

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 6 March 2024, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Jayne Dunn)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i>
Simon Clement-Jones
Richard Shaw
Sophie Thornton | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Craig Gamble Pugh
Robert Reiss
Alan Woodcock | 19 | <i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i>
Nighat Basharat
Ibby Ullah |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i>
Kurtis Crossland
Ian Horner
Ann Woolhouse | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i>
Roger Davison
Barbara Masters
Shaffaq Mohammed | 20 | <i>Park & Arbourthorne</i>
Ben Miskell
Nabeela Mowlana
Sophie Wilson |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Fran Belbin
Abdul Khayum | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i>
David Barker
Mike Drabble
Dianne Hurst |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i>
Angela Argenzio
Maleiki Haybe
Brian Holmshaw | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i>
Sue Alston
Andrew Sangar
Cliff Woodcraft | 22 | <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i>
Peter Price
Garry Weatherall |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i>
Talib Hussain
Mark Jones
Safiya Saeed | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i>
Alexi Dimond
Marieanne Elliot
Paul Turpin | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i>
Mike Chaplin
Tony Damms
Jayne Dunn |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i>
Douglas Johnson
Ruth Mersereau
Martin Phipps | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i>
Ian Auckland
Steve Ayris
Mohammed Mahroof | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i>
Penny Baker
William Sapwell
Richard Williams |
| 7 | <i>Crookes & Crosspool Ward</i>
Tim Huggan
Ruth Milsom
Minesh Parekh | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i>
Christine Gilligan Kubo
Toby Mallinson
Henry Nottage | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i>
Lewis Chinchin
Julie Grocutt
Janet Ridler |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i>
Mazher Iqbal
Mary Lea
Zahira Naz | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i>
Terry Fox
Laura Moynahan
Sioned-Mair Richards | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i>
Tom Hunt
Laura McClean |
| 9 | <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i>
Joe Otten
Colin Ross
Martin Smith | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i>
Glynis Chapman
Tony Downing
Gail Smith | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Alan Hooper
Mike Levery
Ann Whitaker |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Alison Norris
Mick Rooney |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dawn Dale, Bernard Little, Abtissam Mohamed, Maroof Raouf and Paul Wood.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 2.1 There were no items of business identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

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

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

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Lord Mayor's Announcements

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) reported that a Lord Mayor's Gala Ball, held the preceding Friday evening, had raised over £8,000 for the St Luke's Hospice Charity, and he expressed his thanks to the large number of Council Members who had supported that event.

The Lord Mayor stated that, at the end of the Council meeting, he would be expressing thanks to Members of the Council who would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming elections in May and would invite them to the Lord Mayor's Parlour at the conclusion of the meeting. He advised that he too would be retiring at those elections.

4.2 Petitions and Public Questions

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) reported that questions would be taken at the meeting from five members of the public. He added that no ordinary petitions had been received, but a petition containing over 5,000 signatures would be debated at the end of this item of business, and that petition was referred to at item 5(b) on the agenda for the meeting.

4.3 Public Questions

4.3.1 Question from Abid Hussain

Question - *The South Yorkshire Muslim Bereavement Trust (SYMBT) welcomes the Council's efforts to develop a comprehensive city-wide Bereavement Strategy, including the provisions in fulfilling the special religious needs of the 50,000 strong Muslim communities. As the Council approves its Budget for 2024/25 today on 6th March and given the depletion of burial space within the city across all cemeteries, and in particular Shiregreen and City Road, could the Council provide a detailed position on what revenue and capital allocation has been set aside for advancing the development and implementation of the City-Wide Bereavement Strategy. Specifically, this should include the capital allocation in 24/25, 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28, which will be required to either acquire new sites or develop sites that are in Council ownership.*

Mr. Hussain wished to thank Councillor Richard Williams and the Bereavement Services team for meeting with the Trust recently to discuss the issues raised in his questions relating to the depletion of burial sites in the city. He stated that he looked forward to the continuation of that dialogue, and added that the Trust would also wish to discuss the serious issues recently reported regarding water retention at the Shiregreen cemetery site, which was of great concern to the community.

In response, Councillor Richard Williams (Chair of the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee) stated that if the Council did not act in this matter there would be a long-term issue with capacity, which was an issue common to many of the core cities. He added that various meetings had recently taken place between Members, officers and community representatives, in order to find a way forward. A Bereavement Strategy was being produced and would be at Committee stage by, at the latest, September 2024. Additionally, Bereavement Services were working to identify new plots and a sum of money had been allocated to enable this work. When new plots were found, capital funding would be sought. He confirmed that a note had been made on capital funds to this effect.

Councillor Williams added that the can was no longer being "kicked down the road" and something would be done, with the help of community groups, to provide a fit for purpose bereavement service for the city.

4.3.2 Questions from Russell Johnson

Questions – Complaints - *Why has the Formal Complaint from those illegitimately pressured to sign a draconian Undertaking during the events described by Sir Mark Lowcock so far taken about three years to date and is not expected to be concluded for several more months?*

Why has a straightforward Complaint from a concerned member of the public regarding alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct so far taken eleven months to process?

Does the Leader understand that, in view of the above, citizens are entitled to be cynical about the sincerity of the Council's apology following the Inquiry Report. It seems to some observers to be another case of 'sorry, not sorry', particularly in view of the apparent absence of accountability for the whole Street Tree Debacle and the more recent 'Containergate', 'Plauegate', Banner Cross street redesign consultation and Market Tavern blunders.

When will Sheffield City Council adopt and properly and enthusiastically implement the new LGSCO [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman] Complaints Handling Code? If it is not the intention to adopt, why is that?

Governance - *The Lowcock Inquiry usefully examined some aspects of the culture and actions of the Council during the period concerned and within the brief he was working to. It is not and could not ever be a comprehensive analysis providing descriptions of and remedies for SCC's failures as manifested during the Scandal.*

When will the Council cease dishonestly pretending that his work represents the 'final word' and treat Sheffield's people with proper respect? Does he appreciate that his regime's current approach on this matter gives the impression of a cowardly organisation?

In response, Councillor Tom Hunt (the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) stated that the formal complaints submitted in 2021 had not been progressed at that time. This had been because the Independent Inquiry into the Street Trees Dispute had been announced, and it had been felt that the Inquiry would be the better way to resolve the issues raised. He explained that, as part of the apology process which followed the publication of the Inquiry report, further discussions had taken place with those involved, and it had been agreed that the complaints would be considered. He added that the work on the complaints was ongoing, although he acknowledged that progress had been slower than Mr Johnson would have wished.

Regarding the Member Code of Conduct complaint, Councillor Hunt advised that all allegations of breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct were investigated fully and appropriately by Council officers. He added that these matters were confidential, so he did not know the specific complaint but, in any event, it would not be appropriate for the Council to comment in public on the details of an individual case. He advised that if complainants felt that they were not being suitably informed and updated through the complaints process, there was a procedure by which they could raise their concerns about this.

Councillor Hunt also stated that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee was due to consider for adoption, the new Complaints Handling Code, at its meeting on 17 April 2024.

Regarding the Lowcock Inquiry, Councillor Hunt stated that the Council had been clear that whilst it would always be possible to undertake more work and spend more time on understanding what went wrong during the street tree

dispute, the Lowcock Report represented a thorough and effective analysis of the causes of the dispute, and was a clear and accurate description of what went wrong in the Council during that time. He added that the Report made a series of clear recommendations which had been fully and unambiguously adopted by the Council and progress towards meeting these recommendations had been publicly reported upon on a number of occasions at the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee.

Councillor Hunt continued that, in his view, it was time for the city, a year on from the Lowcock Inquiry Report, to move on from the street tree dispute. He stated that Sir Mark, in his Inquiry Report and in his remarks made at the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 10 May 2023, said as such. He added that this did not mean forgetting or putting aside the recommendations, nor forgetting to learn the lessons from the dispute, but it did mean collectively focussing efforts and energies on moving forward as a city to be the best council that we can. He advised that the development of the Council Plan and the budget were both good examples of that work.

(NOTE: Prior to asking the questions which he had submitted, Mr. Johnson also asked a further question which the Lord Mayor deemed not to relate to a matter being within the responsibility of the Council, as it related to an internal Labour Party matter, and thus was not considered at the meeting.)

