

Agenda Item 3

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 1 July 2015, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

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

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

1. SUSAN RIPPON

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) reported that Sue Rippon, who had served as Lady Mayoress of the City in 2014/15, had sadly passed away on 9th June 2015. Members of the City Council observed a minute's silence in her memory.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Isobel Bowler, John Campbell, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Peter Rippon and Joyce Wright.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Jackie Drayton, Denise Fox, Terry Fox, Chris Peace and Vickie Priestley declared a personal interest in Item 10 on the Summons - Notice of Motion Concerning (Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign).

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2015 and the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd June 2015, be approved as true and accurate records.

5. DATE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded Councillor David Baker and as set out in the agenda for this meeting, that the ordinary meeting of this Council in September 2015 be held on Wednesday 2nd September.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, 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) Council Procedure Rule 5.5 (concerning the time at which ordinary meetings of Council will terminate) be suspended, so that this meeting of Council terminates at 5.30 p.m., with any unfinished business being voted on, without debate at the end of that time.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Petitions

7.1.1 Petition Requesting the Closure of Nether Edge Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing 6 signatures, requesting the closure of Nether Edge Road to all road users for one day a month.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Councillor Fox stated that a 20 mph Zone had been implemented in an area to the edge of Nether Edge Road and that 20 mph zones were generally designed to be self-enforcing. There might be occasions when delivery vehicles use the road. He stated that the Council would examine this issue.

7.1.2 Petition Objecting to Council Budget Cuts

The Council received a petition containing 928 signatures, objecting to the Council budget cuts.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Chaz Lockett, who referred to previous comments by the Leader of the Council and Council's Chief Executive concerning the effect of budget reductions on the future of Council services. He stated that he believed that further budget cuts were not an option and that there was an option of resisting further cuts to funding by the government. He requested the Council to draw up a needs budget and use its borrowing powers and then to launch a mass campaign, for which he stated that Council would obtain public support. He stated that he had been told in the past that the Secretary of State would send in commissioners to run the Council's affairs if it was unable to set a balanced budget. However, he believed that the government would not risk such a constitutional crisis if it was to ignore the will of local people. He stated that in implementing budget reductions arising from government funding cuts, the Council was left to look as if it was a willing executioner. He urged the Council to 'break the law or break the poor'.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources. Councillor Curran responded that the issues outlined by the petitioners had been discussed a number of times. He said that he would stand shoulder to shoulder with people who wished to obtain a better and fair deal for Sheffield. However, he said that the Council would not follow the suggestion that it should set an illegal budget. The Council had a responsibility to set a budget that was within its means and the vast majority of its funding came from central government. Furthermore, borrowing of the kind proposed was likely to cause problems in the future. He believed that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, would deploy commissioners to intervene in circumstances where he considered that the Council had not set a balanced budget. Members of the Council were elected to do what they could with the available resources.

7.1.3 Petition Requesting the Council to Challenge the practice of Downgrading School

Support Staff

The Council received a petition containing 1371 signatures and requesting the Council to challenge the practice of downgrading school support staff.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Lisa Smith, who stated that school support staff played a vital role in providing high quality education in schools and ensuring that children were able to reach their potential, something which could only be achieved if resources were effectively deployed.

It was not accepted that standards of education could be raised by employing staff, including teaching assistants, on low grades or phasing posts out completely. A significant number of schools were choosing to downgrade support staff and it was argued that such actions would have the effect of demotivating experienced staff and lowering standards. It was important that support staff supported the most vulnerable children, including those with special educational needs and behavioural difficulties as well as supporting mainstream learning.

The petitioners therefore called upon Members and other influential groups including the City Wide Learning Body and the Schools Forum to challenge the practice of downgrading support staff and to actively encourage the retention of experienced staff and to ensure opportunities for career progression. UNISON and the GMB trades unions supported the School Support Staff Working Party in its aims and parents and the public valued the role of Support Staff. Lisa Smith stated that the Working Party had met with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families and would be meeting with the Chief Executive in the Autumn. The Working Party wished to engage in further dialogue and hoped that the Council would give this matter its full consideration.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Councillor Drayton confirmed that she had met with the Working Group and had been impressed with them and she had also been impressed by School Support Staff in Sheffield schools, who helped to raise children's educational attainment, and achieve their potential. Councillor Drayton said the Support Staff in schools were valued and remarked that many of these were women who had progressed in their roles. The issue would be considered by the Schools Forum and the City Wide Learning Body. She said that initiatives in schools implemented by the Coalition Government had not been supported by new money and schools budgets were not increasing, including in relation to training. This meant that schools had to make difficult spending decisions and often had to train staff in other schools and pay for cover in the classroom. The matters raised by the petitioners would be taken up with schools and the Government as it was not acceptable that due to the funding situation, School Support staff had to be reduced in number or downgraded. Councillor Drayton said that she looked forward to the next meeting with the Working Group.

7.2 Public Questions

7.2.1 Public Question Concerning Yemen

Jonathan Marsden stated that the recent events in Yemen were both a humanitarian crisis in Yemen itself and they affected the large Yemeni community in Sheffield supporting their family and friends. He referred to the steelworkers from Yemen in Sheffield who worked alongside his grandfather. He asked why such historical attachments may have been lost and asked if the Council would support events organised to support the people of Yemen, following the Sheffield Trade Council's motion on the subject.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, replied that she agreed that people, including young people, should be aware of Sheffield's history, including its people and industry. She said she would be prepared to look at the idea of an event in recognition of the Yemeni community's contribution to the City's steel industry in a similar way to the City recognising women's contribution to the Sheffield during the First and Second World Wars. Councillor Dore requested that Mr Marsden contact her with details of the Trades Council's activity on the matter.

7.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Walkley Library

Marcus O'Hagan asked if (1) the Council could assure and demonstrate fully to the people of Sheffield, who were the owners of Walkley Library, that with regards to the proposed sale of the Walkley Library building:

- a. It was in the best interests of the City as a whole
- b. It was a better option than to lease to the community group at a peppercorn rent
- c. A better option was to lease to the intended purchaser
- d. It was by every applicable measure, legal; and

could the Council also demonstrate that all steps to ensure best value had been taken.

(2) Could the Council also give assurance that there are or will be safeguards in place to prevent the building being sold on or otherwise disposed of in the event of the proposed public house business and/or the community library operation failing.

(3) Could the Council confirm or ensure that planning permission for the public house/library is obtained before there is any sale of the building.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that she had signed a Leader's decision concerning the disposal of Walkley Library. The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Councillor Isobel Bowler was responsible for libraries. She was satisfied by assurances that this was the best option for the building and had held a briefing with officers in relation to this decision and taken appropriate legal advice. The Council would have control of the library space and would also have the first option on buying back the building, if the venture failed. Planning consent was a matter for the purchaser and the sale of the building would take place only once the relevant planning permission had been obtained.

This would be subject to the normal process of seeking planning permission. There would be a parallel process in as far as the Council would undertake preparatory work to enable it to proceed with the sale.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that the decision, notified to Members earlier that day concerning Walkley Library had been called in for scrutiny.

7.2.3 Public Questions Concerning Questions asked at Council Meetings

Marcus O'Hagan stated that he had asked a number of valid and reasonable questions in Council meetings since January 2014 and had repeated those questions at both Council meetings and Cabinet meetings and had resubmitted them at the request of the Leader of the Council. He said the Leader had promised on several occasions to answer the questions but that no answer had ever been provided. He asked whether some disciplinary action could be taken. Mr O'Hagan went on to make a comment about whether he could believe what the Leader said.

Councillor Julie Dore responded that in her view Mr O'Hagan had, in referring to her personally, made offensive comments. She said that she would be very concerned if Mr O'Hagan was suggesting that there was some improper relationship between the Council and the purchaser of the Walkley Library building. Councillor Dore stated that Mr O'Hagan could bring to the attention of the Council's Monitoring Officer any behaviour of hers about which he had concerns and the matter would be dealt with in the appropriate way.

