than only one or two landlords. Depending on the evidence, it might be that a smaller corridor that would be subject to a licensing scheme. For example, the Selective Licensing scheme introduced in Page Hall had been successful and it had been found that there was not sufficient evidence to extend that scheme further.

Councillor Dunn stated that she understood the concerns which might be raised by good landlords. The Council would endeavour to keep the costs of a Selective Licensing scheme as low as possible. She said that she hoped that the questioner would be assured by her response and said that the Council would work with landlords in the Abbeydale Road area.

5.2.4 Public Questions Concerning the Trees and Woodlands Strategy

Dave Dillner asked a question concerning the progress of the Council's Tree Strategy.

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure responded that the Trees and Woodlands Strategy included areas across all parts of Sheffield. She said there were approximately 4.5 million trees in Sheffield. Consultation had taken place in relation to the strategy and whilst there was not a firm date for the publication of the Strategy, it would be at some point this year.

5.2.5 Public Question Concerning Online Abuse

Adam Butcher asked what the Council was doing to make sure the online abuse of all Councillors is stopped.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that whilst she did not engage with social media, there were also instances of abuse using emails and in telephone messages. Councillor Dore gave an account of her own circumstances which included her having to go to a safe house for four days and having Police officers outside of her home and an injunction put in place following a very distressing incident on her property.

She felt that this was a very difficult problem and acknowledged that others were also subject to such issues of abuse. Action was needed both by the Government of the UK and other nations to help address the issue. There were also measures which were taken by the Council with regard to email, such as the use of firewalls. Councillor Dore said that other Cabinet Members had also had similar experiences of threats or abuse and invited others to comment.

Councillor Jack Scott referred to online threats which he had experienced. He said that people would not back down in face of bullying or abuse and he recognised that the Sheffield Tree Action Groups had said that abuse was not acceptable. He said that he had been offended by a particular post on social media which had pictured a noose around his neck. He had also heard similar concerns of other councillors and stated that the City Council did not tolerate behaviour which included bullying, intimidation and threats.

Councillor Bryan Lodge said that he had been subject to various incidents and behaviours. He said that all City Councillors had chosen to serve the public and whilst there may be political 'knock-about' in the Council Chamber, there was respect towards other members of the Council. He remarked on the ability of people to make comments on social media.

Councillor Jayne Dunn referred to her experiences, including a break-in at her home and to her address having been published on a website. She had also been targeted in relation to issues including grit bins and refugees. She said that she did not believe she deserved to be treated in that manner and to be

frightened. These incidents had affected her, her staff and customers.

5.2.6 Public Question Concerning Grit Bins

Adam Butcher submitted a question concerning what the Council was doing to ensure that there were sufficient grit bins to help make sure that carers who worked with elderly and disabled people could do their jobs. He requested a written answer to the question.

6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

This item of business was withdrawn from consideration, for the reason that there were no changes proposed to be made to the memberships of Committees or the appointment of representatives to serve on external bodies.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER AT COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS

7.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that the Chief Executive be appointed as Local Returning Officer for mayoral elections to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Mayoral Combined Authority, in accordance with the details set out in the report of the Monitoring Officer now submitted.

7.1.1 (NOTE: Councillor Ben Curran abstained from voting on the motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Rippon and formally seconded by Councillor Michelle Cook, that the following decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 14th February, 2018, arising from its consideration of reports of the Executive Director, Resources on the Revenue Budget 2018/19 and the Capital Programme 2018/19, be approved:-

REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19

“RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 7 March 2018:-

- (a) to approve a net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 amounting to £401.857m;
- (b) to approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,513.92 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 5.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (c) to approve the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;

- (d) to approve the Revenue Budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the report;
- (e) to note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in Appendix 3 to this report, the amounts shown in part B of Appendix 6 of the report would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2018/19, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (f) to note that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and further details can be found in Appendix 4 of the report;
- (g) to note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (h) to approve the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2018/19 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 170;
- (i) to note the latest 2017/18 budget monitoring position;
- (j) to approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (k) to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the report;
- (l) to agree that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Resources to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (m) to approve a Pay Policy for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 8 of the report; and
- (n) to agree that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, be also implemented for 2018/19."

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

"RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 7 March 2018:-

- (a) to note the specific projects included in the years 2017/18 to 2023/24 at appendices 1 and 2 of the report; that block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (b) to note the proposed Capital Programme for the 6 years to 2023/24 as per appendices 1 and 2 of the report; and
- (c) to approve the Growth and Investment Fund (GIF) policy set out at appendix 3 of the report, such that the commitment from the GIF is limited to one year and no GIF supported schemes are approved beyond 2018/19 unless explicitly stated; and that further reports will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve.”

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Olivia Blake, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 14th February, 2018, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) places on record its thanks to the staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year-on-year lead to uncertainty about their own futures and those of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of cuts to staffing numbers;
- (2) as regards the national political context:-
 - 1. notes that since 2010, the continued drive by Central Government to eliminate Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and other funding streams, has been so severe that the Council has to find £31 million in savings for the upcoming financial year, in addition to the £390 million of savings already made since 2010;
 - 2. believes that the Rt. Hon. Theresa May, MP's government is continuing with the same failed policies of the previous government; it is continuing to cut local government services to the bone and, in the famous phrase of Theresa May, “nothing has changed”;
 - 3. notes that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its eighth year; it is, as such, this Council's contention that the continuation of austerity is a political choice by the Government based on their ideological commitment to shrinking the state, rather than an economic imperative, a belief shared by the Liberal Democrats who went along with this at every step of the way when in coalition government; and
 - 4. believes that the Labour Party is right to call to an immediate end the unnecessary and deeply damaging austerity programme and that this

programme won strong support from the people of Sheffield, who returned six Labour Members of Parliament at the June 2017 General Election;

- (3) notes the following regarding the local government budget challenge:-
1. that in addition to the cuts forced on local authorities, the increased demand for services at an increased cost is making it harder and harder for councils to balance their budgets and provide the desired services;
 2. that the extreme financial difficulties experienced by councils across the country are exemplified by Conservative-run Northamptonshire Council, which declared it is effectively bankrupt after finding it is unable to meet its statutory and financial obligations;
 3. that in addition to the increasing pressure on services, central government grants and funding are being reduced; together this has resulted in an increasing “budget gap”, predicted to be £94 million for the four years until 2021/22 by the Council’s 2017 Medium Term Financial Analysis (MTFA); and
 4. that despite these factors, the present Administration has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable;
- (4) notes the following regarding social care:-
1. that social care for children and adults is now at “breaking point” nationwide, the result of eight years of cuts forced by Central Government;
 2. that across all councils there has been an overspend on children’s social care of £655m in the last full financial year, and an overspend of £536m for adult social care;
 3. that the slashed budgets and increased costs in social care and children’s services means that councils are, in the words of the LGA, “close to the edge”, and that the LGA estimate that councils in England face an overall funding gap of £5.8 billion by 2020;
 4. that over 95% of councils have had to implement the Government’s social care precept in response to the nationwide crisis in children and adult social care;
 5. that there is a wide disparity in the ability of local authorities to raise income from council tax increases; for instance, a 1% rise in Sheffield is worth £1.9 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £6.6 million);
 6. that increasing the social care precept in Sheffield by 3%, as allowed by Central Government, does not even fully cover the Council’s predicted funding gap;

