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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
9 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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

To receive any questions or petitions from members of 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.

(NOTE: There is a time limit of one hour for the above item of business. In accordance with the arrangements published on the Council's website in relation to meetings of the Council held remotely, questions/petitions are required to be submitted in writing, to committee@sheffield.gov.uk, by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 7th September.)

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).

(NOTE: Minutes of recent meetings of the two South Yorkshire Joint Authorities are available via the following link -

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

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the records of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council

held on 5th February 2020, the special meeting of the Council held on 4th March 2020, and the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th August 2020, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

6. 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.

7. FORMAT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The Director of Legal and Governance to report on proposals for the format of the meeting of the Council to be held on 7th October 2020.

8. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

The Director of Public Health to report, followed by questions from Members of the Council, to be answered by the Director.

(NOTE: The above item of business is scheduled to commence no earlier than 4.00 p.m.).



Gillian Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 1 day of September 2020

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 7 October 2020.

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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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Agenda Item 5

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 5 February 2020, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Olivia Blake, Simon Clement-Jones, Terry Fox, Mazher Iqbal, Zahira Naz and Sophie Wilson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Councillor Bob Pullin declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 – Notice of Motion regarding Sheffield Parks and Open Spaces – due to his family’s business interests in relation to operating events in parks.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 Petition Requesting More Recycling Bins in the Fir Vale Area

The Council received a petition containing 52 signatures, requesting more recycling bins in the Fir Vale area.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by students at Fir Vale School. They talked about climate change and the issues of litter and recycling. They had concluded that a small change can trigger a larger change in their community and hopefully into the future in relation to how people care for the environment.

The petition requested more recycling bins in the area to make sure that there was a place for people to place items.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones, Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change.

Councillor Jones explained that he was responsible for keeping the streets clean and tackling the environmental issues that people faced. He said that he was quite proud that the students were at Council to ask it to do more for the area and that the pupils at Fir Vale School are deeply committed to making the world a better place. He said that he would look forward to doing more work with the school and he agreed that more needed be done to tackle environmental issues.

He referred to the need to look at local impacts of climate change, including the environmental impact of actions such as discarding litter, people using cars and the impact of industry. There would also need to be an understanding of the human impact on environmental events at a larger scale, such as fires in Brazil and Australia.

Councillor Jones said that it was important that young people helped to

make sure decision makers took the right decisions for the future. It was also recognised that environmental issues were local as much as they were global and they needed to be tackled in that context. The Council was to invest to make sure that the environment that people wanted could be delivered.

3.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Recommend and Actively Champion the Reinstatement of Funding by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to SHIFT Media

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 705 signatures, requesting the Council to recommend and actively champion the reinstatement of funding by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to SHIFT Media.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Jill Fearn.

She stated that the petition was about the reinstatement of funding to SHIFT Media and was asking the Council for its support and to actively champion the petition.

She said that her daughter had started at SHIFT to help her to progress and she had gained more confidence and achieved more than she had at school and had made contacts and friends who were still actively supporting her along with other individuals and organisations.

She explained that the petition concerned 16 to 24 year old learners with a disability, educational need or mental health condition. SHIFT offered a specialist and unique provision which engaged students. 69 per cent of students at SHIFT had a mental health condition, which was above the national average.

Jill Fearn said that in January 2019, SHIFT Media, which was a charitable non-profit organisation, was notified by the Education and Skills Funding Agency that funding would cease. Students and parents were notified that this was the case for training providers with inadequate results following an inspection. Previous Ofsted reports in 2013 and 2016 were both rated as good. In 2018 and 2019, SHIFT Media students attained above the regional and national average for both maths and English GCSE and there was no comparable post 16 education provider in Sheffield or the Sheffield region which offered such specialist provision.

She referred to an example of the Education and Skills Funding Agency not applying a policy of terminating funding where similar weaknesses had been found at another education provider and said that this highlighted that young people in Sheffield were comparatively disadvantaged compared to their peers elsewhere in the country.

The petition asked that Sheffield City Council actively champion and take positive actions to influence the Education and Skills Funding Agency to

reverse a decision and reinstate funding to SHIFT Media.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Abtissam Mohamed, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. Councillor Mohamed thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to the Council.

She said that she had spoken with a number of people when funding was withdrawn from SHIFT Media, including parents whose children accessed the provision. She had also seen the most recent and previous Ofsted reports. She said that there were sometimes discrepancies in the way in which post 16 providers were inspected as compared to schools, which received an inadequate rating. Schools might be given more support in comparison to a post 16 provider, which might have its funding withdrawn.

Councillor Mohamed explained that she would be pleased to support SHIFT and to work with them. She would be prepared to write a letter of support and positively and actively support the provision because she knew the difference it made to parents and families. She said that her concern was that the Council might not be in a position to change the government policy in this regard and whilst political pressure might be applied, she was not certain that would overturn the decision in this case.

She was aware of the processes in place regarding an appeal with Ofsted and which was still ongoing and in relation to which she would also be pleased to provide support. She said that she would also be open to a discussion about other alternatives which might be considered to support the organisation. She recognised the valuable work that was done with young people and it would be possible to look at whether alternative provision could be considered in relation to post-16 support.

Councillor Mohamed said that the Education and Skills Funding Agency was an autonomous organisation and made its own decisions. She suggested that a meeting be arranged to look at this matter and other alternatives to see what could be done about it.

3.1.3 Petition Requesting the Council to Tell the Truth About Climate Chaos

The Council received an electronic petition containing 196 signatures, requesting the Council to tell the truth about climate chaos.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Dr Bing Jones.

He said that it was believed that the City Council had failed the people of Sheffield and failed to tell the truth about the climate and the ecological emergency.

He stated that the petition demanded that the Council started to tell the truth and use imaginative campaigns and use the 2020 Council Tax letter to facilitate that. He said the Council had a duty to address the issue and communication campaigns were needed to explain clearly how urgent the

emergency was and what the Council and citizens needed to do. The Council also need to explain the risks and the costs of further delay along with explaining a vision of how change could be made towards a better, unpolluted and sustainable city.

Dr Jones said that the Council had declared a climate emergency a year ago and had committed to be carbon zero by 2030. It had also commissioned the Tyndall report, which he said required 14 percent year on year emissions reductions to 2038. However, he said that it was more likely that a 25 percent year on year emissions reduction was now required to reach a target of zero carbon by 2030.

He said that, given the scale of task to reduce carbon emissions, people needed to be informed and popular support was required. People needed to realise what needed to be done and informed by the Council as to the costs and consequences of delay, including worsening pollution, extreme weather, floods and potential mass migration following societal collapse abroad.

Dr Jones said that Council needed to talk about how much better a place the city would be if action was taken to have fantastic public transport, children playing in the streets, warm houses and sustainable jobs in the forefront of a growing economy.

The Council was asked to make the right choice, to stop delaying and use the 2020 Council Tax letter to start to tell Sheffield the truth with regards to the climate and move towards a better city.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones, Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change. Councillor Jones said that it was right that action should be taken to ensure that children inherited a world which was worth having. He said it was true that the Council had committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and this was something which the Council had said repeatedly. The Council understood the scale of challenge and people had benefited and contributed to the exploitation of resources and the crisis that we now faced and everybody was responsible for the planet we had today.

He said that whilst there may be differences of opinion about how Extinction Rebellion might chose to protest about climate change, it was right to say that people had a voice in this debate and that more should be done. He said that more was being done and it might be that the Council had not effectively communicated to people in relation to what direction it was taking, for example in relation to the transition to cleaner fuel, and it needed to do more to communicate such activity.

A request had been made by the Sheffield Climate Alliance to the Council for communication to go out during the week that the Council Tax letters were sent to households and that was something the Council was working on. He said that he would like to continue meeting with campaigners in

relation to such matters.

Councillor Jones referred to the Council's commitment to having a citizens' assembly in 2020. The Council would provide to the citizens' assembly as much information as possible. It had gone out to market to obtain an independent analysis of the carbon impacts, sources and what the mitigations could mean to the city. The Council was seeking that evidence base to take to the citizens' assembly and it would be seeking to recruit citizens to the assembly from across the city. It would put to the assembly the measures that it considered would be needed to achieve the required goals.

He said that as regards the Tyndall report, it had been clear that the city would have used its carbon budget by 2026. That was known and it was not refuted.

The questions put and answers from citizens as to the measures and actions they might want and were acceptable to them would come from the citizens' assembly and that was what the Council would deliver. It was something that would need to be done together and there was the need for people to reconcile themselves to their past and continuing impact on the planet and to consider the future.

The Council was sincere and wanted to make a difference so that the future was one which could sustain and support the population – which was not the situation at this time. He said that he would be pleased to talk with the petitioners about other concerns which they might have in the future.

3.1.4 Petition Demanding a Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Change Emergency in Sheffield

The Council received an electronic petition containing 204 signatures, demanding a citizens' assembly on the climate change emergency in Sheffield.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by David Baillie.

He said that in July 2019, the Council committed to publishing plans for a citizens' assembly by December 2019. He asked for an explanation of the delay in forming an assembly and commented that no plans or information had been published on the matter and that this was considered to be a climate emergency requiring urgent action.

He referred to the declaration by the UK Parliament of a national climate emergency and to the holding of a national citizens' assembly and assemblies in Oxford and Leeds. He asked the Council to agree two measures in this regard. Firstly, to make an operational plan for the citizens' assembly public by the end of April 2020 and secondly that the citizens' assembly would meet before the end of June 2020.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones, Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change. Councillor Jones stated that he was fully prepared to meet all of the requests which had been put forward by the petition. He referred to the issues in putting in place a citizens' assembly and explained that due to austerity, he did not have the officer core one would have liked to have had to deliver the work that he would like to have seen and this was being addressed. This was to make sure that the Council was able to monitor its progress and that of the city and including other organisations and households as to what they could do to help achieve the goals and the totality of what had to be addressed.

He said the Council was looking to deliver a citizens' assembly as quickly as possible and that he would like to have a roadmap established earlier than April.

Councillor Jones said that he hoped that at the time that the Council Tax letter was sent to people, the Council would be able to say that an assembly would be established and he also hoped that the Council would write to citizens to recruit people to the assembly. He said that, as in other places, such as in Oxford and Leeds, it was proposed that participation in the assembly would be on a lottery based system, so citizens would be represented. Other groups may be invited to give evidence to the assembly.

He said that he had recently spoken with a colleague at Oxford City Council and he felt assured that there had been activity to ensure awareness, understanding and communication within Sheffield City Council in relation to carbon literacy.

He said that he was confident in relation to the actions that had been taken by the Council and by campaigners with regard climate change so that together it was possible to deliver what the city needed to be viable, safe, clean and prosperous for the future. It would be dealt with in the right way and would include the city's citizens.

3.1.5 Petition Objecting to the Proposed Demolition of Shiregreen Working Men's Club

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 856 signatures, objecting to the proposed demolition of Shiregreen Working Men's Club.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ann Bentley, who stated that the petition asked the City Council to refuse permission for the demolition of the 100 year old Shiregreen Working men's Club. She said that her husband and herself were steward and stewardess at the club until retirement and were privileged to work alongside the cast and crew of the film The Full Monty. The club closed about one year ago and had a healthy bank balance.

She said that she believed that if the club was saved and run by professional qualified people, this would be of benefit to the community. The club was part of the city's heritage and the petition requested that the Council consider saving it from being demolished.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson commented that the Working Men's Club was a very recognisable building in the city.

He said that no planning application had been submitted to the Council relating to the Club and that for any form of demolition to take place, planning permission would need to be granted and an application would have to come forward.

He said that in the meantime, he would work with local ward councillors and community groups to see whether there was any possibility of bringing the building back into an alternative use and before any planning application was made.

Councillor Johnson stated that, if a planning application was received, Members on the cross party Planning and Highways Committee would determine the application based on its merits. He said that he would like to see what could be done before that point was reached and he looked forward to working with people and local community groups to see what could be done to save the building.

3.1.6 Petition Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Station Road, Near Halfway Nursery Infant School

The Council received a petition containing 538 signatures, requesting a pedestrian crossing on Station Road, near Halfway Nursery Infant School.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kurtis Crossland who explained that the petition called for a crossing on Station Road, Halfway, which was a main arterial road.

He said that many of those who had signed the petition were parents of children who attended the nursery and infant school and who had to cross the road at peak times. He asked the Council to act and to treat road safety as a priority for people in the area.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson said that he looked forward to working with the elected members for that area and that the site had been looked at already. There was already a request for a pedestrian crossing at that location. Unfortunately, there was insufficient funding and there were a high number of requests for schemes and only a limited budget to use for priorities across the city.

He said that unfortunately, the location in question did not fall within the highest scoring requests and this was partly because there were other locations in the city with a higher accident record and the Council should address safety, regardless of the specific location. He said that an assessment for a school crossing patrol warden was also previously undertaken in this location and the site did not meet the criteria relating to traffic volume and speed, following national guidelines.

He said that unfortunately all he could do was to add the request to the list of small schemes, so that the Council could address it when it was able to. However, he said he would continue to work with local elected Members to see what could be done to address the problem outside of schools city-wide.

3.2 Public Questions

3.2.1 Public Questions Concerning Climate Change

Lavinia Jones, Graham Wroe and Stefan Libby spoke in relation to issues relating to climate change, including global heating, carbon emissions and establishing a citizens' assembly and asked when the Council was going start to act as if this was an emergency.

Stephen Ball asked what the City Council had done in terms of divestment from fossil fuels which was now part of a national and global a movement to mitigate against the climate emergency.

Jenny Carpenter, Sheffield Climate Alliance, asked in view of the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions, what steps the Council was taking to reduce the number of car journeys made in the city.

Dr Karine Nohr asked what the Council had done to reduce carbon emissions since the Tyndall report was made available and how effective had this been.

Councillor Mark Jones, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change responded to the questions. He explained that the Council was taking action with regards climate change and said it could try harder to communicate what it was doing, so as to better assure people that actions had taken place.

He said that, with regards to divestment, the Council did not directly invest in fossil fuels, it only had cash reserves, he understood. This was also an issue for the pensions scheme. Members of the Council were Members on the Pensions Authority and they had also raised the issue of divestment from fossil fuels.

The South Yorkshire Pensions Authority had reduced its investment in fossil fuels and, whilst that was not as much as the City Council might like, the

Council would continue to make sure that it was undertaken. The City Council ceased to have any investments in fossil fuels some years ago and it was something of which all Members of the Council could be proud.

Councillor Jones said that the issue of reducing car journeys was a difficult question to address. More needed to be done to encourage active transport and more was being done in this regard. For example, in relation to new and expanded cycle routes and a significant transforming cities bid to ensure that the infrastructure could be developed to help to move people around the city.

The Council was also looking to see how to reduce the need for people to make journeys for certain activities, so as to help make the city's roads congestion free. A better integrated transport system was needed that would better help the city to thrive and improve people's lives.

The Council was constantly reviewing every action and every decision to see what it could do in relation to carbon emissions. Its petrol and diesel fleet was being replaced with electric vehicles. It had also looked at what it could do to reduce use of plastic and had invested in green energy for the city.

He said that he acknowledged that the Council could do more and pointed out that everyone could do more.

3.2.2 Public Question Concerning Housing and Room Lettings

Kaltun Elmi said that she had been trying to make an appointment to see the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety concerning housing conditions in Burngreave and the room lettings policy in Council buildings and she asked if she could meet with him this day.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, apologised and said that although he could not find a request for a meeting on this issue, he would ask for this to be checked.

He said that the Lettings Policy for Community Buildings was part of the portfolio of the Deputy Leader of the Council. However, he said that he had had meetings with Tenants and Residents Associations about that issue and the charge which was being applied to organisations that wished to use some community buildings. He said that the issue was to be reviewed and it was a matter for the Cabinet under the portfolio of the Deputy Leader.

As regards housing conditions in Burngreave, Councillor Wood said that he would be pleased to meet to discuss this issue and that the Councillors for Burngreave should also be included in that discussion, together with the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods. The issue of community lettings might also be discussed further at that meeting and include the Deputy Leader of the Council, although that was quite complex and might benefit from discussion at a separate meeting.

3.2.3 Public Question Concerning Pavement Surface

Kaltun Elmi said that pavement had been dug up by contractors during the construction at Ellesmere Green. The pavements had not been put back correctly and were uneven. The work to the pavement was said by Amey Streets Ahead to be the responsibility of the shop owners. She asked how this was the case when the pavement had been dug up by contractors?

Councillor Mark Jones, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change, responded that he would take this matter up with officers as to the assertion that the pavement in that location was not in the public realm and was the responsibility of the shop owners. He said that this would be investigated and he would then respond to the question.

3.2.4 Public Question Concerning Decision Making

Dave Dillner referred to a social media comment by a Councillor concerning governance and indicating that committees would consider decisions which would have already been made by Council officers. He asked what assurances could be given to Sheffield citizens to confirm that the Councillor's comment about who made decisions was wrong.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council responded that she had not had sight of the social media message concerned and asked Mr Dillner to please submit the context and the social media conversation and she would then be able to provide a written response to the question. She confirmed following a question from Mr Dillner that she would be pleased to meet with him.

3.2.5 Public Question Concerning Smithy Wood

Alan Woodcock asked a question concerning the withdrawal of a planning application for the building of a service station at junction 35 of the M1 motorway. He asked what work the Council proposed to carry out with the landowner to secure the perimeter of the ancient woodland to stop the use of the woodland by off road motorcycles, quad bikes and for fly-tipping. He said that parts of the fencing had been missing for approximately six years and that, if the perimeter was secured, it would allow the woodland to regenerate.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, said that the landowner had opened a gap to the site and work was ongoing on the site to remove some overhanging trees from the pylons. There had recently been incidents of fly tipping, which were reported to the landowner and which was removed within 48 hours. He understood that, when the work was completed, the fencing would be restored so as to try and prevent any further fly-tipping.