7.2.4 Public Question Concerning the Police and Crime Commissioner Independent Advisory Panel for Minority Communities

Kalturn Elmi stated that a large number of the Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community in Sheffield felt that the BAME Police Advisory Panel set up by the Police and Crime Commissioner was not fully representative of the whole community by ethnicity or religion and had no BAME Councillors represented on it. There was a strong feeling in large parts of the community that they were not adequately represented and that there was a danger that they will not be involved or engaged with the Panel. It was requested that the Leader meet with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Alan Billings, to communicate these concerns and to request that the Panel has BAME Councillors and that the whole community was represented equally, rather than just a section of it.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that the Police and Crime Commissioner had in place a Police and Crime Panel as part of the governance framework to ensure scrutiny of the Commissioner's activities. Councillor Isobel Bowler was the Chair of the Panel, which consisted of Councillors from across South Yorkshire and which included Sheffield City Councillor John Campbell. Sheffield aimed to achieve cross community representation on those bodies on which it was represented. Councillor Dore said that she was aware that the Police and Crime Commissioner had established a range of advisory panels (although she was not aware that any Councillors were

included on the membership of the Independent Advisory Panel for Minority Communities). However, the Commissioner had also appointed an official Black and Minority Ethnic Advisor.

7.2.5 Public Questions Concerning Sheffield Bus Company

Nigel Slack referred to consultation for a new Sheffield Bus Partnership which was awaiting approval from the City Council before it could begin. He said that he believed that Sheffield Transport Users Group had seen the proposed consultation document but could not disseminate it, until the go-ahead had been given by the Council. He said that the consultation of four weeks was short, especially as it was over the summer holidays and included some major proposed changes.

Mr Slack asked if the Council could confirm that they had approved the consultation and, if not, what was the delay and why was consultation being held over the summer and to such a tight timescale?

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, replied that the consultation would begin on Monday 6 July. The timescale was due to the limited period for registration and consequent timeline.

7.2.6 Public Question Concerning Academy Group, Oasis

Nigel Slack stated that the Council was hopefully aware of the poor report from Ofsted concerning the Academy Group, Oasis and he made reference to comments in a letter to the Academy Group's Chief Executive from Catherine Anwar (HM Inspector) concerning weak challenge and to slow or little improvement in nearly half of the academies. He said that the Group was failing its disadvantaged pupils. The group's objective, he said, was to create "a church that is a school and a school that is a church". Mr Slack asked how the Council intended to address this for future decisions of this nature.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, replied that the Council was aware of Ofsted's findings in this case. There were 44 Oasis Schools in the country and the Council monitored performance of the schools and challenged Oasis Academy leaders and directors to achieve schools and results which were outstanding in terms of their performance. The Government had stipulated that all newly opened schools would become academies and whilst the local authority ran the process of choosing an academy provider, ultimately the decisions concerning academy status were taken by the Secretary of State for Education.

7.2.7 Public Questions Concerning Highways Trees

Nigel Slack referred to enquiries which he had sent to Cabinet members on 17 June, to which he required full responses. One of these was relevant to the upcoming debate on the City's tree policy and he asked that a response to the relevant questions be provided now or as part of the forthcoming debate.

Councillor Terry Fox replied that Mr Slack's questions were pertinent to the forthcoming debate concerning highways trees and commented that because the Council had less people to deal with enquiries, there was sometimes a delay in providing responses as quickly as people might like.

Mr Slack had asked a question about ensuring that wood which was removed was sold on behalf of the Council, rather than being sent to biomass. Councillor Fox said that timber which was removed was used in biomass. The wood was often decayed and had a high level of particulate matter. Wood was also used in construction or by artists or crafts people. Councillor Fox confirmed that answers to the other questions which he had submitted to Cabinet would be provided.

7.2.8 Public Questions Concerning Executive Boards

Nigel Slack stated that following an article in the Sheffield Telegraph on 26 June concerning the creation of five new executive boards for the City, could the Council clarify the following:

- By what decision of Cabinet or Council were these new Executive Boards constituted?
- What powers will they have, over what aspects of the City's functions and particularly over spending?
- What scrutiny arrangements have been set up for them?
- How often will they meet and where?
- Will their meetings be public?
- Will they be minuted?
- Will the public be able to contribute to these boards. If so, how?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that she had a report on the subject for Mr Slack to take away. The Boards were City Region Boards designed to strengthen the governance of the City Region Combined Authority and the development of strategy and policy. The creation of the Executive Boards did not mean that Sheffield would cede powers them. One area of attention concerned the provision of more housing and social housing in the City Region. Councillor Dore said that she would be chairing the Transport and Business Growth Executive Boards. The Council's Chief Executive and others would be members of other Boards. The creation of the Executive Boards was agreed by the Combined Authority on 22 June 2015.

7.2.9 Public Questions Concerning Trees

Jenny Hockey stated that the Council had indicted in the local media that it did not believe heave to be an issue on Rustlings Road. Experts had suggested that it is a strong possibility. She asked to see the evidence that it was not. She asked who would be sued if the Council was wrong, Amey or the Council? The campaigners appeared to have received conflicting information as to who would be responsible.

David Garlovsky asked why the City Council's Sheffield Trees and Woodlands Strategy consultation drafted in 2000/01 had not been adopted and implemented; and was it not now the time to review and implement that document to give consistent coherence in managing street trees in Sheffield.

Freda Brayshaw asked who makes the decision about felling or retaining trees. She said that Councillor Fox had indicated that it was a Sheffield City Council arboriculturist. She asked does this person inspect the trees to be felled or scan a list before giving the go ahead, as the process was not clear.

Colin Carr stated that the City was over half way through the initial five year programme of Amey's 25 year contract. In any business project, half way through was considered a sensible point at which to do a review, did the Council not agree?

Diane Carr asked if the Council agreed that the matter was too complicated to debate at the meeting today and that a Scrutiny Committee should look at the issue and much longer should be taken to review the situation.

Louise Wilcockson stated that, whilst queries had gone unanswered, it was understood from the local media that there have been three incidents relating to the trees on Rustlings Road. The response of completely removing the trees appeared to be disproportionate. She asked for confirmation that proper risk assessments had been carried out using published industry guidance and explaining how they came to the conclusion (that trees should be felled).

David Kelly asked whether the Council had undertaken a study on the possible increased flood risk if a large number of trees in the City were replaced with saplings.

A question was asked on behalf of Jan Spencer as to why the Council was not listening to experts with no financial interest, such as Professor Ian Rotherham, rather than Amey, which was motivated by profit.

Helen McIlroy asked what was going to happen to the timber from the felled trees and whether it was being sold and that was a motive for felling so many healthy mature trees.

Madelene Johnson indicated that her question concerning homes on Rustlings Road affected by heave or flooded cellars had been asked by Jenny Hockey.

7.3 Petition Requiring Debate Concerning the Retention of Trees on Rustlings Road

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing over 10,000 signatures concerning the retention of 12 Lime trees on Rustlings Road. The Council's Petitions Scheme required that any petition containing over 5,000 signatures would be the subject of debate at the Council meeting. The wording of the petition was as follows:-

"We, the undersigned, refute the assertion that the felling of Lime (Tilia sp.) trees

on Rustlings Road is necessary. Instead, we demand, and believe it imperative, that sensitive engineering solutions be adopted and implemented to enable the long-term retention of these trees.

Evidence indicates that such large trees contribute significantly to local climate regulation, filtration of atmospheric pollutants, sustainable urban drainage, biodiversity, ecology: health and wellbeing and amenity; through their beauty and our pleasure of its enjoyment, which enriches our lives.

