

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber within the Town Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, 6th April 2011, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Alan Law)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley)

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| 1 | <i>Arbournthorne Ward</i> Jack Scott Julie Dore John Robson | 10 | <i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Keith Hill Colin Ross Mike Davis | 19 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i> Isobel Bowler Gail Smith David Barker |
| 2 | <i>Beauchief/Greenhill Ward</i> Louise McCann Simon Clement-Jones | 11 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Garry Weatherall Colin Taylor Vic Bowden | 20 | <i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Anders Hanson Ali Qadar |
| 3 | <i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Ian Saunders Chris Rosling-Josephs | 12 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Mike Reynolds | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i> Martin Lawton Lynn Rooney John Campbell |
| 4 | <i>Birley Ward</i> Karen McGowan Bryan Lodge Denise Fox | 13 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i> Joan Barton Chris Weldon | 22 | <i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Rippon Jane Bird Peter Price |
| 5 | <i>Broomhill Ward</i> Alan Whitehouse Paul Scriven Shaffaq Mohammed | 14 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i> John Knight Andrew Sangar | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i> Gill Furniss Tony Damms Leigh Bramall |
| 6 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i> Talib Hussain Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain | 15 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Cate McDonald Frank Taylor Denise Reaney | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Arthur Dunworth Vickie Priestley |
| 7 | <i>Central Ward</i> Mohammed Maroof Robert Murphy Jillian Creasy | 16 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i> Bob McCann Peter Moore Ian Auckland | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Alison Brelsford Jack Clarkson Martin Brelsford |
| 8 | <i>Crookes Ward</i> Sylvia Anginotti Brian Holmes John Hesketh | 17 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Janet Bragg Joe Taylor Steve Ayris | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Diane Leek Penny Baker |
| 9 | <i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Harry Harpham | 18 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Pat Midgley Jenny Armstrong | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Trevor Bagshaw Kathleen Chadwick Alan Hooper |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Ray Satur Jackie Satur Mick Rooney |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colin France, Janice Sidebottom and Clive Skelton.

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law) passed on the Council's best wishes to Councillors Janice Sidebottom and Clive Skelton who were both absent due to illness.

2. FORMER COUNCILLOR KENNETH ARNOLD

The Lord Mayor reported the recent sad death of former Councillor and Lord Mayor, Kenneth Arnold, aged 97. He was first elected in May 1955, and became an Alderman of the City in 1967, and was Lord Mayor in 1973/1974.

3. MINUTE'S SILENCE

Members of the City Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for those who had lost their lives as a result of the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11th March 2011.

4. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER PLUS AWARD

The Lord Mayor received an award and certificate from Councillor Ken Richardson of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and on behalf of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber, in recognition of Sheffield City Council achieving Member Development Charter Plus status.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following items of business:

Petition Requiring Debate – Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes

Councillor Mick Rooney declared a prejudicial interest as he was a non-Executive Director of Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust. Councillor David Barker declared a prejudicial interest as he was employed by Sheffield Primary Care Trust.

Members of the Council declared personal interests, as follows:

Councillor Jillian Creasy as she is employed by the NHS.

Councillor Gill Furniss as she is employed by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Talib Hussain as his wife is employed by NHS Sheffield.

Councillor John Campbell as he is employed by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Harry Harpham as his partner is employed by NHS Sheffield.

Councillor Mary Lea as a Governor on Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust.

Petition Requiring Debate – Sure Start

Councillor Mazher Iqbal declared a personal interest as a Board member of Tinsley Parent and Children Consortium. Councillor John Robson declared a personal interest as Chair of Arbourthorne Tiddlywinks. Councillor Jack Scott declared a personal interest as a Trustee of Tiddlywinks Nursery.

Petition Requiring Debate – Castle Market

Councillor Vickie Priestley declared a personal interest as she is employed in a retail outlet in the Gallery, Castle Market Building.

Notice of Motion No. 11 on the Summons regarding Sure Start Children's Centres

Councillor Mazher Iqbal declared a personal interest as a Board member of Tinsley Parent and Children Consortium. Councillor John Robson declared a personal interest as Chair of Arbourthorne Tiddlywinks. Councillor Jack Scott declared a personal interest as a Trustee of Tiddlywinks Nursery.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith, that the minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 2nd and 4th March 2011, be approved as correct records.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

7.1 Petitions

(a) Petition requesting a Pelican Crossing on Wordsworth Avenue

The Council received a petition, containing 1,513 signatures, requesting a pelican crossing on Wordsworth Avenue.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Steve Wilson who stated that access was required to the Children's Centre and school and young people had to cross Wordsworth Avenue. A child had been knocked down and injured and motorists did travel at speed. In relation to the requested pelican crossing on Wordsworth Avenue, local people were waiting for the Northern Community Assembly for approval to this scheme.

(b) Petition requesting Traffic Calming Measures Outside Eva Radcliffe Care Home, Yew Lane

The Council received a petition, containing 18 signatures, requesting traffic calming measures outside Eva Radcliffe Care Home, Yew Lane.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Steve Wilson who

stated that cars travelled at speed on Yew Lane and whilst mobile speed cameras had been proposed by the Northern Community Assembly, it was not thought that these would be effective and therefore traffic calming measures were requested.

The Council referred the petition regarding traffic calming measures outside Eva Radcliffe Care Home, Yew Lane, and the petition requesting a pelican crossing on Wordsworth Avenue, to the Cabinet Member for Business, Transport and Skills (Councillor Ian Auckland). Councillor Auckland stated that the Council had devolved many of the local highway decisions to Community Assemblies and confirmed that both proposals had been considered by the Northern Community Assembly. It was the Council's intention that local people were empowered to influence decisions through their local Elected Members and he believed that schemes were delivered more effectively through Community Assemblies than previously had been the case. He stated that he was concerned to hear about the accident involving the young person and hoped that they were recovering. The petitions regarding Wordsworth Avenue and Yew Lane would be lodged with the Council's Cabinet Highways Committee and then brought to the attention of the Northern Community Assembly.

(c) Petition opposing the Development of an Aldi Store on The Common, Ecclesfield

The Council received a petition, containing 111 signatures, opposing the development of an Aldi Store on The Common, Ecclesfield.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Alex Hurdley who stated that the petitioners wished to object to the proposed plan for an Aldi store in Ecclesfield which, it was considered, would have a negative effect on the existing local retailers. Whilst it had been stated that additional new jobs would be created by the development of the Aldi store, these would be part-time. Other job losses in the area and the potential loss of jobs due to the effect of the Aldi store on other retail also needed to be considered. Empty shop units would leave a bad impression on the area. He also stated that there were environmental issues to consider, including the potential for an increase in traffic and noise and reduction in air quality. The petitioners asked that the air quality in the area be measured in partnership with the East End Quality of Life Project and the Council. Attention was also drawn to the felling of trees on the proposed site prior to the approval of planning consent. Finally, he pointed to the need for local shops in local centres.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Planning (Councillor Penny Baker) who stated that planning applications were considered by the relevant Planning Committee and the petition would be brought to the attention of the Committee at which petitioners would be able to attend and make. She undertook to ensure that the lead petitioner was made aware of when the application would be considered by the relevant Planning Committee.

(d) Petition opposing the Planning Application for a Change of Use of Premises from a Sandwich Shop to a Hot Food Takeaway

The Council received a petition, containing 163 signatures, opposing the planning application for a change of use of premises at 241 Wincobank Avenue from a sandwich shop to a hot food takeaway.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Planning (Councillor Penny Baker) who stated that she had been made aware of this issue and would pursue the matter, although there was not currently a planning application for change of use.

(e) Petition requesting the Installation of 20 mph Speed Limits in Broomhall and Sharrow

The Council received a petition, containing 412 signatures, requesting the installation of 20 mph speed limits in Broomhall and Sharrow.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ibrahim Ullah who referred to the high number of vehicles and danger to pedestrians including a high number of pedestrian casualties in built-up areas. He also referred to the vulnerability of cyclists. The biggest cause of injuries was the speed of vehicles which, if travelling above 20 mph, represented an increased risk to pedestrian safety. He urged the City Council to consider the installation of 20 mph restrictions in residential areas to reduce the severity of pedestrian casualties and the occurrence of accidents.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Business, Transport and Skills (Councillor Ian Auckland) who stated that he would like to see the matter progressed through the local Community Assembly as, for 20 mph zones to be effective, they needed community ownership. He referred to some such speed limits already in operation in the Broomhall and Sharrow area.