South Yorkshire Police led on criminality associated with off road

motorbikes and when they required access via Council land, the Council would accommodate that. There was also support for community litter picking and the Council collected large bags after community groups had done good work in collecting the rubbish from the woods.

Recently, the Council had dropped large boulders, logs and other items to try and prevent that type of access and anti-social behaviour in the woods but these were sometimes removed. It had also worked closely with Highways England to carry out overnight works in November to open up the areas around the periphery of junction 35, to improve lighting and remove undergrowth and make everything more exposed and to deter such criminality. The Council looked forward to working with community groups and to securing the site.

3.2.6 Public Question Concerning Student Development

Nigel Slack referred to the approval of the new development of student accommodation at Wellington St, Trafalgar St etc and to conditions attached to the planning permission.

He said that only 10% of the development's energy requirements were expected to be met by renewable sources and asked if that was the best that the city could do to meet carbon reduction targets. He also asked how carbon neutral expectations could be met if we continue to build massive developments that will derive 90% of their energy needs from carbon solutions.

Mr Slack stated that the wind impacts of this development were recognised as “not ideal” and that further investigations appeared to be required to ensure safety and comfort in the proposed roof terrace. He stated that this did not appear as one of the planning conditions and there did not appear to be any evidence of studies of the wider Macro wind impacts in the city centre. He asked whether any such wider studies had been required of the developer; and whether any indemnity would be required of the developer to mitigate the fact that the previous studies had shown the wind impact to be less than ideal.

Finally, he asked how many of these conditions might be susceptible to viability amendments as the development progressed and how the Council would handle any such claims for viability amendments.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development responded to the questions and stated that the development referred to was not only for students but was for other people as well and was not formally approved until the legal agreement had been completed. The development met the planning policy requirement in respect of renewable energy and it would also be required to meet the latest Building Regulations requirements on insulation standards. Policies within the forthcoming local plan would also have to respond to the climate emergency.

He said that the detailed design for the roof terrace would need to be approved under a separate proposed landscape condition, which required full detailed hard and soft landscaping and which would require separate approval and this would include the design of structures on the terrace to be implemented to deal with any wind conditions. The wind tunnel analysis for the site included all the consented schemes in the immediate vicinity. None of the 85 points pinpointed in that analysis indicated the conditions would be classed as uncomfortable or unacceptable for any activities.

Councillor Johnson explained that none of the conditions were such that would allow viability appraisal to be part of those conditions and any such request would need to be dealt with by an application to vary the wording of the condition.

3.2.7 Public Question Concerning Private Data

Nigel Slack asked whether the Council's political leadership was aware that the Council allowed data about citizens accessing its webpages to be sold to private data trading companies. He asked if it was appropriate that data from very sensitive engagements with the Council were being touted to companies linked to the likes of Cambridge Analytica?

He asked firstly whether the Council understood that citizens using such pages may not have the understanding of the process and ultimate end point of 'Cookies' and were therefore making ill-advised choices, if any choice was there. Secondly, if it was not the Council's responsibility to ensure users safety and privacy was paramount and certainly came before money making gambits like this. And, thirdly whether the Council was happy in being one of the leaders in this particular race to exploit citizens.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, assured Mr Slack that the Council would be looking at the recent comments which had been made in the media in relation to this matter. She said that a response had been provided to the Deputy Leader as it was within his portfolio and which she would now convey in response to Mr Slack's questions.

Whilst it was true that the Council used cookies to track information about users to its site, largely what every website did, including the Guardian (the source of an article provided by Mr Slack in his question), the implication of the Guardian article that the Council would sell a vulnerable user's data simply was not true.

On the pages cited by the Guardian, the Council collected no personal data whatsoever from users and any tracking that was done was both anonymous and done with informed consent using an industry-leading consent management tool.

Where anonymised data was shared, this was for two reasons - one for statistical purposes, so that the Council could understand how the site was

used and how that might be improved and secondly, to personalize advertising on the site, based on a user's preferences so it made it easier for users. There were strict guidelines on what could be advertised and users could choose to turn these off altogether.

Councillor Dore said that she hoped that would help to provide some reassurance and that the issue would be followed up further. If people had raised concerns then the Council would need to put something on the website to make sure users felt safe when using it.

She said that on a personal level and as a citizen of Sheffield, she used the Council website and certainly would not want to think that she had been exploited, which was the reason why she certainly would not want the Council to exploit any citizens in Sheffield.

3.2.8 Public Question Concerning Planning and Highways Committee

Brian Holmshaw stated that the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee on Tuesday 28th January started at 2pm and continued until 7.15 pm. He said that he and others were unable to stay until the end and he commented that such a long meeting would affect committee members, officers and members of the public who had other commitments or appointments. It also restricted the scrutiny of important Planning and Highways issues. He asked if the Council would, in future, split such long planning sessions in two so that people could all have a democratic voice.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development responded that he would accept that the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee referred to, did probably last a longer than was normal. However, sometimes time limits were set which meant that the Council had to consider planning applications within a set period of time and it was unfortunate that large developments were brought to Committee at the same time. He said that he would do what was possible with officers to try and make sure that such larger and more contentious applications were not considered by Committee at the same point in time, where possible.

He said that it was precisely because of the consideration that was given to those applications by the Committee that the meeting in January took as long as it did and that wasn't something that he would wish to curtail.

3.2.9 Public Question Concerning Moorland

Brian Holmshaw stated that the peat moorland around Sheffield formed 26 percent of Sheffield's total ground area and he referred to its effectiveness in carbon capture. He said that Sheffield should take action, as Bradford Council had done in respect of the restoration of peat bogs, wetting the moors, keeping the water on the open moorland and slowing the flow of water into valleys and by planting vegetation to hold water and to form peat.

He asked when Sheffield planned to match Bradford's commitment and secondly, could it be confirmed whether Sheffield Council had a peat free compost policy.

Councillor Mark Jones, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change, responded to the question and stated that the peat moorland was a very significant issue and when a question was brought to the Council as to whether it could double tree cover, part of the reason for not wanting to commit to that was in relation to the amount of peat bog which the Sheffield had and that trees and peat were not necessarily compatible.

He said that, as part of the natural flood measures, which the Council had and would continue to pursue, the restoration and an expansion of the peat moorland was something that it would look to address, including the wilding of other elements of the Council's estate. He had committed to look at this issue and he had also spoken with other members of the Cabinet in this regard.

Councillor Jones said that he would provide a response to Mr Holmshaw as regards a policy on peat free compost.

3.2.10 Public Question Concerning Bus Service to High Green

Anne Whitaker asked what the Council could do about the poor bus service to High Green, in particular services travelling from Hillsborough to High Green which stopped in the early evening and went as far as Grenoside and was not available on Sundays.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development explained that whilst the Council had responsibility for the highways, bus services were a matter for the bus companies and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. He hoped to work closely with the Mayor of the City Region Combined Authority with regards to franchising routes to give greater surety about bus services. The City Region Transport Board might also consider the questions relating to bus services and he said that he would be pleased to support the questioner to ask those questions.

3.2.11 Public Question Concerning Toxic Waste on Brownfield Sites

Christine Rippon asked whether the Council would lobby the government for funding to remove toxic waste on brownfield sites to encourage building on such sites and improve the environment and biodiversity. She also asked what measures the Council was taking to encourage building on brownfield sites and what changes to planning policy were being put in place in relation to the climate emergency.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development responded that the Council would put in bids to government to

clean up land and part of the upcoming local plan would be to concentrate on brownfield sites rather than greenfield sites. The Council would look for whatever funding was available from the government in relation to any decontamination that was required to allow the market to come forward to deliver housing on such sites.

3.2.12 Public Question Concerning Streets Ahead

Russell Johnson made reference to a press article and survey concerning potholes on roads in Sheffield and he also referred to the funding provided to Amey in relation to highways. He asked how it could be that potholes were considered by motorists to be a problem on the City's roads.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that she was not aware of the survey that Mr Johnson referred to. She said that, in her opinion, travelling on the highways in Sheffield was far smoother and more comfortable than elsewhere in the country.

3.2.13 Public Question Concerning Chief Executive

Russell Johnson asked the Leader of the Council to justify the appointment of an interim Chief Executive, reportedly costing £18K per month plus expenses and whether one of the Executive Management Team was not of sufficient calibre to 'act up' to the post of Chief Executive.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that the Council had a cross party appointment panel (the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee) and that panel decided that the arrangements put in place were the best way to fill the post of Chief Executive.

3.2.14 Public Question Concerning Injunction

Russell Johnson made reference to the ending of the High Court injunction relating to protests concerning street trees which he said was punitive and vindictive and sought to intimidate, imprison and financially sanction citizens. He asked the Leader of the Council to reflect on whether with hindsight, obtaining the injunction had been constructive and as to the financial cost. He asked whether the Leader of the Council believed that her actions in that matter were morally supportable and might be seen by future commentators as acts of enlightened leadership.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that she did not believe that when an injunction was put in place, it could be determined that it was punitive and vindictive. Injunctions were used by the Council for a number of reasons, including protecting people from serious harm. They were taken out for a reason. If an individual acted to breach that injunction then that was the decision of the person that breached the injunction.

3.2.15 Public Question Concerning Garden Scheme

Winnie Smith said that a garden scheme had previously been available to pensioners and disabled people. A grant had been made available for the scheme and it was also partly funded by the TARA (Tenants and Residents Association) and the individual customer. The gardeners did a range of tasks and took away garden rubbish. However, she said that the scheme had ceased. She asked whether the grant could be reintroduced. She also asked a question concerning an employment matter.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, stated that currently, the position was that if someone was vulnerable or disabled and who could not do the gardening, there was a basic service provision for gardening, for which there was no charge at all. There was also another scheme, for which there was a charge at present and which could be requested through the Housing Service.

He said that the garden schemes were currently being reviewed. Where people were aware of someone who was vulnerable and required help with their garden, they could contact the Council through the TARA and this could be followed up. He acknowledged that there was work to be done with regards to the garden scheme and that there were people who did not know what services were available and that was why it was being reviewed. The review was part of the wider review of activity under the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor Wood asked Winnie Smith to let him know when the next TARA meeting would be taking place and he would try to attend himself or make sure his Cabinet Adviser could attend together with the local councillors, so these issues could be addressed.

3.2.16 Public Question Concerning Electric Vehicles

Ian McHugh asked what plans there were for the introduction of more electric vehicle charging points either by the City Council or its partners in the city over the next 12 months.

Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development stated that there had been a procurement process and agreement for the installation of 22 rapid charging points throughout the city. The Council was also working with a number of commercial partners in relation to solutions that would work across the city. He said that he was mindful of the potential for charging points to affect pavement and highways and the Council was working with commercial partners to overcome such problems. He also recognised that neighbourhoods were different and he hoped that work could be done by the Council, together with its partners to be able to offer a solution that was suitable for every area.

3.2.17 Pubic Questions Concerning Shift Media

A number of questions were asked concerning SHIFT media.

They referred to the report by Ofsted in relation to SHIFT Media and to the concerns within that report. There was also precedent that other providers in similar circumstances were supported or given time to reform before funding was withdrawn and especially since the previous SHIFT Ofsted report for SHIFT was good.

It was also considered that the Council had a duty of care for children with special needs and vulnerable children. Certain actions were requested, including, firstly, a robust challenge to the Department of Education and for the Council, and local MPs to push for the reopening and support for SHIFT media. Secondly, a strategic way of supporting SHIFT media, if it was considered to be inadequate although it was not thought that SHIFT media had been measured fairly. Thirdly, to ensure that a provision like SHIFT was supported because many of the children concerned were not able to manage their environment and had mental health concerns and such issues that SHIFT had coped with very successfully.

Reference was made to public comments made by the Head of Ofsted concerning media courses and the questioner set out the benefits of arts and the media on the economy and an increase in employment in related fields, together with the range of transferable skills which were a major part of the arts and media curriculum. It was observed that, where other small and specialist colleges had received similar adverse inspections, they had managed to maintain their funding.

Whilst grateful for the response that Sheffield City Council would support SHIFT, it was thought that the Council needed to also champion the reinstatement of funding so that very vulnerable young people could actually gain confidence and achieve. It was asked whether Sheffield City Council would actively champion a change to this decision.

The Chief Executive of SHIFT media thanked the Cabinet Member for the support given. She said it was felt to be within the Council's gift to say that this was needed provision and to go to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and to put that to them.

She asked the Council to consider that SHIFT had improved educational outcomes by 11 percent on the previous year and outperformed both regionally and nationally, outcomes for GCSE English and maths by age group 17 to 19 by 30 percent. She said that to judge such provision to be failing indicated a flawed Ofsted process and to challenge that required political will and a strong sense of social justice.

She also commented on concerns as to the understanding and ability of Ofsted to inspect provision such as that provided by SHIFT. There were a large proportion of students there with mental health issues and additional

learning needs. It was requested that the Council champion SHIFT Media with the ESFA by saying that the provision was unique and needed within Sheffield.

Councillor Abtisam Mohamed, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, stated that she would be pleased to champion SHIFT Media and the work that it did and recognised that it worked with the city's most vulnerable children. She also recognised the fact that SHIFT had a number of good Ofsted inspections and that this one Ofsted inspection should not determine the outcome of what's going to happen to the organisation.

She suggested that a meeting be arranged to talk about what the next steps should be in terms of her political support to the organisation and what next steps the Council might take to support SHIFT working with children and young people.

3.2.18 Public Question Concerning Big City Conversation and Governance Arrangements

Ruth Hubbard referred to the Big City Conversation and commented that it had not collected views about the Council's governance model. She asked whether the Council would summarise the results of another survey which had not been advertised and directly concerned governance.

In relation to alternative governance arrangements and to the report before this meeting of the Council concerning that issue, she asked what could be done to achieve greater clarity for voters in the time available prior to the referendum concerning governance, how could people and stakeholders influence the proposals and what information did the Council intend to provide for voters in order for them to make an informed choice.

She commented that she was pleased there was a commitment to a change in the way the Council operated asked how could the public trust this commitment to change and where was the commitment to more democratic governance and renewal in Sheffield voiced?

Further, Ruth Hubbard asked if the Council recognised the democratic deficit in the city and whether it was committed to power sharing and collaboration; and what the proposals did to address the democratic deficit and meet the aspirations of Sheffielders for more democratic local governance and power sharing.

She asked as part of clarifying the proposal before the referendum, and in the rewrite of the constitution, would the Council clarify the limits to the powers of a Policy and Strategy Committee so that it did not act as an overarching executive.

She asked whether the Cabinet Member would state clearly a commitment to devolving power and resources to communities and to implementing ways of addressing inequalities through its governance model, including

attention to voices of those who were marginalised: and in any devolvement of decision making power and resources to communities, that there would be fair arrangements in place, and no favouritism to particular groups.

She asked for clarity in relation to distinctions relating to power and decision making within the strong leader model and the committee system.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded and commented on the differences in the proportion of people who contributed to the governance petition submitted to the Council according to electoral ward. In relation to inequalities and engagement she said it was important to make sure that, through engagement, the Council was able to reach all voices across the city and that was why the Council had entered into a big conversation to find out what people across the city thought.

3.2.19 Public Question Concerning Street Trees

Mr Parkinson referred to an email which he said was from a Council director to the Leader of the Council relating to the starting of work to remove branches from trees before 7am. He referred to his experience of events which had subsequently taken place which he said had included intimidation and violence and had affected local residents which he said involved people sustaining injuries and traumatised by what had happened. He asked whether approval of the works facilitated the Council's negotiating position with Amey as regards compensation in the core investment period of the contract; what were the negotiations and were they ongoing and how they were proceeding and was the position of the Council helped by the Leader of the Council giving approval.

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) requested that Mr Parkinson put the question in writing to the Leader of the Council.

3.3 NOTES

Note 1. Mr Graham Wroe informed the meeting that other questions submitted relating to climate change would not be asked at this meeting, in view of the high number of questions submitted to the Council meeting.

Note 2. At approximately 4.15 p.m., due to a general disturbance in the Public Gallery and Council Chamber, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) adjourned the meeting and ordered that the Public Gallery be cleared. The meeting re-convened at approximately 4.45 p.m., with the meeting closed to the public for the remainder of the proceedings.

4. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN AND HRA BUDGET 2020/21**

4.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon and seconded by

Councillor Dianne Hurst, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking items 5 and 6 on the agenda (Housing Revenue Account Business Plan & Budget 2020/21, and Proposal For Alternative Governance Arrangements For Sheffield City Council, respectively) as the next two items of business.

- 4.2 It was moved by Councillor Paul Wood, and formally seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15th January 2020 in relation to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Budget 2020/21, be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 5th February 2020 that:-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2020/21, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2020/21, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (c) rents for Council dwellings, including temporary accommodation, are increased by 2.7% from April 2020 in line with the Regulator of Social Housing’s Rent Standard;
- (d) garage rents for garage plots and garage sites are increased by 2.7% from April 2020 for those garages tenants that have seen improvements; garage rents for garage plots and sites will not be increased for garages that have not yet received improvements; this increase will be applied to individual units once garage improvement work has been completed;
- (e) the burglar alarm charge is £1.25 per week from April 2020; this is a reduction of £0.36 per week;
- (f) the community heating charge remains unchanged for 2020/21;
- (g) the sheltered housing service charge remains unchanged for 2020/21; and
- (h) the furnished accommodation charge remains unchanged for 2020/21.”

- 4.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15th January, 2020, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2020/21, be approved with the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-

- (i) it be noted that Sheffield has set an ambition to become a zero carbon

city by 2030, and therefore requests that a report is brought to Cabinet within the next six months which sets out a programme outlining how all of the housing stock covered by the HRA will have had sufficient investment in both energy efficiency schemes and new heating systems to contribute to meeting the city's zero carbon target within the next ten years.