Twelve trees are marked for destruction, for 'damage to pavements'. We believe the damage is minor and does not significantly impair accessibility for disabled people, or the use of prams and pushchairs. It is our opinion that sensitive engineering solutions, such as pavement restructuring and localized remediation near trees, with kerb stones sculpted to accommodate root morphology, would represent a sustainable solution to perceived problems.

*Loss of these Lime trees would represent a significant loss of a valuable foraging resource for bees (honey from Lime flowers is much prized) and particularly for bats, as the Lime Leaf Aphid (*Eucallipterus tiliæ*) – a favored prey item - only occurs on Lime trees. Lines could be painted on the road to prevent parking under trees, thereby minimizing the risk of damage to vehicles, to a level firmly within the “broadly acceptable region” of tolerability.*

*Sub-veteran, mature trees, such as these Limes, represent our cultural heritage and are **irreplaceable**. We demand that alternative, sensitive engineering solutions be implemented as an alternative to felling.”*

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Louise Wilcockson and Alan Robshaw. The proposal to fell 12 Lime trees on Rustlings Road was part of the work on the City’s highways PFI (Private Finance Initiative). The petitioners believed that the trees could be retained if appropriate highways solutions were implemented. 1000s of trees were to be felled as part of the highways PFI programme and the debate about the retention of trees also concerned the quality of people’s lives and the type of City people wanted to see.

The Council was obliged to conduct risk assessments and also had to have regard to ensure that proportionate decisions were made. The Council’s 25 year contract with Amey would have flexibility to allow for changes in policy.

Members of the Council had been sent a paper, produced by the petitioners in support of the Save Our Rustlings Trees (SORT) campaign. In 2001, the Council had produced a consultation paper or strategy on trees, the content of which had not been adopted or implemented.

The Council was requested to exercise its power to refer the matter to a Scrutiny Committee, produce a strategy for trees and take stock of the highways contract with Amey to prevent the loss of further street trees, which were a valuable asset to the City, which was one of the greenest cities in Britain and Europe.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.1 (b), the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport responded to the petition, following which the Shadow

Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport spoke on the matter.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, responded to the petition. He acknowledged that the issue was a challenging one and applauded the residents and campaigners for all their efforts in bringing the matter to the Council. He understood the need for scrutiny of decisions made by the Council and stated that since 2012, the Streets Ahead programme had been considered three times by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

For generations, people had demanded that the Council take action about the roads and paths and street lighting in the City and the Streets Ahead programme enabled the City's highways to be improved to a first class standard for all residents. However, there were challenges in delivering what was a large scale project, including the logistics, keeping the City moving and of the Council taking people along with it. The Council had to work within the applicable legislation including that relating to highways, equalities and health and safety. The Council was working to give people inclusive mobility.

A survey was done in 2006/7 to inform the priorities as part of the formation of the Streets Ahead contract. This found that Sheffield had a 74 percent mature tree stock, with few young trees. There was a rate of decline, evidenced by the number of trees requiring treatment, which would rapidly accelerate. The Council therefore had to pursue a programme of tree replacement and maintenance. Councillor Fox referred to the Forestry Commission's stance on the capacity of younger and mature trees to absorb carbon dioxide. Young trees absorb carbon dioxide quickly while they are growing. As a tree ages, a steady state was reached and at that point, the amount of carbon dioxide absorbed through photosynthesis was equal to that lost through respiration and decay. Over 2000 highways trees had been replaced and, as part of the Streets Ahead programme, details of trees which were to be removed were available at roadshow events. Councillors had challenged the replacement of highways trees at Scrutiny Committees.

The City was approximately half way through the first 5 years of the project, during which time 2000 streets trees which were dangerous, dead, dying, diseased or damaging to pavements or roads or causing obstruction had been removed. 2019 street trees had been planted. Since January 2015, the Council had planted 50,000 trees, creating 17 new woodlands.

In relation to process, Amey made recommendations to the Council concerning which trees should be removed from the highway and by which category. The Council then assessed each tree and make a decision about whether or not a tree should be felled.

He pointed out that the Streets Ahead programme began with cross party support as the need to improve Sheffield's highways was understood. There was a risk that in increasing access and improving mobility, some highway trees would become vulnerable. An assessment was made as to whether there was wildlife such as birds and bats living in the tree before work began and if necessary, the felling of the tree would be delayed. The felling of a tree was a last resort.

Details were provided in advance to ward councillors of any trees which were to be felled as part of the core works and residents received a work start leaflet to tell them that works were happening in their area. Meetings were held with community groups to inform them of tree felling in the area and to gather their views and comments. If requested, tree walks would be arranged to provide people with more information about why a tree needed to be felled and what it would be replaced with. Notices were also placed on trees which had been identified to be removed.

There were 30 trees on Rustlings Road. 11 had been identified to be felled and 19 were being retained by sensitive engineering solutions. If some of these trees could be retained, then they would be. Any trees that were removed would be replaced. In addition, 9 trees which were removed many years ago and were not replaced would now be replaced.

There had been a pause to the work on Rustlings Road, Wayland Road and Bowood Road until the debate at this Council meeting had taken place.

For the avoidance of doubt, Councillor Fox said that the Council did not pay Amey more, no matter how many trees were felled and any felling of a tree was as a last resort. The Council's tree experts were trained, although it was also the case that experts were likely to have differing views. The Council had to work within legal constraints.

Councillor Fox suggested that a Highway Tree Forum was established so that people including residents, lobby groups and specialist groups could have discussions and the Council was able to consult people about policy. He concluded by congratulating the residents and campaigners and acknowledged their strong feeling towards the City.

Councillor Joe Otten, the Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, then spoke on the matter and referred to concerns about the application of criteria to the trees on Rustlings Road. Trees were able to absorb carbon dioxide and contributed to an improvement in air quality, which affected people's health. It was acknowledged that if a tree was assessed to be unsafe, then it should be removed. However, there would be concern if removal of the trees was for the convenience of the highways PFI programme. He said that the policy should be reviewed and that people should be consulted before action was taken to remove trees.

Members of the City Council then debated the matters raised by the petition, as summarised below:

The City should have had in place a planting and felling regime for decades and the Streets Ahead programme was important in so far as it was upgrading and would maintain the highways, which had been neglected. The ageing population would require accessible footpaths to enable them to be mobile. Tree walks had been arranged in order to provide opportunities for local people to gain an explanation of what would happen to trees on the highways and there was also a role for ward councillors in the programme relating to highways trees.

Members had been informed that, by default, trees on highways would remain in place, unless they were terminally diseased or presented a danger. Information requested, including a plan of the trees on Rustlings Road and details of any accidents which had been reported relating to the pavement on Rustlings Road had not yet been received.

The City was proud of its reputation as a green city which was pro-tree. The Council was also the custodian of the City's road network and had a duty of care to people using highways and footpaths and obligations under highways and disabilities legislation. It was most important that people using wheelchairs or those with a visual impairment were able to walk safely.

It was important to make sure the Streets Ahead programme was operating properly and there was an opportunity to examine how highways trees were managed across the City as part of the programme. From observations on Rustlings Road, there appeared to be discrepancies between the identified species of tree and its actual location, therefore there was risk that the incorrect tree would be removed. Mature trees should be retained, where possible. It was proposed that a 2 month moratorium be put in place before further action was taken to fell the trees on Rustlings Road, a Scrutiny Committee was requested to examine the matter and that the previous draft policy circa 2000/01 was examined.

The lack of a comprehensive tree strategy for Sheffield might mean that some services were working in isolation. There was concern that tree planting was not always in accordance with standard guidance; the ecology unit had not seen the detail of trees that Amey was considering for removal; and that replacement saplings were not an equivalent like for like replacement.