4.3.3 Questions from Justin Buxton (asked at the meeting by Russell Johnson)

Questions – When sharing the design proposals for the promised commemorative plaque on the 16th of November 2023 to a few individuals, did the Council infer that it should be subject to non-disclosure to any concerned campaigners other than the unknown individuals provided with the design proposal in this first instance.

Was any consultation with campaigners or 'stakeholders', sought regarding the plaque design before the 16th of November 2023? If not, why not?

In response, Councillor Tom Hunt (the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) explained that the initial plaque design proposal had been shared informally, by email, with external stakeholders on 16th November. This email had not referenced sharing the designs – it asked for initial views on the plaque design and wording, and comments on the proposed consultation plan prior to an intended wider period of public consultation. He reported that the immediate feedback from some stakeholders had been that the design did not appropriately capture the emotion and passion of the dispute, and so Officers had started to consider alternative approaches to developing a design.

Councillor Hunt explained that when the design proposal had been shared internally with Members of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee on 17th November 2023, Councillors had been asked not to share the design more widely as it had been recognised that a change in approach was likely, based on the initial feedback that had already been received from

stakeholders.

Councillor Hunt added that it had been intended that a period of wider consultation with campaigners and the public would take place following the initial discussions with stakeholders in November 2023, but that the Council had changed that approach following the feedback which he mentioned previously. He reported that a process was now underway to establish a task and finish group, which would involve a wide range of stakeholders, to develop and lead a process for agreeing the wording of a design brief for the plaque and the method of commissioning designs, for wider public consultation by the Council, and that further details on this would be announced later in March.

4.3.4 Questions from Graham Wroe

Questions – On 23rd January I sent Councillor Miskell and the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee an admittedly very long list of questions, compiled by a group of climate activists from various groups. Some of these questions have been answered, some not. Progress on the answers to those questions can be seen on my blog ‘telltetruthsheffield.org’.

The climate emergency is accelerating at a terrifying pace. For instance, in 1980 global temperatures had increased by 0.5C since the pre-industrial period. It then took another 30 years for temperatures to reach 1C in 2010. Then in just 14 years, temperatures increased another 0.5C to 1.5C in 2024, the level that climate scientists have long warned us will lead to unstoppable feedback loops and then possibly the hothouse earth scenario where the planet eventually becomes uninhabitable. In the previous week, on average, global temperatures were 1.8C above the pre-industrial period.

In light of this, and the recently released plans for new housing at Neepsend and Furnace Hill, I would like to ask the following previously submitted but as yet unanswered questions about Housing -

Will the Council commit to building all future council-owned or managed housing to a high energy efficiency or operationally net-zero standard in 2024?

A fabric-first approach to building design involves prioritising the building envelope (walls, roofs, floors, windows, and doors) to create a high-performance, energy-efficient building. Will the Council require developers to use a fabric-first approach in new developments in 2024?

Will the Council require developers to carry out a whole life cycle carbon assessment of new build developments in 2024?”

Will the Council remove minimum parking requirements for new residential homes in 2024?

Will the Council require 20%, or above, of onsite renewable energy generation for new building development in 2024?

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) stated that Mr Wroe had submitted 64 questions as a Freedom of Information request, and some of these were still being processed by officers. The questions read out at the meeting were duplicates of some of these. Mr Wroe would therefore be provided with full written answers to all his questions in due course, rather than answering some of the questions verbally at this meeting.

4.3.5 (NOTE: The three questions which had been submitted by Ibrar Hussain, but which had not been asked at the meeting due to his absence, would receive written responses from Councillor Richard Williams (Chair of the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee), Councillor Ben Miskell (Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) and Councillor Joe Otten (Chair of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee), as appropriate, and be published on the Council's website.)

4.4 Petition Requiring Debate: Requesting The Council To "Stand With Palestine"

4.4.1 The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing 7,664 signatures, requesting Sheffield City Council to 'Stand with Palestine'.

4.4.2 The Council's Petitions Scheme requires any petition containing over 5,000 signatures from individuals who live, work or study in Sheffield, to be the subject of debate at the Council meeting.

4.4.3 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross) advised that in view of the subject of the petition, Members should be particularly mindful of the Council's obligations under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, i.e. to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share relevant protected characteristics, and persons who do not. He stated that, for the purposes of that Act, both race and religion or belief were protected characteristics, and he advised that due to the loss of life in Gaza it was inevitable that strong emotions would be stirred, but sensitivity and respect should be shown by all in their choice and use of language.

4.4.4 In attendance at the meeting to make representations on behalf of the petitioners were Jonny Feldman and Annie O'Gara. Mr Feldman who stated that as a Jewish baker he was proud to have been entrusted to present a petition signed by nearly 7,500 people in Sheffield, who were made up of a cross section of religions and beliefs demanding the Council to show strong moral leadership on the issue of the war in Gaza. The petition was being presented on the 152nd day of the war. He stated that 30,000 Palestinian people, of which over 11,000 were children, had been killed so far. Mr Feldman welcomed the Council having passed a ceasefire motion in November 2023, and prior to that, having recognised the state of Palestine, but felt that this was not enough, as the crime of apartheid being committed by Israel was a crime against humanity. He commented that this was an industrial slaughter, of a scale that it had been expected would not be seen again, and which amounted to genocide. He felt that the Council must step up and not be

silent, rather than bowing to any external pressure.

Mr Feldman stated that the petition requested the Council take 3 principled steps:-

- 1) Welcome the International Court of Justice (ICJ) order that Israel prevent any further genocidal acts and incitement to genocide.
- 2) Accept the Amnesty International description of Israel as a state practising the crime against humanity of Apartheid and work towards making Sheffield an Israeli Apartheid free zone.
- 3) Issue a statement of unity and solidarity with Palestinian people, who for 75 years have lived under the injustice of an apartheid system and who now face the ultimate injustice of genocide.

Mr Feldman concluded his representations by quoting Archbishop Desmond Tutu - "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor" and he requested the Council to show moral leadership and vote to enact the demands of the petition.

4.4.5 Councillor Tom Hunt (the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee), in responding to the petition, thanked the organisers of the petition for bringing it to the Council and all those who had signed it, and stated that, in his view, what was happening in Gaza was a tragedy, where over 30,000 people had died to date and countless numbers of people had been injured and families had lost lives and livelihoods. He repeated the Council's previous call for a ceasefire and stated that the killings must stop and there should be no ground incursion into Rafa and the international community, including the UK Government, must do all it can to exert pressure for a ceasefire and for the recommencement of the peace process, in order to work towards a two-state solution. Councillor Hunt stated that he recognised that a great deal of people in Sheffield were concerned about the situation and had joined protests and raised money to support humanitarian relief efforts. He advised that the previous month, the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee had formally recognised those concerns and taken several cross-party decisions, which were:-

1. To reaffirm that the Council continues to recognise the State of Palestine as a full, sovereign, and independent nation.
2. To confirm that the Council has no contractual relationship with companies which are named on the UN list of companies enabling or supporting the construction of illegal settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, and that the Council was committed to making procurement decisions in line with its ethical procurement policy, which is currently under review.

Councillor Hunt added that he was also pleased that the Council had entered into a friendship agreement with Nablus, on the West Bank. With regards to the

ICJ's interim ruling mentioned in the petition, he stated that Israel should comply with the ruling in full. With regards to the request for a statement of solidarity, Councillor Hunt stated that this could not constitutionally be fully resolved at this Council meeting but must be given proper consideration by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee. He commented that he would ensure that the asks of the petition are given proper and due consideration, and in advance of the matters being discussed at a meeting of that Committee, he would be willing to meet with a delegation of the petitioners to discuss the matters further. He also proposed that a cross party working group of members of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee be established to consider the matters raised in the petition and the next steps, including in relation to a statement of solidarity and reviewing the report of Amnesty International.