4.4 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15th January, 2020, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and HRA Budget 2020/21, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows:-

(i) it be noted that, despite recognising the impact that housing can have in addressing the climate change emergency, no such proposals feature in the selected priorities and, therefore, requests the Administration to prepare an urgent plan of action for the Housing Service to reduce carbon emissions; and

(j) in respect of garage rents, referred to in recommendation (d), the rent be increased by 3.7% (not 2.7%) and that increase in revenue be used to offset the new cost of the paid-for gardening scheme for older and disabled tenants.

4.5 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Paul Wood, the amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar was put to the vote and was carried.

4.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negated.

4.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraph (i) and against paragraph (j) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That:-

(a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2020/21, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;

(b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2020/21, as set out in the appendix to the

- report, is approved;
- (c) rents for Council dwellings, including temporary accommodation, are increased by 2.7% from April 2020 in line with the Regulator of Social Housing's Rent Standard;
 - (d) garage rents for garage plots and garage sites are increased by 2.7% from April 2020 for those garages tenants that have seen improvements; garage rents for garage plots and sites will not be increased for garages that have not yet received improvements; this increase will be applied to individual units once garage improvement work has been completed;
 - (e) the burglar alarm charge is £1.25 per week from April 2020; this is a reduction of £0.36 per week;
 - (f) the community heating charge remains unchanged for 2020/21;
 - (g) the sheltered housing service charge remains unchanged for 2020/21;
 - (h) the furnished accommodation charge remains unchanged for 2020/21; and
 - (i) it be noted that Sheffield has set an ambition to become a zero carbon city by 2030, and therefore requests that a report is brought to Cabinet within the next six months which sets out a programme outlining how all of the housing stock covered by the HRA will have had sufficient investment in both energy efficiency schemes and new heating systems to contribute to meeting the city's zero carbon target within the next ten years.

5. PROPOSAL FOR ALTERNATIVE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

5.1 It was moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, and seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, that approval be given to the recommendations set out in the report of the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted, that the Council recommends to Cabinet (a) the proposals for an enhanced Leader and Cabinet governance model and (b) proposals for a Committee system of governance to be published before a referendum, as set out in the report.

5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, and seconded by

Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the recommendations set out in the report be approved with the addition of a paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) these proposals to include significant delegation of powers and budgets to formal Area Committees which comprise all the elected members in an area.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, as an amendment, that the recommendations set out in the report be approved with the addition of a paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) that section 3.3 of the report is amended so that Full Council is the body that takes the strategic decisions with substantial implications for the city and its communities in the proposed committee system.

5.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Bryan Lodge, the amendment moved by Councillor Colin Ross was put to the vote and was negated.

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was also negated.

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

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the recommendations set out in the report of the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted, that the Council recommends to Cabinet (a) the proposals for an enhanced Leader and Cabinet governance model and (b) proposals for a Committee system of governance to be published before a referendum, as set out in the report.

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

6.1 A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated.

6.2 Supplementary questions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4), questions relating to urgent business (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6ii) and questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6i), were not able to be asked before the meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m..

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BUSINESS RATES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BEN MISKELL

7.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Rippon, and formally seconded by Councillor Ben Miskell, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the Council's commitment to the city's businesses and that Sheffield has over 19,000 businesses, but believes support is needed to help organisations who are struggling, and further notes that the Council supports over 9,300 businesses through some form of business rates relief, which reduces the amount of rates they have to pay;
- (b) believes that the country's high streets, neighbourhood retailers and community centres have been badly damaged over the last decade, and that a big part of this decline has been caused by unfair rates and a system of taxation which appears to support online business giants whilst punishing conventional retailers;
- (c) agrees with the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) that the business rates system is long overdue radical reform and at present it is 'entrenching regional unfairness';
- (d) notes the Council has no powers on what businesses are billed, and that the Government's Valuation Office Agency (VOA) sets the value of a property and the annual bill is set based on that value;
- (e) believes that the VOA is woefully underfunded by the Government, meaning, despite their best efforts, valuations are taking 12 – 18 months, a long and often damaging delay for businesses;
- (f) believes everything possible must be done to support the city's smaller businesses, and notes this Council's Small Business Rate Relief provides support to businesses with a Rateable Value up to £16,000 – this is the largest relief granted and 7,200 businesses receive it, and of these, 6,700 receive the full amount, meaning they have no rates to pay;
- (g) notes that the Small Business Rate Relief is calculated to be worth over £17m to Sheffield businesses;
- (h) notes that in addition to this support, over £26m per year is awarded through other forms of rate relief, and that this Council is committed to using Business Rates Relief wherever it can to support a varied range of businesses and organisations, including small manufacturing companies, pubs, restaurants, universities, health centres, hospitals, theatres and charities;
- (i) notes that whilst the Council cannot change the bill set by the

Government, the Council has used what powers it does have available to provide fairer ways of repaying the bill and has agreed different schedules of payments for businesses who are struggling;

- (j) notes with alarm that the Government is considering reducing the revenue grants received by local authorities and instead replacing it with 100% retention of business rates, and contends that such a move would be self-defeating, as Sheffield, like other local authorities, could never raise enough business rates to offset the loss of grants and, therefore, this policy should be opposed in the strongest possible terms;
- (k) believes that Government policy over the last decade has badly let down not only our high streets and neighbourhood retailers, but our key industries and business sectors, with an industrial strategy that is not fit for purpose, and which cherry-picks support for some industries over others – for instance, the Government had no problem bailing out Flybe but were not prepared to support Liberty Steel; and
- (l) commits to starting a campaign in the city, including the Chamber of Commerce and organisations from across the business community, to call on the Government to reform the rates system so that it is fairer for Sheffield.

7.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (e) as follows:-
 - (a) asserts that the business rates system in England is not fit for purpose as it is extremely complicated, unpopular with the business community, unfairly disadvantages ‘bricks & mortar’ retailers over on-line companies and penalises businesses that seek to improve their premises;
 - (b) is concerned that Government plans to allow full rates retention by local authorities but reduce central grant funding risks business being increasingly treated as a source of funding, rather than an integral part of the local community;
 - (c) notes that Sheffield City Council has no control over property valuations & basic bills and little or no discretion on most of the relief schemes;
 - (d) believes the schemes over which the Council does have control are confusing and ineffective, for example:-
 - (i) the Hardship Relief scheme is mostly used to write-off the debt

of businesses that have already ceased trading, rather than help them before they get into that state;

- (ii) payments under the Hardship, Not For Profit and Discretionary Top Up relief schemes are reported to be less than 0.1% of the baseline business rates funding; and
 - (iii) the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment, and the previous Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, gave conflicting information on whether traders in Chapel Walk seeking business rates relief should apply to the Council or the Valuation Office;
- (e) therefore directs the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance to:-
- (i) conduct a review of all discretionary rate relief schemes to ensure that they are easier to understand and ensure that funds are targeted appropriately;
 - (ii) update the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy accordingly; and
 - (iii) complete both the above within the next three months.
2. the re-lettering of original paragraph (l) as a new paragraph (f).

7.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (p) as follows:-
- (l) notes that business rates reliefs are set by Government and this Council cannot claim credit for granting mandatory awards;
 - (m) believes that far too many small businesses, independents and not-for-profits in Sheffield experience real difficulties in obtaining even the mandatory reliefs they are entitled to;
 - (n) believes there has been a lack of support offered to independent businesses on Chapel Walk facing poor trading conditions for years under the scaffolding;
 - (o) notes that businesses currently pay for business rates instead of the land owners, who, it is believed, have enough money to own the land;
 - (p) calls for the outdated and unfair system of business rates to be scrapped and replaced by a land value tax on the owners of land and buildings rather than the occupiers; and

2. the re-lettering of original paragraph (l) as a new paragraph (q) and the insertion, after the words “reform the rates system”, of the words “by replacing it with a land value tax”.

7.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Smith was put to the vote and was negated.

7.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for the amendment on the basis that the proposed additional paragraphs (a) to (e) in Part 1 of the amendment were to be additional paragraphs to the Substantive Motion, and not replace paragraphs (a) to (k), and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Paul Turpin was then put to the vote and was also negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the Council’s commitment to the city’s businesses and that Sheffield has over 19,000 businesses, but believes support is needed to help organisations who are struggling, and further notes that the Council supports over 9,300 businesses through some form of business rates relief, which reduces the amount of rates they have to pay;
- (b) believes that the country’s high streets, neighbourhood retailers and community centres have been badly damaged over the last decade, and that a big part of this decline has been caused by unfair rates and a system of taxation which appears to support online business giants whilst punishing conventional retailers;
- (c) agrees with the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) that the business rates system is long overdue radical reform and at present it is ‘entrenching regional unfairness’;
- (d) notes the Council has no powers on what businesses are billed, and that the Government’s Valuation Office Agency (VOA) sets the value of a property and the annual bill is set based on that value;
- (e) believes that the VOA is woefully underfunded by the Government, meaning, despite their best efforts, valuations are taking 12 – 18 months, a long and often damaging delay for businesses;

- (f) believes everything possible must be done to support the city's smaller businesses, and notes this Council's Small Business Rate Relief provides support to businesses with a Rateable Value up to £16,000 – this is the largest relief granted and 7,200 businesses receive it, and of these, 6,700 receive the full amount, meaning they have no rates to pay;
- (g) notes that the Small Business Rate Relief is calculated to be worth over £17m to Sheffield businesses;
- (h) notes that in addition to this support, over £26m per year is awarded through other forms of rate relief, and that this Council is committed to using Business Rates Relief wherever it can to support a varied range of businesses and organisations, including small manufacturing companies, pubs, restaurants, universities, health centres, hospitals, theatres and charities;
- (i) notes that whilst the Council cannot change the bill set by the Government, the Council has used what powers it does have available to provide fairer ways of repaying the bill and has agreed different schedules of payments for businesses who are struggling;
- (j) notes with alarm that the Government is considering reducing the revenue grants received by local authorities and instead replacing it with 100% retention of business rates, and contends that such a move would be self-defeating, as Sheffield, like other local authorities, could never raise enough business rates to offset the loss of grants and, therefore, this policy should be opposed in the strongest possible terms;
- (k) believes that Government policy over the last decade has badly let down not only our high streets and neighbourhood retailers, but our key industries and business sectors, with an industrial strategy that is not fit for purpose, and which cherry-picks support for some industries over others – for instance, the Government had no problem bailing out Flybe but were not prepared to support Liberty Steel; and
- (l) commits to starting a campaign in the city, including the Chamber of Commerce and organisations from across the business community, to call on the Government to reform the rates system so that it is fairer for Sheffield.

7.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (g), (h), (j) and (l) of the Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (b), (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SHEFFIELD PARKS AND OPEN SPACES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDY BAINBRIDGE

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Mary Lea, and formally seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the public responses during the Big City Conversation which showed that a majority of Sheffielders believe one of the best things about the city is its parks and open spaces;
- (b) believes the city's parks should be accessible to everyone and for people of all ages, and this Council remains committed to ensuring this;
- (c) believes that Sheffield truly is the Outdoor City, which helps make it such a fantastic place to live, work or study;
- (d) believes that despite a decade of austerity and government funding cuts, the city's parks have continued to go from strength to strength under the current Administration, including:-
 - (i) creation of the Sheffield Trees and Woodland Strategy; a 15 year programme for Sheffield's non-highway trees which will see a huge 100,000 trees planted over this time, and notes that this target is well on course to being delivered, with over 13,000 trees planted since the strategy launched in December 2018;
 - (ii) refurbishment of twenty parks in some of Sheffield's most deprived areas, using contributions from the city's Public Health budget;
 - (iii) launch of the Better Parks initiative to develop better facilities and increase income in Sheffield parks and green spaces;
 - (iv) creation of a new War Memorial in Sheffield parks, with a commitment to plant 300 new protected trees, 200 of which have now been planted and recognised with a dedication plaque;

- (v) securing Fields in Trust status for many parks across the city, to ensure the parks' continued protection for years to come, at sites including Woodhouse Mill Recreation Ground (2014), Weston Park (2016), Ochre Dyke (2017), Stocksbridge Clock Tower (2019), Tinsley Green (2019) and Hollinsend Park (2019);
 - (vi) securing £3.2m of Lottery Heritage Funding to improve Sheffield's General Cemetery; and
 - (vii) working to secure additional funding for sporting and play equipment across the city's parks, including ten Non-Turf Cricket Wickets, in conjunction with the English Cricket Board, and ten Tennis Courts uplifted and refurbished in conjunction with the Lawn Tennis Association;
- (e) believes that Sheffield is not only a uniquely green city, the greenest in Europe, but is also a considerably rural one in parts and it is, therefore, important that this Council's Cabinet is developing a Rural Strategy to ensure that our rural spaces are supported so they can continue to flourish; and
- (f) believes that it is heartening to know that Sheffielders are so fond of their parks and open spaces, and believes this Council must continue to work closely with local communities to ensure their parks and open spaces continue to be such a positive.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (m) as follows:-

- (g) requests that Fields in Trust status be secured for all Sheffield parks, including its largest one, Graves Park;
- (h) commends the work of Friends' groups in maintaining, championing and protecting our parks, and will continue to support them;
- (i) believes that the nature of the Parks service lends itself to local management and governance arrangements, centred around the leadership of local Members in partnership with the community, and believes that charitable status, where already in place, offers a ready means to improve local involvement and accountability;
- (j) requests officers to ensure that the strategy for Better Parks is compatible with the Council's climate change commitments and targets;
- (k) commits to protecting our parks from sale or disposal;

- (l) acknowledges the part played by far-sighted 19th and early 20th century Sheffield councillors and philanthropists who purchased or donated parks across Sheffield; and
- (m) further acknowledges the part played by early city councillors and philanthropists in planting street trees, making Sheffield one of the greenest cities in Europe.

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

- (e) believes that with an ambitious programme of planting, Sheffield could become the greenest city; Sheffield has rural land within its boundary which provides opportunities to achieve net zero carbon targets, through rewilding and planting the right species of trees; in urban areas we must preserve our existing green spaces and increase green coverage in every ward;
- (f) believes that reassessing some decisions to fulfil the Council's ambition to be the greenest city could help, such as:-
 - (i) retaining Owlthorpe Fields as a greenfield site;
 - (ii) not building a car park in Sheffield General Cemetery or breaking its historic perimeter;
 - (iii) ensuring officers always bid for Government grants for pocket parks, so opportunities like Duchess Road Open Space in the deprived Highfields part of City Ward, are not missed;
 - (iv) streamlining and encouraging the access to grants from members of the public wanting to create pocket parks and community gardens in their communities;
 - (v) ensuring safeguards against damage to green spaces so that situations like Fire in the Park Festival event at the Ponderosa will not deprive local residents of its full use;
 - (vi) gradually increasing the number of meadows and, where appropriate, 'rewilding' land which is currently grass requiring regular maintenance, in order to increase biodiversity and reduce costs and use of chemical pollutants;
 - (vii) providing more green spaces in the city centre, with it being the most polluted area in Sheffield, including the original plan for a park on the historic site of Sheffield Castle; and

- (viii) committing to stopping the routine use of toxic chemicals, including glyphosate.

- 8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Ian Auckland was put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (g) and (i) which were negated.
- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was negated.
- 8.5.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraph (e) and paragraphs (f)(i), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vii), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (f) (ii), (vi) and (viii) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 8.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the public responses during the Big City Conversation which showed that a majority of Sheffielders believe one of the best things about the city is its parks and open spaces;
- (b) believes the city's parks should be accessible to everyone and for people of all ages, and this Council remains committed to ensuring this;
- (c) believes that Sheffield truly is the Outdoor City, which helps make it such a fantastic place to live, work or study;
- (d) believes that despite a decade of austerity and government funding cuts, the city's parks have continued to go from strength to strength under the current Administration, including:-
 - (i) creation of the Sheffield Trees and Woodland Strategy; a 15 year programme for Sheffield's non-highway trees which will see a huge 100,000 trees planted over this time, and notes that this target is well on course to being delivered, with over 13,000 trees planted since the strategy launched in December 2018;

- (ii) refurbishment of twenty parks in some of Sheffield's most deprived areas, using contributions from the city's Public Health budget;
 - (iii) launch of the Better Parks initiative to develop better facilities and increase income in Sheffield parks and green spaces;
 - (iv) creation of a new War Memorial in Sheffield parks, with a commitment to plant 300 new protected trees, 200 of which have now been planted and recognised with a dedication plaque;
 - (v) securing Fields in Trust status for many parks across the city, to ensure the parks' continued protection for years to come, at sites including Woodhouse Mill Recreation Ground (2014), Weston Park (2016), Ochre Dyke (2017), Stocksbridge Clock Tower (2019), Tinsley Green (2019) and Hollinsend Park (2019);
 - (vi) securing £3.2m of Lottery Heritage Funding to improve Sheffield's General Cemetery; and
 - (vii) working to secure additional funding for sporting and play equipment across the city's parks, including ten Non-Turf Cricket Wickets, in conjunction with the English Cricket Board, and ten Tennis Courts uplifted and refurbished in conjunction with the Lawn Tennis Association;
- (e) believes that Sheffield is not only a uniquely green city, the greenest in Europe, but is also a considerably rural one in parts and it is, therefore, important that this Council's Cabinet is developing a Rural Strategy to ensure that our rural spaces are supported so they can continue to flourish;
- (f) believes that it is heartening to know that Sheffielders are so fond of their parks and open spaces, and believes this Council must continue to work closely with local communities to ensure their parks and open spaces continue to be such a positive;
- (g) commends the work of Friends' groups in maintaining, championing and protecting our parks, and will continue to support them;

- (h) requests officers to ensure that the strategy for Better Parks is compatible with the Council's climate change commitments and targets;
- (i) commits to protecting our parks from sale or disposal;
- (j) acknowledges the part played by far-sighted 19th and early 20th century Sheffield councillors and philanthropists who purchased or donated parks across Sheffield; and
- (k) further acknowledges the part played by early city councillors and philanthropists in planting street trees, making Sheffield one of the greenest cities in Europe.

