

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST JUNE, 2011

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of the words 'for a new Administration' in paragraph (a); and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (p) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (g) as follows:-
 - (b) notes that the new Administration made a number of promises to local people at the local elections which they will now expect to see delivered in full;
 - (c) urges the new Administration to carry on the sound financial management of the previous Administration, which has seen front line services protected, a low council tax, record levels of reserves and a large budget surplus;
 - (d) is disappointed that the new Administration are making misleading attacks on this year's budget, the most bizarre being that it was only set for six months, despite the fact they didn't vote against it or propose an alternative;
 - (e) is furthermore disappointed that the present Administration describes achievements such as education results at all age levels improving, significant reductions in crime, record low council tax, more local parks recognised with national awards, powers devolved to Community Assemblies and a new business-friendly image, as three wasted years;
 - (f) looks forward to the new Administration outlining their vision and long term plans for Sheffield, which they have yet to do; and
 - (g) confirms that the Liberal Democrats will continue to work for Sheffield, aiming to further the policies contained within their local Manifesto for Sheffield's 2011 local elections.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss

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) regrets that the Council's waste management strategy is in a mess due to the poor management and lack of long-term planning of the previous Administration;
- (b) notes that this poor management is particularly highlighted through the announcement by the previous Administration on 19th April 2011 that people would be able to choose which receptacles they use to recycle different materials by 23rd May 2011, without having identified how this change would be financed or even agreeing the cost with Veolia before announcing the changes, and recognises that there are many more examples of this kind of poor management in the past three years;
- (c) confirms that although the previous Administration promised to give residents the opportunity to choose which receptacle to use for their recycling, they left office without having made provision in the Council's budget to fulfil this promise;
- (d) confirms that it is the present Administration who has been left to pick up the pieces of this poor political management;
- (e) regrets that due to the present Government's ideologically driven cuts, supported by the minority coalition partners who are of the same political party as the major opposition group, there is no service area within this Council that will not have to make savings to contribute to plugging the £50m gap in the Council's finances for the year 2012/13;
- (f) confirms that the present Administration do not have any plans to move to fortnightly bin collection, and further confirms that their only agenda is to clear up the mess left by the previous Administration, whose waste policy has been a complete disaster;
- (g) confirms that the Administration will be asking the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the waste service;
- (h) confirms that the Scrutiny Committee will be asked to investigate how the Council can best provide an effective and sustainable waste management service based on people's needs and expectations, whilst achieving value for money for local taxpayers;

- (i) welcomes this cross-party approach and hopes that this will stimulate a productive debate on the future of waste management; and
- (j) hopes that all parties will constructively participate in the Waste Management Review to provide an effective waste management service for the people of Sheffield.

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor (TBC)

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of two new paragraphs as follows:-

- () welcomes the cross party review of the waste strategy as announced by the Leader of the Council; and
- () directs that, as no party included moving to a fortnightly black bin collection as part of their local election manifesto, the policy be ruled out as part of the cross party review's remit.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by :-

1. the deletion of all the words after the word "manifesto" in paragraph (a); and
2. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-
 - (b) notes that the City is facing unprecedented cuts and that the true effects on many vital services, including waste management, are still to be assessed;
 - (c) notes in particular that the promise to provide choice over the use of the blue bin and blue box was made by the outgoing Council Leader without knowing if it was affordable;
 - (d) notes that the additional kerbside recycling service introduced by the previous Administration costs at least £2.5m a year, is not convenient or comprehensive and only reduces the City's annual carbon emissions by about 0.1%;
 - (e) notes that the fundamental challenge facing the Council is that it has a long term contract with a private waste company which runs an incinerator requiring more feedstock than could ever be met from the City's own residual domestic waste, and that this shortfall will worsen if

waste arisings continue to decline and recycling and composting reach 50% by 2020;

- (f) notes that administrations of both the larger parties on the Council have, since 2001, variously signed or altered the waste contract, or given or varied planning permission, but that neither has put in place a timely or adequate waste strategy which anticipated or dealt with the consequences of those agreements and permissions;
- (g) notes the most recent example of strategic failure, whereby planning permission has been granted to import nearly a quarter of the incinerator feedstock from neighbouring local authorities on a short term basis without knowing if this is genuinely residual waste and without any attempt to influence their long-term plans;
- (h) notes that while the City Council is not statutorily responsible for managing commercial and industrial waste, it is a key element of an efficient, low carbon economy and that the Council has failed to comprehensively analyse, influence or benefit from these waste streams; and
- (i) therefore believes that the domestic waste collection service should be reviewed within the wider context of massive cuts to Council funding, modern waste management trends and a regional strategy.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Gail Smith, seconded by Councillor (TBC)