(f) Petition requesting a Dog Waste Bin and Notice Board for the Community Garden, Alexandra Road

The Council received a petition, containing 147 signatures, requesting a dog waste bin and notice board for the Community Garden, Alexandra Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Paul Reynolds who referred to an area of former wasteland on Alexandra Road which was now a community garden. Young people played on the site and people also exercised their dogs there. However, not everyone picked up their dog's waste and petitioners felt that, if a bin was installed, it would encourage people to dispose of the waste. He pointed out that it did not seem that anyone wished to own this piece of land although many of the residents, on a monthly basis, tidied and planted up the site. Petitioners were also requesting the installation of a notice board.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Communities (Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed). Councillor Mohammed stated that this was an example of local people taking care of an area and showing local ownership, which should be encouraged. He stated that he would pursue this issue and speak to the local Community Assembly Chair with regard to the request for installation of a dog bin and notice board within the community garden.

(g) Petition opposing the Funding Cuts to Activity Sheffield in Burngreave and Fir Vale

The Council received a petition, containing 133 signatures, opposing the funding cuts to Activity Sheffield in Burngreave and Fir Vale.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Tourism (Councillor Roger Davison) who stated that there was funding available to December 2011, and the Community Assembly for the area had also decided to provide funding. A consultation programme was planned in the early summer to explore options for a different model of provision. It was noted that this issue had been raised at a Community Assembly Ward meeting in Burngreave and young people had spoken to Members in relation to provision of funding for activities, including sport.

(h) Petition opposing the Closure of the Deaf Advice Support Service

The Council received a petition, containing 296 signatures, opposing the closure of the Deaf Advice Support Service.

The Council referred the petition to the Deputy Leader (Councillor David Baker) who stated that he understood the concerns raised by the Deaf Advice Support Service and although there had been a reduction of funding for the service, this was less than the average cut applied across voluntary, community and faith organisations in the City. He was concerned that the petition stated that the centre would be closed and stated that any decision to close the service would be taken by the Deaf Advice Support Service management. The City Council was committed to ensuring that people with impaired hearing would have access to appropriate services and there was consultation with current providers to allow their views to be put forward.

7.2 Public Questions

(a) Public Questions concerning Sure Start Children's Centres

Chris and Catherine Richardson stated that Sure Start provides support and help for some of the most vulnerable families in Sheffield. They asked how cutting frontline services and preventative work would save money in the long term?

Joy Allen referred to the potential for ring-fencing funding for Sure Start. Reference was also made to the closure of a children's group and she

questioned the Council's consideration of the effects of funding reductions.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services (Councillor Colin Ross) stated that the reference to the closure of a children's group related to a member of staff who had gone on long term sabbatical and clarification had been sought on this matter from the relevant children's centre. He stated that there was no need for any closure of children's centres at this time and funding reductions had been scheduled for Quarters 3 and 4 of the financial year. He agreed that in relation to the services offered by Sure Start including early intervention and prevention these were cost-effective in the long term. Councillor Ross stated that an additional £2.8m had been added to the Early Intervention Grant provided by Central Government so that services could be maintained. Whilst he would have liked to maintain the level of financial resource to that of previous years, the overall budget for the Council meant that this was not possible although the Council was striving to protect services. Sure Start children's centres were not being closed and he agreed it was important and helpful that such provision be maintained to support the future of young people in the City.

(b) Public Question concerning Pensioners' Benefits

Hilda Sables, representing Sheffield Pensioners Action Group, referred to proposed reductions in the benefits for pensioners such as the fuel allowance and cold weather payments.

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Scriven) stated that the base winter fuel allowances would remain the same and these were £200 for people aged 60 and above, and £300 for those aged 65 and above. However, temporary top-ups of £50 for those aged 60 and above, and £100 for those aged 85 and above were being reduced. In relation to cold weather payments, these were being targeted to protect the poorest pensioners and would be increased to £25 for 7 days. Taken in the round with other pension changes, it was considered that pensioners would be better off during the time they were claiming State Pension by approximately £15,000.

(c) Public Question concerning Mayfield Environmental Centre

Catherine Walsh asked a question on behalf of the Friends of Mayfield Environmental Education Centre, which provided outdoor resources and experiences for children and young people. She asked what was being done in relation marketing and raising the profile of the Mayfield Environmental Education Centre so that it remained a valuable asset as part of Sheffield schools' outdoor education choices. Reference was made to the Directory of Outdoor Education Support brochure which excluded the Mayfield Centre and to the potential for a feasibility study and the cost of such a study compared to the cost of a permanent member of staff to administer the Centre.

In response, the Cabinet Members for Children and Young People's Services (Councillor Colin Ross) stated that he had taken a personal interest in the

Mayfield Centre and was keen that it remained open. The Centre was under-utilised and only 20 of the 100 or so primary schools in Sheffield used it. A feasibility study group lead by Headteachers was encouraging people to use the Centre, which was also used by the Astronomical Society. Councillor Ross stated that he attended the launch event of the Directory of Outdoor Education Support and found that there was no entry for Mayfield. He had spoken to the person responsible for the Directory and had received assurances that subsequent brochures would include an entry for Mayfield and that the Directory website did include a reference to Mayfield. Councillor Ross stated that the Environmental Education Centre was in a convenient location and there were benefits to schools and other groups using the Centre and use of it should be encouraged.

(d) Public Question concerning Sheffield Homes Procedures and Lansdowne and Hanover Cladding Project

Karen Greenhalgh asked a question concerning the mechanism for making a complaint regarding Sheffield Homes Chief Executive or Board of Directors and asked if there was a protocol regarding the contact between Sheffield Homes' Boards. She referred specifically to the Lansdowne and Hanover Cladding Project and the quality of information provided to leaseholders in particular. She had been informed that a decision regarding the Project would be taken to the Leader of the Council for sign off and asked whether the Council would be held to a decision that had been signed off in this way. It was felt that leaseholders and tenants had been unable to have meaningful consultation regarding the Project and the Project Group did not know the detail of what was being proposed and signed off. She asked what the Council would do to ensure that local tenants and leaseholders' views were taken into account.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Planning (Councillor Penny Baker) stated that there was a process for complaints regarding Sheffield Homes Chief Executive and she asked that any complaints be brought to the attention of the City Council. She confirmed that there was a communication exchange between the Chairs of Sheffield Homes Boards. In relation to the Lansdowne and Hanover Cladding Project, she was aware that there were a number of concerns and that the issue had been ongoing for some time. Councillor Baker offered to meet with the questioner to discuss the issues raised further. She confirmed that Council were pushing ahead with the Cladding Project so as to ensure that properties were warm and weather-tight.

(e) Public Question concerning Norfolk Park Medical Practice

Lee Hunter stated that in relation to the provision of a medical practice on Norfolk Park, people had been told that this would commence in January 2011. This had not happened and he asked when the medical practice was going to be built.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Independent and Healthy Living

(Councillor Steve Ayris) stated that he would speak to NHS Sheffield in order to get a response to this question.

(f) Public Questions concerning Openness and Transparency

Martin Brighton asked questions concerning the treatment of principles such as openness and transparency. He asked the Council to note his gratitude for confirmation of what the Leader of the Council had said to the meeting of Full Council on 5 November 2008; identification by a Councillor of the author of anonymous comments regarding him on the internet; and the "shadowing" of him when he was in this building. Mr Brighton also asked that his thanks to the Lord Mayor be recorded.

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Scriven) stated that all Administrations try to ensure openness and transparency. Mr Brighton's points would be noted and he stated that he would also like to thank the Lord Mayor for his conduct at Council meetings.

8. PETITIONS REQUIRING DEBATE

8.1 Funding of Sure Start Children's Centres in Sheffield

The Council considered a petition, containing 5,814 signatures, objecting to the funding cuts to Sure Start Children's Centres. The petition had been received by the City Council at its meeting on 2nd March 2011, and the petition organisers wished to exercise their right under the Council's Petitions Scheme, to have the petition debated by Members of the City Council at this meeting.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Emma Parmakis who stated that Sure Start Children's Centres were at the hub of the communities which they served and the positive effect of Sure Start on families could not be underestimated. In speaking of experiences of parents using Sure Start Centres she referred to a mother from a black and minority ethnic community who talked of the benefits of Sure Start in furthering her English language skills and in enabling her to help her children with their homework. Children were also able to play freely in a non-judgemental environment. Parents were given the opportunity to be listened to and supported by Sure Start and to increase their confidence.

Emma Parmakis questioned the definition used of frontline services and spoke of a number of areas, such as outreach work, interpreting services, fathers' groups, parenting, antenatal classes and breast feeding classes, some of which had been adversely affected already by funding reductions. People had yet to see the full effect of funding cuts.