8.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (k), and abstained from voting on paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PEOPLE AND POWER" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARBARA MASTERS

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the receipt of the It's Our City petition, triggering a referendum on the governance of the city;
- (b) notes that the referendum will be legally binding on the City Council, short of another referendum, as regards to the choice of executive arrangements or the committee system, but not on the specific implementation of either system (Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000, Chapter 1, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 2, Part 1, Clause 9M);
- (c) notes that under a committee system, committees of the council are legally required to be politically proportional to the composition of the council, with the exception of area committees (The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 - Regulation 19);

- (d) believes that this unusual development reflects justified dissatisfaction with the decision making processes of the City Council, in particular, concerns over decisions relating to the issue of highway trees, such as the operation on Rustlings Road and the committal proceedings against citizens of Sheffield, including an elected Member;
- (e) believes that decision making should be open, accountable, democratic and transparent, that it should make good use of the contributions of elected members, and that it should be timely and efficient;
- (f) believes that a change of governance to a committee system represents a good opportunity to improve decision making at the Council;
- (g) believes that more timely engagement with popular calls for improved governance would have avoided the need for a costly referendum, and avoided binding the city to the result of the referendum, for better or worse;
- (h) believes that the devolution of powers and budgets relating to local matters to committees of local Members would result in better decisions and the more effective use of public money;
- (i) deplores the decision by the Administration to abolish Community Assemblies and replace them with a much weaker neighbourhood structure;
- (j) regrets the decision by the Administration to abandon the principle of proportionality in chairs of scrutiny committees, previously adopted in the Council;
- (k) regrets that the 'Big City Conversation' consultation exercise has largely avoided the governance issues, has run down the clock, and prevented any consultation on the options that will be put to the referendum; and
- (l) calls on all elected Members of the Council to engage positively and earnestly with citizens expressing concerns regarding decision making structures and culture at the Council, and to adopt a positive and collaborative working relationship where common ground might be found, to advance the interests of the city and its people, while each respecting our various political traditions and values.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, and formally seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the re-lettering of paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (d);
2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (i) as follows:-
 - (e) notes the results of the Big City Conversation, and the many conversations held by local councillors within their communities, which showed that the biggest concerns in the city are some of the following - improving public transport; improving our roads and making them free of congestion; tackling crime and anti-social behaviour; providing services for children, young people and teenagers; delivering social care; maintaining our parks and green spaces; tackling the climate emergency and air pollution; and ensuring that everyone in the city has a safe, secure and affordable place to call home – issues all highlighted from responses collected during the Big City Conversation, and had opposition councillors taken part in the events across the City, they would have enjoyed first-hand knowledge of these responses;
 - (f) believes that people in Sheffield want to see the Council getting on with issues that matter the most to them, and that elected members would be better serving their constituents by spending more time in their communities working to address and understand these concerns, rather than spending more time in the town hall for committee meetings;
 - (g) notes that adopting a committee system has the potential to cost the Council a lot more every year in administration and that, especially during austere times, this would be regrettable; this is based on the information provided to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 26th November 2019 on the unit cost of servicing a committee;
 - (h) believes that the major opposition group has chosen to ignore the potential additional costs that would ultimately be passed on to all council tax payers of Sheffield, regardless that the majority of these tax payers see other matters more worthy of this expenditure; and
 - (i) believes that, as noted in the report on governance arrangements, community involvement cannot be described as being inherently better or worse under either a Cabinet system or committee system and that, fundamentally, it is how locality arrangements are drawn up, and notes that the Council has committed to strengthening these arrangements and increasing community voice, influence and the opportunity for people to have their say at a local level and within the Council's decision making processes.
3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (l) as a new paragraph (j).

9.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted by amended by the addition of a new paragraph (m) as follows:-

(m) therefore supports a change to the committee system of governance.

9.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge was put to the vote and was carried.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the receipt of the It's Our City petition, triggering a referendum on the governance of the city;
- (b) notes that the referendum will be legally binding on the City Council, short of another referendum, as regards to the choice of executive arrangements or the committee system, but not on the specific implementation of either system (Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000, Chapter 1, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 2, Part 1, Clause 9M);
- (c) notes that under a committee system, committees of the council are legally required to be politically proportional to the composition of the council, with the exception of area committees (The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 - Regulation 19);
- (d) believes that decision making should be open, accountable, democratic and transparent, that it should make good use of the contributions of elected members, and that it should be timely and efficient;
- (e) notes the results of the Big City Conversation, and the many conversations held by local councillors within their communities, which showed that the biggest concerns in the city are some of the following - improving public transport; improving our roads and making them free of congestion; tackling crime and anti-social behaviour; providing services for children, young people and teenagers; delivering social care; maintaining our parks and green

spaces; tackling the climate emergency and air pollution; and ensuring that everyone in the city has a safe, secure and affordable place to call home – issues all highlighted from responses collected during the Big City Conversation, and had opposition councillors taken part in the events across the City, they would have enjoyed first-hand knowledge of these responses;

- (f) believes that people in Sheffield want to see the Council getting on with issues that matter the most to them, and that elected members would be better serving their constituents by spending more time in their communities working to address and understand these concerns, rather than spending more time in the town hall for committee meetings;
- (g) notes that adopting a committee system has the potential to cost the Council a lot more every year in administration and that, especially during austere times, this would be regrettable; this is based on the information provided to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 26th November 2019 on the unit cost of servicing a committee;
- (h) believes that the major opposition group has chosen to ignore the potential additional costs that would ultimately be passed on to all council tax payers of Sheffield, regardless that the majority of these tax payers see other matters more worthy of this expenditure;
- (i) believes that, as noted in the report on governance arrangements, community involvement cannot be described as being inherently better or worse under either a Cabinet system or committee system and that, fundamentally, it is how locality arrangements are drawn up, and notes that the Council has committed to strengthening these arrangements and increasing community voice, influence and the opportunity for people to have their say at a local level and within the Council's decision making processes; and
- (j) calls on all elected Members of the Council to engage positively and earnestly with citizens expressing concerns regarding decision making structures and culture at the Council, and to adopt a positive and collaborative working relationship where common ground might be found, to advance the interests of the city and its people, while each respecting our various political traditions and values.

9.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Bob

Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (j), and against paragraphs (e) to (i) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE PLANET IS ON FIRE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MERSEREAU

10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that it is 12 months since this Council declared a climate emergency;
- (b) notes the Tyndall Centre's advice to "Initiate an immediate programme of CO₂ mitigation to deliver cuts in emissions averaging 14% per year";
- (c) is disappointed to have seen no evidence showing this yearly reduction has been achieved in the last 12 months;
- (d) believes that this Council needs a cross-party Climate Emergency Committee to lead on implementing the changes Sheffield needs to make to be resilient for the future; and
- (e) asks that the Council sets up a properly resourced team of sustainability officers as a priority at the earliest opportunity.

10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and formally seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (g) as follows:-

- (c) further notes the budget for this was calculated as 16mT CO₂ from 2020 to 2038 and that the Council has committed to achieving net zero by 2030, therefore we have 16mT CO₂ for the next 10 years, which demonstrates why the following action has been delivered since a Climate Emergency was declared:-
 - (i) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
 - (ii) the Council has established Energy Surgeries and installed

- Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating a 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy;
- (iii) Sheffield is trialling electric bin lorries powered by the very waste they collect, with re-powered lorries having zero carbon emissions and producing no air pollution;
 - (iv) working with the city's schools and education community to see a reduction in plastic usage and waste, including huge reductions in the amount of single use plastics used at school meal times; and
 - (v) the Council has recently prepared an £85m programme of cycling, walking and bus corridor improvements as part of a further Sheffield City Region Transforming Cities Fund bid, announcements on which are expected soon;
- (d) notes, in addition, the work currently being undertaken to improve air quality in the city, including:-
- (i) anti-idling zones are now active outside of all primary and secondary schools, and other notable places such as hospitals and health centres; and
 - (ii) piloting schemes to close targeted roads to traffic for set periods of time to create a better, less polluted and congested environment, targeted at benefiting children; such as School Streets - where roads outside schools are closed at drop-off and pick-up times; Play Streets - a resident-led scheme where a road is closed to traffic for a set period of time; and Living Streets - where a road is closed to traffic completely;
- (e) further notes that last summer, the Council consulted on its proposals to introduce a Clean Air Zone to improve emissions from the 19% of vehicles that are responsible for 50% of the Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) emissions from transport, and are currently awaiting confirmation from Government on our CAZ proposals;
- (f) notes that a Citizens Assembly will be introduced by June 2020 - to consider the necessary actions in the city to implement further change, with its membership being drawn to represent all parts of the city, including young people, and that it has taken time to set this up as it needs to be ensured that sufficient research has been conducted, and that there is a significant evidence base so that the assembly understands the scale of the task and what work is required, and that procurement for gathering this evidence is now almost over; and
- (g) believes great strides have been made in the last twelve months in

tackling the climate emergency, but that huge changes will have to continue to be made in order to meet the Council's commitment of making Sheffield carbon neutral by 2030.

10.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (j) as follows:-

- (f) believes that, nationally, only the Liberal Democrats have a bold and credible plan to tackle the climate emergency, which includes:-
 - (i) reaching 80% renewable electricity by 2030;
 - (ii) insulating all low-income homes by 2025;
 - (iii) raising energy efficiency standards for new homes; and
 - (iv) investing £15 billion to retrofit 26 million homes;
- (g) believes this Council has a responsibility as a land, property and house owner to ensure its stock is energy efficient, which will help to reduce carbon emissions in the city;
- (h) is dismayed that the timetable for the Sheffield Local Plan has been rescheduled and publication will, at the earliest, be 2023, seven years off when this Council proposes to reach carbon zero;
- (i) calls for a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council's housing stock to be drafted and for officers to report back to full Council with their findings; and
- (j) acknowledges the current increased risk of intense rainfall leading to flooding and calls for significant mitigation measures, including substantial additional tree planting and improved moorland management in the upper catchments of Sheffield's rivers.

10.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

- (f) notes the increasing public concern about the Climate Emergency and acknowledges the hard work of the community groups lobbying the Council and demanding we respond urgently to the crisis we are facing.

10.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones was put to the vote and was carried.

10.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Tim Huggan was then put to the vote and was negated.

- 10.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (g) to (j) and against paragraph (f) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 10.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt was then put to the vote and was carried.
- 10.8 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 it is 12 months since this Council declared a climate emergency;
- (b) notes the Tyndall Centre's advice to "Initiate an immediate programme of CO₂ mitigation to deliver cuts in emissions averaging 14% per year";
- (c) further notes the budget for this was calculated as 16mT CO₂ from 2020 to 2038 and that the Council has committed to achieving net zero by 2030, therefore we have 16mT CO₂ for the next 10 years, which demonstrates why the following action has been delivered since a Climate Emergency was declared:-
 - (i) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
 - (ii) the Council has established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating a 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy;
 - (iii) Sheffield is trialling electric bin lorries powered by the very waste they collect, with re-powered lorries having zero carbon emissions and producing no air pollution;
 - (iv) working with the city's schools and education community to see a reduction in plastic usage and waste, including huge reductions in the amount of single use plastics used at school meal times; and
 - (v) the Council has recently prepared an £85m programme of cycling, walking and bus corridor improvements as part of a

- further Sheffield City Region Transforming Cities Fund bid, announcements on which are expected soon;
- (d) notes, in addition, the work currently being undertaken to improve air quality in the city, including:-
 - (i) anti-idling zones are now active outside of all primary and secondary schools, and other notable places such as hospitals and health centres; and
 - (ii) piloting schemes to close targeted roads to traffic for set periods of time to create a better, less polluted and congested environment, targeted at benefiting children; such as School Streets - where roads outside schools are closed at drop-off and pick-up times; Play Streets - a resident-led scheme where a road is closed to traffic for a set period of time; and Living Streets - where a road is closed to traffic completely;
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 - (f) notes that a Citizens Assembly will be introduced by June 2020 - to consider the necessary actions in the city to implement further change, with its membership being drawn to represent all parts of the city, including young people, and that it has taken time to set this up as it needs to be ensured that sufficient research has been conducted, and that there is a significant evidence base so that the assembly understands the scale of the task and what work is required, and that procurement for gathering this evidence is now almost over;
 - (g) believes great strides have been made in the last twelve months in tackling the climate emergency, but that huge changes will have to continue to be made in order to meet the Council's commitment of making Sheffield carbon neutral by 2030; and
 - (h) notes the increasing public concern about the Climate Emergency and acknowledges the hard work of the community groups lobbying the Council and demanding we respond urgently to the crisis we are

facing.

- 10.8.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (h) and against paragraphs (c) to (g) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

- 11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2020, be approved as a true and accurate record.

12. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

(a) it be noted that, with effect from 4th February, 2020, Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was reinstated as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the Council and Councillor Penny Baker was reinstated as Deputy Leader of the Group;

(b) approval be given to the following change(s) to the membership(s) of Committees, Boards, etc.:-

Senior Officer Employment Committee - Councillor Bob Johnson to replace Councillor Mark Jones

(c) Mr. Edward Fleming (former Independent Co-optee on the Standards Committee) be re-appointed to serve as a private sector representative on the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel, for a two year term ending 6th February, 2022.

13. VOTE OF THANKS TO FORMER COUNCILLOR MICHELLE COOK

- 13.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillor Michelle Cook who had resigned as a Member of the Council on 31st January 2020 for health and personal reasons, after serving as a member of the Council, representing the Broomhill and Sharrow Vale Ward, since May 2016.

- 13.2 It was **RESOLVED**: that this Council places on record its thanks and appreciation to former Councillor Michelle Cook for her hard work and service to the City of Sheffield.

- 13.3 (NOTE: Prior to the start of the above tributes to former Councillor Michelle

Cook, it was RESOLVED: On the motion of The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and seconded by The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith), that the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 5.5 be suspended and the termination of the meeting be extended to enable the tributes to be paid.)

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 4 March 2020, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

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

1	<i>Beauchief & 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 & 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 & 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> Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Kaltum Rivers	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 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 Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge & 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	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore & 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 Paul Wood

1. FORMER COUNCILLOR ALF MEADE

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported with sadness, the death, on 28th February 2020, of former Councillor Alf Meade, who had served as a Member of the Council for a total of 36 years between 1971 and 2015. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in his memory, and agreed to allocate time at the next meeting of the Council to pay tribute to him.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards.

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. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING AN INFORMATION ITEM ON CORONAVIRUS.

4.1 Arrangements for the Conduct of this Item of Business

- 4.1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) stated that, in the light of increasing interest from Members of the Council, and the receipt of several questions in advance of this meeting from members of the public, regarding Coronavirus, he would invite Greg Fell, the Council's Director of Public Health, to update Members and the viewing public on this serious issue, and that, as well as his update, the Director would provide answers to the written questions received on the issue from members of the public.

- 4.1.2 The Lord Mayor proposed that the Director's update would form part of this Petitions and Public Questions item of business, and would be taken immediately following the presentation of petitions. Furthermore, that a period of 30 minutes would be allocated for the update.

- 4.1.3 Finally, the Lord Mayor stated that, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, the time limit of one hour for the petitions and public questions item would be adhered to for this meeting. If there were a large number of public questions to be asked at the meeting,

then priority would be given to questions relating to budget proposals. On this occasion, questions would be taken in the order that they were received, and any questions which were unable to be asked within the one hour time allocation would be answered in writing after the meeting, by the relevant Cabinet Member, if a contact address has been supplied with the question. The Lord Mayor added that this arrangement aimed to provide an opportunity for public engagement on the budget setting process, whilst also providing sufficient time for elected Members to debate the budget.

4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Petition Requesting the Sheffield Markets Team to Adhere to the Council's Zoned Activities Lettings Criteria

The Council received a petition containing 10 signatures, requesting the Sheffield Markets Team to adhere to the Council's Zoned Activities Lettings Criteria.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Vincent Sivewright-Smith. He explained that he was a building surveyor and real estate property professional and he was consulted when the market was first being established to design and set out some of the stalls. He had recently been contacted by one of the stallholders in relation to a proposal to let a unit in the market that directly duplicated their business. There were also two other similar businesses that were subject to the process of allocation that the Council established for the new market.

He said that it appeared that there was a dilution of the rules around letting and allocation and the petitioners wished to know when and why the Council changed the policy and what the Council's view was on the harm and loss caused to existing stallholders if the proposal was allowed.

The Lead Petitioner had said that they felt there had been a breach of trust and that the Council gave a clear undertaking that it would examine best practice as regards the letting of markets and allocating vacant units. They wished to know what had happened in that regard. If the proposal was allowed to go ahead then they would not be able to continue the training that they did in conjunction with Castle College and they would not be able to employ the same number of people. They also wanted to know the Council's view regarding trade balance in the market should the proposal be approved.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure. Councillor Lea thanked Mr Sivewright-Smith for bringing this matter to the Council on behalf of the petitioners. She said that she had made enquiries about this

issue. When an application was made for a stall in the Market, the Council did consult with other traders and the Council was cognisant of competition laws in the UK and European Union and each application decision was made on an individual basis. She understood that the particular application referred to in the petition was turned down. There was also an opportunity for appeal, and whilst she did not know whether an appeal had been requested, the opportunity to appeal was available.

When the Market first opened, zones were set out to separate food stalls from hairdressers etc. Gradually, that practice had changed, although there remained zones for food stalls and for cafes. Councillor Lea suggested that this issue was discussed further with the petitioner and the Head of City Centre Management and Major Events, Richard Eyre.