7. that to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield, the Administration proposes to invest an additional £15 million in social care, but significant savings have had to be found in the People portfolio to achieve a balanced budget; and
8. that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact; it is investing £9m in Children's Services, including increasing the risk contingency by £1.5m, and, in addition, this increase will have a positive and long-lasting effect as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and the current fostering campaign, all of which is aimed at providing the right preventative and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;

(5) as regards Council services, notes and/or believes the following:-

1. that this Administration is enacting Labour values and showing real alternatives to the failed dogma of the Conservative Party by bringing housing repairs, Human Resources and payroll services back in-house and setting up an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
2. that this Administration is improving the living standards for all by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – investing in exciting developments in the Retail Quarter, for Lower Don Valley flood defence works, on the Olympic Park legacy, the Knowledge gateway, Charter square enabling works and the Tinsley art project;
3. that the Administration's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates its commitment to council housing; despite the challenging financial climate, the Council will provide 1,500 extra council homes over the next five years;
4. that the Administration has also prioritised investment into fire safety work including cladding, sprinkler systems and other fire safety measures, and that plans already in place to fit all council tower blocks with sprinklers have been brought forward to reassure tenants post-Grenfell, and this Administration will continue to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;
5. that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by the Government's continued, and botched, rollout of Universal Credit and has given assurances that no tenant will be evicted for delays in payment that are solely a result of delayed payments in their Universal Credit;
6. that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme at the same level, and increased the council tax hardship fund;
7. that the Government's National Funding Formula for schools will have a significant impact on Sheffield's primary schools, when what is really

required is significant funding increases to all of our schools, with specific additional funding to schools most in need;

8. that this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for the children of Sheffield as a key priority; currently 97% of pupils are getting the secondary school of their choice, which is above the national average, and work has commenced on providing more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
 9. that the Administration is prioritising transport to deliver safe, well maintained streets which enable the city's on-going development and is exploring more segregated networks for public transport, walking, cycling and private cars to reduce conflict and accidents and promote transport speed, capacity and choice – and that it is this Administration's aim to deliver an integrated transport system, where different modes of transport complement each other;
 10. that this Administration is funding road safety to ensure that Sheffield is moving and freer from accidents and delays with Sheffield's neighbourhoods safe and liveable through initiatives such as 20mph speed limits; and
 11. that through its policies, the Administration in Sheffield is showing what a future Labour government would look like;
- (6) notes the following regarding job losses:-
1. that as a result of budget cuts, the Council is set to lose 172 jobs during the financial year 2018/19;
 2. that this Administration, as in previous years, will take steps to minimise redundancies, such as offering voluntary severance and voluntary early retirement schemes, as well as using vacancies not yet filled; and
 3. that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (7) notes the following regarding the budget process:-
1. that the Administration has ensured that this year's budget process has been more heavily scrutinised, with increased involvement from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee; and the Council thanks the Members involved;
 2. that this year's budget process involved wide public consultation, receiving almost double the number of survey responses compared to last year; and
 3. that the consultation demonstrated public support for increasing council tax and the proposed social care precept, as well as agreement that it is important for the Council to invest in health and well-being, as is proposed

in this budget;

- (8) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/2019 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (9) notes those specific projects included in the years 2018/19 to 2023/24 at appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, and that block allocations are included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (10) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 6 years to 2023/24 as per appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme;
- (11) approves the Growth and Investment Fund (GIF) policy set out at appendix 3 of the report on the Capital Programme, such that the commitment from the GIF is limited to one year and no GIF supported schemes are approved beyond 2018/19 unless explicitly stated, and that further reports will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve;
- (12) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2018/19, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 amounting to £401.857m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	<u>Appendix 3</u>
2017/18		2018/19
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
197,650	People	212,968
148,111	Place	147,101
1,898	Policy Performance and Communications	1,973
37,707	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,760
385,366		400,802
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,722
-1,467	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-2,375
-3,976	Small Business Rates Relief	-5,870
-2,188	Improved Better Care Fund	-12,641

-2,717	Adult Social Care Grant (One-Off 2018/19)	-1,700
	Corporate Items	
6,200	Redundancy Provision	5,500
-13,567	Pension Costs	-13,507
7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,722
-698	Public Health Savings / re-investments	-1,138
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
2,000	Social Care Demand Contingency	4,990
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,285	Schools and Howden PFI	25,488
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
22	Payment to Parish Councils	17
1,597	Other	2,900
	Capital Financing Costs	
22,962	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
11,612	Streets Ahead Investment	13,454
18,844	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,993
	Reserves Movements	
-9,104	Contribution from Reserves	-2,098
21,917	Reserves Movements Relating to Pension Early Payment	21,917
395,551	Total Expenditure	401,857
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
-67,790	Revenue Support Grant	-52,390
-96,746	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,508
-39,583	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-42,355
-182,116	Council Tax income	-190,803
-398	Collection Fund surplus	-1,876
-8,918	Social Care Precept	-14,925
-395,551	Total Financing	-401,857

- (13) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,513.92 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 5.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (14) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the report on the Revenue Budget;
- (15) approves the Revenue Budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;

- (16) notes the latest 2017/18 budget monitoring position;
- (17) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (18) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2017/18 onwards;
- (19) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (20) approves a Pay Policy for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (21) approves the allocation of the additional £2.0m Final Settlement funding (£1.7m of which is Adult Social Care Support Grant) to the Social Care Demand contingency;
- (22) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, be also implemented for 2018/19;
- (23) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2018/19 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 170 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (24) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and further details can be found in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (25) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (26) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £401.857m set out in paragraph (12) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2018/19, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR
2018/19 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2018, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
135,890.79 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£ 205,727,549
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£ 1,354,694,941** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£ 1,148,444,943** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£ 206,249,998** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£ 1,517.7629** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£ 522,450** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£ 1,513.9182** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the

basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 14,925,022** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Bradfield Parish Council	27.39	31.95	36.51	41.08	50.21	59.34	68.46	82.16
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.88	12.70	14.51	16.33	19.96	23.58	27.21	32.65
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Stocksbridge Town Council	21.27	24.81	28.36	31.90	38.99	46.08	53.17	63.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17
Bradfield Parish Council	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

Appendix 6c

2017/18						2018/19					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,713.66	230,105	40.2727	8,004	238,109	5,732.16	235,467	41.0782	6,403	241,870	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,149.98	146,466	16.0072	8,033	154,499	9,181.65	149,912	16.3274	6,426	156,338	2.00%
Stocksbridge	3,675.84	113,849	30.9724	5,779	119,628	3,749.60	119,618	31.9015	4,624	124,242	3.00%
Total/Average	18,539.48	490,420	26.4527	21,816	512,236	18,663.41	504,997	27.0581	17,453	522,450	2.29%

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 14th February, 2018, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) would like to thank the staff who have been so helpful and accommodating during this budget setting process, and all of Sheffield City Council's staff who continue to work so hard for the people of Sheffield;
- (2) condemns the current Government's plan to restrict local government funding further until at least 2020, believing this to be above and beyond what is necessary, forcing Local Authorities to raise regressive Council Tax, instead of funding local government more fairly out of general taxation;
- (3) particularly condemns the current Government's approach to funding the NHS and Adult Social Care, and believes that the Adult Social Care precept and the Adult Social Care grant are sticking plasters over a gaping wound;
- (4) believes that a new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital services, particularly for places like Sheffield which has a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;
- (5) believes that the Liberal Democrat proposal of raising income tax by a penny will meet this need for a long term funding settlement and greatly relieve the pressure on adult social care and the NHS;
- (6) believes that there is money within the Council's budget which means that we do not have to take the full amount of adult social care precept and it is equally financially sustainable to take the remaining adult social care precept allowed in 2019/20;