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a), (b) and (d);
- 2. the relettering of paragraphs (c) and (e) as new paragraphs (f) and (g) respectively; and
- 3. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (e) as follows:-
 - (a) is committed to the enduring values of the NHS – of an NHS free at the point of use, based on need and not ability to pay, and funded through general taxation;
 - (b) recognises that the piecemeal measures of the previous Government left behind a half-reformed health service, with command and control driven from Whitehall, hampering the NHS from achieving world-class outcomes;

- (c) therefore welcomes as necessary the proposals in the Health and Social Care Bill that will;
 - (i) sweep away the apparatus of central control;
 - (ii) strip bureaucracy and free up professionals;
 - (iii) give patients the power to shape their care by putting patients at the heart of the NHS; and
 - (iv) focus on improving outcomes instead of hitting targets;
- (d) notes, however, that some of the proposed reforms did not appear in the agreed Coalition Agreement and therefore calls on Members of Parliament to amend the Health Bill to provide for:
 - (i) more democratically accountable commissioning;
 - (ii) a much greater degree of coterminous between local authorities and commissioning areas;
 - (iii) no decision about the spending of NHS funds to be made in private and without proper consultation, as can take place by the proposed GP consortia;
 - (iv) the complete ruling out of any competition based on price to prevent loss-leading corporate providers under-cutting NHS tariffs, and to ensure that healthcare providers 'compete' on quality of care;
 - (v) new private providers to be allowed only where there is no risk of 'cherry picking' which would destabilise or undermine the existing NHS service relied upon for emergencies and complex cases, and where the needs of equity, research and training are met;
 - (vi) NHS commissioning being retained as a public function in full compliance with the Human Rights Act and Freedom of Information laws, using the skills and experience of existing NHS staff rather than the sub-contracting of commissioning to private companies; and
 - (vii) the continued separation of the commissioning and provision of services to prevent conflicts of interests;
- (e) welcomes the six month pause to allow for changes to the Health Bill, thanks to the Liberal Democrat Ministers in Government.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion after paragraph (b) of a new paragraph (c) as follows and the relettering of existing paragraphs (c) to (e) as new paragraphs (d) to (f):-

- (c) recognises that the Health and Social Care Bill builds on the recent Labour Government's legacy as, despite pledges in their 1997 general election manifesto to roll back Thatcher's costly and bureaucratic internal market, they opened the NHS to privatisation by:
 - (i) setting up, through "The NHS Plan" of 2000 a "concordat" between the NHS and private hospital companies, allowing the latter to provide diagnostic services and elective care;
 - (ii) establishing Independent Sector Treatment Centres (ISTCs), which were paid for a minimum caseload whether or not patients were seen, resulting in our nearest ISTC, Barlborough Treatment Centre, being paid £9 million for £4 million worth of operations;
 - (iii) introducing Payment by Results (PbR) for NHS hospitals about which the then Health Secretary said in 2005, "It's not only inevitable, but essential that PbR and these other elements create instability and change for the NHS. That's precisely what they are designed to do"; and
 - (iv) encouraging over one hundred new hospital schemes under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), valued at £10.9 billion but set to cost £62.6 billion by the time they are paid off in 2048;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL SCRIVEN

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Helen Mirfin-Boukouris

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (c) as follows:-
 - (a) regrets the high levels of unemployment in Sheffield, particularly amongst young people and acknowledges that supporting the business community in the City will be essential in tackling unemployment;
 - (b) welcomes that the new Administration have made 'being business friendly' a top priority for the Council;

- (c) further welcomes that the new Leader of the Council has made it absolutely clear that Sheffield is always open for business and looks forward to working to support businesses who want to bring jobs and growth to the City;
- 2. the relettering of the original paragraph (a) as new paragraph (d);
- 3. the deletion of the original paragraphs (b) to (d); and
- 4. the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:-
 - (e) notes that the new Administration are very keen to work with IKEA in their ambitions to open a new store in Sheffield, so that local people could benefit from new jobs and having a new local flagship IKEA store; and
 - (f) resolves to write to IKEA, inviting them to discuss with the new Administration any specific proposals that they have for opening a store in Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO 13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the substitution of all the words in paragraph (g) by the following words:-

- (g) regrets that this appears to be yet another broken promise from the previous Administration and asks the Chief Executive to brief the new Administration on the situation so that a suitable way forward can be found.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor (TBC)

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the substitution of all the words in paragraph (d) by the following words:-

- (d) is disappointed that, despite clear instruction, the reduction appears to have gone ahead unamended, and directs that the staffing is re-instated.