- 4.4.6 Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed (Liberal Democrat Group Spokesperson on the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) thanked those involved in organising the petition and acknowledged that the situation was of great concern. He referred to the vote held by the Council at its meeting in November calling for a ceasefire, however he advised that, in his view, the Council was limited as to what it could achieve. The Council could lobby the Government to press for a ceasefire and he referred to the vote held in Parliament in November on that matter. He stated that the Council could renew its call for a ceasefire and call for the Israeli Government to be mindful of its international obligations, in particular to prevent genocide, and he confirmed his view that he wanted the war to stop immediately and for the citizens in Gaza to have access to humanitarian aid, but the Council could do little to influence the American Government. He commented that the Council had sent a clear message with its vote in November, and he would support the formation of a cross party working group and the making of a joint statement of solidarity, but this was an international issue, and it was important to be honest about what the Council could do to change the situation.
- 4.4.7 Councillor Alexi Dimond (speaking on behalf of the Green Group) thanked the organisers of the petition for bringing it to the Council and all those who had signed it, and he stated that, at 1st November when the Council had resolved to call for a ceasefire, the Israeli military had already killed 8,500 Palestinians and since then have killed at least 21,000 more and this is the highest rate of killing since the Rwandan genocide. He commented that, despite passing its resolution, the Council had not taken any public action or made any statements in support of Palestine, which contrasted the approach taken to support Ukraine. He stated that the Council must vote to issue a public statement of unity and solidarity with the Palestinians, to welcome and support the ICJ proceedings and to accept that Israel was an apartheid state. This was necessary as, in his view, the suffering and destruction in Palestine was on an unimaginable scale, with 1 in 75 Gazans dead, 2 million people displaced, half of all homes destroyed, hospitals, universities, schools, places of worship, ancient heritage sites and even graveyards obliterated. He commented that the Israeli Government's actions were continuing thanks to the unconditional diplomatic and military support of the US and UK governments, and he reported graphic examples of atrocities being carried out on, and the suffering

being endured by, Palestinians in Gaza. He believed these acts were occurring due to Israeli governments being treated with impunity for the last 75 years, despite committing crimes and atrocities and ignoring international rulings, and this had enabled the Israeli Government to establish an apartheid, supremacist state, which was in the process of carrying out genocide. He welcomed the petition and proposed that the Council vote to accept it.

- 4.4.8 Councillor Dianne Hurst (Sheffield Community Councillors Group Spokesperson on the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) thanked Mr Feldman for his representations in support of the petition, and stated that nobody could fail to be moved by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the scenes of suffering being shown by news broadcasters. She commented that there could not be a military solution to the situation in Gaza and she reiterated her support for the resolution passed by the Council in November to call for a ceasefire. She added that the Israeli and Palestinian governments must come together, supported by the international community, to discuss establishing a realistic two-state solution and secure a situation where Palestinians can go about their everyday business without fear of the threat of damage or destruction.
- 4.4.9 Contributions were made by a further four Members of the Council, summarised as follows. Councillor Minesh Parekh referred to the extent of loss of life to date resulting from the Israeli military's bombardment of Gaza and that Rafa, the last safe refuge for Palestinians, was now under attack and faced the threat of a ground invasion. He stated that the UK, in its role as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, had a duty and historic responsibility to speak out, and he did believe that the UK had international influence. He welcomed the petition calling on all Councillors to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. He referred to examples where individuals in Parliament and the press were seeking to demonise protestors for exercising their democratic rights, and to suggestions that politicians should be banned from engaging with certain groups involved in protests, which he emphasised was an extremely draconian move and would undermine the essence of our democracy. He stated that the ICJ has ordered the Israeli Government to take measures to prevent genocide and he believed that South Africa should be commended for bringing forward the case. Councillor Parekh commented that, in the 1980s, the Council had taken a proud stand against South African apartheid, and collective acts of solidarity, boycotts and rallies and lobbying efforts were extremely important for helping to undo that apartheid regime. He referred to the resolution passed by this Council in November to support a ceasefire and which also noted the recognition by various organisations, including Amnesty International, that the Israeli Government is enacting a system of apartheid, and he stated that Sheffield was a city of sanctuary and of peace. He believed that the Council should use all available levers to act in solidarity with Palestine.
- 4.4.10 Councillor Peter Price stated that it was a sad subject for what could possibly be his final speech in the Chamber. He advised that he wished to apologise for recently sharing four tweets in support of Palestine which some people had interpreted as being antisemitic. He commented that his actions had been

prompted by continually viewing distressing TV footage of the humanitarian suffering in Palestine, examples of which he referenced, and his frustration at the UK Government's response to them, which in his opinion was very low key, and as a result he had felt the need to assist efforts to raise the public's awareness of the atrocities. He commented that, in his view, the calls for a temporary ceasefire were not appropriate and it was necessary for a permanent ceasefire to be established immediately. He referred to the leadership shown, historically, by this Council, particularly in relation to anti-apartheid and added that such statements and acts, when supported by those of other local authorities and organisations, do help to change minds.

- 4.4.11 Councillor Nabeela Mowlana stated that the images coming out of Gaza were horrific and she welcomed the action of South Africa in taking the matter to the ICJ, which had led to an interim ruling of genocide. She referred to the report of Amnesty International published in 2022 condemning the Israeli Government for implementing a system of apartheid against Palestinians, and she added that behind every action of the Israeli Government stands the political, economic and military support of world leaders, including the US and UK. She stated that Sheffield had a rich history in taking action against the tide, an example being in the early 1980s when Sheffield was the first city to pledge that it would cut all ties with apartheid South Africa, including divesting from companies that invested in that country. She referred to the calls being made for peace in the region and stated that this should be a true and lasting peace, rooted in justice and liberation, which would include an end to the occupation, apartheid and killings in the West Bank, and Palestinians having the right to return to their homes. She stated that the route to peace was by actively building for peace, not by condoning the current massacres. She commented that the Palestinians did not want our sympathy, they wanted our solidarity, and added that it was the duty of all Councillors to do all they can to push the UK Government to recognise the rights of Palestinian people to live in freedom and security. She concluded her comments by expressing her wish for the Council to welcome the petition and support the actions as far as possible.
- 4.4.12 Councillor Sophie Wilson stated that she wished to support the calls expressed earlier in the debate, for a vote to take place on the petition at this meeting.
- 4.4.13 Annie O'Gara, in exercising the petitioners' right of reply, stated that the 7000+ people who had signed the petition expected a positive outcome at this meeting and she urged the Council to make a moral statement, as they had with Ukraine, because the situation was urgent, with the Palestinians facing an unprecedented existential crisis. She referred to the images being seen via television and social media which were extremely distressing, and she contrasted the Council's stance on the conflict in Ukraine with its stance on this latest conflict in Gaza. She suggested that the Council's response should be guided by international law and the human rights reports issued by organisations such as Amnesty International, and she added that the core demands of the petition were entirely in line with those principles and should be accepted in full at this meeting, and not be deferred to another meeting at a future date. At a minimum, the Council should accept its core requests to welcome the ICJ order, accept the Amnesty International description of the

state of Israel, and issue a statement of solidarity and unity. Ms O’Gara referred to the joint statement on Ukraine issued by the Leaders of the three groups in the Council administration, which included a promise that Sheffield would be a light in the darkness for Ukraine, and she asked how much darker did life have to get for Palestinians before the Council does the same for them, and she concluded her representations by stating that she did not accept the notion that the Council’s support for the petition would be ineffective and meaningless, but instead would be very powerful, as moral leadership was hugely powerful.

- 4.4.14 The Lord Mayor reported that, in relation to the action to be taken in response to the petition, the Council had two options available to it. These were to take no further action, or to refer the petition to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for consideration having regard to the comments made by Members during the debate. He referred to the fact that legal constraints prevented the Council from taking the action requested in the petition at this meeting, and that the legal advice that had been prepared on this had been provided, prior to the meeting, to the leaderships of the political groups on the Council and to the organisers of the petition.
- 4.4.15 Councillor Tom Hunt responded to issues raised during the debate and thanked everyone who had spoken for their contributions, commenting that there had been many heartfelt words and emotions expressed. He believed that the words that were used in the Council Chamber did matter and added that concerns about the situation had been voiced in the Chamber in recent months and would continue to be so. He stated that there would be many people in the city who would be concerned about some of the language being used in recent weeks, many of whom will have relatives and friends in Israel and Palestine and who will be mourning the loss of loved ones from their communities. He called for all hostages to be released as part of the efforts to achieve a ceasefire. Councillor Hunt stated that, in view of the legal constraints outlined by the Lord Mayor, the one positive course of action that could be proposed at this meeting was to refer the petition to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee, and he added that a cross party working group would be set up to consider the actions requested in the petition.
- 4.4.16 Following a point of order raised by a Member of the Council, the General Counsel outlined the legal advice which he had issued prior to the meeting on the options available to the Council in relation to the petition following the debate, which was based on the Council’s constitution and the principles of local authority decision making. The actions that the petition was asking the Council to take in relation to how the Authority delivers its functions, was a matter delegated by full Council to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee and could only be taken by full Council where a prior decision had been made by the full Council to rescind the delegation. A decision on how the Authority delivers its functions can only be taken after consideration of a report setting out the full implications and published five clear working days prior to the relevant meeting.