- (7) notes that if this budget amendment is passed it will provide £1.9million for adult social care for the city from New Homes Bonus funds;
- (8) believes that although the Council is facing financially difficult times, the current Administration has still had choices about where to spend our money, and have often made the wrong choices over the past 7 years, for example:-
 - (i) protecting tax payer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding for libraries;
 - (ii) continuing to spend vast amounts on Council spin doctors whilst cutting front line services; and
 - (iii) spending millions on costly consultants whilst allowing unsafe roads to continue to be neglected;
- (9) further believes that this city still suffers from the poor choices made by previous Labour Administrations, particularly the financial burden of around £19million every year until 2024 to repay the debt from the major sports facilities associated with the financially disastrous World Student Games, even after Don Valley Stadium has now been demolished;
- (10) is disappointed that the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal has been delayed and, as a result, £30million of central government funding has already been held back for what will be two years when and if the deal is signed, at a time when the funding is needed most;
- (11) is deeply concerned for the future of the Devolution Deal and future associated funding and believes that this is due in part to the weak leadership of Sheffield;
- (12) believes that, even more concerning than some of their financial choices, is the way this Administration operates, centralising decision making and often ignoring the concerns and wishes of the people of Sheffield;
- (13) asserts that the purpose of this Council is to represent, work for and be the voice of the people of Sheffield, and that it is important that our decision making reflects the interests of the city as a whole and always puts people at the forefront of our choices;
- (14) notes the number of large petitions being presented to this Council, and believes this demonstrates that a change of approach is needed;
- (15) resolves to investigate a switch to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few; allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures;
- (16) believes that there is a better, different way for a city council to operate and that this budget amendment demonstrates that it is possible, even in difficult times, to

be responsive and work with local people;

- (17) believes that local Councillors and local people are often best placed to take decisions over the things that affect them and their local areas and therefore wants to revolutionise how decisions are made in this Council, by devolving real budgets over to communities, to be spent on their priorities, not the Labour Party's;
- (18) believes that there are substantial savings to be found that means the Council does not need to raise Council Tax by the maximum amount possible for this year;
- (19) by making some simple savings and spending the same money differently, the Liberal Democrat alternative budget would:-
 - (i) create a 'Helping Hand' fund for adult social care to provide a substantive pot of money for desperately needed, urgent, short term support;
 - (ii) use the central government adult social care grant to further fund training to support front line staff and help to ensure standards of care are always at the highest standard of quality possible and to secure retention of staff;
 - (iii) devolve £1.4 million of Local Transport Funding to local communities to spend on the highway improvements that they think are the most important;
 - (iv) this will be boosted by a fund specifically to support road safety measures with particular attention to routes used by school children;
 - (v) put aside extra funding for more school crossing wardens to help children get to school safely;
 - (vi) reinstate the snow warden scheme, giving local people the support to clear icy footpaths and roads in their local communities;
 - (vii) clean up Sheffield by investing in a task force to crack down on litter, fly tipping, graffiti and dog mess, and reversing a small cut to this budget; this could also generate income for the Council by increasing the number of fines issued to people who do not respect our city;
 - (viii) introduce free evening and Sunday parking in the city centre to encourage footfall and help city centre business to thrive;
 - (ix) support Sheffield's foster carers, who look after some of our city's most challenging and vulnerable children, and encourage more people to sign up to become foster families with a discretionary reimbursement of Council Tax; this has the potential to save the Council millions of pounds in reducing the amount spent on agency foster placements;

- (x) investigate the possibility of a “Sheffield Pound”, a local currency that would encourage spending on local business;
 - (xi) designate an area of the new retail quarter specifically for small local businesses to further support them in our growing local economy;
 - (xii) use 10% of the unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to support small business infrastructure to allow the city’s independent businesses to flourish;
 - (xiii) support Citizen’s Advice Bureau with an increase in grant funding;
 - (xiv) investigate the possibility of a Sheffield City Council app, to make information about services easier to access and available in one place;
 - (xv) support continued openness and transparency of decision-making by broadcasting public council meetings;
 - (xvi) support Associate Libraries and their volunteers by providing professional librarian support;
 - (xvii) create a fund available to local Councillors to use on projects and capital investments in their wards through boosting ward pots;
 - (xviii) create a fund available to local communities from a ‘Greener Sheffield’ pot, an additional pot of money to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment; and
 - (xiv) reverse the funding cut to parish councils, empowering local communities to make decisions on how money is spent in their area;
- (20) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a City Council that provides good value for money for all residents of Sheffield, is open for business, is responsive to and works with the people of Sheffield and protects our natural environment and heritage which make our city such a great place to live;
- (21) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/2019 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget			
Financing and Savings Proposals	£'000	Spending Proposals	£'000
Allocate New Homes Bonus to mitigate the increase in Council Tax	1,940	Defer 1% of the proposed Council Tax increase for Adult Social care precept for one year	1,940
Reduce posts within the Communications team	175	100% Council Tax relief for Foster Carers (up to Band D)	216
Withdraw funding from Sheffield City Partnership Board	10	Increase funding for the Environmental Enforcement team for a "Clean Up Sheffield" task force with target of 25% recovery via fines for littering, fly tipping and dog fouling	150
Delete 2 senior manager posts	100	Work with community groups to investigate possibility of a Sheffield Pound	25
Remove Leader's policy officer post	20	Investigate SCC app	10
Cut to taxpayer subsidy to trade unions	353	Invest in crossing patrols for schools which currently fall below threshold for wardens, and where road safety conditions allow	34
Cuts to SRAs	54	Reinstate snow wardens	30
Reallocation of unutilised funds - Invest in Sheffield fund	340	Create a Greener Sheffield fund	50
		Broadcasting public meetings	30
		Reverse a cut in Parish Council Council Tax Support Grant	5
		Make city centre parking free on Sundays and evenings	241
		Reverse cut in fly tipping and graffiti contract budget	9
		Provide additional professional librarian support for associate libraries	123
		Increase grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau	50
		Additional spending on road safety schemes to be allocated over the year (Contribution to Capital)	316

The following savings schemes require the agreement of new contracts, or actions to be agreed with other bodies. If these cannot be agreed then the additional spending in road safety schemes will be reduced accordingly.			
Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region	100		
Pay review - 2% reduction for staff on salaries above £60k	137		
Savings total	3,229	Investments - total	3,229
Additional ASC funding		Use of additional ASC funding	
Additional ASC one off grant announced by Central Government in Feb 18	1,700	"Helping Hand" fund	500
		Additional training support for carers	500
		To be retained as a risk based contingency	700
ASC Total	1,700	ASC Total	1,700

Capital Budget			
Spending proposals	£'000	Financing of spending proposals	£'000
Road Safety	676	Financed from surplus revenue and unallocated new homes bonus	676
Increase ward pots to £10,000 across the city as a minimum	67	City Wide CIL money required for top up of ward pots	67
Small business infrastructure, funded from 10% of CIL	Cost neutral	Devote 10% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently £86,000	Cost neutral
Spending total	743	Financing total	743

Local Transport Plan budget Proposal			
Capital spending proposal	£'000	Financing of capital proposals	£'000
Nil	Cost neutral	Re-allocate decision making over £1.4 million of transport funding away from Cabinet Member to local communities to be allocated via the LAP	Cost neutral
LTP Spending total	0	LTP Financing total	0

