

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

#### List of Amendments to Notices of Motion received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “DEBATE NOT HATE”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Rob Reiss

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-

- (e) notes that whilst social media is a valuable tool for councillors to connect with constituents, it has led to the rise of online harassment and abuse directed to elected officials;
- (f) further notes that this online abuse can transcend traditional boundaries into personal spaces 24 hours a day;

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Peter Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Alexi Dimond

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (j) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (k):-
  - (f) believes that while all intimidation is wrong, elected representatives must be held to the same standards we expect of others and demonstrate civility, honesty and integrity in accordance with the Nolan principles of Standards in Public Life;
  - (g) believes politicians should not mis-label robust and legitimate challenges to their policies as hate to avoid accountability;
  - (h) believes that an unrepresentative electoral system and laws which stifle protest and dissent help foster an environment of disempowerment, distrust and disengagement;

- (i) notes that the government led by Sir Tony Blair changed the law on political advertising so that it "doesn't require claims in political campaigns to be truthful or factually accurate";
  - (j) notes that The Electoral Commission warned in 2019 that misleading campaign techniques risk undermining trust in elections and in politicians;
2. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (viii) to (x) in new paragraph (k) [original paragraph (f)] as follows:-
- (viii) demonstrate that all political parties agree to be held to the same standard of truthfulness and respect that society expects;
  - (ix) ask that the leaders of all groups in the Council co-sign a letter to the Prime Minister asking that political advertising is properly regulated; and
  - (x) ask the Chief Executive to sign up corporately to the Debate Not Hate campaign.
3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Qais Al-Ahdal, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of the word "toxicity" in paragraph (c);
- 2. the addition, at the end of paragraph (d) of the words "and also believes that Sir Keir Starmer must apologise for singling out Bengalis as this fuels further hate towards a minoritised group";
- 3. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) believes that genuine debate and holding councillors and MPs to account for lying during campaigns should not be classed as intimidation or abuse, and should be protected under freedom of speech;
- 4. the addition, at the end of sub-paragraph (f)(vii), of the words "while protecting freedom of speech of constituents".

## **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “A HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE EMERGENCY IN SHEFFIELD”**

### **4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Laura McClean, seconded by Councillor Ruth Milsom**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (j) and the re-lettering of paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (j).
2. the deletion of the section containing paragraphs (l) and (m).
3. the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (q) (under the section “This Council advocates for”), as follows:-
  - (k) greater elected member involvement in developing local healthcare strategies, creating opportunities for experience of communities to be heard and utilised;
  - (l) a new national approach to social care, believing successive governments have failed to address the crisis, noting that various political parties have good ideas for consideration, and cross-party working should be encouraged nationally and locally to rise to the challenge;
  - (m) the building of a cross-party consensus for longer-term reform needed to create a sustainable National Care Service, supporting the new government’s commitment to exploring how best to manage and support an ageing population, working-age disabled adults, meaningful integration with the NHS, and a more preventative system;
  - (n) enhanced partnership working across employers, workers, trade unions and government to establish a Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care;
  - (o) services locally delivered with a ‘home first’ principle supporting independent living for as long as possible, standards that ensure high-quality care and ongoing sustainability, and partnerships with responsible providers, and recognises the cross-party work already undertaken by this Council towards such a model;
  - (p) further developing local partnership working between NHS and social care to improve hospital discharge and avoidable admissions; and
  - (q) pro-active recruitment of NHS dentists to tackle ‘dentistry deserts’ and reform of the dental contract; and welcomes the evidence-gathering underway by this Council’s cross-party Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee and Healthwatch to provide a detailed local report on access to NHS dentistry in Sheffield to the Department of Health and Social Care.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, seconded by Councillor Henry Nottage

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new section and new paragraphs (k) to (m) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (k) to (m) as new paragraphs (n) to (p):-

This Council believes:-

- (k) significant public funding is needed to address the crisis in the NHS and Social Care and following the previous Government's spending plans is just a continuation of austerity;
  - (l) the only way to reverse the damage caused by previous governments is to stand against the privatisation of our NHS and keep it in public hands; public funding should not be used to finance private profit and shareholders' bonuses;
  - (m) there is a crisis in social care nationally, with over 400,000 people awaiting care, reviews, payments or assessment, whilst there are 150,000 staff vacancies in the care sector;
2. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (iv) to (vi) in new paragraph (o) [original paragraph (l)] as follows:-
    - (iv) a wealth tax of 1% on assets over £10 million and 2% on assets over £1 billion to raise £50-70 billion to help address the funding crisis in the NHS and Social Care;
    - (v) public funding for trusted voluntary sector organisations taking NHS referrals such as domestic abuse counselling services; and
    - (vi) commencement of immediate negotiations on a new NHS dental contract to ensure that dentists are paid properly for their work within the NHS, with a commitment to a firm deadline for rollout.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING  
“REALLOCATING SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY  
FUNDING FROM DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT TO INSULATING HOMES”**

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Laura Moynahan, seconded by Councillor Ben Miskell