4.2.2 Petition Regarding the Proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone

The Council received a petition containing 180 signatures, regarding the proposed City Centre Clean Air Zone.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Lee Ward. Mr Ward stated that the consultation concerning the Clean Air Zone closed on 25 August 2019. 72 responses were made to that survey by the taxi and private hire industry. The clean air zone was due to commence in 51 weeks and he said that would have a detrimental effect on the taxi and private hire trade because Euro 6 vehicles could not be used without charge either on or inside the inner ring road.

He said that every town and city in the UK that had introduced or planned to introduce a clean Air Zone had selected a clean air zone inside a ring road and it was only Sheffield which had chosen to include the ring road. He added that every other place in the UK had made taxi and private hire vehicles exempt, if they have a Euro 6 Engine.

Mr Ward said that the lack of information coming forward from Sheffield City Council had already forced 132 of the 857 wheelchair accessible vehicles to not renew a licence. There were hundreds of private hire drivers with vehicles waiting to upgrade to an affordable and cleaner vehicle but which could not do so without the knowledge of that investment being suitable. He said the proposals would decimate the trade and it was predicted that approximately 1500 drivers would be forced to leave what was an integral part of Sheffield's public transport system.

He stated that the Council was charged with cleaning the air as soon as possible and that was something that people wanted. However, it was felt that targeting the taxi trade, which represented just 4 percent

of Sheffield's traffic and 2 percent of Sheffield's air pollution, would not result in providing cleaner air in the shortest possible time.

He said that evidence had not been provided in relation to the decision and it was requested by the taxi trade that the consultation responses were published immediately and that individual sole traders were given as much time as possible to enable them to make a financial business plan which was viable and sustainable or to seek employment in another industry. It was also requested that Members of the Council act according to the seven principles of public life and that there was scrutiny of the proposed exclusion of the trade to the use of Euro 6 engines and that clear and transparent direction was given to the three thousand licensed drivers.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for presenting this matter to the Council.

He said that he was pleased to confirm that the report and the responses that were received to the consultation would be published within the next week. He explained that the Council had awaited a response from the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit prior to publishing the consultation results.

Councillor Johnson stated that the Council had received nearly twelve thousand responses to the plans concerning air pollution. Of the responses, four out of five agreed with the proposals regarding a Clean Air Zone for buses, taxis, coaches, vans and lorries. The public had also responded that better public transport and more walking and cycling routes was the best way to clean the air. However, it was important to be clear that small businesses and taxi drivers were concerned about the impact of a Clean Air Zone, for the reasons that the petitioner had highlighted. The Council was trying to work with the government in relation to a number of support packages so as to alleviate the potential impact.

He said that to be successful in reducing pollution, there was a need to help taxi drivers and small businesses move to cleaner vehicles and it was vital that the Council obtained investment from the government. At present, the Council was seeking to make sure that there were the necessary support packages.

Councillor Johnson explained that Officers were preparing a full business case, which would shortly be ready to go back to the government and, it was at that point that there would be further discussions with the taxi trade as there had been previously. There would also then be a further opportunity to bring this matter back to a Scrutiny Committee.

4.2.3 Petition Requesting Action to Deal with Parking Problems Around Ranulf Court, Abbeydale Road South

The Council received a petition containing 36 signatures, requesting action to deal with parking problems around Ranulf Court, Abbeydale Road South.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Janet Hempson who explained that Ranulf Court was a development of flats for people over the age of 60. The petitioners requested help to improve the often dangerous parking situation on the roads surrounding Ranulf Court. It was essential that access to the development was available at all times for emergency vehicles, taxis and refuse collection vehicles as well as residents and visitors' vehicles.

She said that there had recently been situations, where the people coming to empty the bins could not get their vehicle into the property and which resulted in the bins not being emptied that week and, more recently, the fire engine (attending in response to what was a false alarm call) could not proceed down Terminus Road due to parking on either side of the road and footpath. It was felt therefore that this situation should not continue because of the potential consequences including loss of life or other dangerous situation.

Vehicles were often parked so that vision of adjoining roads to the car park entrance was obscured which created the danger of a potential accident and it was felt that this could be addressed with some help from the Council as regards traffic management. In addition, the footpath was not accessible for pedestrians due to cars parking there for long periods of time.

Janet Hempson said that the petitioners would be grateful if an assessment could be done at the site to help the community to solve the problems and to listen to residents' ideas as to possible solutions.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to Council. He said that he would be pleased to visit Ranulf Court with Council officers to see the problems that people faced both around the building and on the roads and particularly parking on the pavements and to see how the problems might be addressed. He understood that there were some double yellow lines in place near a car park and he had spoken with the Parking Services team which would be undertaking some enforcement in the meantime.

4.3 Director of Public Health's Update on Coronavirus

- 4.3.1 Greg Fell, The Director of Public Health provided an update to Council on the Coronavirus Covid-19. This included the NHS and City Council's response to what was a developing situation. He also provided responses to questions received from members of the public on this subject. An opportunity was also given for Members of the Council to ask questions.
- 4.3.2 He explained that there was much that was not known at this stage and things were changing rapidly, and including the advice and guidance. He encouraged people to read information on the Public Health England website. He briefly explained that Covid19 was a particular type of virus and that it was thought to have flu like symptoms and as such it was difficult to distinguish from other illnesses such as flu or a heavy cold and there was therefore an emphasis on testing people. Many people had a mild illness, although others and particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, may have a more severe illness and that was of concern. There was also mixed evidence as to whether or not some people could carry the virus but not have symptoms.
- 4.3.3 There was a national strategy, set by government and which was predicated on minimising the impact of this illness to NHS and social care and minimising the impact on the economy. The Local Resilience Forum was the coordinating mechanism for a local response. There were four elements/phases of the strategy, namely: contain; delay (to diminish the impact on health and social care); mitigate (prioritising essential NHS and social care); and science.
- 4.3.4 In Sheffield, there were at this time no Sheffield cases There were two people being cared for by the Hallamshire infectious diseases unit, although they were not thought to be residents of Sheffield. However, that would be subject to change. It was expected that the World Health Organisation (WHO) would declare a pandemic.
- 4.3.5 Sheffield had a pandemic flu plan, which was mostly fit for purpose, but there are some important distinctions between this coronavirus and pandemic flu, one of which was the focus upon self-isolation and the other being the availability of an antiviral treatment for flu and a vaccine, which was not the case in respect of this illness.
- 4.3.6 There were some core principles, which would be used. These included to keep within the national strategy; to use national guidance and to refer people to nationally available communications material, including Public Health England (PHE); minimising risk to employees and the public; and ensuring business continuity in the event of significant numbers of people being absent from work.
- 4.3.7 At present, in the contain strategy phase, people who believed they

were unwell were advised not to go to their GP in person but to telephone 111, whereby risk assessment would be carried out, a test would be undertaken; and then Public Health England would contact trace and the individuals affected would self-isolate.

- 4.3.8 PHE had a national and regional coordination role and an expert advice role. There was significant preparatory work being done in the NHS and NHS England had declared a major incident. The planning being done was for a significant increase in numbers of people with this illness. The strategy that the NHS was adopting was predicated on protecting frontline capacity.
- 4.3.9 There were many emerging issues which would be worked through systematically using the principles above. Such issues included business continuity, particularly in small organisations. There would also be risk based trade-offs between the Council's various responsibilities. Capacity would be stretched. Communications would also need to be focused. There was also a role for the media in relation to acting responsibly. Other issues included sick pay for people who were self-isolating and social cohesion. The Council was operating in a leadership role, and there was a need to be proportionate and fulfil a community leadership role.
- 4.3.10 The most important intervention was handwashing to delay and mitigate the impact of the virus, together with respiratory hygiene, i.e. 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. People could also find out information and guidance from the government and public health England in relation to handwashing and international travel.
- 4.3.11 Mr Fell then went on to answer questions submitted by members of the public, as follows:
- 4.3.12 Nigel Slack had asked a question concerning trigger points and when a pandemic would be declared and in relation to upcoming public events in the festival season; how keeping the city running would be balanced with the protection of public health; and the impact on businesses, including those which might need rent or rate relief.
- 4.3.13 Mr Fell said that the trigger points in relation to a pandemic, would be either when the Local resilience Forum began its 'gold' arrangements or when the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared a pandemic which was expected to be relatively soon. In relation to a social distancing strategy and a trade-off between keeping the city running and particularly the big public events, and the protection of public, he said it was probably too early to make decisions in that regard.
- 4.3.14 The Chief Medical Officer and the national plan had explained that there was consideration being given to issues of social distancing and mass gatherings and he expected that there would be national advice to address those matters before anything was done locally and which

- would look at the benefits of reducing the spread of infection versus the costs.
- 4.3.15 He said that as Director of Public Health, with statutory responsibilities for public health, the health of the public was the most important consideration and it was worth focusing on measures that would be effective, including handwashing and respiratory hygiene. It was not yet known as to whether closing mass gatherings would be an effective strategy because the modelling had, to his knowledge, not been done, although it had generated a lot of media attention. He said that his priority was in line with the national strategy to keep the pressure off the NHS and social care to enable those services to continue to work well.
- 4.3.16 In relation to support for businesses, including business rate relief, those were issues which were being monitored and it was expected that there would be advice from the government and Public Health England. As regards adverse trading conditions, where businesses were currently supported by business rates relief, they would continue to be supported.
- 4.3.17 Chris Parkinson asked a question concerning the importance of the Council acting in an open and transparent way and how it would ensure that happened in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak. Greg Fell stated that all of the national guidance relating to Coronavirus was on public facing websites and publically available and that was the guidance that was being used by the Council. As Director of Public Health, he was spending time on various forms of media. There could be issues about capacity, in relation to the public health team and that may limit some activity but the intention was one of transparency.
- 4.3.18 Mark James asked a question concerning whether the Council had the right capacity to mitigate the effects relating to Coronavirus. Mr Fell said that business continuity arrangements were in place and would be considered at a corporate level and would focus on the critical services, especially protecting the most vulnerable. It was expected that there would be reimbursement from the government
- 4.3.19 Russell Johnson asked a question about having confidence in the Council discharging its local role in relation to the Coronavirus.
- 4.3.20 Greg Fell said that the Local Resilience Forum had a role in coordinating the totality of the City's response. He was the statutory officer and he represented Sheffield City Council on that body. He said that he personally did not have any particular concerns about the ability of the administration to co-ordinate and do the right thing.
- 4.3.21 Declan Walsh asked a question concerning support that would be given to the licensed trade to protect customers and workers from the

potential effects of a pandemic and whether there was budget reserved for public health emergencies such as this.

- 4.3.22 Greg Fell said that he did not know what form of support there would be for the licensed trade. However, there was a variety of national guidance on various public websites, which was sector specific including social care, transport, schools and education and other sectors. Business continuity would have to be done by each organisation and the expectation was that the government would make available national funding.
- 4.3.23 Members of the Council asked questions and the responses were provided by Greg Fell, which are summarised, as follows.
- 4.3.24 A question was asked about international intelligence in relation to Coronavirus and specifically the European Early Warning Network and what might replace that following the UK withdrawal from the European Union. Mr Fell responded that he did know the answer. However, he expected that the Network would continue to exist and that most of its considerations and advice would be publically available and as an example, all of the WHO advice was publicly available and these were sources that he also looked at and were helpful. He said that it was not possible to say what the national arrangements will be with regard to the EU Early Warning Network, although he could check as to whether Public Health England were dealing with that issue.
- 4.3.25 A question was asked concerning support to homeless people during this time and Greg Fell responded that he believed that there were good mechanisms in place to get access to those people that were known to be homeless and were in touch with services and the staff concerned were well-informed about what the infection prevention control advice was. Further consideration would need to be given in relation to those people who were homeless but were not in touch with services and as to how the Council might discharge its responsibilities.
- 4.3.26 A question was asked concerning people that provided services to vulnerable people on behalf of the Council and were outsourced to a care company and as to what measures the Council could take to make sure people operating on its behalf were not dis-incentivised to self-isolate by policies related to sick pay. Greg Fell said that this was one of many issues in relation to which an answer was yet to be worked out. He suggested that this issue would be worked into the Council's contracting and commissioning arrangements, so that it became an expectation that the Council did not inadvertently incentivise people that were sick or those who were well but infectious to come to work when they should not. However, that had not yet been enacted.

- 4.3.27 A question was asked concerning the potential of creating a register of volunteers in order to deploy people in any capacity to specific areas of need and particularly in relation to services in the Council or partner organisations in the public, third sector or private sector which may be smaller in scale and affected by their employees being absent. Greg Fell responded that he would work out how to do that.
- 4.3.28 A question was asked about whether a Coronavirus pod had been considered for the walk-in centre on Broad Lane, which served international students and homeless individuals. Greg Fell said that this was a matter that he would pick up with the NHS.
- 4.3.29 A question was asked as regards the treatment of waste from households which were self-isolating, as clinical waste and whether there was capacity to deal with it as such and whether it was government policy and as to how those people collecting the waste would be protected and the potential of clinical waste bags identifying such households such as to create a stigma. Greg Fell responded that the current advice was that, for those people who tested positive for Covid 19, tissues etc. should be treated as clinical waste, although he thought that the guidance in that regard might change. If there were a large number of cases, then capacity to deal with such waste would become a problem and would be expensive and it was expected that the government might change the guidance. However, the Council was implementing the current government guidance.
- 4.3.30 A question was asked about people with respiratory conditions and making sure that people did not falsely believe that they were safe, simply because they had received pneumonia and flu jabs. Greg Fell said that he was not aware of that issue and he would pick that matter up locally and also nationally.
- 4.3.31 The Council noted the information and thanked the Director of Public health for his report.

4.4 Public Questions

4.4.1 Public Question Concerning Trade Union Convenors

Lee Parkinson made reference to austerity and to proposals in relation to removing Trade Union Convenors in the amendments submitted for the Budget Council meeting this day. He asked for assurance that an attack on workers' rights would be opposed and the labour movement would be supported.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded to the question. Councillor Dore made reference to the amendments submitted to this Budget Council meeting by the political groups and also to the financial cuts experienced by the Council during austerity.

She said that she believed that cutting Trade Union Convenors would actually increase the Council's overall expenditure and that without proper trade union representation, workers might be exposed to costly employment tribunal and personal injury claims which would otherwise have been prevented through the guidance and involvement of seconded representatives and statutory formal procedures would take longer to complete. Collective agreements formed by employers and trade unions on behalf of the employees, benefited both the Council and employees. Such agreements may not be reached if trade union representatives were unlikely to be released by their manager to work on them or get their substantive work covered.

She said that it was not right to further erode workers' rights and that trade unions provided protection, reassurance and independent advice to employees. Trade unions were important to public services and people working in those services and austerity meant that they were more important now than ever.

4.4.2 Public Question Concerning PACES School, High Green

Ann Whitaker stated that PACES school in High Green had indicated that it intended to move to a purpose-built school in the future and had begun the fundraising process as well as preparing outline requirements with the University of Sheffield. PACES had been synonymous with High Green for 21 years at the High Green campus. She referred to the need for significant repair works at the campus and asked what the Council's plans were for the long term future of the High Green site. Ann Whitaker also asked for a written response to the question.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, responded to the question. Councillor Fox stated that the site was subject to a 125 year lease from the City Council to the High Green Development Trust, which was responsible for the site. There were a number of repair issues on the site and the City Council was working closely with the Trust to review options. This work was ongoing and a decision had not yet been made in relation to the site. He said that, when a decision was made, the Council would be able to inform the questioner.

4.4.3 Public Question Concerning Housing Standards and Council Buildings

Kaltun Elmi asked when a meeting would be arranged with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety in relation to housing standards and Council buildings.

Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that he had been advised by Legal Services that he should not respond at this time in relation to this matter, which was the subject of a complaint relating to the Members'

Code of Conduct. He said that, when the complaint process was concluded, a full statement would be made to Council.

- 4.5 At this point in the proceedings, the one hour time allocation for this item of business was reached. The Lord Mayor asked that arrangements be made for written answers to be provided to the questions which had been submitted by members of the public prior to the start of the meeting, but which had not been able to be asked within the time limit, and that those answers be published on the Council's website with the agenda for this meeting.

5. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

- 5.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

(a) following a recruitment process undertaken by the Audit and Standards Committee, the appointment of Alison Howard to serve as a non-voting co-opted member of the Committee until May 2024, be confirmed; and

(b) Councillor Mike Chaplin be appointed to serve on the South Yorkshire Local Pension Board, in place of Councillor Tony Damms.

6. INTERIM REVIEW OF THE WD AND WF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES - REALLOCATION OF DEMPSEY CLOSE

- 6.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that approval be given for the move of Dempsey Close from the WF polling district to the WD polling district in Southey Ward, as set out in the report of the Returning Officer now submitted.

7. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

- 7.1 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 17.5 be suspended to remove the 2 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 2 minutes;

(b) Council Procedure Rule 17.6 be suspended to remove the 25 minute time limit for the item of business; and

(c) Council Procedure Rules 17.7(d) and 17.12(a) be suspended to remove the right of reply for the mover of the motion.

7.2 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Rippon and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 19th February, 2020, arising from its consideration of a report of the Executive Director, Resources on the Council's Revenue Budget for 2020/21 and the Capital Strategy 2020-25, be approved:-

"RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 4th March 2020:-

- (a) to approve a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m;
- (b) to approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (c) to approve the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (d) 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 Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (e) to approve the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (f) to approve the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendices 3a to 3d of the Revenue Budget report;
- (g) to note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in Appendix 3 to the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in part B of Appendix 6 of the report would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (h) 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;

- (i) to approve the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (j) to approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (k) to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report; which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (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 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (n) to agree that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (o) to approve the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25; 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; and
- (p) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital report.