- (22) notes those specific projects included in the years 2018/19 to 2023/24 at appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (21) above, and that block allocations are included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (23) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 6 years to 2023/24 as per appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (21) above;
- (24) approves the Growth and Investment Fund (GIF) policy set out at appendix 3 of the report on the Capital Programme, such that the commitment from the GIF is limited to one year and no GIF supported schemes are approved beyond 2018/19 unless explicitly stated, and that further reports will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve;
- (25) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2018/19, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 amounting to £399.917m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (21) above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

2017/18	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2018/19
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
197,650	People	214,314
148,111	Place	147,577
1,898	Policy Performance and Communications	1,802
37,707	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,328
385,366		402,021

Corporate Budgets:

	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,722
-1,467	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-2,375
-3,976	Small Business Rates Relief	-5,870
-2,188	Improved Better Care Fund	-12,641
-2,717	Adult Social Care Grant (One-Off 2018/19)	-1,700
	Corporate Items	
6,200	Redundancy Provision	5,500
-13,567	Pension Costs	-13,507
7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,722
-698	Public Health Savings / re-investments	-1,138
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
2,000	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,990
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,285	Schools and Howden PFI	25,488
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
0	Savings Target - Delete 2 Senior Officer Posts	-100
0	Savings Target - Shared Services	-100
0	Revenue Contribution to Capital	676
0	Release of unutilised funds	-340
22	Payment to Parish Councils	22
1,597	Other	2,900
	Capital Financing Costs	
22,962	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
11,612	Streets Ahead Investment	13,454
18,844	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,993
	Reserves Movements	
-9,104	Contribution from Reserves	-4,398
21,917	Reserves Movements Relating to Pension Early Payment	21,917
395,551	Total Expenditure	399,917
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
-67,790	Revenue Support Grant	-52,390
-96,746	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,508
-39,583	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-42,355
-182,116	Council Tax income	-190,803
-398	Collection Fund surplus	-1,876
-8,918	Social Care Precept	-12,985
-395,551	Total Financing	-399,917

- (26) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,499.64 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (27) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the report on the Revenue Budget, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (21) above;
- (28) approves the Revenue Budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (21) above;
- (29) notes the latest 2017/18 budget monitoring position;
- (30) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (31) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2017/18 onwards;
- (32) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (33) approves a Pay Policy for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (21) above relating to salary reductions;
- (34) approves the allocation of the additional £2.0m Final Settlement funding (£1.7m of which is Adult Social Care Support Grant) to the Social Care Demand contingency, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (21) above relating to the additional Adult Social Care Grant;
- (35) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, be also implemented for 2018/19, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (21) above relating to SRA cuts;
- (36) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2018/19 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 170 of the Revenue Budget report subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (21) above relating to the Parish Council Tax Support Grant, also referred to in Appendix 6c below;
- (37) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and further details can be found in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;

- (38) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (39) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £399.917m set out in paragraph (25) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2018/19, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2018/19 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2018, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
135,890.79 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£ 203,787,549
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£ 1,354,699,304** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£ 1,150,384,943** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£ 204,314,361** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

- (d) **£ 1,503.5188** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£ 526,813** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£ 1,499.6421** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 14,925,022** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	999.76	1,166.39	1,333.02	1,499.64	1,832.91	2,166.15	2,499.40	2,999.27
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,160.54	1,353.97	1,547.39	1,740.81	2,127.67	2,514.51	2,901.35	3,481.61

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	999.76	1,166.39	1,333.02	1,499.64	1,832.91	2,166.15	2,499.40	2,999.27
Bradfield Parish Council	27.39	31.95	36.51	41.08	50.21	59.34	68.46	82.16
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,187.93	1,385.92	1,583.90	1,781.89	2,177.88	2,573.85	2,969.81	3,563.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	999.76	1,166.39	1,333.02	1,499.64	1,832.91	2,166.15	2,499.40	2,999.27
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.88	12.70	14.51	16.33	19.96	23.58	27.21	32.65
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,171.42	1,366.67	1,561.90	1,757.14	2,147.63	2,538.09	2,928.56	3,514.26

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	999.76	1,166.39	1,333.02	1,499.64	1,832.91	2,166.15	2,499.40	2,999.27
Stocksbridge Town Council	21.27	24.81	28.36	31.90	38.99	46.08	53.17	63.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,181.81	1,378.78	1,575.75	1,772.71	2,166.66	2,560.59	2,954.52	3,545.41

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	999.76	1,166.39	1,333.02	1,499.64	1,832.91	2,166.15	2,499.40	2,999.27
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,160.54	1,353.97	1,547.39	1,740.81	2,127.67	2,514.51	2,901.35	3,481.61
Bradfield Parish Council	1,187.93	1,385.92	1,583.90	1,781.89	2,177.88	2,573.85	2,969.81	3,563.77
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,171.42	1,366.67	1,561.90	1,757.14	2,147.63	2,538.09	2,928.56	3,514.26
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,181.81	1,378.78	1,575.75	1,772.71	2,166.66	2,560.59	2,954.52	3,545.51

2017/18						2018/19					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,713.66	230,105	40.2727	8,004	238,109	5,732.16	235,467	41.0782	8,004	243,471	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,149.98	146,466	16.0072	8,033	154,499	9,181.65	149,912	16.3274	8,033	157,944	2.00%
Stocksbridge	3,675.84	113,849	30.9724	5,779	119,628	3,749.60	119,618	31.9015	5,779	125,397	3.00%
Total/Average	18,539.48	490,420	26.4527	21,816	512,236	18,663.41	504,997	27.0581	21,816	526,813	2.29%

8.4 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 14th February, 2018, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) continues to condemn the cuts to local authority funding, which is a political choice by central government, and applauds the efforts of politicians and campaigners calling for an alternative to this policy;
- (2) notes that Sheffield's citizens have suffered since 2010, through continuous cuts to council funding - and consequently to services to the public;
- (3) believes that central government has utterly failed to address the growing and substantial crisis in the care of older and disabled people and that, even passing on extra costs through council tax increases, the sum raised is still wholly inadequate to meet the cost of social care;
- (4) notes, however, that long-term outsourced contracts with big private businesses have not taken an equivalent share of the cuts;
- (5) in particular, notes that the Streets Ahead contract contains ongoing rises in annual spending, that the spending on the Streets Ahead contract in 2018/19 has now reached £79 million, roughly double the investment in 2011, and the long-term costs of finance now stretch ahead into the future until 2057;
- (6) therefore recognises that austerity is not going to go away and that Elected Members in Sheffield, however difficult the crisis we face, have a responsibility to do the best we can for the people of Sheffield, prioritising the available resources

to protect communities and the most vulnerable and working towards a more equitable and resilient city;