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following new paragraphs (a) to (e):-

- (a) is committed to regional economic growth and notes that re-opening Doncaster-Sheffield Airport would significantly boost the regional economy, create 3,000-4,500 jobs directly, and thousands more in indirect and catalyst roles across various sectors;
- (b) believes that reopening the Airport would create an internationally significant, sustainable aviation and advanced manufacturing hub at Gateway East in Doncaster, and notes that the Airport would form a key part of the South Yorkshire Investment Zone;
- (c) believes that South Yorkshire’s expertise in advanced manufacturing means that our region is well placed to help to develop green aviation technologies;
- (d) believes that collaboration between industry and academia on sustainable aviation fuels, electric and hybrid propulsion systems, and lightweight materials, can position the region as a leader in green aviation; and
- (e) supports the re-opening of Doncaster-Sheffield Airport.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (p) inclusive; and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (m) as follows:-
  - (c) the long standing commitment of this Council to support an airport in South Yorkshire, particularly Doncaster Sheffield Airport;
  - (d) that the Mayor of South Yorkshire has been firm in his commitment to reopening the Airport, and trust that he will continue to do so in the coming months;
  - (e) the continuing role that manufacturers in South Yorkshire have in producing components for the aviation industry;

This Council believes:-

- (f) that a reopened Doncaster Sheffield Airport is in the long term interests of the South Yorkshire economy;
- (g) that long distance train travel needs investment in infrastructure and lower prices to make it cheaper than highly subsidised air travel;
- (h) that a rail link for Doncaster Sheffield Airport must be part of any medium-term plans;
- (i) that airlines should be required to show the carbon emissions for domestic flights compared to the equivalent rail option at booking;

This Council resolves:-

- (j) to respect the right of the City of Doncaster Council and its elected Members to make decisions on allocation of their Gainshare funding;
- (k) to call for a reform on aviation taxes to focus on frequent flyers, while reducing costs for ordinary households who take one or two international return flights per year;
- (l) to call on the Mayor of South Yorkshire and the newly elected government to keep to their promises to re-open Doncaster Sheffield Airport; and
- (m) to call on the Mayor of South Yorkshire to meet with the relevant Minister to explore options for funding a rail link and to report back with a timeline for the implementation.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “BUILDING HOMES AND BETTER MANAGING HOUSING STOCK TO DEAL WITH THE HOUSING EMERGENCY AND IMPROVE LIVES OF SHEFFIELD CITIZENS”**

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alison Norris, seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (m) as follows:-

- (i) notes that public consultation is underway on a new 10-year housing strategy to enable all of our communities to have access to the right homes and neighbourhoods to meet their needs;
- (j) notes that this strategy will not only cover social housing, but also relates to privately owned and privately rented housing;

- (k) notes that Sheffield is experiencing high demand for housing but that the Council is taking steps to increase housing growth in the city, including the Council's commitment to build and acquire an extra 1,012 council homes within 5 years, making sites available for housing associations and our work to develop three new city centre neighbourhoods;
- (l) welcomes the aims of the newly elected government to deliver the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding in a generation; and
- (m) welcomes, furthermore, the Government's stated commitment to building new social rented homes and to better protect existing stock by reviewing right to buy discounts introduced and increasing protections on newly-built social housing.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(v) as follows:-
  - (v) a recent report by the Regulator of Social Housing shows the City Council has failed to meet their new consumer standards and "does not have an accurate record of the condition of tenants' homes";
2. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the re-lettering of original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (d).
3. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) resolves to ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to implement a ten-year housing emergency upgrade programme with free insulation for those on low incomes;
4. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (f)(iv) to (vi) as follows:-
  - (iv) urgently addressing the 10,000 outstanding repairs across its homes;
  - (v) setting clear and transparent targets to reduce the backlog of repairs, making better use of the 31% increase in budget in the last two years; and
  - (vi) allowing tenants to directly employ an approved contractor where repairs have not been carried out in appropriate time.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (d) to (h) as new paragraphs (i) to (m):-

- (d) believes that council housing is a vital public service we should be proud of;
- (e) notes that the New Economic Foundation has reported that private landlords are set to receive £70 billion in subsidy through housing benefit in five years (2021-26);
- (f) notes this Council is one of the 20 largest local authority landlords in England which signed the recent “Securing the Future of Council Housing” report, with 23 recommendations as urgent solutions to solve the crisis in council housing;
- (g) notes the proposals put forward to government include:-
  - (i) a fair and sustainable model for Housing Revenue Account funding;
  - (ii) ending the Right to Buy for new council house-building;
  - (iii) an immediate cash injection of £644 million;
  - (iv) a new, long-term Green and Decent Homes programme to bring all council housing up to the new standard of safety, decency and energy efficiency by 2030; and
  - (v) funding to complete stalled council house-building schemes, such as the Gleadless Valley masterplan regeneration;
- (h) believes that government should support all these solutions not only because they are what our tenants and residents need and deserve but also because they support the economy, improve wellbeing and reduce the demand on other public services;