If funding for Sure Start Children's Centres was to be reviewed, it would be expected that a full needs assessment be undertaken. There had been a series of cuts over a period of time which affected the sustainability of Sure Start provision and were in addition to the most recent funding reductions.

She also referred to the importance of early years provision in addressing issues associated with deprivation.

Members of the City Council debated the issues raised by the petition, as summarised below.

The funding for Sure Start Children's Centres was complex. Core offer services were delivered through grant funding to three organisations in the City and funding was allocated to those organisations and claimed throughout the year. The Primary Care Trust had not claimed all of the money allocated to it and had underclaimed £149,000 in 2009/10. The reasons for this needed to be examined.

There had been a national reduction in funding for Sure Start and funding which was available had not been ring-fenced. Reductions in funding had been scheduled towards the end of the financial year.

The work undertaken by Sure Start Children's Centres was vital and the importance of a child's early years and their future prospects was generally recognised.

Many of the Children's Centres were supported by a City Council Officers and reductions in funding to contracted out Sure Start provision would be greater than the reduction which had been identified. As part of any review into Sure Start funding the needs of areas needed to be assessed.

The funding reductions to Sure Start should not be seen in isolation but in the context of other reductions in benefits, for example, which adversely affected particular groups of people. It should be acknowledged that frontline services would be affected by funding reductions.

An additional £2.8m had been found to supplement the support grant for Children's Centres. In challenging financial circumstances consideration should be given to reducing non-frontline services and overheads. The Council needed to work with contractors providing Sure Start centres to see how costs associated with administration, overheads, procedures and management could be reduced.

Sure Start provided support to both children and their families and supported single parents and those learning English as a second language. The centres also played a role in uniting local communities, providing a place for parents and children to meet and socialise.

After a right of reply from the petitioner, Members of the City Council considered relevant courses of action which were available.

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that the petition concerning Sure Start Children's Centres be referred to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee for

consideration, having regard to the comments made by Members of the City Council in the course of the debate.

8.2 Petition Opposing the Proposed Rent Increase at Castle Market

The Council received a petition, containing 14,617 signatures, opposing the proposed rent increases for the Castle Market.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Ian Bingham and Mick Cull. The petitioners stated that the new Market on The Moor, Sheffield, had not opened in October 2010, as had been planned. The footfall in the Castle Market area was down and the area in general was in decline. It was considered that the reasons for the rent discount granted in 2008 were still valid as the new Market was not complete. Ian Bingham stated that market traders wished to pay a true rent. He stated that his rent had increased by £870 a month, whilst footfall in the Markets had fallen by 30% over the last three years. In addition, it would cost approximately £20,000 to set up in the new Market and due to the high level of rent and reduced trade, market traders would find it very difficult to save the money required to enable many of them to move to the new Market when it was complete.

Mick Cull presented the findings of an independent report which had been produced following a review of rents in Sheffield, and which had found that high street rents had also fallen in value and landlords were discounting rents in premises including in High Street, Fitzalan Square and Haymarket. The high street rents had been reduced to attract tenants and re-valued rents had resulted in a 40 to 60% reduction. It was considered that the rent in the Castle Market should be reduced accordingly. Members of the Council were asked where they shopped and if they did not shop in the Market, what were the reasons for this.

Members of the City Council debated the issues raised by the petitioners, as summarised below.

The annual cost of the discount to the market traders was £418,000 and the original subsidy had a three year life span. At the end of the three years, and as part of the budget setting process, this subsidy ceased.

There was a wish for market traders to move smoothly in the new Market premises and it was acknowledged that the Market was a meeting place as well as a place to buy goods.

There was an issue of fairness in the treatment of small businesses and a review of rents should be considered.

It was acknowledged that ending the rent subsidy was a difficult decision and would be tough for the market traders. The request for a reduced rent for market traders had to be considered in the context of the Council's overall

priorities.

The rent should also be considered in the context of declining conditions at the Market site. The City also needed to consider the type of market it wished to have, based on principles of both tradition and quality. The existing market traders should be helped until the opening of the new Market.

There were examples of markets which had been newly or redeveloped which had been successful including Norwich, Bury and Dewsbury. Crystal Peaks Market has also experienced increased footfall.

After a right of reply from the petitioners, the City Council considered courses of action available in response to the petition.

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Martin Brelsford, that the petition concerning rent increases at Castle Market be referred to the Culture, Economy and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee for consideration, having regard to the comments made by Members of the City Council during the course of the debate.

8.3 Petition Opposing the Closure of Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes for People with Alzheimer's and Dementia

The Council received a petition, containing 14,258 signatures, concerning the proposed closure of Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes for people with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were received from Janice Wilson and Sue Harding. Janice Wilson stated that dementia and Alzheimer's might affect anybody and the staff employed at Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes were well trained, caring and passionate. Other care homes might not have the specialist staff or understanding of the behaviour of people suffering from dementia and it may not be appropriate for those with such a condition to remain in homes without specialist provision. People suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's may also be unable to fully express themselves or be understood.

Sue Harding stated that she was speaking on behalf of her mother and the other 99 residents at Birch Avenue. Issues relating to care in older age would affect everybody and we should all be concerned at the treatment of our loved ones. The Primary Care Trust Board, at its recent meeting, reaffirmed that its focus was on the budgetary situation and the cost of Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes was significantly higher than other homes. However, she considered that the figures used by the Primary Care Trust and the arguments put forward were flawed. There might not be enough places in other care homes in the City to enable residents of Birch Avenue and Woodland View to be moved. It had been shown that stability was a very important factor for people suffering with dementia and, if they were required to move home, this would have an adverse effect upon their

condition. The mortality rate of people with dementia who were moved involuntarily doubled in the three to twelve months following their transfer. The £2.8m cost top-up funding provided to the Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes was a relatively small portion of Primary Care Trust's overall budget. She asked for the City Council's support in this matter.

Members of the Council debated the issues raised by the petitioners, as summarised below.

The proposals of the Primary Care Trust to withdraw top-up funding for Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes was not supported and there were alternative savings which might be investigated by the Primary Care Trust in relation to their procedures and management. This was a sensitive and potentially distressing matter for people resident in the homes. It was acknowledged that it was complex to review services of this nature and therefore important that the Primary Care Trust carry out extensive consultation. The City Council was yet to put forward a formal response to the Primary Care Trust's consultation.

The homes were run by the Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust in partnership with a Housing Association and the City Council was not directly involved in the proposals. The matter would be considered at a meeting of the Council's Health and Community Care Scrutiny Committee on 18th April 2011. A decision on the future of the homes would be made by the NHS Sheffield Board.

The petition was evidence of a high level of public feeling on this issue and an indication that people had shown faith in the residential homes and the people employed within those homes. The Council's Health and Community Care Scrutiny Committee had heard that the homes had been under review for a number of years and that budget pressures had also contributed to proposals. There was evidence that residents' health would suffer if they were required to move home. Particular issues of concern which had been discussed with the Primary Care Trust included consultation and communication.

The funding for the homes was relatively small for the NHS as a whole and the care in both Birch Avenue and Woodland View was considered to be good and the homes were full.

The Primary Care Trust provided top-up funding to continue the employment of specialist nurses and carers so as to provide specialist care. There was concern that under any alternative arrangements, non-specialists would be employed who did not have the skills and understanding of conditions such as dementia and Alzheimer's, or that less staff would be employed and the quality of service would diminish. There was also concern in relation to future commissioning of such service provision, if the Primary Care Trusts were to be abolished and GP commissioning was introduced.

Several Members spoke of personal experiences of having close relatives

with dementia or Alzheimer's and of the specialist care which was required and the affect and strain on carers and families who support people in old age, particularly those who suffered from such conditions as Alzheimer's and dementia. There was concern that the level of specialist care provided by homes such as Birch Avenue and Woodland View could not be provided elsewhere. People with Alzheimer's and dementia sometimes did not recognise close relatives and displayed behaviours which could not always be understood.

Concern was expressed that if residents in the two homes were transferred, this would affect the capacity of care home places elsewhere in the City. It was not considered that the closure of the homes made economic sense as there might be a dilution of specialist care and the costs of such care would need to be picked up elsewhere. Other ways should be considered to reduce costs. In certain cases, specialist support was appropriate although it was recognised that this might cost more.

After a right of reply from the petitioners, the City Council considered potential courses of action which it could take arising from the petition.

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Arthur Dunworth, that (i) the matters raised in the petition opposing the closure of Birch Avenue and Woodland View Care Homes for people with Alzheimer's and dementia be referred to the Health and Community Care Scrutiny Committee for consideration, having regard to the comments made by Members during the course of the debate; and

(ii) Councillor Mick Rooney, a non-Executive Director on the Sheffield Health and Social Care and Patient Trust Board of Directors, be requested to take up the petitioners' concerns with the Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust.