- (7) accordingly, thanks the officers of the Council and in other organisations, including the voluntary and private sector directly affected by the austerity programme, in the way they have responded to the increasing cuts and made sacrifices;
- (8) recognises the number of people in serious hardship and therefore welcomes the proposal to raise the Council Tax hardship fund by a further £200,000 to protect more of the 30,000 poorest families in the city, which exact proposal was contained in the Green Councillors' budget proposal in March 2016;
- (9) recognises the particular difficulties faced by young people leaving care setting up their own homes for the first time and will therefore set aside funding so they can be exempted from council tax bills until the age of 25;
- (10) recognises the importance to the community of small-scale spending at local level and will therefore not only reverse the planned cut to 'ward pot' budgets but will increase them for 2018/19;
- (11) will support the voluntary sector by reversing the planned funding cuts for 2018/19 to advice centres, thus protecting jobs and helping people most in need;
- (12) notes that the Council's own equality impact assessment identifies that the Administration's intended cuts to advice work and ward pot grants disproportionately affect BME groups, women and disabled people and could lead to the loss of up to 18 FTE jobs;
- (13) recognises the ongoing value of the city's library service and rewards the hard work of volunteers who have supported their local branch libraries by providing funding for a paid, professional librarian in every branch library;
- (14) believes that the people of this city want a Council that listens to them, is accountable, and takes their genuinely-expressed concerns into account;
- (15) therefore, will continue the Green Councillors' proposal, first expressed in 2012, to open up Council meetings to public scrutiny by online web broadcasting;
- (16) will cut political spin from the Town Hall and will remove the posts of Group Policy Officers from the Council payroll, requiring politicians to do their own research and press work;
- (17) notes that Green Councillors first proposed a Living Wage in 2008 to address low pay and will now tackle the principle of income inequality head-on by reducing the pay of senior officers on salaries over £50,000 a year;
- (18) will further reduce four posts in the HR function to protect frontline services;
- (19) will support the city's cultural offering by reversing the planned cuts to Sheffield's

museums and theatres;

- (20) regrets the lost opportunity of jobs in the renewable energy industry when proposed by Green Councillors in 2014; but will promote energy efficiency schemes in maintained schools by use of £500,000 unallocated New Homes Bonus funding;
- (21) will create further jobs by setting aside a further £500,000 unallocated New Homes Bonus funding to identify and survey brownfield sites for re-use for new housing and business, so as to minimise the impact of new building on the green belt or those brownfield sites that provide particular benefits to wildlife or the local community;
- (22) will take steps to increase affordable housing in the city by funding a pilot project of a small number of energy-efficient “container homes”, such as those already being pioneered at Heeley City Farm;
- (23) will create an additional officer post to bring empty homes back into use in order to tackle the blight and waste of empty houses, increase housing supply with far less energy consumption than new building and generate revenue through council tax and New Homes Bonus;
- (24) will fund an additional post to help tenants and improve standards in the private rented housing sector;
- (25) will earmark at least £250,000 of Local Transport Plan funding for cycle lane schemes to provide protection for cyclists, thereby improving the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health;
- (26) further, will ensure that all future Local Transport Plan spending is used only on sustainable modes of transport that do not have any adverse impact on air quality;
- (27) welcomes the new investment in replacing obsolete air quality monitoring stations and will further invest in public-facing visual displays to ensure the public can see and monitor the measure of air pollution affecting them in real time;
- (28) will invest in a small discretionary grant fund to encourage zero or low-emission taxi vehicles through the licensing system;
- (29) will develop proposals to introduce a workplace parking scheme, to improve air quality and generate additional long-term revenue to invest in the city’s public transport;
- (30) will reduce the price of residents’ parking permits to 2010 levels, by shifting the cost of parking in residential parking permit zones to non-residents, meaning that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas of the city are not subsidising other transport services;

- (31) will promote health, activity and fun by funding outdoor gym equipment in the city's parks;
- (32) will commemorate the very origins of a municipal authority for public health by providing the public with clean, fresh water through the provision of drinking fountains in the city centre and major parks, thereby reducing waste and litter from single-use disposable plastics;
- (33) will further tackle the scourge of disposable plastics by employing an officer (6 months) to develop schemes that minimise the Council's use of single-use plastics across all its services;
- (34) will support the work of officers and businesses in the night-time economy by developing proposals around a night-time levy scheme to offer more policing and street-cleaning, in order to ensure high-value businesses make an appropriate contribution to social costs;
- (35) will, in addition, fund an extra eight Police Community Safety Officers to make people feel safer;
- (36) will recognise the importance, both culturally and economically, of the city's heritage and will provide funding for a dedicated heritage officer;
- (37) will regenerate a flagship city centre shopping parade by offering empty shopfronts on Pinstone Street and Charles Street to independent Sheffield businesses, rent-free on a temporary basis;
- (38) recognises the hard work of Sheffield citizens who have highlighted the economic risks attached to fossil fuels and the need for Sheffield City Council to do business ethically; and welcomes the inclusion in its Treasury Management Strategy, of commitments not to hold any direct investments in fossil fuels or companies involved in tax evasion or grave misconduct;
- (39) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/2019 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget			
Spending Reductions	£'000	Spending Proposals	£'000
Remove Group Policy Officers (half year saving)	73	Exempt Young Care Leavers from Council Tax	30
Remove 4 further posts in HR	189	Reverse cut and increase ward pot funding	41

Additional 20p on street parking charge	369	Reverse cuts to voluntary sector & advice work	50
Use of NHB for one-off costs	115	Webcasting Council Meetings	21
		Reverse cut to Museums & Theatres	53
		Additional Empty Homes Officer to bring empty properties back into use	38
		Additional post in Private Sector Housing	27
		Establish discretionary fund for grants to encourage zero or low-emission taxi vehicles	5
		Workplace Parking Levy Study	25
		Reduce Parking Permit Fees to 2010 levels	298
		Revenue costs for outdoor gym	4
		Drinking Fountains for City Centre - Maintenance	8
		Single Use Plastic Avoidance Study	25
		Late Night Levy Study	25
		Heritage officer	44
		Regenerate city centre shopping parade	40
Savings - subtotal	746	Spending - subtotal	734

The following savings schemes require the agreement of new contracts, or actions to be agreed with other bodies. Consequently the following investments are proposed conditionally on the successful implementation of these savings schemes.

Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	25	Eight extra PCSOs	264
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	73	Staff for branch libraries	322
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	476		

Savings - subtotal	574	Spending proposals - subtotal	586
Revenue saving total	1,320		1,320

Capital Budget			
Spending Proposals	£'000	Financing of Proposals	£'000
Energy efficiency for schools fund	500	Use of New Homes Bonus / Growth & Investment Fund to establish fund for energy efficiency schemes in schools	500
Establishment of fund to prepare brownfield sites for redevelopment	500	Use of New Homes Bonus / Growth & Investment Fund to establish fund to prepare brownfield sites for redevelopment	500
Fund to establish "container homes" pilot	250	reprioritise funding for acquiring new council homes	250
Protection of cycle lanes	250	Re-prioritise Local Transport Plan spending	250
Air Quality Monitoring Digital Displays	54	unallocated LTP funding	54
outdoor gym equipment in parks	40	Use of small amount of unallocated GIF/NHB	83
Webcasting Council Meetings - Equipment	19		
Drinking Fountains for City Centre & parks	24		
Spending Proposals total	1,637	Financing of Proposals total	1,637

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22	Payment to Parish Councils	17

0	Revenue Contribution to Capital	1,083
1,597	Other	2,900
	Capital Financing Costs	
22,962	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
11,612	Streets Ahead Investment	13,454
18,844	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,993
	Reserves Movements	
-9,104	Contribution from Reserves	-3,296
21,917	Reserves Movements Relating to Pension Early Payment	21,917
<u>395,551</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>401,857</u>
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
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-96,746	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,508
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- (44) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,513.92 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 5.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);
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Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2018/19 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:-

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2018, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
135,890.79 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£ 205,727,549
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£ 1,354,880,941** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£ 1,148,630,943** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£ 206,249,998** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£ 1,517.7629** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£ 522,450** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£ 1,513.9182** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 14,925,022** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Bradfield Parish Council	27.39	31.95	36.51	41.08	50.21	59.34	68.46	82.16
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.88	12.70	14.51	16.33	19.96	23.58	27.21	32.65
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Stocksbridge Town Council	21.27	24.81	28.36	31.90	38.99	46.08	53.17	63.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17
Bradfield Parish Council	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33
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Appendix 6c