- 4.4.17 Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed seconded the proposal that had been moved by Councillor Hunt to refer the petition to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee.
- 4.4.18 The Lord Mayor, after consulting with the General Counsel, ruled two alternative courses of action proposed by Councillor Alexi Dimond as not permissible, on the grounds they were not in accordance with the Council's constitution.
- 4.4.19 The Lord Mayor suggested that a vote be held on the proposal, moved by Councillor Hunt and seconded by Councillor Mohammed, to refer the petition to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee, and he obtained assurances from the leaders of the political groups on the Council that the actions requested by the petition will be considered by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee as swiftly as possible.
- 4.4.20 Following further objections from several members of the Council seeking to have a vote to approve the action requested by the petition, the Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow him to meet with the Leaders and Whips of the political groups on the Council.
- 4.4.21 On the resumption of the meeting, the Lord Mayor reported that the discussions held between the parties during the adjournment of the meeting had resulted in a proposal being identified that offered both a legal and swift way forward in relation to addressing the actions requested by the petition. He invited the Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Hunt) to outline the proposal.
- 4.4.22 Councillor Hunt stated that his proposal was that the petition be referred to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee and he gave an assurance that the Committee would give proper consideration to each constituent part of the petition to assess what actions the Council would legally be able to take in support of the petition, and that a cross party working group of members of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee would be convened to oversee that work. Councillor Hunt gave an additional assurance to develop a cross-party statement of solidarity to be issued, if possible, before the start of the pre-election period on 26th March 2024.
- 4.4.23 Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed seconded the proposal.
- 4.4.24 The proposal was then put to the vote and was carried. Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-
- 4.4.25 **RESOLVED:** That this Council refers the petition to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for consideration of all aspects of the petition.
- 4.4.26 The votes on the motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

- For the motion (64) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Tim Huggan, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Craig Gamble Pugh, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Sioned-Mair Richards, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Glynis Chapman, Gail Smith, Ibbly Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Penny Baker, Will Sapwell, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Mick Rooney and Alison Norris.
- Against the motion (13) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage and Sophie Wilson.
- Abstained from voting on the motion (0) - None.

5. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-25

- 5.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Terry Fox, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking item 7 on the agenda (Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024-25) at this point in the proceedings.
- 5.2 **RESOLVED:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Mary Lea, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):-

(a) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 (Content and Length of Speeches) be suspended to change the time limit on the speeches of the mover of the motion from 3-minutes to 5-minutes and of the seconder of the motion and the movers and seconders of the amendments from 2-minutes to 5-minutes;

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

(c) Council Procedure Rules 17.7 (Procedure for Debate) and 17.5 (Content and Length of Speeches) be suspended to allow the Leaders of the other two Groups in the Administration to speak immediately after the motion has been seconded and prior to the first amendment being moved, and to change the time limit on their speeches from 2-minutes to 5-minutes; and

(c) Council Procedure Rule 17.8 (When a Member May Speak Again) be suspended to allow the four Members who will speak on the motion to also move or second an amendment, or otherwise to speak in the debate.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Zahira Naz, and seconded by Councillor Tom Hunt, that, as recommended by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25, it is:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (2) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy and the specific projects included in the years 2024/25 to 2028/29;
- (3) notes that the block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (4) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2028/29 as per Section F of the Capital Strategy report;
- (5) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2024/25, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2024/25 amounting to £543.815m, as set out in Appendix 4 of that report, as follows:-

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Restated 2023/24	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2024/25
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115,342	Education, Children and Families	118,387
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65,021	Strategy and Resources (Excluding Corporate)	67,917
25,120	Transport, Regeneration and Climate	25,670
65,706	Waste and Street Scene	70,143
462,839		473,857
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-2,692	New Homes Bonus (CIF)	-1,097
-5,624	22/23 Services Grant	-1,011
-9,858	Social Care Grant held Centrally	-5,636
	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
4,300	Change Budget	4,300
703	Budget Inflation Contingency	703
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-307	Other	622
	Capital Financing Costs	
38,757	Capital Financing Costs	38,116
	Reserves Movements	
-2,714	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	14,925
500,762	Total Expenditure	543,815
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
-43,611	Revenue Support Grant	-46,500
-185,047	Business Rates Income (Including Grants)	-200,767
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-4,303	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	-12,511
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-500,762	Total Financing	-543,815

- (6) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,932.56 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (7) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 5 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (8) notes that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2024/25, in consultation with elected Members;
- (9) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (10) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report;
- (11) except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 - Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2024/25;
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- (13) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- (14) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (15) approves a Pay Policy for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (16) (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year,

to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members;

- (17) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025;
- (18) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with effect from 1st April 2024;
- (19) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (20) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (21) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £543.815m set out in paragraph (5) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

- 1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :

146,974.6320 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
- 2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£284,036,674

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,697,056,646** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,412,343,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£284,713,441** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,937.1604** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	37.99	42.74	52.24	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

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

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29
Bradfield Parish Council	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77
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Appendix 6c**Parish Council Precepts**

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Bradfield	5,973.09	255,277	42.7378	6,040.61	258,162	42.7378	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,346.90	274,756	29.3954	9,391.56	287,111	30.5712	4.00%
Stocksbridge	3,868.34	130,921	33.8443	3,885.25	131,494	33.8443	0.00%
Total/Average	19,188.34	660,954	105.98	19,317.42	676,767	107.15	

5.4 Contributions were then made by the Leaders of the other two Groups in the Council Administration (Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed and Douglas Johnson).

5.5 It was then moved by Councillor Ruth Milsom, and seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion to approve the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25, be amended by the substitution of the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) notes that the Household Support Fund, which has provided £10.4m to support low income households in Sheffield in 2023/24 is set to end this month; further notes that despite opposition and lobbying from this Council, from councils up and down the country and from charities, the Government has not announced plans to extend the Household Support Fund; and confirms that despite the huge pressures on our finances, this Council will do all it can to support residents who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis;
- (2) notes that £3m per annum was allocated within the Council's Medium Term Financial Analysis for Food Waste Collection Service costs from 2025/26; further notes that the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee decided not to progress with Food Waste Collection in part because the carbon reduction impact would have been negligible, and believes this money should be allocated to create a new Green Investment Fund to pump-prime carbon reduction projects and help to unlock bigger investment to support our decarbonisation routemaps; for example, the development of community energy projects, the purchasing of electric buses, or the expansion of Heat Networks;

- (3) notes the negative impact of fly-tipping and littering and proposes the use of new powers granted to councils by the Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023, to increase the penalty to the maximum amount permissible for fly-tipping offences to £1000 (a £600 increase) and household duty offences to £500 (a £300 increase), and to double the penalty for littering to £160 (a £80 increase), with all additional income going into the services working to reduce fly-tipping and littering;
- (4) therefore requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget Proposals

Savings Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)	Spending Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)
<u>Recurrent</u> Increase the penalty for fly-tipping offences to £1000 (a £600 increase) and household duty offences to £500 (a £300 increase) and double the penalty for littering to £160 (a £80 increase)	108	<u>Recurrent</u> Repurpose this back into the services working to reduce fly-tipping and litter	108
Savings Total	108	Spending Total	108
Recurrent Savings	108	Recurrent Spend	108

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Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25
REVENUE BUDGET

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 - (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	37.99	42.74	52.24	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10

South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

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

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29
Bradfield Parish Council	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Bradfield	5,973.09	255,277	42.7378	6,040.61	258,162	42.7378	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,346.90	274,756	29.3954	9,391.56	287,111	30.5712	4.00%
Stocksbridge	3,868.34	130,921	33.8443	3,885.25	131,494	33.8443	0.00%
Total/Average	19,188.34	660,954	105.98	19,317.42	676,767	107.15	