(NOTE: Councillors Mick Rooney and David Barker, both having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item, left the meeting during its consideration and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

9.1 Urgent Business

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

9.2 Questions

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

Cabinet Members.

9.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

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

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith, that approval be given to appoint the following to the Norton Educational and Non Educational Trust: Councillors Ian Auckland and Martin Lawton; and Mrs Beverley Ashmore, Mr Philip Shaddock and Rev. Joy Adams.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING RECORD

It was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the fact that, since May 2008, Sheffield has seen:
 - (i) education results at all age levels improving, catching up to the national average and reversing the trend of relative poor performance;
 - (ii) significant reductions in crime, with a 12% reduction during 2010 alone which includes a 21% reduction in criminal damage, an 18% reduction in vehicle crime and an 11% reduction in drug offences;
 - (iii) the number of local parks and green spaces with 'Green Flag' status doubled, bringing the number of local sites recognised for being well maintained and high quality to 12, more than any other local authority in Yorkshire;
 - (iv) over 13,000 homes receive free insulation, Sheffield being recognised as the leading city in the UK for solar micro-generation of renewable energy and a vastly improved kerbside recycling service that has seen recycling rates increase in stark contrast to other large metropolitan areas;
 - (v) our city go from being the worst place to do business in South Yorkshire to the best, as demonstrated by recent announcements of 100's of new jobs;
 - (vi) a more balanced approach to transport, with residents' parking fees significantly reduced and unnecessary anti-car measures

- removed;
- (vii) Council tax increases kept to a minimum, whilst protecting valuable community facilities such as libraries, leisure centres and children's centres from closure;
 - (viii) the first new council homes built in decades and tenants being put in charge of the future of their homes;
 - (ix) power being put back into the hands of local people and their councillors through Community Assemblies, with investment distributed fairly rather than on a favoured areas basis; and
 - (x) a vibrant city centre with new festivals, exciting new attractions and new developments such as Tudor Square;
- (b) fully endorses the exciting plans the present Administration have secured for Sheffield to bring about improvements for local people, including:
- (i) the completion of the new market and public realm improvements on The Moor and a new retail quarter that will bring an extra 1,600 permanent new jobs to Sheffield;
 - (ii) a new Business Enterprise Zone within Sheffield City Region that will unlock the door to millions of pounds of extra investment and provide more new jobs for local people;
 - (iii) the Highways PFI project that will see work to repair all roads, pavements and street lights begin from 2012;
 - (iv) a new Local Housing Company that will see around 2,500 extra new homes built in the next 15 years; and
 - (v) a plan that will see Sheffield produce enough renewable energy to become self-sufficient within 10 years, allowing local people to benefit from lower energy bills, reduced carbon emissions, improved air quality and extra local green jobs; and
- (c) believes that these vast improvements and new exciting plans demonstrate that Sheffield is a successful city and can look forward to an even brighter future.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words 'That this Council' and the substitution of the following paragraphs therefore:-

- (a) wholeheartedly welcomes improvements in education in the City, thanks to years of additional investment brought about by the previous

Government, however notes with concern the report of the Executive Director of Children, Young People & Families: 'Educational Attainment 2009/2010: Focus on 3 – 7 year olds' which was considered by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 16th March 2011, which states that in the Early Years Foundation Stage the achievement gap between the lowest 20% of children and the Local Authority average has widened;

- (b) wholeheartedly welcomes recent reductions in crime, thanks to the years of additional investment in policing and community safety measures brought about by the previous Government;
- (c) is therefore extremely alarmed by the present Government's proposals to slash policing budgets in South Yorkshire and across the country as a whole;
- (d) furthermore notes with great concern the article which appeared in the Star newspaper on Monday 4th April, 2011 entitled 'Police chief's fears over 'savage' cuts', which reported that 'Chief Constable Med Hughes says crime will rise as police forces shrink, unemployment soars, councils slash services and courts allow repeat offenders to remain on the streets', and which also states:

'The police boss warned the cuts would mean fewer units to tackle serious and organised crime and support staff cuts would saddle officers with an "increased burden". Funding will be cut by 20 per cent in real terms over the next four years and the workforce at South Yorkshire Police will shrink by 1,100 posts.'

- (e) also condemns the present Administration for deleting the funding for all 25 Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO) posts funded by the Council in the 2011/12 budget;
- (f) confirms that the major opposition group has always been committed to a policy of safer neighbourhoods and confirms that, contrary to the present Administration, they will prioritise safety in Sheffield's communities by restoring cuts to 10 PCSO posts, if they are given a political mandate to form an administration in May;
- (g) wholeheartedly welcomes that the present Administration have continued to pursue 'Green Flag' status for parks and green spaces, a programme that was started under the previous Administration;
- (h) wholeheartedly welcomes the Sheffield Affordable Warmth Programme which was launched in January 2008, under the previous Administration;
- (i) however notes that the Sheffield City Council press release of 10th January 2008 states that in the first 3 years of the Programme, 64,000 homes were due to be offered free insulation, with plans to roll out the

Programme across the City in further 3 year blocks;

- (j) is therefore very concerned that 3 years after the launch of the scheme, the present Administration have only delivered free insulation to 13,000 homes;
- (k) is furthermore disappointed with the present Administration's lack of action regarding renewable energy, particularly given the fact that the previous Administration had made a great deal of progress in this area, commissioning a Scoping and Feasibility Study on Renewable Energy which identified key sites for renewable energy generation, work which was subsequently abandoned by the incoming administration;
- (l) is somewhat confused by the present Administration's claims that parking fees have been reduced, considering that from 15th April, 2011 the Council is in fact doubling the 20p fee for an hour's on-street parking in areas outside the city centre where charges apply, and the Council is raising on-street parking rates around the city centre by between 5p and 10p in the one- and two-hour parking zones, and by between 5p and 35p in the 10-hour parking zone on the edge of the city centre, from June;
- (m) wholeheartedly welcomes the building of new council homes, work which was started under the previous Administration, however regrets that the present Administration was unable to deliver new council homes as planned by the previous Administration at Ellesmere in Burngreave and Chaucer in Parson Cross, as confirmed in the report of the Executive Director, Place, 'Disposal of land at Ellesmere and Chaucer for Social Housing', which was submitted to Cabinet on 24th November 2010;
- (n) regrets that the present Administration have let down local housing tenants by failing to deliver the Decent Homes Programme to all Sheffielders who were promised work and failing to secure the £23m Decent Homes Backlog Funding 'to support the delivery of the remaining three years of the Council's Decent Homes Programme and meet the commitments made to tenants';
- (o) laments the three wasted years of the present Administration who have either failed to deliver or delayed many flagship schemes for the City including:
 - (i) the new retail quarter (NRQ), construction of which was due to start in 2008, with the first retail buildings, including the new John Lewis department store and car park, to be completed in 2011;
 - (ii) the new market and public realm improvements on the Moor which were due to have been completed by early 2011; and

- (iii) the Highways PFI, which was due to start in September 2011 and has been delayed by the present Administration and the present Government;
- (p) regrets that the present Administration have consistently failed to stand up for Sheffield, which is demonstrated by the present Leader of the Council's decision not to sign the recent open letter to the Times newspaper from senior Liberal Democrats in local government challenging the Government's cuts to local authorities; and
- (q) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve better from their elected representatives.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) wholeheartedly welcomes improvements in education in the City, thanks to years of additional investment brought about by the previous Government, however notes with concern the report of the Executive Director of Children, Young People & Families: 'Educational Attainment 2009/2010: Focus on 3 – 7 year olds' which was considered by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 16th March 2011, which states that in the Early Years Foundation Stage the achievement gap between the lowest 20% of children and the Local Authority average has widened;
- (b) wholeheartedly welcomes recent reductions in crime, thanks to the years of additional investment in policing and community safety measures brought about by the previous Government;
- (c) is therefore extremely alarmed by the present Government's proposals to slash policing budgets in South Yorkshire and across the country as a whole;
- (d) furthermore notes with great concern the article which appeared in the Star newspaper on Monday 4th April, 2011 entitled 'Police chief's fears over 'savage' cuts', which reported that 'Chief Constable Med Hughes says crime will rise as police forces shrink, unemployment soars, councils slash services and courts allow repeat offenders to remain on the streets', and which also states:

'The police boss warned the cuts would mean fewer units to tackle serious and organised crime and support staff cuts would saddle officers with an "increased burden". Funding will be cut by 20 per cent

in real terms over the next four years and the workforce at South Yorkshire Police will shrink by 1,100 posts.'