7.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19th February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, 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) notes the following financial assessment for 2020/21:-
- (i) resolute financial planning by the Council means that the budget will be balanced, a significant achievement following a decade of austerity and cuts from Central Government;
 - (ii) however, a further £15 million of savings are required for 2020/21, taking the cumulative total of savings and financial pressures to £475 million over the last 10 years; and
 - (iii) a rising demand in social care services nationally, along with the decreasing funding allocated by government over the last decade, is seeing councils across the country struggle to cope, and this is why Sheffield City Council has continuously lobbied for fairer funding, particularly for social care, and whilst an additional £12million for social care was announced in the 2019 Spending Round, significant cost and demand pressures completely outstrip this;
- (3) notes/believes the following regarding the national political context:-
- (i) that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its tenth year, and that a decade after we believe the banking sector caused the financial crisis, it is still being paid for by the vast majority of people;
 - (ii) notes, however, that not everyone is doing badly out of austerity and according to the Office for National Statistics, the average income of the richest fifth rose by 4.7%, whilst the poorest fifth of the population contracted by 1.6% in the financial year ending in 2018 (the most up-to-date information available);
 - (iii) believes that inequality is rising and public and local services have been badly damaged after a decade of Government-led austerity, moreover the present Government are doing very little to resolve the domestic issues that matter a great deal to the people of Sheffield, such as the continuing and increasing pressures on health and social care services, insufficient housing, lack of support for our skills and young people, the climate emergency, air quality issues and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - (iv) believes that the Government has no sustainable plan for local government finance and that the proposed “fair funding” review is likely to make things even worse and could see the removal of deprivation from the funding formula; meaning that urban and poorer areas, such as Sheffield, are likely to see funding taken away to instead benefit rural shire counties, who are predominately under Conservative control;

- (v) notes that, despite these factors, the present Administration maintains it has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable; and
 - (vi) believes that central government needs to move away from successive policies since 2010 which have brought unnecessary, cruel and deeply damaging funding cuts and to instead give public services and local authorities the funding they so desperately need;
- (4) notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) under this Administration, the budget for the People Services Portfolio, which provides these care services, has risen by £53 million from £198m in 2017/18 to £251m in 2020/21, enhancing the major principle of this Council of looking after the most vulnerable in our city;
 - (ii) that ten years of central government forcing councils to slash budgets, coupled with the increased costs in adult and children's social care, means that councils are, in the words of the Local Government Association (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;
 - (iii) 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 £2.2 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £7.3 million);
 - (iv) due to the crisis in social care, believes the Council simply has no other option than implement the Government's adult social care precept council tax rise by 2%, introduced by the Government as a way of passing onto local taxpayers the costs of their own failings to properly fund social care;
 - (v) believes that despite the national social care crisis and great financial pressures on local authorities, this Administration has worked hard to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield; and
 - (vi) believes that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and fostering campaigns, all of which are aimed at providing the right preventative measures and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;

- (5) notes the following regarding Council services and the actions of this Administration to show a real alternative to what it believes are the failed dogma of recent governments:-
- (i) by bringing services back “in-house”; housing repairs, IT and Digital services, Human Resources and payroll and setting up an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
 - (ii) we are fully accredited as a Foundation Living Wage employer;
 - (iii) our ethical procurement strategy commits the Council to ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way it trades, and works with partners, companies and inward investors across the city; and
 - (iv) we are approved supporters of the TUC Great Jobs Agenda and the Co-Operative Party’s Charter against Modern Day Slavery;
- (6) notes the following spending commitments to help the city fight the climate emergency and to protect the city from environmental changes, such as flooding:-
- (i) £22.7 million in keeping the city safe from flooding, with widespread investment in Culvert Renewal Programme and flood defences schemes at Lower Don and Upper Don Valley, including the River Loxley;
 - (ii) nearly £15 million spent on greening the city’s transport and assisting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
 - (iii) over the next 10 years, the Council will plant 100,000 trees as part of the Administration’s Trees and Woodland Strategy;
 - (iv) ‘Grey to Green’ is delivering improved air quality and safer travel as well, bringing more of this colour into the city centre, turning once dull streets into vibrant public spaces with significant areas of wild flowers, trees and shrubs;
 - (v) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
 - (vi) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to a 40% saving for tenants, as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
 - (vii) plans to implement a Clean Air Zone to improve air quality;
- (7) believes that this Administration is improving the living standards for all

by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – we are investing in exciting developments for the Heart of City II scheme, on the Olympic Legacy Park, Castlegate regeneration, the Knowledge gateway, Charter Square and Fitzalan Square;

- (8) notes that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates the Administration's commitment to council housing, despite the challenging financial climate:-
 - (i) a commitment to provide 3,100 new council houses over the next 10 years to meet the increased demand for affordable housing;
 - (ii) provide £500 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained; and
 - (iii) continuing to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;
- (9) notes that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by what it believes is 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;
- (10) notes that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme and increased the council tax hardship fund by £200,000 for 2020/21 meaning the Hardship Fund will total £1.6 million;
- (11) notes that the Administration is committed to locality working and empowering our communities, with over £3.2 million spent on locality management, including support for the voluntary sector and localised health schemes;
- (12) believes that the Government's National Funding Formula implementation is being implemented too slowly for schools, and that this 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;
- (13) notes this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for children is a key priority; with Sheffield families continuing to have a better chance than most of accessing one of their preferred schools – with 97% of pupils given a secondary school of their choice, and 98% in this year's intake were able to get a primary school of their choice - both above the national average - and work is well underway to provide more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
- (14) notes 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;

- (15) notes 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;
- (16) notes the results of the Council's Big City Conversation and believes that in addition to the spending outlined in the 2020/21 Budget, the following additional funding commitments should be made:-
- (i) invest an extra £2 million for Young People's services, with an ambition to mainstream within revenue spending, details of which will be expanded on when the new strategy goes to Cabinet in March;
 - (ii) to help make Sheffield's streets safer and cleaner, £2.5 million will be invested in a three year programme to provide an enhanced neighbourhood service focussing on improving the neighbourhood, tackling waste, combating fly tipping and graffiti, housing landlord enforcement and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
 - (iii) invest an additional £4 million into road safety measures across the city, as the Council's capacity to make interventions compared with previous years has been massively reduced by austerity, meaning that the Council is currently only able to fund around two to three crossings per year and, as such, this investment will increase the number of interventions for next year, a welcome addition given the increasing backlog;
 - (iv) to help accelerate efforts to deliver better football facilities at a grassroots level, invest £50,000 to identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment;
 - (v) helping ensure the city's much loved and successful theatre offer is available for all, by match funding £100,000 towards improving the Montgomery Theatre's disabled access;
 - (vi) use £2 million to bring forward an investment programme for district centres and high streets in the city, working with local businesses to invest in some key neighbourhood and district centres to increase footfall in our local shops and leisure outlets;
 - (vii) following the successful pilots earlier in the year of School Streets – where roads outside of schools are closed during

drop-off and pick-up - invest £600,000 further undertakings to address the adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school, and helping to improve localised air quality;

- (viii) use £220,000 to restrict vehicle access to part of Carver Street on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm until 6am, by installing automated raise/lower bollards at each end of the target area, thereby improving road safety and helping add to the vibrancy of the area, supporting local businesses and boosting the city's thriving night-time economy;
 - (ix) the Council's capital budget denotes that £43.3 million is provided for climate-related spending and efforts to tackle the climate emergency, but £100,000 is to be invested for wider stakeholder engagement, including the citizens assembly, into ways to manage zero carbon projects and programmes, assist with the Council's estate energy review, and lead to a Zero Carbon Sheffield Plan;
 - (x) continued regeneration of the city centre with an additional £150,000 for work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate;
 - (xi) every community library in the city to receive an additional one-off grant of £10,000; and
 - (xii) £800,000 for funding key infrastructure to support placements for vulnerable children and young adults - including independent living places for children in care, care leavers and those with learning disabilities to be brought forward as part of the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy, with further investment to be detailed in this Strategy;
- (17) notes the following regarding job losses:-
- (i) there could be up to 34 redundancies during the financial year 2020/21;
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (18) notes the following regarding the budget process:-

- (i) that thanks is given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and all of the members involved in this crucial work; and
 - (ii) that this year's budget process involved a large consultation process and that the public is thanked for their involvement;
- (19) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 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 Proposals

<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)	<u>Spending proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)
Use of New Homes Bonus	3,200	Young People services	2,000
		Cleaner, safer streets	900
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	200
		Citizens Assembly	100
Savings total	3,200	Investments - total	3,200
		Deficit/(surplus)	0

Capital Budget Proposals

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	2020/21 (£'000)	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	2020/21 (£'000)
Use of unallocated CIL funding	8,790	Cleaner, safer streets	500
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	100
		Priority highway improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion	4,000
		Identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential	50

investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities at grassroots level

SCC match funding towards refurbishment of Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street (total est cost £5m) 100

Local Neighbourhood Centres 2,000

School Streets - Programme of measures at key locations to address adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school 600

Night-time Economy - Safer Carver Street - restricted night-time access via automatic bollards 220

Continuation of work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate & progress new priorities 150

Capital investment in each of the city's 27 libraries 270

Additional investment in infrastructure to support vulnerable children and young adults 800

Financing of capital proposals total	8,790	Capital spending total	8,790
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(20) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, 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) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;

- (22) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (19) above, as follows:-

Restated <u>2019/20</u>	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	<u>Appendix 3</u> <u>2020/21</u>
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
232,655	People	252,582
145,423	Place	147,806
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,158
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,704
420,020		442,250
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600

Capital Financing Costs

13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816

Reserves Movements

-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-4,851
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733

403,291

Total Expenditure

420,171

Financing of Net Expenditure

-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776

-403,291

Total Financing

-420,171

- (23) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (24) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (25) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (26) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (27) 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 (19) above;
- (28) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;

- (29) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (30) agrees 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;
- (31) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (32) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) 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; and
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (22) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, 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 2020/21 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
£140,243.9406 (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 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£227,390,937
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) **£1,437,899,940** 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) **£1,209,855,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£228,044,940** 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) **£1,626.0591** 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) **£654,003** 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) **£1,621.3958** 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. **£19,776,453** 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 2020/21 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	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

Bradfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

Ecclesfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

Stocksbridge Town Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

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 2020/21

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

Parish Council Precepts

2019/20						2020/21					
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	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

7.4 It was then moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19th February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, 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 the spending review in summer 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 a new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital services, particularly for places like Sheffield which have a relatively low council tax base but a high level of need;
- (4) believes that the Liberal Democrat proposal of raising income

tax by a penny in the pound nationwide will meet this need for a long term funding settlement and greatly relieve the pressure on adult social care and the NHS;

- (5) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is aggravated by the potential impact of Brexit, and on the capacity of both the local and national economy to generate the resources that our public services badly need;
- (6) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is further aggravated by the infighting and parochialism of South Yorkshire Labour leaders who have squandered many of the wider benefits of Sheffield City Region, and deprived Sheffield of automatic early access to £10's of millions of central government funding;
- (7) specifically calls upon the Sheffield City Region Mayor to urgently take action to improve our local bus network, to exercise powers to bring bus services back under local control (franchising), and calls on central government to provide significant long term funding to revitalise local transport;
- (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 nine years, for example:-
 - (i) protecting tax payer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding to local communities;
 - (ii) continuing to spend vast amounts on Council spin doctors whilst cutting front line services;
 - (iii) spending millions on costly consultants whilst allowing important road safety schemes to be delayed;
 - (iv) spending thousands on hospitality of no-hope investors whilst ignoring struggling local businesses in the city centre and across the city;
- (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, and, further to this, now giving millions to Sheffield International Venues to keep the venues open after years of poor oversight by Sheffield City Council;

- (10) notes that we are in a Climate Emergency and if we do not act now to reduce carbon emissions we will soon be in a Climate Catastrophe;
- (11) believes that this Council currently has no real plan to tackle the climate emergency and is falling behind on its commitments to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- (12) believes the Liberal Democrats are the only party with a full plan to tackle climate change and this budget includes proposals that will help Sheffield achieve its target of carbon zero by 2030 by increasing Sheffield's tree cover, making recycling easier and investing in infrastructure that will help to mitigate climate change;
- (13) believes that by making Sheffield a greener place to live and supporting community gyms and sports projects, this will improve people's health and well-being across the city, as well as helping to tackle knife crime by treating it as a public health issue;
- (14) 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;
- (15) 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 putting people at the forefront of our choices;
- (16) further asserts that this could be better achieved by the Liberal Democrat policy of devolving local decision-making to give local areas as much control as possible over decisions that directly affect their communities;
- (17) supports the proposed change to a committee system which would give more control of decision making to all elected councillors and not just a selected few;
- (18) resolves to include in any new system, significant delegation of powers and budgets to formal Area Committees which comprise all the elected members in an area, allowing local communities a more direct path to decisions made about their futures;
- (19) understands the huge financial strain this Council has been put under by central government cuts to local government and that this was needed to reduce the deficit bought on by recession;

- (20) however, 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;
- (21) 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;
- (22) asserts that, by making some simple savings and spending the same money differently, the Liberal Democrat alternative budget would:-

(a) Demand a better environment

- (i) double the city's current tree planting target to 200,000 trees over the next 10 years;
- (ii) recognise that walking and cycling is by far the best way to travel for the environment and for the health of people in Sheffield and would devote 10% of city wide CIL in major cycling schemes to encourage uptake of cycling and improve safety for cyclists and walkers on our roads;
- (ii) use 20% of city wide CIL for infrastructure that will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, such as planting trees, flood defences and improved moorland management;
- (iv) invest in the creation of an energy efficiency service in the Council's Private Sector Housing service which will provide the go to place for people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes;
- (v) improve Sheffield's recycling record by committing more than £600k to increasing the types of plastic that can be recycled here in our city;
- (vi) invest more than £500k on increasing the size of the blue bin so up to 10% of households in Sheffield are able to recycle cardboard and paper more easily;
- (vii) commit more than £250k to keep all Sheffield City Council recycling centres open seven days a week to improve access for everyone;

- (viii) increase the number of on street recycling bins across Sheffield by replacing single bins for rubbish only with double bins for rubbish and glass, paper and plastic, making it easier for people to recycle;
- (ix) investigate a food waste collection scheme to help people in Sheffield lower their wastage and use the food waste to generate electricity or fertilise farmer's fields;
- (x) investigate a reverse vending recycling system where people will receive a cash reward for recycling cans and plastic bottles;
- (xi) clean up Sheffield by investing £150k in a task force to crack down on litter, fly tipping, graffiti and dog mess, and reversing a cut to this budget;
- (xii) create a £50k 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;
- (xiii) investigate providing all schools with air-quality monitors to educate children on the importance of air quality and to monitor carbon levels around schools; and
- (xiv) start a climate warden scheme, giving local people the support to clear icy footpaths and roads in their local communities, support communities in times of severe flooding and help with adapting to a changing climate;

(b) Demand a Better Council

- (i) increase the neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30% for use by local communities to spend money on infrastructure and fully compensate them for the disruption and pressures that come from big developments in their area;
- (ii) create a fund available to local councillors to use on projects and capital investments in their wards, through boosting ward pots to £10,000 in every ward; and
- (iii) allocate 50k towards reinstating community assemblies;

(c) Demand better health and social care

- (i) invest £250k in a pot of money that community groups who provide sports activities can bid for, in recognition

that knife crime is a public health issue and these groups and projects are vital to reduce knife crime in Sheffield;

- (ii) 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 significant sums in reducing the amount spent on agency foster placements;
- (iii) invest over £60k in Sheffield Young Carers so they can provide their service users' free bus travel across Sheffield;
- (iv) support Citizen's Advice Bureau with an increase of £50k in grant funding; and
- (v) invest £50k for an extra member of staff in the Council's Private Sector Housing team to deal with some of the problems in the city's fast growing private housing sector;

(d) Demand a more successful Sheffield

- (i) invest £1million in local and district shopping centres to support businesses outside the city centre, in Woodseats, Chapeltown, Hillsborough, Woodhouse and Mosborough;
- (ii) reinstate a free city centre bus service to reduce journeys by car into the city centre and encourage more visitors to our vibrant shopping, eating and entertainment districts; the buses will be electric and run every 15 minutes around the city;
- (iii) invest £1million in all road safety schemes, such as traffic systems, pedestrian crossings and school crossing patrols, paying particular attention to where the community have made a call for a particular scheme in their area;
- (iv) put aside extra funding for more school crossing wardens to help children get to school safely;
- (v) use 10% of the unallocated community infrastructure levy (CIL) money to support small business infrastructure to allow the city's independent businesses to flourish by amending the Regulation 123 list which governs how CIL can be spent; and

- (vi) support Associate Libraries and their volunteers by providing £133k's worth of professional librarian support;
- (23) 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;
- (24) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources, to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 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 Proposals

	<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>	<u>Spending proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>
		Grant for local sports clubs and community groups to bid on for sport activities	250
Allocate part of the New Homes Bonus	1,288	Reinstatement of community assemblies	50
		Private housing sector officer	53
		An energy efficiency advice service for householders	53
		100% Council tax relief for Foster Carers (up to Band D)	280
		Free bus pass for members of Sheffield Young Carers	60
Reduce posts within the Communications team	75	Provide additional professional librarian support for associate libraries	133

		Increase grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau	50
Withdraw funding from Sheffield City Partnership Board	10	Invest in crossing patrols for schools which currently fall below threshold for wardens, and where road safety conditions allow	40
Delete 3 senior manager posts	100	<u>Big Sheffield Clean Up / Greener Sheffield Fund Group</u>	
Remove Leader's policy officer post (6 month saving)	25	Additional spending on walking and cycling schemes	100
		Reverse cut in fly tipping and graffiti contract budget	9
Cut to taxpayer subsidy to trade unions	325	Reinstate snow wardens/ Climate Wardens	35
		Create a Greener Sheffield fund	50
Cuts to Special Responsibility Allowances for cabinet advisors	54	Replace 50 single street bins with double aperture bins with recycling facility	39
		Double tree strategy planting target	95
Reallocation of unutilised funds - Invest in Sheffield fund	430	Reinstatement of free, city centre electric bus - revenue element Every 30min	285
		Investigate reverse vending machines	25
		Investigate food waste collection scheme	25
		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, dog	150

fouling and graffiti.