2017/18						2018/19					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,713.66	230,105	40.2727	8,004	238,109	5,732.16	235,467	41.0782	6,403	241,870	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,149.98	146,466	16.0072	8,033	154,499	9,181.65	149,912	16.3274	6,426	156,338	2.00%
Stocksbridge	3,675.84	113,849	30.9724	5,779	119,628	3,749.60	119,618	31.9015	4,624	124,242	3.00%
Total/Average	18,539.48	490,420	26.4527	21,816	512,236	18,663.41	504,997	27.0581	17,453	522,450	2.29%

8.5 It was then moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor John Booker, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 14th February, 2018, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) regrets once again the high level of council tax increase imposed by this Council on Sheffield residents, partially caused by severe cuts in the Government's Revenue Support Grant, and believes that these cuts are unnecessary, unacceptable, and irresponsible and that similar cuts in the future will have a disastrous effect on the provision of public services in this city;
- (2) believes the working poor and their families are under attack like never before and are losing the battle; these issues and related problems are a direct result of austerity policies perpetrated by the current and previous governments, and the poorest in society are now bearing the majority of the cuts while the Government is shifting its debt onto them, creating more hardship and reducing state services to the neediest in our society, and also notes that more prosperous southern shire counties are suffering far less than northern towns and cities;
- (3) notes the total Quantitative Easing package so far in the UK is £450 billion, creating long term inflation, bringing more hardship to the citizens of this country, and notes that this printed money is directed to the financial markets, perpetuating the theme of the poor getting poorer and the rich getting richer;
- (4) further believes this money should be spent in the real economy to benefit the whole of society, social care, the NHS, education, rough sleepers and the homeless, helping to fight drug addiction and alcohol-related problems, prisons, schools, care homes and a long-term plan to re-nationalise the railways, utilities and services;
- (5) also believes that the £52 billion (and rising) that the Conservative Government, supported by the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats, intends to spend on the HS2 "vanity" project would be better spent on investment in the inadequate existing transport infrastructure and high speed broadband;
- (6) is concerned by what it believes to be the exorbitant prices charged for out-sourced work under the PFI and SPPC, and believes that the taxpayers of Sheffield would be better served by bringing more of these services back in-house, in-sourced, and notes that five of the best known construction companies operating in this region were among 103 fined £129.5 million in a bid rigging scandal that ran for six years and that the companies who had interests in South Yorkshire were fined £25 million in total for their part in the scandal which involved companies fixing tender prices to benefit one another and giving an artificial impression of competition;
- (7) believes that Sheffield City Councillors and Council executives must not be immune from savings, and proposes, especially in light of the Administration's rising Council Tax hike, that they should set an example by making the following changes to pay and allowances:-
 - (i) all Members to forego the 1% uplift to Member's Allowances recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel;

- (ii) reduce Members' Basic Allowance by a 5% cut;
 - (iii) a 10% cut in Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) paid to eligible Members and the abolition of the Cabinet Advisor SRA; and
 - (iv) a 10% cut in the salary of any Council employee paid over £100,000 p.a.;
- (8) proposes to use part of the £930,000 New Homes Bonus (NHB) to fund, initially for a one-year period, a new commercial waste disposal scheme at household waste recycling centres; where tradespersons will be charged a £20 fee to empty a transit size van/trailer; and also proposes to increase opening hours at all household recycling sites to accommodate the new scheme; this will assist local tradespeople to easily dispose of non-hazardous trade waste and will also reduce instances of fly tipping around the city, which draws heavily on the funds of other Council departments; this proposal will be reviewed after a year, with a view to identifying a more sustainable funding source;
- (9) proposes to introduce environmental enhancements by:-
- (i) moving the pest control service to a fully self-financing model, whilst retaining discounts for people on qualifying benefits; and
 - (ii) discouraging fly tipping and poor refuse management practices, by:-
 - (A) employing an additional one enforcement and educational officer post, with a communications budget, to target areas prone to fly tipping; and
 - (B) introducing a mobile CCTV van to patrol areas prone to fly tipping and two staff to ensure enforcement, and in relation to CCTV, providing ' RIPA ' signage to ensure legal regulatory compliance by the Council in respect of surveillance carried out;
- (10) proposes to use part of the £930,000 NHB to fund and support community and voluntary sector bodies wishing to run pop-up gyms and dementia groups in community centres and local venues;
- (11) proposes to make further savings by cutting 10% from the translation and interpretation budget as soon as possible;
- (12) proposes to further fund homeless prevention by providing 20 extra units a week accommodation for rough sleepers;
- (13) notes that the issue of fly-tipping is of great concern to many residents of Sheffield, and believes that a pro-active approach to this ongoing and persistent problem is desperately needed; we need to change the mind-set of people who believe it is acceptable to dump their rubbish in and around our city, and the strategic placing of cameras in fly-tipping hot spots would go some way to alleviating this disgraceful and increasing problem;

- (14) believes that (a) the real judgement of a civilised society is how it treats its most vulnerable citizens; giving human beings shelter should not be optional, and, politics aside, it is the duty of elected representatives to give shelter to those who need it and (b) the problems of rough sleepers will not be solved by the introduction of a "night shelter", but it will ease suffering and bring much needed respite to these medieval problems that still blight the 21st century, and for this reason, proposes to conduct a feasibility study into the benefits of such a shelter and how it might be best targeted towards those most vulnerable to rough sleeping;
- (15) notes that South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and software, etc., to tell passengers where the bus is and inform the person at the bus stop how long they have to endure their wait there;
- (16) believes this Council should introduce a similar system to bin lorries, whereby customers could register their mobile phone with the advertised SCC number, and on bin collection day they would receive a text stating "your bin lorry is ten minutes away, please put your bin out for collection, today is green/black/blue/brown bin";
- (17) recognises that many people forget to put their bin out for collection, a grey bin full of domestic waste that is not emptied on collection day will have waste up to a month old by the time of the next collection; and in summer months especially, this would be detrimental to public health; and also believes that this would alleviate the amount of litter strewn around our streets resulting from bins being put out prematurely in inclement weather conditions;
- (18) firmly believes that people must feel safe in their homes and their communities, and therefore very much welcomes the return to community policing; however, believes we need more uniformed officers on our streets, as this approach brings more security and confidence; uniformed officers are a deterrent on our streets, the larger the numbers, the larger the deterrent, and therefore proposes to fund 5 additional Police Community Support Officers on Sheffield streets in the hope of bringing local residents some respite from crime;
- (19) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/2019 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSAL

<u>Savings Proposals</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>Spending Proposals</u>	<u>2018/19</u>
<i>Permanent reductions in spending:</i>		<i>Permanent addition to budget:</i>	
Forego 1% uplift to Members' Allowances	14	1 additional enforcement and education officer post with communications budget to target	73

		areas prone to fly-tipping	
Reduce Members' Basic Allowance by 5%	49	Establish fund to support community and voluntary sector bodies wishing to run pop-up gyms and dementia groups	30
Reduce Members' Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) by 10%, and scrap SRAs for Cabinet Advisors	63	Introduce mobile CCTV van to patrol areas prone to fly-tipping	91
Pest Control service to become fully self-financing	121	Increase capacity of accommodation for rough sleepers via existing contract (20 extra units per week)	50
Introduce charging policy for non-statutory translation and interpreting services to generate 10% saving	25	Cost of monitoring CCTV cameras installed to monitor fly-tipping	8
		Feasibility study to assess benefits of a 'night shelter' specifically targeting rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping	25
Savings – Subtotal	272	Spending Proposals – Subtotal	227

The following savings schemes require the agreement of new contracts, or actions to be agreed with other bodies. Consequently the following investments are proposed conditionally on the successful implementation of these savings schemes.