- (e) also condemns the present Administration for deleting the funding for all 25 Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO) posts funded by the Council in the 2011/12 budget;
- (f) confirms that the major opposition group has always been committed to a policy of safer neighbourhoods and confirms that, contrary to the present Administration, they will prioritise safety in Sheffield's communities by restoring cuts to 10 PCSO posts, if they are given a political mandate to form an administration in May;
- (g) wholeheartedly welcomes that the present Administration have continued to pursue 'Green Flag' status for parks and green spaces, a programme that was started under the previous Administration;
- (h) wholeheartedly welcomes the Sheffield Affordable Warmth Programme which was launched in January 2008, under the previous Administration;
- (i) however notes that the Sheffield City Council press release of 10th January 2008 states that in the first 3 years of the Programme, 64,000 homes were due to be offered free insulation, with plans to roll out the Programme across the City in further 3 year blocks;
- (j) is therefore very concerned that 3 years after the launch of the scheme, the present Administration have only delivered free insulation to 13,000 homes;
- (k) is furthermore disappointed with the present Administration's lack of action regarding renewable energy, particularly given the fact that the previous Administration had made a great deal of progress in this area, commissioning a Scoping and Feasibility Study on Renewable Energy which identified key sites for renewable energy generation, work which was subsequently abandoned by the incoming administration;
- (l) is somewhat confused by the present Administration's claims that parking fees have been reduced, considering that from 15th April, 2011 the Council is in fact doubling the 20p fee for an hour's on-street parking in areas outside the city centre where charges apply, and the Council is raising on-street parking rates around the city centre by between 5p and 10p in the one- and two-hour parking zones, and by between 5p and 35p in the 10-hour parking zone on the edge of the city centre, from June;
- (m) wholeheartedly welcomes the building of new council homes, work which was started under the previous Administration, however regrets that the present Administration was unable to deliver new council

homes as planned by the previous Administration at Ellesmere in Burngreave and Chaucer in Parson Cross, as confirmed in the report of the Executive Director, Place, 'Disposal of land at Ellesmere and Chaucer for Social Housing', which was submitted to Cabinet on 24th November 2010;

- (n) regrets that the present Administration have let down local housing tenants by failing to deliver the Decent Homes Programme to all Sheffielders who were promised work and failing to secure the £23m Decent Homes Backlog Funding 'to support the delivery of the remaining three years of the Council's Decent Homes Programme and meet the commitments made to tenants';
- (o) laments the three wasted years of the present Administration who have either failed to deliver or delayed many flagship schemes for the City including:
 - (i) the new retail quarter (NRQ), construction of which was due to start in 2008, with the first retail buildings, including the new John Lewis department store and car park, to be completed in 2011;
 - (ii) the new market and public realm improvements on the Moor which were due to have been completed by early 2011; and
 - (iii) the Highways PFI, which was due to start in September 2011 and has been delayed by the present Administration and the present Government;
- (p) regrets that the present Administration have consistently failed to stand up for Sheffield, which is demonstrated by the present Leader of the Council's decision not to sign the recent open letter to the Times newspaper from senior Liberal Democrats in local government challenging the Government's cuts to local authorities; and
- (q) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve better from their elected representatives.

[NOTE: Councillor Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (a) to (e), (g) to (n) and (p) and (q), and abstained on paragraphs (f) and (o) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.]

12. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW

It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the 'Follow up Report: Impact on Sheffield of the

Comprehensive Spending Review' (CSR) which was presented to the Strategic Resources and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2011;

- (b) notes with great concern many of the issues highlighted within the report which create great challenges for the City, including the following:
- (i) out of Sheffield's working age population of 368,800, there are only 241,200 people employed, an employment rate of 65.9%;
 - (ii) there are planned losses to the police service in Sheffield of 62 members of staff (support staff and police officers);
 - (iii) an exceptionally challenging financial year for the NHS in Sheffield;
 - (iv) a reduction in South Yorkshire Fire Service's budget of £3.4m during 2011/12 and £1.1m in 2012/13 with an expectation that the cuts for the following two years will be greater still, which is likely to result in a reduction of approximately 60 uniformed posts during the first 2 years;
 - (v) Sheffield's 'schools are probably facing a real terms funding reduction (after inflation) of about £3m, or 1%';
 - (vi) Sheffield College is anticipating a cut in funding per learner for those aged 16-18 of 12% over 4 years ;
 - (vii) for 19+ learners, the Train to Gain funding will be abolished and the funding rates for all other adult programmes will be cut by 4.3% for 2011/12;
 - (viii) the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) has announced that funding rates for adult functional skills and skills for life courses will be cut by approximately 30%;
 - (ix) a wide range of adult learners that have previously qualified for fee remission will no longer do so and the funding criteria for English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) courses will be tightened significantly by the SFA;
 - (x) changes to the Local Housing Allowance and Housing Benefit may result in overcrowding and may result in an increase in people presenting themselves as homeless;
 - (xi) at least 6,400 young people in Sheffield will be affected by the ending of the Educational Maintenance Allowance; and
 - (xii) according to recent data by Oxford Economics illustrating the

knock on effects to the private sector of public sector funding reductions, the £80m cut to the Council's budget may result in a loss of £40m to the private sector locally;

- (c) is concerned about the Administration's attempts to stop this report being discussed by the Council as the 'Scrutiny' item for the April Council meeting;
- (d) believes that it is important that Members of the City Council understand the implications of the CSR so that as much can be done as possible to help mitigate the negative impacts for the people of Sheffield; and
- (e) expresses concern that the Administration do not have a strategy to deal with the impact on Sheffield of the CSR.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b), (x), (c), (d) and (e), and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (h) as follows:-

- (c) notes that the above have come about because of the financial mismanagement of the previous Government and Sheffield would have been facing these issues regardless of who won the last General Election;
- (d) notes that the limited remit of the report meant that it did not cover recently announced policies and other changes from the CSR, such as tax breaks for low income families, the freezing of Council Tax, the improvements to the state pension, confirmation of the Tram/Train project, confirmation of the Sevenstone project, the creation of Business Enterprise Zones and the confirmation of the Highways PFI scheme;
- (e) endorses the 2011/12 Revenue Budget passed at the last meeting of this Council as a robust plan to deliver on local people's priorities, despite the tough financial climate;
- (f) furthermore endorses the 2010 -2020 Sheffield City Strategy which was agreed unanimously by all Members;
- (g) is concerned that the leader of the major opposition group appears to have forgotten about these plans for the future, both of which take account of the tough financial climate brought about by the previous Government; and
- (h) finds it absurd for the leader of the major opposition group to claim that the present Administration have no strategic plans, given that she failed to outline an alternative to the budget, failed to use her vote on the budget, and voted for the present Administration's 2010 to 2020

long term plans.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the 'Follow up Report: Impact on Sheffield of the Comprehensive Spending Review' (CSR) which was presented to the Strategic Resources and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2011;
- (b) notes with great concern many of the issues highlighted within the report which create great challenges for the City, including the following:
 - (i) out of Sheffield's working age population of 368,800, there are only 241,200 people employed, an employment rate of 65.9%;
 - (ii) there are planned losses to the police service in Sheffield of 62 members of staff (support staff and police officers);
 - (iii) an exceptionally challenging financial year for the NHS in Sheffield;
 - (iv) a reduction in South Yorkshire Fire Service's budget of £3.4m during 2011/12 and £1.1m in 2012/13 with an expectation that the cuts for the following two years will be greater still, which is likely to result in a reduction of approximately 60 uniformed posts during the first 2 years;
 - (v) Sheffield's 'schools are probably facing a real terms funding reduction (after inflation) of about £3m, or 1%';
 - (vi) Sheffield College is anticipating a cut in funding per learner for those aged 16-18 of 12% over 4 years ;
 - (vii) for 19+ learners, the Train to Gain funding will be abolished and the funding rates for all other adult programmes will be cut by 4.3% for 2011/12;
 - (viii) the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) has announced that funding rates for adult functional skills and skills for life courses will be cut by approximately 30%;
 - (ix) a wide range of adult learners that have previously qualified for fee remission will no longer do so and the funding criteria for English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) courses will be

- tightened significantly by the SFA;
- (x) changes to the Local Housing Allowance and Housing Benefit may result in overcrowding and may result in an increase in people presenting themselves as homeless;
 - (xi) at least 6,400 young people in Sheffield will be affected by the ending of the Educational Maintenance Allowance; and
 - (xii) according to recent data by Oxford Economics illustrating the knock on effects to the private sector of public sector funding reductions, the £80m cut to the Council's budget may result in a loss of £40m to the private sector locally;
- (c) is concerned about the Administration's attempts to stop this report being discussed by the Council as the 'Scrutiny' item for the April Council meeting;
- (d) believes that it is important that Members of the City Council understand the implications of the CSR so that as much can be done as possible to help mitigate the negative impacts for the people of Sheffield; and
- (e) expresses concern that the Administration do not have a strategy to deal with the impact on Sheffield of the CSR.

[NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) and Councillors Louise McCann, Simon Clement-Jones, Alan Whitehouse, Paul Scriven, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sylvia Anginotti, Brian Holmes, John Hesketh, Keith Hill, Colin Ross, Mike Davis, Colin Taylor, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Mike Reynolds, John Knight, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Bob McCann, Peter Moore, Ian Auckland, Joe Taylor, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Anders Hanson, Ali Qadar, David Baker, Arthur Dunworth, Vickie Priestley, Alison Brelsford, Jack Clarkson, Martin Brelsford, Diane Leek, Penny Baker, Trevor Bagshaw, Kathleen Chadwick and Alan Hooper voted for paragraphs (a), (b)(i) to (ix), (xii) and (d) and against paragraphs (b)(x), (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.]

13. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE COUNCIL BUDGET

It was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent vacuous claim from local Labour MPs that this Authority is 'running down reserves' in order to 'postpone the worst impact of the cuts until after the 2011 local elections';
- (b) remembers that the major opposition group did not voice these concerns or vote against the present Administration's budget proposal

for 2011/12;

- (c) notes that rather than argue that further cuts are needed, the major opposition group have promised to restore some cuts if they gain control of the Council in May; and
- (d) given this apparent change of heart, calls on the major opposition group to outline what extra cuts they plan to make if they gain control of the Council in May.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words 'That this Council' and the substitution of the following paragraphs therefor:-

- (a) confirms that the major opposition group has made it perfectly clear what their plans are with regards to the budget, but for the avoidance of doubt, reconfirms that if the major opposition group is given a political mandate to form an administration in May, they would propose the following amendments to the Council's budget for the Municipal Year 2011/12:
 - (i) prioritise safety in Sheffield's neighbourhoods by restoring cuts to 10 FTE Police Community Safety Officer posts, at a cost of £300k;
 - (ii) ensure that a two-tier system is not created in adult care by restoring cuts to self-directed support, which involve changing the formula for calculating personal budgets, at a cost of £400k;
 - (iii) protect vital activities at the heart of Sheffield's communities provided by Sheffield's much valued Voluntary, Community Faith (VCF) sector, by restoring 7.5% of the cut to the grant aid budget, at a cost of £260k;
 - (iv) prioritise education for Sheffield's young people by restoring cuts to study support services for children, at a cost of £131k;
 - (v) ensure that young people across the City can continue to be involved in sporting activities by restoring cuts to Activity Sheffield, which will ensure that Verdon Street Recreation Centre, Highfield Adventure Playground and Pitsmoor Adventure Playground stay open, and three Development Officer posts are saved, at a cost of £180k;
 - (vi) ensure that vital projects and activities for children and families in Sheffield can continue, by restoring part of the cut to the childcare component of Children's Centres, Sure Start and Community Nurseries subsidies, at a cost of £247k, meaning that the overall reduction will be 10% instead of 22%;

- (vii) ensure that as many young people in Sheffield as possible are given the opportunity to enter the world of paid employment and do not become part of a culture of worklessness, by investing £500k to create a Youth Employment Fund to offer apprenticeships for 16-19 year olds;
 - (viii) support employment in Sheffield, by restoring the Council's contribution to the Alliance for Regional Aid, at a cost of £4k;
 - (ix) ensure that the lowest paid do not bear the brunt of the Government's cuts, by restoring cuts to the trainee and apprenticeship posts that have been cut in the Administration's budget, at a cost of £67k;
 - (x) ensure that the important library service for the patients of Weston Park Hospital continues, by restoring cuts at a cost of £6k;
 - (xi) recognise the importance of Sheffield's museums and galleries and the role they play in bringing business and leisure tourism to the City, by restoring cuts to Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust to ensure that Graves Art Gallery stays open, at a cost of £180k; and
 - (xii) ensure that standards of public health are protected, by restoring the subsidy of bulky waste services, at a cost of £22k and reintroducing a free rat treatment service for all households, at a cost of £110k;
- (b) also confirms for the avoidance of doubt, that the major opposition group has no confidence whatsoever in the deliverability of the budget approved by Council on 4th March 2011; and
- (c) is also extremely concerned that the 'Interim Budget Report 2010/11 and 2011/12' presented to Cabinet on 26th July, 2010 states that "the Council faces a gap of up to £220m over the next four years between its estimated income and expenditure", as it is currently far from clear how the funding gap will be plugged, and at what cost to public services.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) confirms that the major opposition group has made it perfectly clear

what their plans are with regards to the budget, but for the avoidance of doubt, reconfirms that if the major opposition group is given a political mandate to form an administration in May, they would propose the following amendments to the Council's budget for the Municipal Year 2011/12:

- (i) prioritise safety in Sheffield's neighbourhoods by restoring cuts to 10 FTE Police Community Safety Officer posts, at a cost of £300k;
- (ii) ensure that a two-tier system is not created in adult care by restoring cuts to self-directed support, which involve changing the formula for calculating personal budgets, at a cost of £400k;
- (iii) protect vital activities at the heart of Sheffield's communities provided by Sheffield's much valued Voluntary, Community Faith (VCF) sector, by restoring 7.5% of the cut to the grant aid budget, at a cost of £260k;
- (iv) prioritise education for Sheffield's young people by restoring cuts to study support services for children, at a cost of £131k;
- (v) ensure that young people across the City can continue to be involved in sporting activities by restoring cuts to Activity Sheffield, which will ensure that Verdon Street Recreation Centre, Highfield Adventure Playground and Pitsmoor Adventure Playground stay open, and three Development Officer posts are saved, at a cost of £180k;
- (vi) ensure that vital projects and activities for children and families in Sheffield can continue, by restoring part of the cut to the childcare component of Children's Centres, Sure Start and Community Nurseries subsidies, at a cost of £247k, meaning that the overall reduction will be 10% instead of 22%;
- (vii) ensure that as many young people in Sheffield as possible are given the opportunity to enter the world of paid employment and do not become part of a culture of worklessness, by investing £500k to create a Youth Employment Fund to offer apprenticeships for 16-19 year olds;
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- (ix) ensure that the lowest paid do not bear the brunt of the Government's cuts, by restoring cuts to the trainee and apprenticeship posts that have been cut in the Administration's budget, at a cost of £67k;
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- Weston Park Hospital continues, by restoring cuts at a cost of £6k;
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 - (xii) ensure that standards of public health are protected, by restoring the subsidy of bulky waste services, at a cost of £22k and reintroducing a free rat treatment service for all households, at a cost of £110k;
- (b) also confirms for the avoidance of doubt, that the major opposition group has no confidence whatsoever in the deliverability of the budget approved by Council on 4th March 2011; and
- (c) is also extremely concerned that the 'Interim Budget Report 2010/11 and 2011/12' presented to Cabinet on 26th July, 2010 states that "the Council faces a gap of up to £220m over the next four years between its estimated income and expenditure", as it is currently far from clear how the funding gap will be plugged, and at what cost to public services.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING EARLY YEARS REVIEW

It was moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks all those who signed the petition asking the Council "not to cut the funding to SureStart Children's Centres in the April 2011 budget and to maintain the current funding level for the next financial year";
- (b) notes the fantastic work that takes place in Children's Centres across the City, to help and support children and families, and thanks all those who make this possible;
- (c) regrets that following the Government's cuts, the Council has cut funding to SureStart Children's Centres in the 2011/12 budget; and
- (d) notes that if the major opposition group takes control of the Council following the May elections, they will immediately commission a full review of all early years services, including Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST) to ensure that:
 - (i) the funding that the Council has available to spend within the early years service provides value for money;

- (ii) SureStart Children's Centres are given the support that they need to help Sheffield's children and families;
- (iii) maintained and community childcare providers across the City are supported; and
- (iv) the Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST) are working well with partners to improve outcomes for children.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Vic Bowden, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (g) as follows:-

- (c) notes that despite the challenging budget position, brought about by the previous Government, under the present Administration no children's centres will close and we do not expect to see a reduction in the delivery of services to vulnerable children;
- (d) welcomes that Sheffield is not taking the approach of other local authorities such as Manchester who this Council believes are unnecessarily closing Sure Start Centres, amongst other local services such as libraries, leisure centres and public toilets;
- (e) condemns the major opposition group for misleading local people by campaigning against reductions to SureStart, whilst at the same time admitting cuts are unavoidable;
- (f) notes the opinion of local Labour MPs suggesting that reductions in the 2011-12 revenue budget do not go far enough; and
- (g) is therefore deeply concerned at the major opposition group's promise for a review into all early years services if they take control of the Council in May and calls on the major opposition group to rule out any further reductions in this area for this financial year.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph as follows:-