Some species of trees, which were planted on highways and in housing estates earlier in the twentieth century, were inappropriate for the highways of today and pavement surfaces were damaged by tree roots. It was necessary to replace these trees with a species more appropriate to highways.

There was concern that, in some cases, local Councillors were being obstructed in carrying out their role in relation to trees. People also felt they were not being listened to. The Council did have responsibilities in relation to the management of trees and in relation to issues of mobility and access and independent experts should be sought to examine the various issues.

Three new park areas had been opened and new woodlands created, including through the grey to green programme. It was important to maintain the highway so that it was safe for everyone and enabled people to get out and about. It was also crucial to preserve green spaces. Ten percent of highway trees required urgent attention, with a further 70 percent nearing the end of their life. The Streets Ahead contract stated that 50% (or 18,000) of highway trees could be removed as part of the programme. However, two and a half years into the five year programme of core works, only 2,000 had been removed.

The lead petitioners, exercised a right of reply, stating that this was a complex issue and that there was insufficient time to look at all of the matters in detail or to consider the written representations which the petitioners had submitted to the Council, including that a city-wide strategy for trees should also include street trees. It was suggested that referring the matter to a Scrutiny Committee would enable an effective response to the matters raised by the petition and the petitioners would be pleased to work with the Committee and Council officers.

They suggested that systems of evaluation used elsewhere were employed and pointed to the value of trees to the City and to petitioners' request for an independent external assessment, including of each replacement tree. It was considered that there were still unanswered questions arising from the process and there was also a matter of accountability for the Council, which also had a right to know that the programme was being carried out correctly.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, responded to matters which were raised during the debate and stated that the various issues raised would be looked at in more detail. He proposed that a Tree Forum was established to help discuss and consult with people in relation to highways trees.

The meeting adjourned to consider the courses of action available to the Council based on the nature of the petition.

The meeting then reconvened and the following courses of action were proposed:

It was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing that this Council:-

- (a) notes that there are over two million trees across the City, including 36,000 highway trees, and is proud of Sheffield's status as the greenest city;
- (b) welcomes that a record number of trees are being planted across the City by the Administration;
- (c) confirms that the policy of removing trees that are dead, damaged, dying, diseased, dangerous or discriminatory is a long standing policy, and is in place to maintain a Sheffield standard and ensure the safety of local residents;
- (d) notes that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport has held numerous meetings with local Councillors and officers, to explore any new engineering solutions, but none were, or have been, raised;
- (e) rejects the idea put forward by one Councillor that speed humps could be introduced to cover the parts of the pavement that are damaged by trees, noting that this could have serious implications for people with disabilities, and that if implemented, would result in unthinkable costs across the City;

- (f) regrets that the main Opposition Group have sought to play politics and talk the City down over decisions that are ultimately technical in nature and based on advice put forward by technical experts;
- (g) welcomes that the Administration has asked officers to set up a “Highways Tree Forum” so we can have strategic conversations with representative bodies, also allowing residents to have a say in their own neighbourhoods;
- (h) welcomes that works were paused to listen to the concerns of the protestors; and
- (i) however, regrets that as a moratorium would have a major impact on the scheme, including risks to zonal works, confidence from the lenders and the major refinancing work going on for the budget, it is not possible to make any further delays to the programme, and therefore, the programme will continue as planned.

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

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten seconded by Councillor Colin Ross that this Council refers the petition to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration having regard to the comments made by Members during the course of the debate.

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

The outcome of the debate agreed by the Council was as follows:

RESOLVED: That, as regards the petition now submitted containing over 8,000 signatures requesting that, as an alternative to felling, sensitive engineering solutions be implemented in order to enable the long-term retention of the 12 Lime trees on Rustlings Road, this Council:-

- (a) notes that there are over two million trees across the City, including 36,000 highway trees, and is proud of Sheffield’s status as the greenest city;
- (b) welcomes that a record number of trees are being planted across the City by the Administration;
- (c) confirms that the policy of removing trees that are dead, damaged, dying, diseased, dangerous or discriminatory is a long standing policy, and is in place to maintain a Sheffield standard and ensure the safety of local residents;
- (d) notes that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport has held numerous meetings with local Councillors and officers, to explore any new engineering solutions, but none were, or have been, raised;
- (e) rejects the idea put forward by one Councillor that speed humps could be

- introduced to cover the parts of the pavement that are damaged by trees, noting that this could have serious implications for people with disabilities, and that if implemented, would result in unthinkable costs across the City;
- (f) regrets that the main Opposition Group have sought to play politics and talk the City down over decisions that are ultimately technical in nature and based on advice put forward by technical experts;
 - (g) welcomes that the Administration has asked officers to set up a “Highways Tree Forum” so we can have strategic conversations with representative bodies, also allowing residents to have a say in their own neighbourhoods;
 - (h) welcomes that works were paused to listen to the concerns of the protestors; and
 - (i) however, regrets that as a moratorium would have a major impact on the scheme, including risks to zonal works, confidence from the lenders and the major refinancing work going on for the budget, it is not possible to make any further delays to the programme, and therefore, the programme will continue as planned.

7.4 Petitions

7.4.1 Petition Requesting a Safe Play area, with Equipment, in Ellesmere Park

The Council received a petition containing 66 signatures requesting a safe play area, with equipment, in Ellesmere Park.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Isobel Bowler, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

7.4.2 Petition Requesting Floodlit Football Pitches on Spare Ground at the Side of Wensley Street

The Council received a petition containing 102 signatures, requesting the construction of two floodlit football pitches, on spare ground, at the side of Wensley Street.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON**

Debate on Petition to Save 12 Trees on Rustlings Road (2)

It was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent petition to save 12 trees on Rustlings Road, near Endcliffe Park, signed by over 8,000 people;
- (b) notes Sheffield's reputation as one of the greenest cities in Europe and recognises the importance of the city's trees in making this city so special and unique;
- (c) notes this Administration's continued efforts to ruin this reputation by selling off parts of our city's parks and threatening the green belt surrounding Sheffield;
- (d) is concerned by the comment made by tree expert Adam Winson that the Council's current policy on trees could lead to half the city's trees being felled in a 'potential chainsaw massacre';
- (e) believes that Amey have been given free rein by the Administration to decide the fate of our city's trees without consultation of Sheffield residents; and
- (f) therefore proposes to the Administration:
 - (i) that a moratorium of at least two months is called on the felling of mature trees in Sheffield; and
 - (ii) that a scrutiny review of the citywide policy on the future of our trees takes place.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) therefore recognises that a debate of Full Council will take place on the issue and resolves to listen to the outcome of the debate before reaching a decision on this issue.

Motion to move to next business

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.13) the Council does now move to the next item of business and that the question be now put.

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

Following a Right of Reply by Councillor Roger Davison, the original Motion, as amended, was put to the vote in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent petition to save 12 trees on Rustlings Road, near Endcliffe Park, signed by over 8,000 people;

- (b) notes Sheffield's reputation as one of the greenest cities in Europe and recognises the importance of the city's trees in making this city so special and unique; and
- (c) therefore recognises that a debate of Full Council will take place on the issue and resolves to listen to the outcome of the debate before reaching a decision on this issue.

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

9.1 Urgent Business

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

9.2 Questions

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

9.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

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

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES 2014-15

The Council received an Annual Report, which provided an overview of scrutiny activity undertaken by each of the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees during the 2014/15 Municipal Year. Councillor Cate McDonald, Lead Member for Scrutiny, introduced the report.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Report of the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees 2014-15 be noted.