5.6 It was then moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion to approve the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024, as relates to the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25, be amended by the substitution of the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) would like to thank the staff who have been so effective, knowledgeable, and accommodating during this budget setting process;
- (2) believes all of Sheffield City Council’s staff continue to work hard for the people of Sheffield and have done so especially during the current challenging financial background;
- (3) notes that at quarter 1 of this year’s budget, the projected BIP (Budget Implementation Plans) overspend was £10.6m, reducing to £9.6m in quarter 2 with continuing pressures throughout the year meaning the use of reserves to balance at year end;
- (4) believes that the Red / Amber / Green approval system for budget savings has enabled a balanced budget to be set for the second consecutive year without resorting to reserves, and thanks officers for their hard work in continuously developing the system;
- (5) believes this budget amendment contributes to a positive liberal vision for Sheffield that will support employment and business recovery, improve our natural environment, and cut emissions;
- (6) believes that the devolved Local Area Committees (LACs) have demonstrated the value of bringing decision making away from the Town Hall and into local communities, and have delivered valuable

programmes of small highways improvement schemes, initiatives tackling fly tipping, increased funding for youth services and for charities responding to the Cost of Living Crisis;

- (7) notes that there is a base budget of £100k per LAC, and the proposed carry forward of unspent funds on highway and fly tipping schemes, with just £10k per LAC allocated for youth services;
- (8) believes that Liberal Democrat leadership within the new committee system has led to positive results for the people of Sheffield;
- (9) notes that £19.8m of reserves were used to cover the 21/22 budget overspend, that £15m of reserves were used to balance the 22/23 budget, yet just £5m of reserves balanced the 22/23 budget overspend and no reserves used to balance the 23/24 budget, and believes that this represents a significant improvement in financial discipline since No Overall Control and the commencement of the Committee System;
- (10) notes that the 23-24 budget shows an overspend of £17.4m, reducing budget contingency reserves to just £13.3m, insufficient to support the 24-25 budget;
- (11) notes that £12.5m of Collection Fund surplus has been added to the Budget Contingency Reserve to return this reserve to £25.8m;
- (12) notes that as a result of this, the Liberal Democrats have identified that all BIPs specify the quarter that they will be introduced, and a revision to the BIP setting process will be used in determining future budget setting and validation of BIP delivery for the financial year 25-26;
- (13) notes the final payment against the World Student Games legacy will be made by the end of March 2024, and the reserve held against the Major Sporting Facilities development is £45m for 24-25;
- (14) is similarly concerned that the Council's current estate requires around £200m of future maintenance investment over the next 5 years, of which £48m has been highlighted as critical and essential maintenance; and that an estimated £300m will be needed to maintain our current estate over the next 10 years;
- (15) notes that, were we to borrow at this level, the cost of financing this debt will have a significant impact on future revenue budgets;
- (16) notes that many of this Council's Heritage, Parks and Community Assets are either in disrepair or are leased to community groups who cannot afford significant refurbishment costs;
- (17) notes that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on 21st February 2024 approved a Heritage Strategy for Sheffield, including to seek funding for a Heritage Officer;

- (18) believes therefore that this Council, as was proposed by the Liberal Democrat budget amendment for 2023-24, should establish a Heritage, Parks and Community Assets maintenance fund, for which a proportion of capital receipts should be set aside to meet the critical and essential maintenance requirements of these assets over the next two years, such as:-
- (a) The Rose Garden Café in Graves Park;
 - (b) The Birley Spa Bath House in Hackenthorpe;
 - (c) Beauchief Abbey Barns;
- (19) believes that the Council's previous approach of deferring maintenance until it is critically needed (such as in the case of the Rose Garden Café) must change, before more buildings deteriorate to a similar condition;
- (20) remains concerned that public finances will undoubtedly be under huge strain in the years ahead, but believes that investment in our local public services is critical to our national recovery over the next few years;
- (21) believes that uncertainty around future funding forces local authorities to raise regressive Council Tax, instead of funding local government more fairly out of general taxation and replacing Business Rates in England with a commercial landowner levy based on value of commercial site;
- (22) condemns the current Government's approach to funding the NHS and Adult Social Care, and believes that a new long term funding settlement for social care is desperately needed to sustain vital services, particularly for places like Sheffield which has a relatively low Council Tax base but a high level of need;
- (23) believes that the Liberal Democrat proposal for central Government to create a new Social Care Tax would make progress in meeting this need for a long-term funding settlement and greatly relieve the pressure on adult social care and the NHS;
- (24) condemns the Government's approach to funding Childrens Services which face unprecedented rises in Education, Health and Care Plans resulting in large overspends in home to school transport, and costly private placements outside the city for children with acute Special Educational Needs and Disabilities;
- (25) condemns the Government's approach to empty properties in penalising owners with payment of council tax after one year, double council tax after five years and treble council tax after ten years, which is regressive and has resulted in more, not less, empty homes after its introduction in 2019;

- (26) believes that the increase in empty homes has a direct impact on the increasing number of homeless families in this city, and their placement into temporary accommodation, and this Council should explore incentives for owners to refurbish their properties to bring them back into occupation;
- (27) notes that the Liberal Democrats believe in local authorities having the freedom to determine their own policies on right to buy;
- (28) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation has been aggravated by the impact of Brexit, and on the capacity of both the local and national economy to generate the resources that our public services badly need;
- (29) believes that Sheffield City Council's financial situation is aggravated by the ineptness of previous decisions made by South Yorkshire Labour leaders who have deprived Sheffield of automatic early access to £10's of millions of central government funding;
- (30) specifically calls upon the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to more urgently take action to improve our local public transport networks, despite failing to begin implementing the franchising process until 2022, whereas Greater Manchester are now operating their new franchising arrangements;
- (31) condemns the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority for submitting an unsuccessful bid for bus improvement funding whilst Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire and North Derbyshire all received significant awards from the £3b funding pot, and calls on central government to provide long-term funding to revitalize local transport;
- (32) believes that the increase in bus fares for young people, particularly the 18 – 21 age group which has almost doubled, means that introduction of free bus travel for Sheffield Young Carers is now vitally important for them to carry out their role;
- (33) believes that although the Council is facing financially difficult times, previous Labour-led Administrations have still had choices about where to spend our money, and have often made the wrong choices over the past ten years, for example:-
 - (a) protecting taxpayer subsidies for Trade Unions whilst slashing funding to local communities;
 - (b) vanity projects such as the Fargate shipping containers;
 - (c) failing to set capital funding aside to maintain our assets; and
 - (d) failing to require capital maintenance in the Sheffield City Trust

arrangements, and the need for a capital reserve of £45m to finance the ongoing process of re-tendering the Major Sporting and Leisure Facilities;

- (34) believes that the financial burden of the remaining debt from the Major Sporting Facilities associated with the financially disastrous World Student Games will be paid off from the capital reserves, over thirty years after the borrowing took place;
- (35) believes that Sheffield needs investment and a wide range of businesses to improve our prosperity and enable us to compete on equal terms with other major UK cities;
- (36) believes that bringing inward investment and jobs to the city, supporting people to start their own business, should always be a priority for the Council;
- (37) believes that by making Sheffield a greener place to live and supporting community projects, we can improve people's health and well-being across the city;
- (38) condemns what we believe was previous Labour administrations' mismanagement of the 'Streets Ahead' contract, particularly with a view to the felling of healthy street trees, and that for more than three years whilst, we believe, the Council refused to engage with residents about the implementation of the 'Streets Ahead' contract, trees were felled;
- (39) asserts that the purpose of this Council is to represent, work for and be the voice of the people of Sheffield, and that it is important that our decision making reflects the interests of the city as a whole and always putting people at the forefront of our choices;
- (40) notes that we are in a Climate Emergency and if we do not act now to reduce carbon emissions, we will soon be in a Climate Catastrophe;
- (41) expresses serious concern over the slow development of the Decarbonisation Routemaps, and believes that this must receive significantly more focus from the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee in the next financial year;
- (42) notes that the loss of EU grant provision, the loss of the collection fund surplus now used for budget contingency reserves, and the financial situation leading to no opportunities to offer operational savings, has led to a severely limited financial package for a budget amendment of just £717k;
- (43) believes that the budget amendment process can no longer deliver a comprehensive package of alternative offers for Members to vote on;

- (44) asserts that, by making some simple savings and spending the same money differently, the Liberal Democrat alternative budget would provide –