- () regrets that the smaller opposition group's 2011/12 budget amendment, which found £805k to fully reverse the cut to the Sure Start grant for 2011/12, was not supported by either of the major parties on the Council and that cuts to jobs and services within Sure Start are now inevitable;

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (a) thanks all those who signed the petition asking the Council “not to cut the funding to SureStart Children's Centres in the April 2011 budget and to maintain the current funding level for the next financial year”;
- (b) notes the fantastic work that takes place in Children’s Centres across the City, to help and support children and families, and thanks all those who make this possible;
- (c) regrets that following the Government’s cuts, the Council has cut funding to SureStart Children's Centres in the 2011/12 budget; and
- (d) notes that if the major opposition group takes control of the Council following the May elections, they will immediately commission a full review of all early years services, including Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST) to ensure that:
 - (i) the funding that the Council has available to spend within the early years service provides value for money;
 - (ii) SureStart Children's Centres are given the support that they need to help Sheffield’s children and families;
 - (iii) maintained and community childcare providers across the City are supported; and
 - (iv) the Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST) are working well with partners to improve outcomes for children.

[NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) and Councillors Louise McCann, Simon Clement-Jones, Alan Whitehouse, Paul Scriven, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sylvia Anginotti, Brian Holmes, John Hesketh, Keith Hill, Colin Ross, Mike Davis, Colin Taylor, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Mike Reynolds, John Knight, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Bob McCann, Peter Moore, Ian Auckland, Joe Taylor, Steve Ayris, Gail Smith, Anders Hanson, Ali Qadar, David Baker, Arthur Dunworth, Vickie Priestley, Alison Brelsford, Jack Clarkson, Martin Brelsford, Diane Leek, Penny Baker, Trevor Bagshaw, Kathleen Chadwick and Alan Hooper voted for paragraphs (a) and (b) and against paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.]

15. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a first class city centre that can attract new visitors in order to boost our local economy;
- (b) therefore welcomes the present Administration's plan to move the Sevenstone Project forward by completing Compulsory Purchase Orders and the announcement that the Government has approved the restructuring of investment to help deliver the scheme;
- (c) furthermore welcomes the announcement that the present Administration have agreed a way forward with Scottish Widows to deliver the New Sheffield Indoor Market on the Moor by 2013; and
- (d) notes that new developments within the city centre are moving forward and Sheffield can look forward to a bright future.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (f) as follows:-

- (b) therefore regrets that the present Administration has presided over 3 wasted years of governance of this City;
- (c) notes that when the present Administration gained control of the Council in 2008, the first phase of the New Retail Quarter (NRQ) - including the first retail buildings, the new John Lewis department store and car park - was due to be completed in 2011 and the new market and public realm improvements on the Moor were due to have been completed by early 2011;
- (d) understands that the earliest the new Moor Market will open would be the end of 2013 and the earliest that construction will now start on the NRQ project is 2013 or 2014;
- (e) therefore, whilst welcoming the fact that these projects are now moving forward, regrets the significant delay for local people in the realisation of these important projects, due to both the failures of the present Administration and a lack of support from the Coalition Government who axed a £12m funding package for the NRQ scheme in June 2010; and
- (f) sincerely hopes that these projects now move forward without any further delay and confirms that this Council will stand up for Sheffield to ensure that the Government does not put any barriers in the way of these schemes coming to fruition.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried. As there was an equality of votes in relation to paragraphs (e) and (f), the paragraphs were carried by virtue of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law) exercising his casting vote in favour of those paragraphs.

[NOTE: Councillors Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) and against paragraphs (e) and (f) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.]

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the people of Sheffield deserve a first class city centre that can attract new visitors in order to boost our local economy;
- (b) therefore regrets that the present Administration has presided over 3 wasted years of governance of this City;
- (c) notes that when the present Administration gained control of the Council in 2008, the first phase of the New Retail Quarter (NRQ) - including the first retail buildings, the new John Lewis department store and car park - was due to be completed in 2011 and the new market and public realm improvements on the Moor were due to have been completed by early 2011;
- (d) understands that the earliest the new Moor Market will open would be the end of 2013 and the earliest that construction will now start on the NRQ project is 2013 or 2014;
- (e) therefore, whilst welcoming the fact that these projects are now moving forward, regrets the significant delay for local people in the realisation of these important projects, due to both the failures of the present Administration and a lack of support from the Coalition Government who axed a £12m funding package for the NRQ scheme in June 2010; and
- (f) sincerely hopes that these projects now move forward without any further delay and confirms that this Council will stand up for Sheffield to ensure that the Government does not put any barriers in the way of these schemes coming to fruition.

[NOTE: (1) Councillor Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) and against paragraphs (e) and (f) of the above Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

(2) As there was an equality of votes in relation to paragraphs (e) and (f), the paragraphs were carried by virtue of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law) exercising his casting vote in favour of those paragraphs.]

16. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING A HIGH-SPEED RAIL LINK

It was moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Mick Rooney, that this Council:-

- (a) wholeheartedly welcomes plans to develop a high-speed rail link between Sheffield and London;
- (b) acknowledges that high speed rail would see the journey between Sheffield and London reduced to 75 minutes and reduce journey times to other major cities;
- (c) further acknowledges and welcomes the significant benefits that this would bring to Sheffield's economy, as highlighted in the report 'The Economic Case for High Speed Rail to Leeds City Region and Sheffield City Region';
- (d) is concerned that the project has been opposed by elements of the Conservative Party and therefore calls upon the Government to reconfirm their commitment to high-speed rail for the North of England;
- (e) notes the call from the Secretary of State for the areas which would benefit from high speed rail to speak up, to ensure a balanced debate; and
- (f) therefore resolves to champion the benefits of high-speed rail for Sheffield and directs that a copy of this motion is sent to Phillip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Transport.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Paul Scriven, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of the words "and therefore calls upon the Government to reconfirm their commitment to high-speed rail for the North of England" in paragraph (d) and the substitution of the following words therefor: -

"although notes that the Secretary of State for Transport and the Coalition Government remain committed to the project;"
2. the relettering of paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (f) and (g) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) is concerned about reports that suggests the Labour Party have ditched their commitment to the High Speed Rail project, with their transport spokesperson, Maria Eagle MP, recently stating that:

"The reality is that a number of other projects will have to be funded in the same parliament as the big spending on high-speed rail is due to happen. We have to question whether the Government can afford all of those things."
3. the addition of the words "and Maria Eagle MP, the Shadow Cabinet

Secretary of State for Transport” at the end of new paragraph (g).

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

[NOTE: Councillors Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy abstained from voting on paragraph 1 and voted against paragraphs 2 and 3 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.]

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (a) wholeheartedly welcomes plans to develop a high-speed rail link between Sheffield and London;
- (b) acknowledges that high speed rail would see the journey between Sheffield and London reduced to 75 minutes and reduce journey times to other major cities;
- (c) further acknowledges and welcomes the significant benefits that this would bring to Sheffield’s economy, as highlighted in the report ‘The Economic Case for High Speed Rail to Leeds City Region and Sheffield City Region’;
- (d) is concerned that the project has been opposed by elements of the Conservative Party and therefore calls upon the Government to reconfirm their commitment to high-speed rail for the North of England;
- (e) notes the call from the Secretary of State for the areas which would benefit from high speed rail to speak up, to ensure a balanced debate; and
- (f) therefore resolves to champion the benefits of high-speed rail for Sheffield and directs that a copy of this motion is sent to Phillip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Transport.

[NOTE: Councillors Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (e) and (f), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Motion and asked for this recorded.]

17. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING EDUCATION IN SHEFFIELD

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that the present Administration have ensured that all local schools will receive the same level of funding via the Dedicated

Schools Grant in the next financial year;

- (b) furthermore welcomes that, in addition, local schools will receive around £4.7m directly through the pupil premium during 2011/12;
- (c) notes the intention of the major opposition group to cut nearly £0.5m from the Dedicated Schools Grant;
- (d) opposes this proposal as the Dedicated Schools Grant funds education for children with special needs and vital child protection functions; and
- (e) is disappointed that the major opposition group are attacking education for these vulnerable groups and furthermore would wish to never go back to the years of underachievement in Sheffield's education system witnessed under the previous Administration.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words 'That this Council' and the substitution of the following paragraphs therefor:-

- (a) confirms that the major opposition group could not be more committed to education and attainment in Sheffield and wholeheartedly welcome improvements in education in the City, thanks to years of additional investment brought about by the previous Government;
- (b) regrets that the 'Follow up Report: Impact on Sheffield of the Comprehensive Spending Review' (CSR) which was presented to the Strategic Resources and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 7th March 2011 states that Sheffield's 'schools are probably facing a real terms funding reduction (after inflation) of about £3m, or 1%';
- (c) also regrets that the present Administration either (i) are not aware of the information outlined in paragraph (b) above, or (ii) are aware of it but are disingenuously attempting to lead the Sheffield public to believe that there has been no real term funding reduction to Sheffield schools;
- (d) believes that the interests of the City would be better met by an administration who were honest and tried to tell the truth about issues, rather than an administration who try to pull the wool over people's eyes;
- (e) confirms that if the present major opposition group were given a political mandate to form an administration in May, they would reinvest £425k from the Dedicated Schools Grant, to support projects and activities for children and young people, subject to confirmation with the schools forum, recognising that improvements in education aren't only delivered through schools;

- (f) further confirms that this £425k would be spent on the following priorities:
- (i) restoring cuts to study support at a cost of £131k;
 - (ii) restoring £47k to Activity Sheffield to contribute to the full £180k cost of ensuring that Verdon Street Recreation Centre, Highfield Adventure Playground and Pitsmoor Adventure Playground stay open, and three Development Officer posts are saved; and
 - (iii) restoring part of the cut to the childcare component of Children's Centres, Sure Start and Community Nurseries subsidies, at a cost of £247k, meaning that the overall reduction will be 10% instead of 22% to ensure that vital projects and activities for children and families in Sheffield can continue; and
- (g) would like to think that the Sheffield public would welcome the additional investment in the activities outlined in paragraph (f) above, but will await the result of the local election in May to see whether or not Sheffielders wish to give the major opposition group their backing.

[NOTE: At the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Jackie Drayton) and with the consent of the Council, paragraph (e) of the amendment was altered and the word 'Support' was replaced with the word 'Schools' so as to read 'Dedicated Schools Grant'.]

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried. As there was an equality of votes in relation to paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and (g), these paragraphs were carried by virtue of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law) exercising his casting vote in favour of those paragraphs.

[NOTE: Councillors Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraph (d) of the amendment, and against paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and (g) and asked for this recorded.]

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) confirms that the major opposition group could not be more committed to education and attainment in Sheffield and wholeheartedly welcome improvements in education in the City, thanks to years of additional investment brought about by the previous Government;
- (b) regrets that the 'Follow up Report: Impact on Sheffield of the Comprehensive Spending Review' (CSR) which was presented to the Strategic Resources and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 7th

March 2011 states that Sheffield's 'schools are probably facing a real terms funding reduction (after inflation) of about £3m, or 1%';

- (c) also regrets that the present Administration either (i) are not aware of the information outlined in paragraph (b) above, or (ii) are aware of it but are disingenuously attempting to lead the Sheffield public to believe that there has been no real term funding reduction to Sheffield schools;
- (d) believes that the interests of the City would be better met by an administration who were honest and tried to tell the truth about issues, rather than an administration who try to pull the wool over people's eyes;
- (e) confirms that if the present major opposition group were given a political mandate to form an administration in May, they would reinvest £425k from the Dedicated Schools Grant, to support projects and activities for children and young people, subject to confirmation with the schools forum, recognising that improvements in education aren't only delivered through schools;
- (f) further confirms that this £425k would be spent on the following priorities:
 - (i) restoring cuts to study support at a cost of £131k;
 - (ii) restoring £47k to Activity Sheffield to contribute to the full £180k cost of ensuring that Verdon Street Recreation Centre, Highfield Adventure Playground and Pitsmoor Adventure Playground stay open, and three Development Officer posts are saved; and
 - (iii) restoring part of the cut to the childcare component of Children's Centres, Sure Start and Community Nurseries subsidies, at a cost of £247k, meaning that the overall reduction will be 10% instead of 22% to ensure that vital projects and activities for children and families in Sheffield can continue; and
- (g) would like to think that the Sheffield public would welcome the additional investment in the activities outlined in paragraph (f) above, but will await the result of the local election in May to see whether or not Sheffielders wish to give the major opposition group their backing.

[NOTE: (1) Councillors Robert Murphy and Jillian Creasy voted for paragraph (d), and against paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (g) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this recorded.

(2) Paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (g) were carried by virtue of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law) exercising his casting vote in favour of those paragraphs.]

18. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING FOSTERING

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Lynn Rooney, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that Sunday 3rd April is Mother's Day, a day when it is traditional to celebrate and honour mothers;
- (b) believes that it is important to remind ourselves that there are many children in Sheffield who, for a variety of reasons, are sadly not able to be cared for by their own mothers or fathers;
- (c) notes that there are many people across the City providing care, support and stability to children and young people in Sheffield by being foster carers;
- (d) believes that it is important to recognise the wonderful and invaluable service that these foster carers provide and therefore resolves to send a message of thanks from the City Council to all foster carers looking after Sheffield's children;
- (e) notes that although there are more than 230 foster carers in the City, more people are still needed to come forward to care for children and young people in Sheffield; and
- (f) supports the Council's campaign to promote fostering and encourages anyone who thinks they may be interested in becoming a foster carer to find out more.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING JAPAN

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Paul Scriven, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with great sadness the massive earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan on 11th March, 2011 which have caused widespread destruction and suffering;
- (b) furthermore notes that at the time of writing, more than 8,000 people have died in the disaster, thousands have been injured and at least 12,000 are missing;
- (c) also notes that many people are living in evacuation centres as 14,000 homes have been destroyed and around 100,000 are damaged;
- (d) notes Sheffield's links with Japan through the City's twinning arrangements with Kawasaki;

- (e) notes that the costs of the relief effort, and of rebuilding the homes and lives of those affected, will be immense;
- (f) therefore encourages donations to the 'Japan Tsunami Appeal', organised by the British Red Cross, donations to which will be used towards helping the Japanese people recover from this devastating natural disaster over the coming months and years; and
- (g) directs that a message of support and solidarity is sent from all Members of this Council to the people of Japan via the City's established links with Kawasaki.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING GLOBAL MANUFACTURING FESTIVAL

It was moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Ray Satur, that this Council:-

- (a) celebrates that the Global Manufacturing Festival held in Sheffield, between 14th-24th March, 2011 was a resounding success;
- (b) welcomes the fact that Sheffield was chosen to host the Festival and believes that this demonstrates that the City is at the forefront of manufacturing in the UK;
- (c) acknowledges the work undertaken by both Sheffield Universities and the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre to develop manufacturing and engineering;
- (d) welcomes that industry leaders, including DavyMarkham, Sheffield Forgemasters, Firth Rixson, Boeing, Rolls Royce, Swann-Morton, ITM Power, Pulse Tidal, Siemens, Symmetry Medical and Bromley Technologies are all located in the Sheffield region;
- (e) notes that advanced manufacturing employs around 130,000 people in the Sheffield region and also notes that developing the industry further has the potential to bring sustainable jobs to the City; and
- (f) thanks everyone involved in the Global Manufacturing Festival including, Creative Sheffield, officers of the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the many businesses that have supported the event.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Paul Scriven, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-

- (g) notes that LABGI funding secured the Global Manufacturing Festival

for Sheffield and therefore condemns the major opposition group for wanting to cut events and projects that boost local businesses and jobs like these.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) celebrates that the Global Manufacturing Festival held in Sheffield, between 14th-24th March, 2011 was a resounding success;
- (b) welcomes the fact that Sheffield was chosen to host the Festival and believes that this demonstrates that the City is at the forefront of manufacturing in the UK;
- (c) acknowledges the work undertaken by both Sheffield Universities and the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre to develop manufacturing and engineering;
- (d) welcomes that industry leaders, including DavyMarkham, Sheffield Forgemasters, Firth Rixson, Boeing, Rolls Royce, Swann-Morton, ITM Power, Pulse Tidal, Siemens, Symmetry Medical and Bromley Technologies are all located in the Sheffield region;
- (e) notes that advanced manufacturing employs around 130,000 people in the Sheffield region and also notes that developing the industry further has the potential to bring sustainable jobs to the City; and
- (f) thanks everyone involved in the Global Manufacturing Festival including, Creative Sheffield, officers of the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the many businesses that have supported the event.

[NOTE: With the agreement of Council the item numbered 5 on the Summons (Accountable Council) was deferred.]