Income from charging £20 for commercial waste disposal at household waste recycling centres	239	Increase opening hours to 7 days a week at all household waste recycling centres to accommodate new commercial waste disposal scheme, and increase in costs relating to new waste stream	1,004
Use of New Homes Bonus to subsidise the new service regarding commercial waste disposal	930	Introduction of a 'Collection Time' App for bin lorries	50
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	55	Provide funding to increase the number of PCSO's	165
Savings – Subtotal	1,224	Spending Proposals – Subtotal	1,219
Revenue Savings Total	1,496	Revenue Spending Subtotal	1,496

CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Capital spending proposal	(£'000)	Financing of capital proposals	(£'000)
Upgrade all household waste recycling centres to prepare for commercial waste scheme	30	Use of New Homes Bonus	240
Increase use of CCTV in areas prone to fly tipping	50		
Introduction of a 'Collection Time' App for bin lorries	160		
Capital Spending Total	240	Financing of Capital Proposals Total	240

- (20) notes those specific projects included in the years 2018/19 to 2023/24 at appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above, and that block allocations are included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (21) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 6 years to 2023/24 as per appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (22) approves the Growth and Investment Fund (GIF) policy set out at appendix 3 of the report on the Capital Programme, such that the commitment from the GIF is limited to one year and no GIF supported schemes are approved beyond 2018/19 unless explicitly stated, and that further reports will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve;
- (23) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2018/19, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 amounting to £401.857m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (19) above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Summary Revenue Budget

**Original
Budget
2017/18**

**Proposed
Budget
2018/19**

£000		£000
	Portfolio Budgets:	
197,650	People	212,986
148,111	Place	148,197
1,898	Policy Performance and Communications	1,951
37,707	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,598
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385,366		401,732
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,722
-1,467	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-2,375
-3,976	Small Business Rates Relief	-5,870
-2,188	Improved Better Care Fund	-12,641
-2,717	Adult Social Care Grant (One-Off 2018/19)	-1,700
	Corporate Items	
6,200	Redundancy Provision	5,500
-13,567	Pension Costs	-13,507
7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,722
-698	Public Health Savings / Re-investments	-1,138
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
2,000	Social Care Demand Contingency	4,990
4,000	Strengthening Families – Think Forward Investment	4,000
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Appendix 6a

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
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BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

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3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
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 - (b) **£ 1,148,829,943** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) **£ 206,249,998** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
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- (e) **£ 522,450** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£ 1,513.9182** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 14,925,022** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,170.07	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Bradfield Parish Council	27.39	31.95	36.51	41.08	50.21	59.34	68.46	82.16
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.88	12.70	14.51	16.33	19.96	23.58	27.21	32.65
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Stocksbridge Town Council	21.27	24.81	28.36	31.90	38.99	46.08	53.17	63.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32

Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17
Bradfield Parish Council	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

Appendix 6c

2017/18						2018/19					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,713.66	230,105	40.2727	8,004	238,109	5,732.16	235,467	41.0782	6,403	241,870	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,149.98	146,466	16.0072	8,033	154,499	9,181.65	149,912	16.3274	6,426	156,338	2.00%
Stocksbridge	3,675.84	113,849	30.9724	5,779	119,628	3,749.60	119,618	31.9015	4,624	124,242	3.00%
Total/Average	18,539.48	490,420	26.4527	21,816	512,236	18,663.41	504,997	27.0581	17,453	522,450	2.29%

8.6 After contributions from 13 other Members, the amendment moved by Councillor Olivia Blake was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the Substantive Motion (48) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mary Lea, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms,

Jayne Dunn, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the Substantive Motion (23)

- Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (4)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.

8.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

For the Substantive Motion (19)

- Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley.

Against the Substantive Motion (49)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (8)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Pauline Andrews, Alison Teal, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

8.8 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

For the Substantive Motion (4) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.

Against the Substantive Motion (68) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Adam Hanrahan, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Tony Downing, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (4) - Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

8.9 The amendment moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

For the Substantive Motion (4) - Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Against the Substantive Motion (70) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan

Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Adam Hanrahan, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Gail Smith, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (4) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) places on record its thanks to the staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year-on-year lead to uncertainty about their own futures and those of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of cuts to staffing numbers;
- (2) as regards the national political context:-
 1. notes that since 2010, the continued drive by Central Government to eliminate Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and other funding streams, has been so severe that the Council has to find £31 million in savings for the upcoming financial year, in addition to the £390 million of savings already made since 2010;
 2. believes that the Rt. Hon. Theresa May, MP's government is continuing with the same failed policies of the previous government; it is continuing to cut local government services to the bone and, in the famous phrase of Theresa May, "nothing has changed";
 3. notes that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its eighth year; it is, as such, this Council's contention that the continuation

of austerity is a political choice by the Government based on their ideological commitment to shrinking the state, rather than an economic imperative, a belief shared by the Liberal Democrats who went along with this at every step of the way when in coalition government; and

4. believes that the Labour Party is right to call to an immediate end the unnecessary and deeply damaging austerity programme and that this programme won strong support from the people of Sheffield, who returned six Labour Members of Parliament at the June 2017 General Election;

(3) notes the following regarding the local government budget challenge:-

1. that in addition to the cuts forced on local authorities, the increased demand for services at an increased cost is making it harder and harder for councils to balance their budgets and provide the desired services;
2. that the extreme financial difficulties experienced by councils across the country are exemplified by Conservative-run Northamptonshire Council, which declared it is effectively bankrupt after finding it is unable to meet its statutory and financial obligations;
3. that in addition to the increasing pressure on services, central government grants and funding are being reduced; together this has resulted in an increasing "budget gap", predicted to be £94 million for the four years until 2021/22 by the Council's 2017 Medium Term Financial Analysis (MTFA); and
4. that despite these factors, the present Administration has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable;

(4) notes the following regarding social care:-

1. that social care for children and adults is now at "breaking point" nationwide, the result of eight years of cuts forced by Central Government;
2. that across all councils there has been an overspend on children's social care of £655m in the last full financial year, and an overspend of £536m for adult social care;
3. that the slashed budgets and increased costs in social care and children's services means that councils are, in the words of the LGA, "close to the edge", and that the LGA estimate that councils in England face an overall funding gap of £5.8 billion by 2020;
4. that over 95% of councils have had to implement the Government's social care precept in response to the nationwide crisis in children and adult social care;

5. that there is a wide disparity in the ability of local authorities to raise income from council tax increases; for instance, a 1% rise in Sheffield is worth £1.9 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £6.6 million);
 6. that increasing the social care precept in Sheffield by 3%, as allowed by Central Government, does not even fully cover the Council's predicted funding gap;
 7. that to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield, the Administration proposes to invest an additional £15 million in social care, but significant savings have had to be found in the People portfolio to achieve a balanced budget; and
 8. that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact; it is investing £9m in Children's Services, including increasing the risk contingency by £1.5m, and, in addition, this increase will have a positive and long-lasting effect as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and the current fostering campaign, all of which is aimed at providing the right preventative and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;
- (5) as regards Council services, notes and/or believes the following:-
1. that this Administration is enacting Labour values and showing real alternatives to the failed dogma of the Conservative Party by bringing housing repairs, Human Resources and payroll services back in-house and setting up an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
 2. that this Administration is improving the living standards for all by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – investing in exciting developments in the Retail Quarter, for Lower Don Valley flood defence works, on the Olympic Park legacy, the Knowledge gateway, Charter square enabling works and the Tinsley art project;
 3. that the Administration's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates its commitment to council housing; despite the challenging financial climate, the Council will provide 1,500 extra council homes over the next five years;
 4. that the Administration has also prioritised investment into fire safety work including cladding, sprinkler systems and other fire safety measures, and that plans already in place to fit all council tower blocks with sprinklers have been brought forward to reassure tenants post-Grenfell, and this Administration will continue to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;