Increased blue bin capacity collection - revenue costs of providing bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households who request them 286

Explore air quality monitors for schools 25

Sub-total firm savings	2,307	Sub-total firm commitments	2,092
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The following savings schemes require the agreement of new contract, or actions to be agreed with other bodies. Consequently the following investments are proposed conditionally on the successful implementation of these schemes.

Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region	100	Increase the types of plastic that can be recycled in Sheffield - eg yoghurt pots, carrier bags, margarine tubs, food trays and bottle tops (half year)	675
Pay review - forego assumed 2% pay increase for staff on salaries above £60k	85	Keep recycling centres open seven days a week (half year)	271
Re-negotiate Increments for 2020/21 (9 month implementation)	875	Additional spending on road safety schemes to be allocated over the year	330
Sub-total conditional savings	1,060	Sub-total conditional commitments	1,275
Savings total	3,367	Investments - total	3,367
		Deficit/(surplus)	0

Capital Budget Proposal

	<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	<u>(£'000)</u>

Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	670	Road Safety	670
City Wide CIL money required for top up of ward pots	78	Increase ward pots to £10,000 across the city as a minimum (to be used for capital purposes)	78
Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	720	Reinstatement of free, city centre electric bus - capital element	720
Financed from unallocated new homes bonus	595	Provide bigger blue bins to the first 10% of households that request them	595
Financed from unallocated CIL	1000	Local and District Centres - Woodseats, Chapeltown and Hillsborough	1000
Devote 10% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Walking, Cycling and Active Travel Schemes, based on 10% of CIL	cost neutral
Devote 20% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Green Infrastructure Funding, based on 20% of CIL.	Cost neutral
Devote 10% of City Wide CIL on an ongoing basis, funds available currently	cost neutral	Small business infrastructure, funded from 10% of CIL	cost neutral
Devote 30% of CIL to the neighbourhood portion on an ongoing basis	cost neutral	Increase neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30%	cost neutral
Financing of capital proposals total	3,063	Capital spending total	3,063

Local Transport Plan Budget Proposal

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	(£'000)	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	(£'000)
Re-allocate decision making over £1.3 million of transport funding away from Cabinet Member to local communities to be	Cost neutral	Nil	cost neutral

allocated via the LAP

Financing LTP proposals total 0 LTP spending total 0

- (25) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) 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;
- (26) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above;
- (27) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.601m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (24) above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Restated

2019/20 £000	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2020/21 £000
	Portfolio budgets:	
232,655	People	251,346
145,423	Place	149,070
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,080
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	38,272
420,020		440,768
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312

0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
Corporate Items		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
Capital Financing Costs		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
Reserves Movements		
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-2,939
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
403,291	Total Expenditure	420,601
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-104,258
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
-403,291	Total Financing	-420,601

- (28) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);

- (29) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (30) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (31) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (24) above;
- (32) 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 (24) above;
- (33) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (34) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (35) agrees 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;
- (36) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (24) above relating to relating to salary reductions;
- (37) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (24) above relating to Special Responsibility Allowances cuts;
- (38) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (39) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- (40) 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; and
- (41) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.601m set out in paragraph (27) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, 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 2020/21
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
£140,243,9406 (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 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£227,390,937
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,436,417,940** 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) **£1,208,373,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£228,044,940** 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) **£1,626.0591** 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) **£654,003** 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) **£1,621.3958** 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. **£19,776,453** 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 2020/21 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	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

Bradfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

Ecclesfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

Stocksbridge Town Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

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 2020/21

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2019/20					2020/21					
	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	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

- 7.5 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 19th February, 2020, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) continues to condemn the cuts to local authority funding over the past 10 years, which is a political choice by central government, and applauds the efforts of politicians and campaigners calling for an alternative to this policy;
- (2) believes that Sheffield's citizens have suffered through continual 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; and that long-term costs of finance stretch into Sheffield's future until 2057;
- (5) therefore recognises that, despite Government suggestions to the contrary, we believe austerity and its effects are not going 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;
- (6) accordingly, thanks the officers of the Council, voluntary and private sectors directly affected by the austerity programme, for the way they have responded to the increasing cuts and made sacrifices;
- (7) welcomes the progress now being made on issues in previous amendments submitted by the Green Group, including:-
 - (i) webcasting of council meetings;
 - (ii) mental health resilience work in schools;
 - (iii) steps towards re-opening the Don Valley Railway;
 - (iv) significantly increased funds to support the least well-off with council tax bills; and
 - (v) funding to prepare brownfield sites for development, in order to save greenfield locations;
- (8) believes that the city's resilience will be tested by the climate crisis and is therefore disappointed that, despite declaring a "climate emergency"

over a year ago, no proposals appear in the Administration's revenue budget to address the climate emergency;

- (9) will therefore provide funding to recruit an entire team of environmental sustainability officers to address the need for warmer homes; locally-owned, clean energy production; increased active travel and public transport; and to support businesses and householders to make carbon-reducing changes in response to the climate emergency;
- (10) regrets the lost opportunity of jobs in the renewable energy industry and thousands of cheaper energy bills for council tenants when proposed by Green Councillors in 2014; but will still promote energy efficiency schemes in maintained schools by using £500,000 of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy receipts;
- (11) will go further and set aside £1 million of unallocated New Homes Bonus to introduce solar panels on council housing, to generate energy and to reduce tenants' bills;
- (12) will build climate resilience into the city's housing stock by ensuring that all funding for new-build council housing is only used for housing designed at high standards of thermal efficiency, so that future tenants do not risk fuel poverty;
- (13) will earmark £1 million of Local Transport Plan funding for active travel schemes, including providing cyclists with the protection of segregated cycle lanes and secure bike storage, thereby increasing the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health and better air quality;
- (14) will recognise the failure to build this city's cycling infrastructure and will therefore appoint a cycling officer to promote the ability of Sheffield residents to choose this form of transport;
- (15) further, will earmark £50,000 to purchase e-cargo bikes to allow the Council, businesses and organisations to carry goods around the city in a cleaner, quieter, more sustainable way;
- (16) will put £500,000 of unused Community Infrastructure Levy funding to invest in electric vehicle charging points;
- (17) 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;
- (18) in line with this principle, will encourage use of public transport by providing free bus and tram travel on the six Sundays before Christmas, in place of the current subsidy for free car parking in the city centre;

- (19) believes the public is becoming more aware and concerned at the dangers of illegal levels of air pollution and will therefore invest in public-facing visual displays on the city's air quality monitoring stations, to ensure the public can see and monitor the measure of air pollution affecting them in real time;
- (20) will stop reimbursing car-parking claims for Elected Members who do not have a blue badge;
- (21) will tackle what we believe to be the increasing scourge of dangerous and irresponsible parking, by creating 6 new jobs for parking enforcement officers, to be provided with e-bikes instead of patrol cars, where possible;
- (22) will develop proposals to introduce a workplace parking levy for larger employers, in order to generate additional long-term revenue to invest in the city's public transport, whilst improving air quality and encouraging more active forms of travel to work;
- (23) will reduce the price of residents' parking permits to 2010 levels and dissuade commuters from driving into the city centre by increasing on-street parking by 40p, meaning that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas of the city are not subsidising other transport services;
- (24) will re-introduce the FreeBee bus service in the city centre, operating every 10 minutes, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, by investing in 3 new electric buses owned directly by the local authority;
- (25) will take steps to increase the potential for more 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;
- (26) will create an additional officer post to bring empty homes back into use, in order to tackle the blight and waste of empty houses and increase housing supply with far less energy consumption than new buildings;
- (27) will fund an additional post to help tenants and take enforcement action on substandard rented housing in the private sector;
- (28) will take further steps to open up the workings of democracy by increasing the number of public tours to show off the Town Hall and its heritage, building on Sheffield's success with Heritage Open Days;
- (29) recognises the cultural and economic importance of the city's heritage and will therefore expand skills in the Planning Service with funding for a dedicated heritage officer;

- (30) asserts that in a properly regulated planning system, it is essential that developers comply with planning conditions and will therefore fund an additional planning enforcement officer to maintain high standards for the benefit of the public;
- (31) will maximise the expertise of our planning officers and bring fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers into line with other major cities;
- (32) 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;
- (33) notes that evidence to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee about governance was clear that the public want to see more active work in local areas and will therefore reverse the Administration's proposed cut to locality working;
- (34) will also reverse the Administration's funding cut to the Uppertorpe Healthy Living Centre;
- (35) will support the voluntary sector by increasing funding for advice centres, which was previously cut by this Administration, thus protecting jobs and helping people facing the real difficulties of universal credit;
- (36) recognises the number of people in serious financial hardship and therefore welcomes the further £200,000 increase in the Council Tax hardship fund, as proposed in Green Party Councillors' budget proposals in recent years, to protect more of the 30,000 poorest families in the city;
- (37) recognises the particular difficulties faced by young people leaving care setting up their own homes for the first time and will therefore set aside funds to meet council tax bills paid until the age of 25;
- (38) 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 to ensure a paid, professional librarian in every branch library;
- (39) will pilot the development of a "Library of Things" in a staffed library to reduce individual consumption of occasionally-used household items;
- (40) 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, narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest paid in the Council to within a 10:1 ratio;

- (41) will further reduce eight posts in the HR function to protect frontline services;
- (42) notes that the proposals in this amendment will provide over £1 million in every future year for social care;
- (43) will promote health, activity and fun by funding outdoor gym equipment in the city's parks and developing the network of park runs throughout the whole city, working alongside community organisations;
- (44) will commemorate the very origins of a municipal authority for public health by providing the public with clean, fresh water through the provision of new drinking fountains in major parks, thereby reducing waste and litter from single-use disposable plastics;
- (45) will support these further improvements in the city's parks by increasing parking charges in them;
- (46) will also invest in planting trees bearing edible fruit in open spaces and parks, to be decided and distributed fairly on a Ward basis;
- (47) will promote the city's economic opportunity of specialist tourism by engaging two part-time ecologists to market and lead specialist nature tours on Sheffield's nearby and unique moorland, thereby generating further income for the Council and for the city's economy;
- (48) will fund an extra four Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs) and employ four Safer Neighbourhoods Officers, with a focus on youth work, to support young people and their families;
- (49) will support the many voluntary, business and public sector agencies trying to address homelessness, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and aggressive begging in the city centre, by providing funds for a new worker under the Help Us Help umbrella;
- (50) will put further resource into prevention work by supporting an additional substance misuse worker;
- (51) notes that these proposals will result in a net gain of 34 permanent jobs, in addition to the increased employment in the voluntary sector and from capital investment;
- (52) 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;
- (53) approves the updating of the statutory Regulation 123 list to include the

spending of unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy within the limits set out above;

- (54) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources, to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 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>2020/21 (£'000)</u>	<u>Spending proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Remove Elected Members' car parking claims	2	Recruitment of a 6 person sustainability team (1xG10, 4xG8 and 1xG5 - 9 months allowing for recruitment of full team)	209
Additional 40p on street parking charge	738	Cycling officer (grade 8)	47
Increase fees for pre-application planning advice for larger property developers	73	Free Christmas bus / tram travel on 6 Sundays before Christmas	66
Remove Group Policy Officers (half year saving)	80	Recruitment of 6 extra parking enforcement officers at net £3k each	18
Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	88	Workplace Parking Levy Study. (Grade 8 post to develop work)	47
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	47	Reduce Parking Permit Fees to 2010 levels	298
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	939	Re-introduce the Free Bee Bus - low emission vehicle at 10 minute frequency, 12 hrs/ day , 6 days / week.	427
Remove 8 posts in HR (assume half-year saving)	161	Additional Empty Homes Officer to bring empty properties back into use (grade 7)	42

Increase parking fees in parks from 50p to £1 per hour	86	Additional post in Private Sector Housing (grade 5)	31
Remove free city centre parking at Christmas	40	Increased Town Hall tours	5
		Heritage officer (grade 8)	47
		Extra Planning enforcement officer (grade 7)	42
		Reverse cut to Locality team (BIP reference 36)	26
		Reverse cut to Upperthorpe HLC. BIP ref 38.	25
		Increase funding to voluntary sector for advice work	40
		Provide Young Care Leavers with a fund to cover Council Tax bills	30
		Staff for branch libraries (based on 16 PT members of staff)	335
		Library of Things pilot	30
		Investment in parks, including maintenance of drinking fountains (8k) & gym equipment (4k), & developing park runs in all areas of the city	86
		Ecology officers to promote nature tourism (2 half-time g8 posts)	47
		Four extra Police Community Safety Officers	138
		Four Safer Neighbourhoods officers	140

(grade 6)

Help Us Help worker (grade 5) to assist DACT with admin work, liaison and co-ordination with relevant agencies. 31
 Additional substance misuse worker in DACT 47

Savings - subtotal 2,254

Spending - subtotal 2,254

Capital Budget Proposals

<u>Savings proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>		<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,000	Introduce further Solar Panels on the HRA Estate	1,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	1,080	Purchase of 3 x Electric Freebee buses	1,080
Reprioritise funding for acquiring new council homes	250	Fund to establish low-energy "container homes" pilot	250
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending	1,000	Improved transport infrastructure, including segregated cycle lanes & bike storage	1,000
Use of unallocated New Homes Bonus	50	Purchase of new e-cargo bikes	50
Use of unallocated Local Transport Plan spending	54	Air Quality Monitoring Digital Displays	54
Use of unallocated CIL	500	Energy efficiency for schools fund	500
Use of unallocated CIL	500	Fund to provide Electric Vehicle charging points	500
Use of unallocated CIL	40	Outdoor gym equipment in parks	40
Use of unallocated CIL	100	Provision of fruit trees on	100

a ward basis

Use of unallocated CIL	24	Drinking Fountains for City Centre & parks	24
Financing of capital proposals total	4,598	Capital spending total	4,598

- (55) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) 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;
- (56) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above;
- (57) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (54) above, as follows:-

Restated 2019/20	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	<u>Appendix 3</u> 2020/21
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
232,655	People	250,638
145,423	Place	147,122
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,080
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,209
420,020		439,050
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834

-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
Corporate Items		
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
	Strengthening Families - Think Forward	
4,000	Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
Capital Financing Costs		
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
Reserves Movements		
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-1,651
9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
403,291	Total Expenditure	420,171
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
-403,291	Total Financing	-420,171

- (58) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);

- (59) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (60) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (61) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (54) above;
- (62) 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 (54) above;
- (63) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (64) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (65) agrees 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;
- (66) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph (54) above relating to salary reductions;
- (67) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (68) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (69) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (70) 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;

- (71) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (57) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, 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 2020/21 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
140,243.9406 (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 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£227,390,937
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,434,699,940** 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) **£1,206,655,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£228,044,940** 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) **£1,626.0591** 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) **£654,003** 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) **1,621.3958** 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. **£19,776,453** 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 2020/21 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	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

Bradfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

Ecclesfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

Stocksbridge Town Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

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 2020/21**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

Appendix 6c**Parish Council Precepts**

Parish Council	2019/20					2020/21					
	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	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%
Total/Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%

7.6 After contributions from 32 Members, the amendment moved by Councillor Terry Fox was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the amendment (43) - Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie

Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, 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, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against the amendment - (26)

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (10)

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

For the amendment (26) -

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten,

Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Against the amendment - (42) Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, 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, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on - the amendment (10) The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.

7.8 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

For the amendment (8) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

Against the amendment - (69) The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard

Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Kevin Oxley, 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, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Lavery, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony the amendment (2) Downing) and Councillor Jack Clarkson.

