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### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Vic Bowden Moya O'Rourke	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Peter Garbutt Jim Steinke Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Bob McCann Chris Rosling-Josephs Sophie Wilson	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Barbara Masters Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne Ward</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 &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Michelle Cook Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; 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 Paul Turpin	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Ruth Mersereau Martin Phipps	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 &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Julie Grocutt Francyne Johnson
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Pat Midgley Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> Tony Downing Kevin Oxley Gail Smith	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Alan Hooper Adam Hurst Mike Levery
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

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John Mothersole

Chief Executive

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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING**

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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.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked \* on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings and recording is allowed under the direction of the Chair. Please see the website or contact Democratic Services for further information regarding public questions and petitions and details of the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at council meetings.

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last. If you would like to attend the meeting please report to the First Point Reception desk where you will be directed to the meeting room.

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## **FACILITIES**

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There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
2 OCTOBER 2019**

**Order of Business**

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**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**

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.

**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 "FOR A FAIR AND JUST DEMOCRACY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS**

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that the most successful societies, both economically and in the protection of human rights, are those governed by

liberal/social democratic style administrations;

- (b) agrees that scrutiny and the opportunity for every citizen to debate issues, contributes to a healthy democracy, both locally and nationally;
- (c) notes that Britain has a parliamentary democracy and notes with concern the recent unlawful events in Westminster;
- (d) acknowledges the petition submitted by 'It's Our City' which has triggered a referendum on changing to a committee system; and
- (e) calls for the timely planning and delivery of a committee system that is open and transparent and gives greater power to local people.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM " - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HURST AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAUL WOOD**

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism as: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."
- (b) notes that the working definition has become the standard definition used around the world;
- (c) notes that this definition has been adopted by the UK Government, European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Department of State, the US Senate and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance; and
- (d) formally adopts the official and international recognised working definition of antisemitism for this city.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "TACKLING SOCIAL ISOLATION : OPPOSING THE ENDING OF FREE TV LICENSES FOR THE OVER 75S" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN**

That this Council:-

- (a) believes this Government have broken their promise to protect older people and notes that not only has funding for adult social care been slashed, plunging countless older people into loneliness, but from June 2020 the over 75s will be stripped of their free TV licence;
- (b) notes the hardship that this will cause to many nationally and here in Sheffield:-
  - (i) there are an estimated 43,000 people in Sheffield over 75, and over three quarters will lose their free licence;
  - (ii) half of all over 75s are living with a disability, and many rely on their TV for companionship and entertainment;
  - (iii) for those who don't have the internet, TV lets them stay up to date with what's happening in the world; and
  - (iv) nearly a third of over 75s are living in poverty or just above the poverty line;
- (c) believes that forcing pensioners to fork out £154.50 per year is an act of cruelty, and that it is not the BBC who are to blame for this, but a government who have failed to do enough and have broken their 2017 Conservative Party Election Manifesto to maintain free TV licenses;
- (d) notes that under the new plans, only older people who receive a benefit called Pension Credit will receive a free TV licence, but two fifths of people who are entitled to this benefit – about 1.2 million pensioners – are not getting it, with some not knowing they can claim and many struggling to apply, and that often these people are some of the poorest in our society;
- (e) notes the widespread opposition to the plans, and that over 634,000 people signed Age UK's petition against the plans;
- (f) notes that the 2011 Pensions Act, enacted under the Conservative-Liberal Coalition Government, changed the age of retirement for women, forcing many born in the 1950s to work much longer before retirement and, crucially, that this was implemented at such short notice that many women were not able to plan accordingly for this; and, in addition, notes the hard work of Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) movement and the commitment to them shown by Labour;
- (g) believes that older people deserve fairer treatment than this, and notes that Labour will oppose any cuts to universal pensioner benefits, and have pledged to keep the Winter Fuel Allowance and bus passes for pensioners;

- (h) notes the hard work being undertaken within the Council to tackle social isolation, including the creation of the Sheffield Directory website to help people to get the right information and support to help them stay independent and live well in their local area, and further notes that this Administration works closely with organisations like Age UK, MIND, Mencap, Disability Sheffield, Alzheimer's Society and the Carers Centre to run support groups and activities, including dementia cafes; and
- (i) welcomes that partners in Sheffield are working together to develop the Age Friendly Sheffield project and, as noted in the recently published strategy, "Age Friendly Sheffield strives to create well connected community environments that promote opportunities for older citizens to feel less isolated, more socially included and to remain physically and mentally active as they age".

## **8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

## **9. 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 24 day of September 2019

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 6 November 2019 at the Town Hall**