5. that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by the Government's continued, and botched, rollout of Universal Credit and has given assurances that no tenant will be evicted for delays in payment that are solely a result of delayed payments in their Universal Credit;
 6. that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme at the same level, and increased the council tax hardship fund;
 7. that the Government's National Funding Formula for schools will have a significant impact on Sheffield's primary schools, when what is really required is significant funding increases to all of our schools, with specific additional funding to schools most in need;
 8. that this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for the children of Sheffield as a key priority; currently 97% of pupils are getting the secondary school of their choice, which is above the national average, and work has commenced on providing more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
 9. that the Administration is prioritising transport to deliver safe, well maintained streets which enable the city's on-going development and is exploring more segregated networks for public transport, walking, cycling and private cars to reduce conflict and accidents and promote transport speed, capacity and choice – and that it is this Administration's aim to deliver an integrated transport system, where different modes of transport complement each other;
 10. that this Administration is funding road safety to ensure that Sheffield is moving and freer from accidents and delays with Sheffield's neighbourhoods safe and liveable through initiatives such as 20mph speed limits; and
 11. that through its policies, the Administration in Sheffield is showing what a future Labour government would look like;
- (6) notes the following regarding job losses:-
1. that as a result of budget cuts, the Council is set to lose 172 jobs during the financial year 2018/19;
 2. that this Administration, as in previous years, will take steps to minimise redundancies, such as offering voluntary severance and voluntary early retirement schemes, as well as using vacancies not yet filled; and
 3. that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (7) notes the following regarding the budget process:-
1. that the Administration has ensured that this year's budget process has

been more heavily scrutinised, with increased involvement from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee; and the Council thanks the Members involved;

2. that this year's budget process involved wide public consultation, receiving almost double the number of survey responses compared to last year; and
 3. that the consultation demonstrated public support for increasing council tax and the proposed social care precept, as well as agreement that it is important for the Council to invest in health and well-being, as is proposed in this budget;
- (8) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/2019 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
 - (9) notes those specific projects included in the years 2018/19 to 2023/24 at appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme, and that block allocations are included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
 - (10) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 6 years to 2023/24 as per appendices 1 and 2 of the report on the Capital Programme;
 - (11) approves the Growth and Investment Fund (GIF) policy set out at appendix 3 of the report on the Capital Programme, such that the commitment from the GIF is limited to one year and no GIF supported schemes are approved beyond 2018/19 unless explicitly stated, and that further reports will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve;
 - (12) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2018/19, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 amounting to £401.857m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

Appendix 3

2017/18	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2018/19
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
197,650	People	212,968
148,111	Place	147,101
1,898	Policy Performance and Communications	1,973
37,707	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,760
385,366		400,802

Corporate Budgets:

Specific Grants		
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,722
-1,467	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-2,375
-3,976	Small Business Rates Relief	-5,870
-2,188	Improved Better Care Fund	-12,641
-2,717	Adult Social Care Grant (One-Off 2018/19)	-1,700
Corporate Items		
6,200	Redundancy Provision	5,500
-13,567	Pension Costs	-13,507
7,029	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,722
-698	Public Health Savings / re-investments	-1,138
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
2,000	Social Care Demand Contingency	4,990
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,285	Schools and Howden PFI	25,488
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
22	Payment to Parish Councils	17
1,597	Other	2,900
Capital Financing Costs		
22,962	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
11,612	Streets Ahead Investment	13,454
18,844	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,993
Reserves Movements		
-9,104	Contribution from Reserves	-2,098
21,917	Reserves Movements Relating to Pension Early Payment	21,917
<u>395,551</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>401,857</u>
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-67,790	Revenue Support Grant	-52,390
-96,746	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-99,508
-39,583	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-42,355
-182,116	Council Tax income	-190,803
-398	Collection Fund surplus	-1,876
-8,918	Social Care Precept	-14,925
<u>-395,551</u>	Total Financing	<u>-401,857</u>

- (13) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,513.92 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 5.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 3% national arrangement for the social care precept);

- (14) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the report on the Revenue Budget;
- (15) approves the Revenue Budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
- (16) notes the latest 2017/18 budget monitoring position;
- (17) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (18) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2017/18 onwards;
- (19) agrees that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (20) approves a Pay Policy for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (21) approves the allocation of the additional £2.0m Final Settlement funding (£1.7m of which is Adult Social Care Support Grant) to the Social Care Demand contingency;
- (22) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, be also implemented for 2018/19;
- (23) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2018/19 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 170 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (24) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and further details can be found in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (25) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (26) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £401.857m set out in paragraph (12) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2018/19, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2018/19 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2018, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
135,890.79 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£ 205,727,549
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£ 1,354,694,941** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£ 1,148,444,943** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£ 206,249,998** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£ 1,517.7629** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£ 522,450** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£ 1,513.9182** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by

the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 14,925,022** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Bradfield Parish Council	27.39	31.95	36.51	41.08	50.21	59.34	68.46	82.16
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.88	12.70	14.51	16.33	19.96	23.58	27.21	32.65
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
Stocksbridge Town Council	21.27	24.81	28.36	31.90	38.99	46.08	53.17	63.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,009.28	1,177.49	1,345.71	1,513.92	1,850.35	2,186.77	2,523.20	3,027.83
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	47.34	55.23	63.12	71.01	86.79	102.57	118.35	142.02
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	113.44	132.35	151.25	170.16	207.97	245.79	283.60	340.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,170.06	1,365.07	1,560.08	1,755.09	2,145.11	2,535.13	2,925.15	3,510.17
Bradfield Parish Council	1,197.45	1,397.02	1,596.59	1,796.17	2,195.32	2,594.47	2,993.61	3,592.33
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,180.94	1,377.77	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.07	2,558.71	2,952.36	3,542.82
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,191.33	1,389.88	1,588.44	1,786.99	2,184.10	2,581.21	2,978.32	3,573.97

Appendix 6c

2017/18						2018/19					
Parish Council	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precept	Council Tax Increase
Bradfield	5,713.66	230,105	40.2727	8,004	238,109	5,732.16	235,467	41.0782	6,403	241,870	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,149.98	146,466	16.0072	8,033	154,499	9,181.65	149,912	16.3274	6,426	156,338	2.00%
Stocksbridge	3,675.84	113,849	30.9724	5,779	119,628	3,749.60	119,618	31.9015	4,624	124,242	3.00%
Total/Average	18,539.48	490,420	26.4527	21,816	512,236	18,663.41	504,997	27.0581	17,453	522,450	2.29%

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

For the Substantive Motion (51) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Murphy) and Councillors Ian Saunders, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Kieran Harpham, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Moya O'Rourke, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Steve Wilson, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Lisa Banes, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Mohammad Maroof, Jim Steinke, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Olivia Blake, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against the Substantive Motion (26) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid) and Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Douglas Johnson, Robert Murphy, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (1) - Councillor Pauline Andrews.

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