7.9 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) notes the following financial assessment for 2020/21:-
 - (i) resolute financial planning by the Council means that the budget will be balanced, a significant achievement following a decade of austerity and cuts from Central Government;

- (ii) however, a further £15 million of savings are required for 2020/21, taking the cumulative total of savings and financial pressures to £475 million over the last 10 years; and
 - (iii) a rising demand in social care services nationally, along with the decreasing funding allocated by government over the last decade, is seeing councils across the country struggle to cope, and this is why Sheffield City Council has continuously lobbied for fairer funding, particularly for social care, and whilst an additional £12million for social care was announced in the 2019 Spending Round, significant cost and demand pressures completely outstrip this;
- (3) notes/believes the following regarding the national political context:-
- (i) that councils are bearing the brunt of an austerity programme in its tenth year, and that a decade after we believe the banking sector caused the financial crisis, it is still being paid for by the vast majority of people;
 - (ii) notes, however, that not everyone is doing badly out of austerity and according to the Office for National Statistics, the average income of the richest fifth rose by 4.7%, whilst the poorest fifth of the population contracted by 1.6% in the financial year ending in 2018 (the most up-to-date information available);
 - (iii) believes that inequality is rising and public and local services have been badly damaged after a decade of Government-led austerity, moreover the present Government are doing very little to resolve the domestic issues that matter a great deal to the people of Sheffield, such as the continuing and increasing pressures on health and social care services, insufficient housing, lack of support for our skills and young people, the climate emergency, air quality issues and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - (iv) believes that the Government has no sustainable plan for local government finance and that the proposed “fair funding” review is likely to make things even worse and could see the removal of deprivation from the funding formula; meaning that urban and poorer areas, such as Sheffield, are likely to see funding taken away to instead benefit rural shire counties, who are predominately under Conservative control;
 - (v) notes that, despite these factors, the present Administration maintains it has protected front-line services as far as possible and succeeded in protecting services for the most vulnerable; and
 - (vi) believes that central government needs to move away from

successive policies since 2010 which have brought unnecessary, cruel and deeply damaging funding cuts and to instead give public services and local authorities the funding they so desperately need;

- (4) notes the following regarding social care:-
- (i) under this Administration, the budget for the People Services Portfolio, which provides these care services, has risen by £53 million from £198m in 2017/18 to £251m in 2020/21, enhancing the major principle of this Council of looking after the most vulnerable in our city;
 - (ii) that ten years of central government forcing councils to slash budgets, coupled with the increased costs in adult and children's social care, means that councils are, in the words of the Local Government Association (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;
 - (iii) 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 £2.2 million – less than a 1% rise in Conservative-run Surrey (worth £7.3 million);
 - (iv) due to the crisis in social care, believes the Council simply has no other option than implement the Government's adult social care precept council tax rise by 2%, introduced by the Government as a way of passing onto local taxpayers the costs of their own failings to properly fund social care;
 - (v) believes that despite the national social care crisis and great financial pressures on local authorities, this Administration has worked hard to secure a better long-term future for social care in Sheffield; and
 - (vi) believes that the Administration's investment in children's social care will have a positive and lasting long-term impact as, for example, it is being spent on Children's social workers, the Successful Families Initiative and fostering campaigns, all of which are aimed at providing the right preventative measures and support services to enable vulnerable children to be supported in the most effective environments;
- (5) notes the following regarding Council services and the actions of this Administration to show a real alternative to what it believes are the failed dogma of recent governments:-
- (i) by bringing services back "in-house"; housing repairs, IT and Digital services, Human Resources and payroll and setting up

- an in-house out-of-hours customer services telephone line;
- (ii) we are fully accredited as a Foundation Living Wage employer;
 - (iii) our ethical procurement strategy commits the Council to ensuring high standards of ethical practice in the way it trades, and works with partners, companies and inward investors across the city; and
 - (iv) we are approved supporters of the TUC Great Jobs Agenda and the Co-Operative Party's Charter against Modern Day Slavery;
- (6) notes the following spending commitments to help the city fight the climate emergency and to protect the city from environmental changes, such as flooding:-
- (i) £22.7 million in keeping the city safe from flooding, with widespread investment in Culvert Renewal Programme and flood defences schemes at Lower Don and Upper Don Valley, including the River Loxley;
 - (ii) nearly £15 million spent on greening the city's transport and assisting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
 - (iii) over the next 10 years, the Council will plant 100,000 trees as part of the Administration's Trees and Woodland Strategy;
 - (iv) 'Grey to Green' is delivering improved air quality and safer travel as well, bringing more of this colour into the city centre, turning once dull streets into vibrant public spaces with significant areas of wild flowers, trees and shrubs;
 - (v) the Council now purchases electricity generated from 100% renewable sources, this is an increase of 81%;
 - (vi) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating up to a 40% saving for tenants, as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
 - (vii) plans to implement a Clean Air Zone to improve air quality;
- (7) believes that this Administration is improving the living standards for all by driving up growth in our local economy through capital investment – we are investing in exciting developments for the Heart of City II scheme, on the Olympic Legacy Park, Castlegate regeneration, the Knowledge gateway, Charter Square and Fitzalan Square;
- (8) notes that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) demonstrates the Administration's commitment to council housing, despite the

challenging financial climate:-

- (i) a commitment to provide 3,100 new council houses over the next 10 years to meet the increased demand for affordable housing;
 - (ii) provide £500 million of investment over the next five years to make sure homes and estates are well maintained; and
 - (iii) continuing to take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants;
- (9) notes that the Administration has made provisions to protect those affected by what it believes is 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;
- (10) notes that the Administration has maintained the council tax support scheme and increased the council tax hardship fund by £200,000 for 2020/21 meaning the Hardship Fund will total £1.6 million;
- (11) notes that the Administration is committed to locality working and empowering our communities, with over £3.2 million spent on locality management, including support for the voluntary sector and localised health schemes;
- (12) believes that the Government's National Funding Formula implementation is being implemented too slowly for schools, and that this 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;
- (13) notes this Administration is ensuring sufficient school places for children is a key priority; with Sheffield families continuing to have a better chance than most of accessing one of their preferred schools – with 97% of pupils given a secondary school of their choice, and 98% in this year's intake were able to get a primary school of their choice - both above the national average - and work is well underway to provide more capacity in a number of areas across the city;
- (14) notes 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;
- (15) notes 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;

- (16) notes the results of the Council's Big City Conversation and believes that in addition to the spending outlined in the 2020/21 Budget, the following additional funding commitments should be made:-
- (i) invest an extra £2 million for Young People's services, with an ambition to mainstream within revenue spending, details of which will be expanded on when the new strategy goes to Cabinet in March;
 - (ii) to help make Sheffield's streets safer and cleaner, £2.5 million will be invested in a three year programme to provide an enhanced neighbourhood service focussing on improving the neighbourhood, tackling waste, combating fly tipping and graffiti, housing landlord enforcement and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
 - (iii) invest an additional £4 million into road safety measures across the city, as the Council's capacity to make interventions compared with previous years has been massively reduced by austerity, meaning that the Council is currently only able to fund around two to three crossings per year and, as such, this investment will increase the number of interventions for next year, a welcome addition given the increasing backlog;
 - (iv) to help accelerate efforts to deliver better football facilities at a grassroots level, invest £50,000 to identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment;
 - (v) helping ensure the city's much loved and successful theatre offer is available for all, by match funding £100,000 towards improving the Montgomery Theatre's disabled access;
 - (vi) use £2 million to bring forward an investment programme for district centres and high streets in the city, working with local businesses to invest in some key neighbourhood and district centres to increase footfall in our local shops and leisure outlets;
 - (vii) following the successful pilots earlier in the year of School Streets – where roads outside of schools are closed during drop-off and pick-up - invest £600,000 further undertakings to address the adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school, and helping to improve localised air quality;
 - (viii) use £220,000 to restrict vehicle access to part of Carver Street on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm until 6am, by installing

automated raise/lower bollards at each end of the target area, thereby improving road safety and helping add to the vibrancy of the area, supporting local businesses and boosting the city's thriving night-time economy;

- (ix) the Council's capital budget denotes that £43.3 million is provided for climate-related spending and efforts to tackle the climate emergency, but £100,000 is to be invested for wider stakeholder engagement, including the citizens assembly, into ways to manage zero carbon projects and programmes, assist with the Council's estate energy review, and lead to a Zero Carbon Sheffield Plan;
 - (x) continued regeneration of the city centre with an additional £150,000 for work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate;
 - (xi) every community library in the city to receive an additional one-off grant of £10,000; and
 - (xii) £800,000 for funding key infrastructure to support placements for vulnerable children and young adults - including independent living places for children in care, care leavers and those with learning disabilities to be brought forward as part of the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy, with further investment to be detailed in this Strategy;
- (17) notes the following regarding job losses:-
- (i) there could be up to 34 redundancies during the financial year 2020/21;
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) that the Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through redundancy;
- (18) notes the following regarding the budget process:-
- (i) that thanks is given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and all of the members involved in this crucial work; and
 - (ii) that this year's budget process involved a large consultation process and that the public is thanked for their involvement;

- (19) therefore requests the Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 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 Proposals

<u>Financing and savings proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>	<u>Spending proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Use of New Homes Bonus	3,200	Young People services	2,000
		Cleaner, safer streets	900
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	200
		Citizens Assembly	100
Savings total	3,200	Investments - total	3,200
		Deficit/(surplus)	0

Capital Budget Proposals

<u>Financing of capital proposals</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>	<u>Capital spending proposal</u>	<u>2020/21 (£'000)</u>
Use of unallocated CIL funding	8,790	Cleaner, safer streets	500
		Fly-tipping & low-level crime in streets & district centres	100
		Priority highway improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion	4,000
		Identify priority projects in Sheffield for potential investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities at grassroots level	50
		SCC match funding towards refurbishment of Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street (total	100

est cost £5m)

		Local Neighbourhood Centres	2,000
		School Streets - Programme of measures at key locations to address adverse effects of school traffic and encourage people to choose alternatives to driving to school	600
		Night-time Economy - Safer Carver Street - restricted night-time access via automatic bollards	220
		Continuation of work packages to promote regeneration in Castlegate & progress new priorities	150
		Capital investment in each of the city's 27 libraries	270
		Additional investment in infrastructure to support vulnerable children and young adults	800
Financing of capital proposals total	8,790	Capital spending total	8,790

- (20) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy & Budget Book and the specific projects included in the years 2020/21 to 2024/25, 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) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2024/25, as per appendix 2 of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (22) after noting the joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Executive Director, Resources, now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2020/21, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2020/21 amounting to £420.171m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (19) above, as follows:-

Appendix 3

Restated 2019/20	Summary Revenue Budget	2020/21
£000		£000
	Portfolio budgets:	
232,655	People	252,582
145,423	Place	147,806
2,195	Policy Performance and Communications	2,158
39,747	Resources (inc. Housing Benefit & Council Tax Collection)	39,704
420,020		442,250
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-74,437	PFI Grant	-74,437
-5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-5,929
-3,261	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-5,834
-6,841	Small Business Rates Relief	-6,852
-21,896	Improved Better Care Fund	-21,896
-1,518	Retail Relief	-2,312
0	Adult Social Care Grant	-12,242
0	Health Income	-2,600
	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
5,961	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	5,929
-1,138	Public Health Savings / re-investments	0
3,000	Better Care Fund	3,000
3,290	Social Care Demand Contingency	3,290
4,000	Strengthening Families - Think Forward Investment	4,000
25,702	Schools and Howden PFI	25,930
900	Infrastructure Investment	900
14	Payment to Parish Councils	11
1,500	Sheffield International Venues	2,800
0	Customer Experience Programme	1,500
2,100	Other	2,600
	Capital Financing Costs	
13,662	General Capital Financing Costs	13,662
4,573	Heart of the City 2	5,473
13,092	Streets Ahead Investment	12,730
18,887	MSF Capital Financing Costs	18,816
	Reserves Movements	
-13,268	Contribution from Reserves	-4,851

9,410	Reserves Movements Relating to Pensions	8,733
<u>403,291</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>420,171</u>
Financing of Net Expenditure		
-36,893	Revenue Support Grant	-37,494
-99,341	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-103,828
-42,529	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-43,222
-201,090	Council Tax income	-207,615
-8,200	Collection Fund surplus	-8,236
-15,238	Social Care Precept	-19,776
<u>-403,291</u>	Total Financing	<u>-420,171</u>

- (23) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,621.40 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (24) approves the proposed amendments to the Long Term Empty premium which applies to Council Tax charges in respect of Long Term Empty Dwellings, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Revenue Budget report, with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (25) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 4 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 15 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (26) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (19) above;
- (27) 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 (19) above;
- (28) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (29) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2019/20 onwards;
- (30) agrees 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;

- (31) approves a Pay Policy for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (32) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19 and 2019/20, be also implemented for 2020/21;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2020/21 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 85 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £654,003 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) 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; and
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.171m set out in paragraph (22) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2020/21, 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 2020/21 REVENUE
BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2020, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21
 - (a) for the whole Council area as:
140,243.9406 (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 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is:

£227,390,937

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,437,899,940** 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) **£1,209,855,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£228,044,940** 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) **£1,626.0591** 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) **£654,003** 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) **£1,621.3958** 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. **£19,776,453** 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 2020/21 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	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06

Bradfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	38.00	42.74	52.23	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54

Ecclesfield Parish Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Ecclesfield Parish Council	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.23	47.57	57.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14

Stocksbridge Town Council

Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.57	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.36	48.88	56.41	67.70
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18

South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

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 2020/21

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,080.93	1,261.10	1,441.24	1,621.40	1,981.70	2,342.03	2,702.32	3,242.80
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	49.73	58.01	66.30	74.59	91.17	107.74	124.32	149.18
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	132.03	154.03	176.04	198.04	242.05	286.06	330.07	396.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,262.69	1,473.14	1,683.58	1,894.03	2,314.92	2,735.83	3,156.71	3,788.06
Bradfield Parish Council	1,291.18	1,506.38	1,721.58	1,936.77	2,367.15	2,797.56	3,227.94	3,873.54
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,281.72	1,495.34	1,708.95	1,922.57	2,349.80	2,777.06	3,204.28	3,845.14
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,285.26	1,499.46	1,713.66	1,927.87	2,356.28	2,784.71	3,213.12	3,855.76

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2019/20					2020/21					
	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	5,757.78	241,250	41.8998	5,122	246,372	5,838.92	249,542	42.7378	4,098	253,640	2.00%
Ecclesfield	9,238.98	155,374	16.8172	5,141	160,515	9,237.21	263,622	28.5392	4,113	267,735	69.70%
Stocksbridge	3,799.59	124,849	32.8586	3,699	128,548	3,831.33	129,669	33.8443	11,170	654,003	25.65%

Total/ Average	18,796.35	504,997	27.0581	13,962	535,435	18,907.46	642,833	33.9989	11,170	654,003	25.65%
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7.9.1 The votes on the Substantive Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the Substantive Motion (43) - Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, 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, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Paul Wood.

Against the Substantive Motion (34) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillor Jack Clarkson.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held on Wednesday 12 August 2020, at 2.00 pm, as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, and pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

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

1	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Vic Bowden Moya O'Rourke	19	<i>Nether Edge & 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 & Arbourthorne</i> Julie Dore 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
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> 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> 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 Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Julie Grocutt
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran
9	<i>Dore & 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 Paul Wood

1. CONDOLENCES AND MINUTE SILENCE

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported with sadness, the death, on 29th March 2020, of Councillor Pat Midgley, who had served as a Member of the Council since 1987 and was Lord Mayor during the Municipal Year 2000/01.
- 1.2 The Lord Mayor also reported with sadness, that former Councillors Mike Bower, Keith Hill, Howard Knight and George Mathews, had passed away since the last meeting of the Council held in March 2020.
- 1.3 The Lord Mayor extended his condolences to the families and friends of those former Councillors and also to the families and friends of all those loved ones lost from within the Sheffield community since the outbreak of the pandemic.
- 1.4 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of their former colleagues, and agreed to allocate time at the next meeting of the Council to pay tribute to them.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sue Alston, Andy Bainbridge, Lewis Dagnall, Neale Gibson, Francyne Johnson, Ben Miskell, Peter Rippon and Jackie Satur.

3. VACATION OF OFFICE BY FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

- 3.1 It was RESOLVED: That, further to the information set out in the report of the Council's Monitoring Officer circulated and published prior to the meeting, and to the information now reported at the meeting by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing), approval be given for the periods of office of Councillors Neale Gibson and Ben Miskell to be extended beyond the six month period of non-attendance provided for within Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, and with the extension of time expiring on the day after the date set for the next meeting of full Council.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council.

5. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

5.1 It was RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and with contributions from 2 other Members, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the information contained in the report of the Director of Human Resources and Customer Services now submitted, on the recruitment exercise for a Chief Executive; and
- (b) approves the appointment of Kate Josephs to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, in accordance with the terms set out in the report, and notes that Kate Josephs is expected to start in post in January 2021.

6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

6.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Sue Auckland, that:-

(a) it be noted that, in the absence of a Council meeting during the Municipal Year 2020/21, the Director of Legal and Governance has authorised the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc., and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies, with effect from the dates shown:-

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| Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee | - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill a vacancy (with effect from 14 th July 2020) |
| Licensing Committee | - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Jim Steinke to fill vacancies (with effect from 5 th June 2020) |
| Senior Officer Employment Committee | - Councillor Colin Ross to replace Councillor Simon Clement-Jones (with effect from 12 th June 2020) |
| South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel | - Councillor Jim Steinke to fill a vacancy (with effect from 20 th May 2020) |
| Local Government Yorkshire & Humber Employers Committee | - Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy (with effect from 20 th May 2020) |
| Sheffield City Trust | - Councillor Mazher Iqbal to |

replace Councillor Neale Gibson as SCC's observer (with effect from 23rd June 2020)

Sheffield International Venues Ltd - Councillor Mazher Iqbal to
– Board of Directors replace Councillor Neale Gibson
(with effect from 7th July 2020)

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

Scrutiny Committee Substitute - Councillors Julie Grocutt, Anne
Members Murphy and Sioned-Mair
Richards to serve as additional
substitute members

Planning and Highways - Councillors Adam Hurst, Anne
Committee Substitute Members Murphy and Garry Weatherall to
fill vacancies

(c) it be noted that the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 5th March 2020, appointed Lisa Firth to the post of Director of Culture within the Place Portfolio.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS & FORMAT FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

7.1 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

7.1.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing), seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that meetings of the Council over the next 12 months be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesdays:-

9th September 2020

7th October 2020

4th November 2020

2nd December 2020

6th January 2021

3rd February 2021

3rd March 2021 (special meeting to approve the Budget for 2021/22)

31st March 2021 (the April meeting brought forward to avoid the impact of Easter from 2nd to 5th April)

19th May 2021 (the Annual Meeting, commencing at 11.30 a.m.)

9th June 2021

7th July 2021.

7.2 Format for the September Meeting of the Council

7.2.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by

Councillor Sue Auckland, that approval be given to the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance now submitted, regarding the format of the meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2020.

7.2.2 After contributions from 3 other Members, it was:-

RESOLVED: That:-

- (a) it be agreed that the September meeting of the Council will include Public Questions and Petitions, and Members Questions, but that Notices of Motion are not to be a feature of the meeting and that, instead, the Director of Public Health will provide an update in relation to Covid-19;
- (b) in order to implement the changes proposed in paragraph (a) above, approval be given to the temporary revisions to Part 4 of the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules), as set out in the report, which are to apply only for the duration of that meeting; and
- (c) a further report be provided to the September meeting on proposals for the format of the Council meetings from October onwards.

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