City Regeneration, by:-

- (a) supporting Associate Libraries and their volunteers by providing one FTE post provision of professional librarian support;
- (b) confirming the identified need in the 23-24 budget amendment for creating a new 'Heritage, Parks and Community Assets capital maintenance fund', which will fund the repair of public buildings which have been neglected by the Council such as the Rose Garden Café, Birley Spa Bath House, Beauchief Abbey Barns;
- (c) over the medium term, using a target of 10% of the unallocated community infrastructure levy (CIL) money to support small business infrastructure to allow the city's independent businesses to flourish by amending the Regulation 123 list which governs how CIL can be spent;
- (d) over the medium term, using a target of 20% of strategic CIL for infrastructure that will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, such as planting trees, flood defences and improved moorland management;

Transport that works, by:-

- (a) ensuring that 10% of CIL is invested over the medium term in major active travel schemes to encourage walking, the uptake of cycling and to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in our city;

Achieving our Net Zero target and making Sheffield a great place for everyone to live, by:-

- (a) investigating options to support workplaces to install electric vehicle charging points in their employee parking spaces;
- (b) investing £140k in increasing the size of the blue bin so the first approx. 5000 households in Sheffield who request them are able to recycle cardboard and paper more easily, or in other enhancements to the recycling service that may be agreed as part of the new waste strategy;
- (c) creating a £50k fund available to local communities from a 'Greener Sheffield' pot, an additional pot of money to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment;

Support for Sheffield’s people, by:-

- (a) investing £116k in Sheffield Young Carers so they can provide their service users’ free bus travel across Sheffield;
 - (b) investing in extra members of staff in the Council’s Private Sector Housing team to deal with some of the problems in the city’s fast growing private housing sector;
- (45) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a City Council that provides good value for money for all residents of Sheffield, is open for business, is responsive to and works with the people of Sheffield and protects our natural environment and heritage which make our city such a great place to live;
- (46) therefore requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

Revenue Budget Proposals

Savings Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)	Spending Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)
<u>Recurrent</u>			
Reduction of taxpayer subsidy to Trade Unions	227	Private Housing Sector Officers (1 FTE @ Grade 5) (Full Year)	40
		Provide additional professional librarian support for associate libraries (1 FTE @ Grade 6) (Full Year)	45
		Additional collection costs for the larger blue bins - first approx. 5000 households who request them	140
Recurrent Savings	227	Recurrent Spend	225
<u>Non-Recurrent (One off)</u>			
Reallocation of Invest in Sheffield fund	490	Create a Greener Sheffield fund (One Off)	50

Revenue contribution to Capital	-246	Increased blue bin capacity collection - revenue costs of providing bigger blue bins to the first 5000 households who request them (One Off)	30
		A feasibility study on supporting workplaces to install EV charging points in their employee parking areas. (One-Off)	50
		Free bus pass for members of Sheffield Young Carers Group (One Off)	116
Non-Recurrent Savings	244	Non-Recurrent Spend	246
Savings Total	471	Spending Total	471

Capital Budget Proposals

Savings Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)	Spending Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)
Revenue contribution to Capital	246	Heritage, Parks and Community Assets fund. Targeted at Rose Garden Café, Birley Spa Bath House, Beauchief Abbey Barns.	108
		Provide bigger blue bins to the first approx. 5000 households that request them	138
Over the medium term, ensure at least 40% of CIL is devoted to these proposals, which would be in addition to any spend subsequently agreed via TCF, Active Travel Fund, Road Safety Fund etc.	Cost Neutral	Environmental and Climate Infrastructure (20%), Walking, Cycling and Active Travel Schemes (10%), Small Business Infrastructure (10%)	Cost Neutral
Subject to satisfying any statutory restrictions, and as CIL becomes available, devote 30% of CIL to neighbourhoods.	Cost Neutral	Increase neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30%	Cost Neutral

Capital Savings	246	Capital Spend	246
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- (47) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy and the specific projects included in the years 2024/25 to 2028/29, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (46) above;
- (48) notes that the block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (49) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2028/29 as per Section F of the Capital Strategy report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (46) above;
- (50) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2024/25, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2024/25 amounting to £543.815m, as set out in Appendix 4 of that report and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph (46) above, as follows:-

Appendix 4

Restated 2023/24	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2024/25
£000		£000
	Committee Budgets:	
142,387	Adult Health and Social Care	149,903
35,617	Communities, Parks and Leisure	27,015
8,161	Economic Development and Skills	8,833
115,342	Education, Children and Families	118,503
5,484	Housing	6,182
65,021	Strategy and Resources (Excluding Corporate)	67,690
25,120	Transport, Regeneration and Climate	25,770
65,706	Waste and Street Scene	70,451
462,839		474,347
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-2,692	New Homes Bonus (CIF)	-1,097
-5,624	22/23 Services Grant	-1,011
-9,858	Social Care Grant held Centrally	-5,636

	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
4,300	Change Budget	4,300
703	Budget Inflation Contingency	703
9,858	Social Care Contingency	5,636
0	Housing Benefits Subsidy Loss	7,900
-307	Other	622
	Capital Financing Costs	
38,757	Capital Financing Costs	38,116
	Reserves Movements	
-2,714	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	14,435
<u>500,762</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>543,815</u>
	Financing of Net Expenditure	
-43,611	Revenue Support Grant	-46,500
-185,047	Business Rates Income (Including Grants)	-200,767
-232,631	Council Tax income	-243,096
-4,303	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	-12,511
-35,170	Social Care Precept	-40,941
<u>-500,762</u>	Total Financing	<u>-543,815</u>

- (51) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,932.56 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (52) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 5 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (53) notes that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2024/25, in consultation with elected Members;
- (54) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (46) above;
- (55) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (46) above;

- (56) except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 - Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2024/25;
- (57) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (58) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- (59) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (60) approves a Pay Policy for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (61) (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members;
- (62) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025;
- (63) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with effect from 1st April 2024;
- (64) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (65) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (66) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £543.815m set out in paragraph (50) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below

would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :

146,974.6320 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£284,036,674
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,697,546,646** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,412,833,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£284,713,441** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,937.1604** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in

accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

- (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
 - (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
 5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
 6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Bradfield Parish Council

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Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

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Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
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South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

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Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

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

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25

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Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
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- 5.7 It was then moved by Councillor Toby Mallinson, and seconded by Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo, as an amendment, that the Motion to approve the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25, be amended by the substitution of the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) fully recognises the chronic underfunding of local councils, under successive central governments, in the most centralised of the six largest economies in the world, with a record number of councils facing effective bankruptcy and issuing “section 114 notices”;
- (2) notes that this Council is not one of them;
- (3) believes that the committee system, together with the Council being in no overall control, has played an essential role in making parties work together to agree a core budget, as well as securing sound financial management;
- (4) thanks everyone involved in the process of balancing the budget through a process of co-operation, openness and dialogue;
- (5) conveys its immense gratitude to all this Council’s direct and indirect workforce, as well as its partners in the voluntary, community, faith and commercial sectors, for their actions in making Sheffield a better place in the face of the huge financial challenges that have had an impact on everyone in the workforce and in the city;
- (6) believes that austerity is a political choice made by the bigger political parties and that the massive government intervention to address Covid or bail out banks shows the money is there if the political will is;
- (7) hopes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will today recognise the vital role played by local councils, the overstretched public services and the impact of local action, and will take steps to invest in Green jobs that secure the future of local services (buses, public housing, insulation) and district high streets, rather than tax cuts for the super wealthy and support for financial market profits;
- (8) believes it is the duty of all elected members to take on the responsibility of running this Council in the best interests of Sheffield’s residents, prioritising the available resources to protect communities and the most vulnerable, and working towards a more equitable and resilient city to face the future;
- (9) welcomes the increase of the Council Tax Hardship Fund, in line with previous Green Group budget amendment proposals over successive years;
- (10) notes that long-term, outsourced contracts with big, private businesses still see increases in our budgets, putting further pressure on other Council services;
- (11) notes that the long-term costs of this finance still stretch into Sheffield’s

future until 2057;