11. CHANGE TO THE SIZE OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That on the Motion of Councillor Cate McDonald, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling Josephs, this Council:-

- (a) agrees to reduce the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee from 19 seats to 12 seats, as detailed in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and notes that, in relation to the overall number of seats across committees available to each political group, the reduced size of the Committee results in the same number of final adjustments being required to be made as for the status quo, meaning that the adjustments already made by the Council at its meeting on 20th May 2015 can remain in place;
- (b) adopts the changes to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, as set out in the report and appendices; and
- (c) notes that the appointment of Members to serve on the revised size Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will be undertaken at item 9 on the agenda for this meeting.

12. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

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

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	-	Councillors Tony Damms, Bob Johnson, Cate McDonald, Pat Midgley, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Jack Scott and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies
	-	Councillors Sue Alston and Steve Ayris to fill vacancies
	-	Councillor Sarah-Jane Smalley to fill a vacancy
	-	Councillor John Booker to fill a vacancy
Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor Mike Drabble to fill a vacancy
Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	-	Councillor Roy Munn to fill a vacancy
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Substitute Members	-	Councillors Pat Midgley, Geoff Smith, Peter Rippon and Jack Scott to fill vacancies

			-	Councillors Roger Davison, Cliff Woodcraft and Sue Alston to fill vacancies
Planning and Highways Committee			-	Councillors Ian Saunders and Roy Munn to fill vacancies
Substitute Members				
Licensing Committee			-	Councillor Roy Munn to fill a vacancy
Audit Committee			-	Councillor Dianne Hurst to fill a vacancy
Southey Local Area Partnership			-	Councillor Tony Damms to fill a vacancy
Lead Ward Member				
Woodhouse Local Area Partnership			-	Councillor Ray Satur to fill a vacancy
Lead Ward Member				
Older People's Champion			-	Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
Sexual Health Champion			-	Councillor Nikki Bond to fill a vacancy
Younger People's Champion			-	Councillor Anne Murphy to fill a vacancy
Castlegate Member Working Group			-	Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs and Ian Saunders to fill vacancies
Community Covenant Working Group			-	Councillors John Campbell and Tony Damms to fill vacancies
Cycle Forum			-	Councillor Steve Wilson to fill a vacancy
Communities Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee			-	Councillor Isobel Bowler to fill a vacancy
Place Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee			-	Councillor Jayne Dunn to fill a vacancy
Children, Young People and Families Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee			-	Councillor Jackie Drayton to fill a vacancy
Resources Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee			-	Councillor Ben Curran to fill a vacancy
Fairtrade Working Group			-	Councillor Nikki Bond to fill a vacancy
Fairer Charging Commission			-	Councillors Mary Lea and Olivia Blake to fill vacancies
Information Services Steering			-	Councillors Ian Saunders, Neale

Group		Gibson, Jenny Armstrong and Cate McDonald to fill vacancies
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	-	Councillors Pat Midgley, Peter Price, Gill Furniss and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	-	Councillors Peter Rippon, Olivia Blake and Mary Lea to fill vacancies
Motorists Forum	-	Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	-	Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill a vacancy
Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust	-	Councillors Olivia Blake and Bryan Lodge to replace Adam Hurst and Cate McDonald
South Yorkshire Local Pension Board	-	Councillor Ben Curran to fill a vacancy
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee	-	Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillors George Lindars-Hammond and Steve Jones to fill vacancies
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee	-	Councillors George Lindars-Hammond and Steve Jones to fill vacancies
(b) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies, as follows:-		

Other External Organisations (number of places)

Charities/Educational Foundations:-			
Anne Reresby Trust, High Green	Cllr Joyce Wright		
Church Burgess	Cllr John Campbell		
Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts	Cllr Roy Munn		

Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity)	Cllr Peter Price		
Beighton Relief in Need Charity	Cllr Ian Saunders		
ACIS Local Management Committee	Cllrs Terry Fox and Paul Wood		
Chevin Housing Board	Cllr Bob Johnson		
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum	Cllr Peter Price		
Creative Sheffield Board	Cllr Leigh Bramall		
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme – Sheffield Council	Cllrs Alan Law and George Lindars-Hammond		
Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee	Cllr Terry Fox		
Great Places Housing Group	Cllrs Pat Midgley and Jackie Satur		
Groundwork Sheffield Trust	Cllr Garry Weatherall		
Learning Disabilities Partnership Board	Cllr Mary Lea		
Local Enterprise Partnership	Cllr Julie Dore		
Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee	Cllr Ben Curran		
Longley Park Sixth Form College	Cllr Alan Law		
Manor and Castle Development Trust	Cllrs Pat		

	Midgley and Terry Fox		
Mental Health Partnership Board	Cllr Mary Lea		
National Association of British Market Authorities	Cllr Chris Rosling-Josephs		
National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee	Cllr Garry Weatherall		
Reserve and Cadet Forces – Yorkshire and Humber	Cllr John Campbell		
Seven Hills Leisure Trust	Cllr Neale Gibson		
Sheffield City Trust Group Finances and General Purposes Committee	Cllr Neale Gibson		
Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board	Cllr Mary Lea		
Sheffield Business Adviser Panel	Cllrs Julie Dore and Leigh Bramall		
Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board	Cllr Jenny Armstrong		
Sheffield City Trust (1 Member Observer)	Cllr David Barker		
Sheffield Clean Air Partnership	Cllr Tony Downing		
Sheffield Co-Operative Development Board	Cllr Anne Murphy		
Sheffield Executive Board	Cllr Julie Dore		
Sheffield 0-19+ Partnership Board	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Sheffield 0-19+ Executive Board	Cllr Jackie		

	Drayton		
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Mary Lea		
Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust – Directors and Members	Cllr Geoff Smith		
Sheffield International Venues Ltd – Board of Directors	Cllr Neale Gibson		
Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership	Cllr Isobel Bowler		
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members	Cllrs Mick Rooney and Pat Midgley		
Sanctuary Local Housing Board	Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Peter Rippon		
South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group	Cllr Ray Satur		
South Yorkshire Forest Steering Partnership	Cllr Terry Fox		
South Yorkshire Leaders Group	Cllr Julie Dore		
South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Users' Advisory Group	Cllr Tony Downing		
South Yorkshire Trading Standards Joint Committee	Cllrs Chris Rosling-Josephs and Garry Weatherall		
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board	Cllrs Alan Law, Peter Price and Sioned-Mair Richards		
Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities	Cllr Ben		

	Curran		
University Technical College Trust Board	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust	Cllr Neale Gibson		
Voluntary Action Sheffield	Cllr Adam Hurst		
Welcome to Yorkshire Tourist Board	Cllr Isobel Bowler		
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Trust	Cllr Mary Lea		
Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning Consortium Joint Committee	Cllr Ian Saunders		
University of Sheffield Enterprise Advisory Board	Cllr Leigh Bramall		

(c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 20 May 2015, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointments:-

- Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy
- Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service - Councillor David Barker to fill a vacancy
- South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives - Councillor David Barker to fill a vacancy

(d) it be noted that the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committee, at its meeting held on 17th June 2015, appointed Aline Hayes to the post of Director of Business Change and Information.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS PEACE

Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Chris Peace, seconded by Councillor Terry Fox, that this Council:-

- (a) has previously put on record its call for a full public inquiry into the actions of the police at the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984 during the miners' strike of 1984-85.
- (b) Along with ex miners, their families, campaigners from the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign, the people of Sheffield, has waited patiently for nearly 2 and half years for the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) to complete their "scoping" exercise, investigating whether to investigate the actions of the police on that day.
- (c) is disappointed that the IPCC announced on Friday 12th June 2015 that despite there being findings that police officers did use excessive force against picketing miners, manipulated evidence and lied in court when giving evidence, they would not be conducting an investigation into what has become known as the "Battle of Orgreave".
- (d) notes that the IPCC cited the passage of time and the fact that there had been no miscarriages of justice in the form of wrongful convictions as reasons not to investigate.
- (e) believes that the issue of Orgreave is of national importance and particular local importance to our local community here in Sheffield, many members of which were directly affected in 1984 and beyond. A full investigation into the military style policing used on that day is now long overdue and only a full public inquiry can fully investigate this; and
- (f) therefore calls on the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to order a full public inquiry into the deployment and actions of the police on 18th June 1984.

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

- For the Motion (57)
- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Diane Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther,

Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

- Against the Motion (0) - Nil.
- Abstained the Motion (19) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HURST

Welfare Cuts

It was moved by Councillor Adam Hurst, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls previous resolutions it has passed outlining that the impact of the previous Coalition Government's cuts to welfare in Sheffield are hitting hardest the poorest in the City;
- (b) notes recent reports that child poverty is on course for the biggest rise in a generation, reversing years of progress that began in the late 1990s, leading charities and independent experts claim;
- (c) further notes that calculations from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) have suggested that progress between the late 1990s and 2010 has been reversed and that the number of children living in relative poverty rose from 2.3 million in 2013 to 2.6 million in 2014, and that the Child Poverty Action Group says that with the Government committed to implementing another £12bn of cuts in a new round of austerity, the problem will grow;
- (d) notes that the Government has outlined its intentions to make £12 billion additional cuts to welfare spending, however, have refused to explain where the cuts will fall and who they will hit;
- (e) believes that the Government must come clean about its plan to cut support for working families, disabled people and carers and that its refusal to admit who'll be hit by its cuts is adding to the insecurity felt by working families around the country;

- (f) notes that this Government has failed to rule out cuts to tax credits and support for working families under Universal Credit and has failed to rule out cuts to support for disabled people and their carers;
- (g) believes that welfare costs should be reduced by tackling the root causes of rising benefit bills, such as insecure employment, low pay and lack of affordable housing; and
- (h) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (c) as follows:-
 - (a) regrets the gap between the richest and the poorest rose during the thirteen years of the previous Labour Government and that the previous Labour Government failed to meet its target on child poverty by hundreds of thousands of children;
 - (b) notes that, despite speculation by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) that the number of children living in relative poverty would increase to 2.6 million by the end of 2014, the official figures from the Department for Work and Pension's 'Households Below Average Income' report show that the percentage of children in relative low-income households remained "flat" in 2013/14;
 - (c) notes that the IFS report 'Child poverty in Britain: recent trends and future prospects' states 'Labour struggled to find ways of substantially improving the (absolute and relative) incomes of the poor other than via [...] direct fiscal redistribution' and that 'Labour's heavy reliance on increases in benefits to reduce poverty is that (at least some of) those poverty reductions may prove fragile';
2. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) applauds the work of Liberal Democrats in the previous Government to support children living in poverty, including:
 - (i) funding to provide 15 hours of free childcare per week to disadvantaged 2 year olds;
 - (ii) the pupil premium, which has seen £25 million invested into Sheffield schools to help the poorest children;
 - (iii) an additional £50 million a year to provide extra tuition to 11-year-olds who are struggling with poor maths and reading skills;

- (iv) £5.4 million to provide Free Early Learning for disadvantaged two-year-olds; and
 - (v) committing to free school meals for all infant pupils;
3. the relettering of original paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (e) to (h);
4. the addition of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows:-
- (i) notes Labour Party leadership candidate, Liz Kendall, backs the Government's plan to reduce the welfare cap to £23,000 a year and fellow candidates, Andy Burnham and Yvette Cooper, have failed to rule out support for reducing the welfare cap;
 - (j) believes that the best way to reduce child poverty and achieve a fairer society with greater opportunity for everyone is through the creation of a stronger economy, creating growth and in turn more investment and more job creation;
5. the relettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (k).

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recalls previous resolutions it has passed outlining that the impact of the previous Coalition Government's cuts to welfare in Sheffield are hitting hardest the poorest in the City;
- (b) notes recent reports that child poverty is on course for the biggest rise in a generation, reversing years of progress that began in the late 1990s, leading charities and independent experts claim;
- (c) further notes that calculations from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) have suggested that progress between the late 1990s and 2010 has been reversed and that the number of children living in relative poverty rose from 2.3 million in 2013 to 2.6 million in 2014, and that the Child Poverty Action Group says that with the Government committed to implementing another £12bn of cuts in a new round of austerity, the problem will grow;
- (d) notes that the Government has outlined its intentions to make £12 billion additional cuts to welfare spending, however, have refused to explain where the cuts will fall and who they will hit;
- (e) believes that the Government must come clean about its plan to cut

support for working families, disabled people and carers and that its refusal to admit who'll be hit by its cuts is adding to the insecurity felt by working families around the country;

- (f) notes that this Government has failed to rule out cuts to tax credits and support for working families under Universal Credit and has failed to rule out cuts to support for disabled people and their carers;
- (g) believes that welfare costs should be reduced by tackling the root causes of rising benefit bills, such as insecure employment, low pay and lack of affordable housing; and
- (h) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

(Note: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (d) to (h) and against paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN

Blood Supply

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges plans are being considered to shut the blood supply chain manufacturing facility on Longley Lane, along with a facility in Newcastle;
- (b) acknowledges the plans would see these two facilities in Sheffield and Newcastle relocated and merged into a single facility in Manchester;
- (c) acknowledges that the single site in Manchester would provide services to the whole of the North West, North East and Yorkshire regions of the country;
- (d) expresses concern that this could potentially put 60 jobs in Sheffield at risk;
- (e) expresses concern about a single location in Manchester being a base to cover the whole of the North West, North East and Yorkshire regions, because:
 - (i) this is a physically large geography;
 - (ii) travel disruption often occurs between Manchester and Sheffield, as

- well as in other areas, during periods of bad weather;
- (iii) the strategy fails to make it clear where blood stores would be located outside of the manufacturing centre in Manchester; and
 - (iv) it is unclear how the operation of the service under these proposals would cope with a major incident;
- (f) therefore, believes that more work needs to be done before these proposals are put into place, and that scrutiny of these proposals is necessary to ensure that any changes are both workable and effective; and
- (g) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Sheffield MPs, the Secretary of State for Health, the Shadow Secretary of State for Health and the Chair of the Health Select Committee, with a request for the matter to be considered by the relevant Select Committee.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

UK Steel Industry

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

- (a) recognises the importance of the UK steel industry as a significant contributor to the UK economy;
- (b) understands that the UK steel industry is a provider of highly-skilled jobs and research and development, both in Sheffield City Region and across the UK;
- (c) recognises that British Steel is a quality product, manufactured to high production values in a sustainable and responsible manner;
- (d) supports the principles set out in the Charter for Sustainable British Steel; and
- (e) pledges to give effect to the principles of the Charter as fully as possible through its procurement policy.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

European Union

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that it is important to Sheffield for Britain to stay in the European Union;
- (b) believes that only as a full member of a reformed European Union can we be certain Britain's businesses will have access to markets in Europe and beyond;
- (c) believes that remaining part of the European Union is vital to the long term security of Sheffield businesses and to building a stronger local economy;
- (d) therefore calls upon Sheffield businesses and public sector organisations to highlight the importance of remaining within the European Union in the run-up to the 2016 EU referendum; and
- (e) urges all Councillors to sign up to the cross-party organisation British Influence and join the Yes to Europe campaign.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

- (f) also supports the principle of political parties developing their own distinctive 'Yes Campaigns', as already outlined by the Labour Party.

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

It was then moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that Sheffield and Great Britain have survived and prospered very well before we joined the EU and will survive and prosper to a greater degree after we leave;
- (b) notes that there are over sixty countries who are not members of the European Union that have access to markets in the EU, which include the USA, China and Russia, and believes that the EU is a shrinking market, and in years to come it will represent five percent of world trade, and that to tie our country to this union is incompetent and shortsighted;
- (c) believes that the long term future and security of Sheffield and Great Britain depends on us leaving the EU, and taking back our seat at the World Trade Organisation, and notes that we are a global trading nation, a G7 Country, the world's fifth largest economy, the fourth largest exporter of goods worldwide, the seventh largest manufacturing nation, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a founder member of the World Bank and one of the major players in NATO, and further believes that this country has a lot to be proud of, and that the European Union is not vital to Great Britain;

- (d) notes that before Britain joined the EU we made our own trade deals and traded freely across the globe, and that we surrendered our trade negotiating rights when we signed up to what was then the EEC, and believes the rest is a sad history - the disastrous Common Fisheries Policy, that now means we have to import two thirds of the fish we consume; the Common Agricultural Policy, which imposes excessive regulations on our farmers; and the Climate Change Act, dubbed the most expensive piece of legislation in British history, which costs £18 billion a year, is anti-productive and is pushing this country into an energy crisis; and
- (e) urges all Councillors to put their faith in Great Britain, reject the "Napoleonic Blueprint" that is the EU, and reject its aim to have one flag, totalitarian control of its member states, and believes that the EU wants our sovereignty, our democracy, our currency, and with that, our economy, and suggests that the country should break free from the bureaucratic nightmare that is Brussels.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that it is important to Sheffield for Britain to stay in the European Union;
- (b) believes that only as a full member of a reformed European Union can we be certain Britain's businesses will have access to markets in Europe and beyond;
- (c) believes that remaining part of the European Union is vital to the long term security of Sheffield businesses and to building a stronger local economy;
- (d) therefore calls upon Sheffield businesses and public sector organisations to highlight the importance of remaining within the European Union in the run-up to the 2016 EU referendum;
- (e) urges all Councillors to sign up to the cross-party organisation British Influence and join the Yes to Europe campaign; and
- (f) also supports the principle of political parties developing their own distinctive 'Yes Campaigns', as already outlined by the Labour Party.

(Note 1: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (e) and against paragraph (f) of the Substantive Motion

and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

Austerity Policies

It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes reports from the People's Assembly Against Austerity that up to 250,000 people took part in the 'End Austerity Now' demonstration in London on 20th June 2015, as well as other demonstrations in cities across the UK;
- (b) thanks all those who attended and helped to organise these demonstrations for their continuing commitment to fighting what this Council believes to be the Government's divisive, destructive and ideologically driven austerity agenda;
- (c) notes that speakers at the London demonstration included representatives of many different organisations, including the Green Party and the Labour Party, and believes that this indicates the strength of opposition to austerity policies across much of the political spectrum in this country;
- (d) recalls that in Sheffield, public sector spending cuts have already resulted in a 50% cut to Sheffield City Council's Revenue Support Grant between 2010 and 2015, and is deeply concerned at reports that further cuts to local government funding may be announced as part of the 'Summer Budget' on 8th July 2015;
- (e) notes that austerity measures in Sheffield and across the country continue to hit the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest, and believes that this is deeply wrong;
- (f) therefore calls upon all political parties to support alternatives to the economics of austerity and spending cuts, including raising taxes on the wealthiest in society, cracking down on tax avoidance, and investing in infrastructure, home insulation, and renewable energy; and
- (g) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the leaders of all Parliamentary parties.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the

insertion in paragraph (f), between the words “spending cuts” and “including raising”, of the words “which will predominantly involve a long term sustainable growth strategy, based around successful businesses generating future prosperity and creating wealth,”.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes that as a result of the previous Coalition Government’s policies, the wealthiest are paying more in tax, whilst lower earners are paying less, than at the start of the last Parliament, thanks to measures such as:-
 - (i) cutting income tax by £825 for over 26 million low and middle income earners and removing over 3 million of the lowest earners from paying income tax altogether, by increasing the lower tax allowance;
 - (ii) cutting tax breaks for the highest earners, meaning someone earning £1 million a year had to pay £381,000 more tax during the last Parliament than under the previous Labour Government; and
 - (iii) tackling tax avoidance by a tenfold increase in prosecutions relating to tax crimes and closing 33 tax loopholes, resulting in an extra £9billion from the richest people in the UK being raised each year;
- (b) notes that the independent Office for National Statistics’ calculations of the Gini index shows that the UK, by the end of the Coalition Government’s term, was enjoying the lowest income inequality since 1986;
- (c) believes that the Green Party’s support for economic growth is lukewarm at best, but that a strong economy is a necessary prerequisite for opportunity for all and generates the revenues necessary for public services, and that, therefore, the consequences of Green Party policies would be economic failure and, as a consequence, much greater austerity; and
- (d) regrets the ideological austerity which this Council believes is being offered by the current Government, which is going beyond what is necessary to balance the books.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes reports from the People's Assembly Against Austerity that up to 250,000 people took part in the 'End Austerity Now' demonstration in London on 20th June 2015, as well as other demonstrations in cities across the UK;
- (b) thanks all those who attended and helped to organise these demonstrations for their continuing commitment to fighting what this Council believes to be the Government's divisive, destructive and ideologically driven austerity agenda;
- (c) notes that speakers at the London demonstration included representatives of many different organisations, including the Green Party and the Labour Party, and believes that this indicates the strength of opposition to austerity policies across much of the political spectrum in this country;
- (d) recalls that in Sheffield, public sector spending cuts have already resulted in a 50% cut to Sheffield City Council's Revenue Support Grant between 2010 and 2015, and is deeply concerned at reports that further cuts to local government funding may be announced as part of the 'Summer Budget' on 8th July 2015;
- (e) notes that austerity measures in Sheffield and across the country continue to hit the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest, and believes that this is deeply wrong;
- (f) therefore calls upon all political parties to support alternatives to the economics of austerity and spending cuts, which will predominantly involve a long term sustainable growth strategy, based around successful businesses generating future prosperity and creating wealth, including raising taxes on the wealthiest in society, cracking down on tax avoidance, and investing in infrastructure, home insulation, and renewable energy; and
- (g) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the leaders of all Parliamentary parties.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

Sports Facilities in Page Hall

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

- (a) believes the area of Page Hall, Fir Vale, would benefit from having two floodlit football pitches built on spare ground at the side of Wensley Street, with shelters or possible cafe type area adjacent, so all communities would

have a meeting place where they could socialise and get to know each other better;

- (b) also believes, after speaking with local residents, that this planned development would go some way to reducing social tensions, and focus actions positively on an inclusive project;
- (c) hopes areas like S4, where the mover of this Motion lived and worked in his youth, can one day make the headlines for the right reasons, i.e. social inclusion and prosperity for all;
- (d) further wishes for cross party support on this action plan, and hopes funds can be found for smaller projects as easily as they seem to be acquired for larger ones;
- (e) notes that Britain is a compassionate, caring nation, and that in the course of our island's history we have welcomed millions of people to these shores and we are proud of that fact;
- (f) further notes that UKIP believes, and will comply fully with, the 1951 UN Convention relating to the status of refugees, and will continue to honour the country's obligations to bona fide asylum seekers; and
- (g) notes that a petition, with over a hundred signatures and three photographs of the proposed site, has been submitted to the Council in support of the planned development.

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

- (a) notes that organised football sessions already take place three times a week from the floodlit pitches at Fir Vale School, and that these sessions are supported by the Council and South Yorkshire Police and have provided local young people with the opportunity to take part in structured activity with a focus on health and community engagement;
- (b) notes that the immediate area is not short on sports facilities, with additional sports grounds at the bottom of Wensley Close, at Hindewood Close and at Firth Park;
- (c) welcomes that the Council and its partners are working hard to engage positively with members of the community living in the area;
- (d) notes the complex challenges experienced in the area and believes it is important that the Council, partners and members of the community continue to work together to ensure that the positive aspects of the area and the people who live there are recognised and celebrated; and

- (e) recognises the importance of providing and supporting activities and services that make a positive contribution to improving community engagement and local aspirations and, despite the economic pressures, is open to considering requests that fit this.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that organised football sessions already take place three times a week from the floodlit pitches at Fir Vale School, and that these sessions are supported by the Council and South Yorkshire Police and have provided local young people with the opportunity to take part in structured activity with a focus on health and community engagement;
- (b) notes that the immediate area is not short on sports facilities, with additional sports grounds at the bottom of Wensley Close, at Hindewood Close and at Firth Park;
- (c) welcomes that the Council and its partners are working hard to engage positively with members of the community living in the area;
- (d) notes the complex challenges experienced in the area and believes it is important that the Council, partners and members of the community continue to work together to ensure that the positive aspects of the area and the people who live there are recognised and celebrated; and
- (e) recognises the importance of providing and supporting activities and services that make a positive contribution to improving community engagement and local aspirations and, despite the economic pressures, is open to considering requests that fit this.

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraph (e) and abstained on paragraphs (a) to (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

20. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

Remember Srebrenica Campaign

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that July 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Bosnian town of Srebrenica;

- (b) notes that in the days following, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were systematically massacred and buried in mass graves, and that thousands of women, children and elderly people were forcibly deported and a large number of women were raped;
- (c) recognises the importance of campaigns such as Remember Srebrenica in reminding us all to never be complacent and that the international community must strive, constantly, for peace and the defence of human rights;
- (d) recognises the importance of human rights, and the European Union and European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) in promoting peace and internationalism;
- (e) regrets that, in 2015, the Government wishes to scrap the Human Rights Act and withdraw the UK from the ECHR; and
- (f) encourages all Councillors to sign the Remembering Srebrenica pledge to ensure that lessons learned from Srebrenica with regards to the importance of tackling intolerance, prejudice and hatred, are implemented in British society.

(Note: Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (f) and against paragraphs (d) and (e) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

21. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

Mental Health

It was moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that one in four people will suffer with mental health problems at some point during their lives;
- (b) notes that despite their prevalence, mental health problems are still stigmatised in today's society;
- (c) praises the previous Government's work to improve the status of mental health, including measures such as:
 - (i) introducing the first waiting time targets for mental health treatment;
 - (ii) putting an extra £1.25bn into children and adolescent mental health services;

- (iii) improving access to talking therapies and early intervention; and
- (iv) improving diversion of people with mental health problems from the criminal justice system;
- (d) believes there is much more work needed to be done to achieve a parity of esteem for mental and physical health problems;
- (e) recognises the increasing pressure health and social care budgets are facing in the next 5 years;
- (f) fears that unless more than the £8 billion to cover the initial shortfall in the health and social care budget is granted to the NHS, this historic opportunity to build on the previous Government's good work on mental health will be lost;
- (g) notes the concern of the Mental Health Policy Group that the £1.25 billion, earmarked in the previous Government's March 2015 budget for children's mental health services, may not be found; and
- (h) therefore:
 - (i) urges the Chancellor of the Exchequer to recommit to providing the £1.25 billion in the emergency budget on 8th July; and
 - (ii) calls for a copy of this motion to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) welcomes any positive actions taken to improve treatment for mental health, however regrets that yet again the previous Government's record does not match the rhetoric put forward by the main opposition group on this Council, and reminds the main opposition group of reports in 2012, by leading mental health charities, that spending on mental health had fallen under the previous Government for the first time in a decade, and that, under the previous Government, there were thousands fewer mental health nurses and hundreds fewer mental health doctors in the NHS, and that a recent Health Service Journal survey found 3,640 fewer nurses and 213 fewer doctors working in mental health in April this year compared to staffing levels two years ago;
2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) fears that, unless more than the £8 billion initial shortfall in Health and

Social Care budgets is granted to the NHS Health and Local Government Social Care Budgets, all people needing health and social care now and in the future will suffer.

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for part 2 and abstained on part 1 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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 one in four people will suffer with mental health problems at some point during their lives;
- (b) notes that despite their prevalence, mental health problems are still stigmatised in today's society;
- (c) welcomes any positive actions taken to improve treatment for mental health, however regrets that yet again the previous Government's record does not match the rhetoric put forward by the main opposition group on this Council, and reminds the main opposition group of reports in 2012, by leading mental health charities, that spending on mental health had fallen under the previous Government for the first time in a decade, and that, under the previous Government, there were thousands fewer mental health nurses and hundreds fewer mental health doctors in the NHS, and that a recent Health Service Journal survey found 3,640 fewer nurses and 213 fewer doctors working in mental health in April this year compared to staffing levels two years ago;
- (d) believes there is much more work needed to be done to achieve a parity of esteem for mental and physical health problems;
- (e) recognises the increasing pressure health and social care budgets are facing in the next 5 years;
- (f) fears that, unless more than the £8 billion initial shortfall in Health and Social Care budgets is granted to the NHS Health and Local Government Social Care Budgets, all people needing health and social care now and in the future will suffer;
- (g) notes the concern of the Mental Health Policy Group that the £1.25 billion, earmarked in the previous Government's March 2015 budget for children's mental health services, may not be found; and
- (h) therefore:

- (i) urges the Chancellor of the Exchequer to recommit to providing the £1.25 billion in the emergency budget on 8th July; and
- (ii) calls for a copy of this motion to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (h) and against paragraph (c) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

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

3. Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (g) and (h) and against paragraphs (c) and (f) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

22. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR KEITH DAVIS

Rat Control Charges

It was moved by Councillor Keith Davis, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that vermin (Rat) infestation is primarily caused by poor personal domestic housekeeping and incorrect disposal of waste and discarded foodstuffs;
- (b) understands that certain areas of Sheffield, namely Page Hall, are receiving a mass treatment for Rat infestation because the problem is so great, at no charge to any household or individual;
- (c) further understands that, throughout this treatment, just 5 charges have been brought for litter/tipping offences, one of which remains unpaid;
- (d) further understands that, because of austerity cuts, not all households should be in receipt of free vermin treatment, however suggests that people in receipt of a state pension should not be charged for any treatment, in line with others who receive the treatments free of charge; and
- (e) believes that where the cause of infestation that requires treatment is attributed directly to the household in question because of bad practice regarding waste/food disposal, then charges should apply irrespective of the status of the said householder.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Ben

Curran, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) confirms that the rat control charge was introduced with regret, however, believes that this was unavoidable due to the unprecedented level of cuts imposed on the Council;
- (b) further notes that the charges have been in place for a number of years now and this has not resulted in increases in rat infestations throughout the city;
- (c) notes that removing charging for any group would have a financial implication for the Council, which is not accounted for in the motion;
- (d) notes that any measure to remove charges for rat control could have been introduced as part of the 2015/16 budget, set at the Full Council meeting on 6th March 2015, where the UKIP Group had the opportunity to put forward alternative budget proposals; and
- (e) recalls that the UKIP Group failed to put forward an alternative budget.

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

It was then moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) acknowledges that there is a problem with rat infestation in some areas of the city, such as Page Hall; and
- (b) urges the Council to take reasonable steps to solve the issue.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) confirms that the rat control charge was introduced with regret, however, believes that this was unavoidable due to the unprecedented level of cuts imposed on the Council;
- (b) further notes that the charges have been in place for a number of years

now and this has not resulted in increases in rat infestations throughout the city;

- (c) notes that removing charging for any group would have a financial implication for the Council, which is not accounted for in the motion;
- (d) notes that any measure to remove charges for rat control could have been introduced as part of the 2015/16 budget, set at the Full Council meeting on 6th March 2015, where the UKIP Group had the opportunity to put forward alternative budget proposals; and
- (e) recalls that the UKIP Group failed to put forward an alternative budget.

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)