- (12) welcomes the work already done in this financial year to look at medium-term financial challenges through the £4.3 million Transformation funding;
- (13) welcomes the successes of the Council in attracting significant sums of government money such as the recent £67 million to start regeneration of Furnace Hill and Neepsend for future housing;
- (14) believes that the success of this work demonstrates that this Council could do more to address its major strategic and financial challenges in the future and will prepare for this by asking the relevant Policy Committee to consider adding to its work programme the following opportunities to:-
 - (a) invite South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and private pension funds to invest in large-scale energy-saving and power-generation schemes on fixed assets such as schools that will bring steady financial returns to both the lenders and the Council;
 - (b) invest in a large-scale solar farm that would generate electricity and bring a direct revenue stream to the Council;
 - (c) maximise the use of roofspace owned by the Council and invest in solar power generation;
 - (d) raise substantial sums for buses, trams, walking and cycling routes and the associated infrastructure through an Employers' Workplace Parking Levy;
 - (e) review the approach to parking policies and zones and investing in staff in order to maximise revenue to the Council whilst providing an effective incentive to support buses and trams;
 - (f) maximise the effect of important local authority ecology work, in view of the Nature Emergency and the Council's Biodiversity Duty in the Environment Act 2021, by creating a pipeline of projects to invest developers' contributions towards Biodiversity Net Gain, which would enhance and improve the Council's neglected areas of land, whilst saving costs on maintenance;
 - (g) develop a model of community care co-operatives to reduce reliance on profit-making staffing agencies by removing the profit motive from the care sector;
 - (h) press central government health services to account for their spending in democratic forums and ensure that every health service spending decision genuinely contributes towards the

city's health and wellbeing;

- (i) develop a model of a directly-owned company (like Oxford Direct Services) that could offer safe and improved services to householders, such as gardening, household repairs, heating system servicing and replacement and retrofit works, providing services that local people need and value, whilst also providing a useful income stream for the Council;
 - (j) continually improve services to residents of the city so as to realise real savings by getting decisions right first time and avoiding the cost of delay and rectification;
 - (k) investigate the scope of municipal climate bonds which have successfully raised millions of pounds of investment for several councils from community sources at a lower rate of interest than the Public Works Loan Board; and
 - (l) review the scope of Community Infrastructure Levy charging to ensure that all new property developments make a fair contribution to the communities they affect;
- (15) expects the 2024-25 Collection Fund to contain a surplus arising from additional council tax charges on long-term empty properties and asks Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider use of any such surplus to strengthen the work on bringing empty homes back into use, thus creating more homes and reducing the blight that such empty properties bring to our streets;
- (16) recommends to Strategy and Resources Policy Committee that any surplus revenue from the Clean Air Zone, that is not already earmarked, is applied to measures to improve air quality further, noting that the World Health Organisation guidelines recommend annual average concentrations of no more than 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of Nitrogen Dioxide, in contrast to the current legal level of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$;
- (17) believes that continued cross-party working will give the most benefit for the long-term stability of council finances and also offers the best chance for the residents of Sheffield to have the services they deserve;
- (18) requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (19) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy and the specific projects included in the years 2024/25 to 2028/29;
- (20) notes that the block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for

separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;

- (21) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2028/29 as per Section F of the Capital Strategy report;
- (22) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2024/25, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2024/25 amounting to £543.815m, as set out in Appendix 4 of that report as follows:-

Appendix 4

Restated 2023/24	<u>Summary Revenue Budget</u>	2024/25
£000		£000
	Committee Budgets:	
142,387	Adult Health and Social Care	149,903
35,617	Communities, Parks and Leisure	26,862
8,161	Economic Development and Skills	8,833
115,342	Education, Children and Families	118,387
5,484	Housing	6,142
65,021	Strategy and Resources (Excluding Corporate)	67,917
25,120	Transport, Regeneration and Climate	25,670
65,706	Waste and Street Scene	70,143
462,839		473,857
	Corporate Budgets:	
	Specific Grants	
-2,692	New Homes Bonus (CIF)	-1,097
-5,624	22/23 Services Grant	-1,011
-9,858	Social Care Grant held Centrally	-5,636
	Corporate Items	
5,500	Redundancy Provision	5,500
4,300	Change Budget	4,300
703	Budget Inflation Contingency	703
9,858	Social Care Contingency	5,636
0	Housing Benefits Subsidy Loss	7,900
-307	Other	622
	Capital Financing Costs	
38,757	Capital Financing Costs	38,116
	Reserves Movements	
-2,714	Contribution to / (from) Reserves	14,925
500,762	Total Expenditure	543,815

Financing of Net Expenditure

-43,611	Revenue Support Grant	-46,500
-185,047	Business Rates Income (Including Grants)	-200,767
-232,631	Council Tax income	-243,096
-4,303	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	-12,511
-35,170	Social Care Precept	-40,941
<u>-500,762</u>	Total Financing	<u>-543,815</u>

- (23) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,932.56 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- (24) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 5 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (25) notes that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2024/25, in consultation with elected Members;
- (26) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report,
- (27) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report;
- (28) except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 - Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2024/25;
- (29) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (30) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- (31) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and

Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;

- (32) approves a Pay Policy for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (33) (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members;
- (34) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025;
- (35) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with effect from 1st April 2024;
- (36) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (37) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (38) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £543.815m set out in paragraph (22) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD **CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25** **REVENUE BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25

- (a) for the whole Council area as :
- 146,974.6320** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£284,036,674
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) **£1,697,056,646** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) **£1,412,343,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£284,713,441** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,937.1604** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

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5.8 It was then moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, as an amendment, that the Motion to approve the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024, as relates to the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25, be amended by the substitution of the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) would like to thank officers of the Council who have displayed their knowledge and skill and who have actively engaged in the production of the budget;
- (2) believes that the budget shows the Council’s commitment to maintaining its critical services for the citizens of Sheffield, such as looking after older people, safeguarding vulnerable children and the provision of safe, warm and secure homes for citizens, whilst at the same time attempting to address some of the longstanding budget pressures in the provision of temporary housing and the rising

contributions to costs of transportation to school for children with special educational needs;

- (3) notes with concern the lack of progress made towards the ambitions for Sheffield to become a Net Zero City by 2030, which ambition was set by the Council in 2020 and recognises the frustrations evident across the City at the lack of progress; emissions have not reduced at the pace or on the scale required to meet that 2030 target and we see an ongoing series of extreme weather events such as storms, floods and extreme temperatures to remind us of the importance of achieving this; yet believes that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2024/25 agreed at the Council meeting on 7th February lacked ambition for retrofitting housing stock across the city on a worst first basis and had limited ambition for a programme of building safe warm homes;
- (4) notes the contribution made towards increased participation and inclusion brought about by the Local Area Committees (LACs); this is noted in the development of the City Plan and resolution of local issues but also in the increased engagement with those communities most affected by the cost-of-living crisis; Sheffield Community Councillors believe that increased delegations and responsibility for local decision making to LACs would demonstrate the commitment of this Council to fulfilling the spirit of the recommendations contained in the Lowcock Report, and in this respect, consider that the ongoing review of LACs be given greater priority so urgent consideration can be given to delegating additional responsibilities, and the budgets associated to them, to the LACs, strengthening the commitment to devolving decision making from the Town Hall out to the communities;
- (5) notes a commitment to investing in older persons independent living, but would strengthen this commitment by supporting the development of council homes, not just for older people, across the city; believes that building programmes such as these transform communities, provide decent sustainable homes, bring housing back into letting to reduce pressures on temporary housing and the waiting list, bring family housing into the market as residents downsize and promote mental and physical wellbeing in addition to the provision of appropriate housing; further, believes that consideration needs to be given to have the right mix of properties across the City, offering the opportunities to downsize whilst remaining within the locality, maintaining tenants' existing links to the services such as GPs and the informal support networks they currently enjoy (Family, Friends, Community Groups, Lunch Clubs, Social Clubs, etc, etc); further believes that support for redevelopment is crucial in the early stages, before there is sufficient momentum and magnitude for programmes to support themselves, and therefore there is a need for investment initially to allow this to happen; noting that the Council is reluctant to borrow, even though there is headroom within the HRA, because of associated costs and because of the risk of exposure to right to buy

(RTB), which means that even though there is a social return on investment there is limited financial return on investment;

- (6) notes the commitment of this Council to the provision of social housing made during the February 2024 Council meeting and builds on this commitment by proposing that additional investment is made into a project that explores mechanisms that would allow for the building of sustainable secure family homes whilst freeing them from the risk of RTB; to achieve these ends, the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee be asked to consider committing up to £1m from the transformation fund to support and develop innovative ways to deliver affordable homes in the General Fund;
- (7) notes the undelivered 2022/23 budget implementation plan (BIP) within the HRA that refers to community centres; furthermore, expresses concerns about proposals to dispose of 22 community buildings from the HRA in order to balance the budget; and believes there is a fundamental need for a place where communities can come together and support each other which has been especially important during the cost of living crisis; further believes that this must be right building in the right place and so the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee be asked to consider assigning monies to develop a proper process (including appeals) and a business case for investment in communities and community buildings either from the Transformation Fund or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of up to £1m;
- (8) notes the impact and popularity of initiatives such as school streets in improving the safety of our children on their journey to school; further notes the possibilities inherent in the South Yorkshire Police Parksafes scheme and the cycle route through Shalesmoor, and hopes that similar sustainable infrastructure will become established across the city and receive support and endorsement through the developing Local Travel Plan; and acknowledges the opportunities and benefits for the improvement of air quality and safety around our schools that these various piecemeal projects offer, alongside the opportunities for enhanced camera enforcement delivered by Red Routes;
- (9) requests that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee should consider funding from the first £0.5m surplus from Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and bus gate income (should a surplus arise within the budget), investigating opportunities for Red Routes to create officer capacity to develop proposals for a mixture of revenue and capital streams to develop modal shifts and bring about change to improve air quality and develop preferences in children for travel to school that will have a positive impact on physical and mental health and wellbeing and bring about lasting change; this would involve partnership work between Police, enforcement officers and the Transport, Regeneration and Climate and Waste and Street Scene Policy Committees and be a mixture of enforcement and education, to improve air quality around schools, support the development of active travel and enhance the

school environment for future generations;

- (10) requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (11) approves the contents of the Capital Strategy and the specific projects included in the years 2024/25 to 2028/29;
- (12) notes that the block allocations are included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (13) approves the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2028/29 as per Section F of the Capital Strategy report;
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	Reserves Movements	
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- (15) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,932.56 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
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- (18) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (19) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report;
- (20) except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 -

Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2024/25;

- (21) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (22) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- (23) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (24) approves a Pay Policy for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (25) (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members;
- (26) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025;
- (27) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with effect from 1st April 2024;
- (28) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (29) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (30) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £543.815m set out in paragraph (14) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :

146,974.6320 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£284,036,674
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,697,056,646** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,412,343,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£284,713,441** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£1,937.1604** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

- (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	37.99	42.74	52.24	61.73	71.23	85.48

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

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

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29
Bradfield Parish Council	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Bradfield	5,973.09	255,277	42.7378	6,040.61	258,162	42.7378	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,346.90	274,756	29.3954	9,391.56	287,111	30.5712	4.00%
Stocksbridge	3,868.34	130,921	33.8443	3,885.25	131,494	33.8443	0.00%
Total/Average	19,188.34	660,954	105.98	19,317.42	676,767	107.15	

5.9 Following contributions from nine Members, it was **RESOLVED:** On the motion moved by The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross), formally seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn), that Council Procedure Rule 5.5 be suspended to enable the duration of the meeting to be extended to allow for contributions to be made by a further six Members who had indicated a wish to speak. After those six contributions had been made, the amendment moved by Councillor Ruth Milsom was put to the vote and was carried.

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

For the amendment (41) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Craig Gamble Pugh, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage, Sioned-Mair Richards, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Ibbi Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Peter Price, Mike Chaplin, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt, Mick Rooney and Alison Norris.

Against the amendment (36) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Tim Huggan, Joe Otten, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Terry Fox, Glynis Chapman, Gail Smith, Dianne Hurst, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Penny Baker, Will Sapwell, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross).

5.10 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was then put to the vote and was lost.

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

For the amendment (28) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Joe Otten, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew

Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Glynis Chapman, Gail Smith, Penny Baker, Will Sapwell, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Against the amendment (49) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Craig Gamble Pugh, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage, Sioned-Mair Richards, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Ibbly Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt, Mick Rooney and Alison Norris.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross).

5.11 The amendment moved by Councillor Toby Mallinson was then put to the vote and was lost.

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

For the amendment (20) - Councillors Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage, Terry Fox, Sophie Wilson, Dianne Hurst, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms and Julie Grocutt.

Against the amendment (57) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Tim Huggan, Minesh Parekh, Ruth

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Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross).

5.12 The amendment moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst was then put to the vote and was lost.

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

For the amendment (20) - Councillors Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage, Terry Fox, Sophie Wilson, Dianne Hurst, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms and Julie Grocutt.

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Abstained from voting on - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross).
the amendment (1)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (1) notes that the Household Support Fund, which has provided £10.4m to support low income households in Sheffield in 2023/24 is set to end this month; further notes that despite opposition and lobbying from this Council, from councils up and down the country and from charities, the Government has not announced plans to extend the Household Support Fund; and confirms that despite the huge pressures on our finances, this Council will do all it can to support residents who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis;
- (2) notes that £3m per annum was allocated within the Council's Medium Term Financial Analysis for Food Waste Collection Service costs from 2025/26; further notes that the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee decided not to progress with Food Waste Collection in part because the carbon reduction impact would have been negligible, and believes this money should be allocated to create a new Green Investment Fund to pump-prime carbon reduction projects and help to unlock bigger investment to support our decarbonisation routemaps; for example, the development of community energy projects, the purchasing of electric buses, or the expansion of Heat Networks;
- (3) notes the negative impact of fly-tipping and littering and proposes the use of new powers granted to councils by the Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023, to increase the penalty to the maximum amount permissible for fly-tipping offences to £1000 (a £600 increase) and household duty offences to £500 (a £300 increase), and to double the penalty for littering to £160 (a £80 increase), with all additional income going into the services working to reduce fly-tipping and littering;
- (4) therefore requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the

following amendments:-

Revenue Budget Proposals

Savings Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)	Spending Proposals	2024/25 (£'000)
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Savings Total	108	Spending Total	108

Recurrent Savings	108	Recurrent Spend	108
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- (11) notes that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2024/25, in consultation with elected Members;
- (12) approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (13) approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (4) above;
- (14) except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 - Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2024/25, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph (4) above;
- (15) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (16) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- (17) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (18) approves a Pay Policy for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (19) (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members;
- (20) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025;
- (21) notes the determination of the Finance Committee on 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with

effect from 1st April 2024;

- (22) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (23) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area; and
- (24) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £543.815m set out in paragraph (8) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

Appendix 6

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25
REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

- 1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25
 - (a) for the whole Council area as :

146,974.6320	(item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
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 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
- 2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£284,036,674
- 3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£1,697,164,646** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£1,412,451,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the

- Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) **£284,713,441** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£1,937.1604** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) **£676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
- (f) **£1,932.5558** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	37.99	42.74	52.24	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

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

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29
Bradfield Parish Council	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base (£)	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Bradfield	5,973.09	255,277	42.7378	6,040.61	258,162	42.7378	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,346.90	274,756	29.3954	9,391.56	287,111	30.5712	4.00%
Stocksbridge	3,868.34	130,921	33.8443	3,885.25	131,494	33.8443	0.00%
Total/Average	19,188.34	660,954	105.98	19,317.42	676,767	107.15	

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

For the Substantive Motion (76)

- The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Jayne Dunn) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ian Horner, Kurtis Crossland, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Maleiki Haybe, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Minesh Parekh, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Martin Smith, Robert Reiss, Craig Gamble Pugh, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Mohammed Mahroof, Steve Ayris, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Toby Mallinson, Henry Nottage, Sioned-Mair Richards, Terry Fox, Laura Moynahan, Tony Downing, Glynis Chapman, Gail Smith, Ibbly Ullah, Nighat Basharat, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Penny Baker, Will Sapwell, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler, Laura McClean, Tom Hunt, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Mick Rooney and Alison Norris.

Against the Substantive Motion (1) - Councillor Sophie Wilson.

Abstained from voting on the Substantive Motion (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross).

6. COUNCIL PLAN

- 6.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Tom Hunt and formally seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, that, as recommended by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee at its meeting held on 21st February 2024, this Council approves the Council Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Chief Executive's report.

7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS RELATING TO URGENT BUSINESS

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

8. MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES, REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES AND RELATED ISSUES

- 8.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Martin Phipps and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, that Councillor Paul Turpin be appointed to fill a vacancy as a substitute member of the Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee.