

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber within the Town Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

### PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley)

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor John Campbell) and Councillors Louise McCann, John Robson and Gail Smith.

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) passed on the Council's best wishes to the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor John Campbell) who was absent due to illness.

**2. FORMER COUNCILLOR JOHN WATSON**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) reported the recent sad death of former Councillor John Watson who was first elected to the Council in May 1988, representing the Burngreave Ward, and served until 2002. He was joint Deputy Chair of the Housing Programme Committee from 1992 to 1995.

Members of the City Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**3. RECEIPT OF SILVER WATER PITCHER FOR THE CITY'S SILVER COLLECTION**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) reported the formal receipt, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011, by the former Lord Mayor (Councillor Alan Law), of a silver water pitcher for the City's silver collection. It was presented to the City by H.L. Brown and Son Limited to mark their sesquicentennial (150 years). The company had previously presented a pair of solid silver table candelabra to mark their centenary in 1961.

**4. PRESENTATION OF SEALED RESOLUTION AND CASKET**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) presented a sealed resolution and casket to Councillor Alan Law in recognition of the official duties undertaken by him as Lord Mayor and Mrs Nicola Ashton as the Lady Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2010/11.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Notice of Motion No 11 on the Council Summons and relating to National Health Service Reforms

Councillor David Barker declared a prejudicial interest as he was employed by NHS Sheffield (the Primary Care Trust).

The following Members declared a personal interest:

- Councillor Jillian Creasy as she is employed by the National Health Service (NHS).
- Councillor Joseph Otten as his wife is employed by NHS.
- Councillor Colin Taylor as his daughter is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Clive Skelton as his wife is employed by the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Councillor Roger Davison as his wife is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Paul Scriven as his partner is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Gill Furniss as she is employed by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Councillor Mick Rooney as he is a non-Executive Director of Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust
- Councillor Mary Lea as she is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Harry Harpham as his partner is employed by NHS Sheffield.
- Councillor Bob McCann as his daughter is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Talib Hussain as his wife is employed by NHS Sheffield.
- Councillor Andrew Sangar as his partner is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Philip Wood as his wife is employed by the NHS.
- Councillor Ben Curran as his wife is employed by the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
- Councillor Alan Law as his daughter is employed by the NHS.

## **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011, be approved as a correct record.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

### **7.1 Petitions**

#### **(a) Petition requesting a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) ban on Abbey Lane**

The Council received a petition, containing 120 signatures, requesting the Council to impose an HGV ban on Abbey Lane.

The petition stated that a similar ban had been agreed for Bocking Lane which would divert high numbers of vehicles on to Abbey Lane, moving the noise and pollution problems experienced by residents on Bocking Lane on to Abbey Lane. It was considered that this would cause road safety and pollution issues for Abbey Lane School and increase the congestion at the junction with Chesterfield Road.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Councillor Leigh Bramall) who stated that he was aware that this issue had been considered at the local Community Assembly and he stated that this matter would be examined further by the Cabinet Highways

Committee.

(b) Petition supporting an asylum seeker to remain in the United Kingdom

The Council received a petition, containing 1,200 signatures, and supporting an application for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom in respect of Ahmad Fahim Akbari and his family.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mary Williams who stated that Ahmad had worked for the British Embassy in Afghanistan for 9 years and his duties included escorting British people in and out of the country. In the course of his employment, he received threats from the Taliban and his life was put in danger by a number of road accidents. After leaving his employment, fearing for his family as well as for himself, he fled Afghanistan to seek refuge in the United Kingdom, a country in whose service he had risked his life and expected to find safety.

Since coming to the United Kingdom and Sheffield, Ahmad had become a valued member of ASSIST, working for destitute asylum seekers and had roles as both an interpreter and handyman in asylum accommodation. He was a public-spirited citizen and his wife and children were making friends in their community and school.

Mary Williams stated that Ahmad and his family would not be safe if they returned to Afghanistan and, as a popular television chef, his face was widely recognised. The petition asked that Ahmad and his family be granted indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom. The petition was available for people to sign online. She asked for support in help to keep Ahmad and his family safe.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Communities (Councillor Mick Rooney) who thanked the petitioners for bringing the matter to the attention of the City Council. He stated that whilst he was aware of some of the detail and had had conversations with some Elected Members regarding the circumstances of Ahmad and his family, he would suggest that a meeting was arranged to see what the City Council could do to help in these circumstances.

(c) Petition objecting to Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) using lanes in the Mayfield Valley and requesting an all vehicle speed limit

The Council received a petition, containing 1,269 signatures, and objecting to Heavy Goods Vehicles using the lanes in the Mayfield Valley and requesting an all vehicle speed limit.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Joan Newton who stated, on behalf of Mayfield WI members, that there was a wish for a total ban on all Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs), apart from farm traffic, on Cottage Lane, Woodcliffe and Hangram Lane and a speed limit on all vehicles.

She stated that Mayfield Valley, until recently, had been a haven for City dwellers and visitors. However, recently with increasing numbers of HGVs and cars, driven at high speed, this was no longer always the case. A traffic survey on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 indicated that on Hangram Lane, between 8.00am and 9.00 am, 216 vehicles were recorded. Between 1pm and 2.00 pm, 148 vehicles were recorded, and between 4.00pm and 5.00 pm, 230 vehicles were recorded.

The mainly narrow lanes, mostly without footpaths, were used by horse riders, joggers, cyclists and walkers including children. There were many sharp bends and high hedges in places which meant that people and vehicles could not be seen until the last moment. It was considered that the country lanes were unsuitable for this type and amount of traffic. In addition, road surfaces, and particularly the edges, were in constant need of repair, in part due to the absence of kerbstones. It was considered that it was only a matter of time before a serious or fatal accident occurred. Joan Newton spoke of the wide ranging support for the petition and for the need to take action now.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Councillor Leigh Bramall) who stated that the matters raised could be examined further. Referring to the incidents of use of the highways by Heavy Goods Vehicles, he also referred to the previous petition regarding Abbey Lane and observed that there was a danger of simply moving problems from one area to the next and a holistic approach needed to be taken. He stated that the matters raised would be taken to the Council's Cabinet Highways Committee for further consideration.

(d) Petition objecting to the inclusion of Family Information Services in the Customer Transformation Programme and removal of services from Sheffield Information Link

The Council received a petition, containing 1,600 signatures, objecting to the inclusion of Family Information Services in the Customer Transformation Programme and the removal of services from Sheffield Information Link.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Trudy Smallwood who stated that the petitioners objected to the removal of Family Information Services from Sheffield Information Link, an organisation which had successfully delivered these services to families in Sheffield for 23 years. The specialist service was viewed as a national benchmark which reflected positively on the Local Authority and had received the Investors in People Gold Award. Sheffield Information Link fulfilled the City's information duty and the extended information duty. Three hundred sessions had been arranged for families in the last year and GP's, for example, used the service as a source of information in relation to people with disabilities. Whilst the budget position of the Council was acknowledged, it was considered that such a specialist service should be delivered by those with the proper expertise and therefore the inclusion of this service in the Customer Transformation Programme should be reconsidered. Sheffield Information

Link had already undertaken significant streamlining ahead of the budget reductions, with no impact on service outcomes.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families (Councillor Jackie Drayton) thanked Sheffield Information Link for the services which the organisation had delivered over a number of years and acknowledged that the organisation had helped the Council to deliver its information duty to a high standard. Unfortunately, she stated that the service was funded as part of the Sure Start grant which was reduced as part of national spending cuts. She also stated that, as part of the new Administration's pledges, she had implemented a complete review of Early Years Services, including MAST (Multi-Agency Support Teams). She added that she would like to arrange a meeting with Sheffield Information Link to discuss the issues they raised with her.

(e) Petition opposing the Ecclesall Road Smart Route proposals

The Council received a petition, containing 422 signatures, opposing the Ecclesall Road Smart Route proposals.

The Council referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Councillor Leigh Bramall) who stated that the Ecclesall Road Smart Route proposals needed to be examined in the context of reduced Local Transport Plan funding and that this matter would be given further consideration.

## 7.2 Public Questions

(a) Public question concerning Directly Elected Executive Mayors

Jonathan Harston referred to the Notice of Motion on the Council agenda regarding proposals for directly elected mayors, confirming the Council's belief that the people of Sheffield should be the ones to choose whether or not they want to adopt the system of a directly elected executive mayor. He stated that the 2007 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act allowed local Councils to choose their electoral cycle and in particular whether to hold annual elections, 3 years out of 4, as the Council does now or whether to move to a 4 yearly election cycle. He stated that if the Council moved to consult people on the mayoral system, it should also consult on what electoral cycle people believe would be best for the Council.

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) stated that there was a Motion on the Council agenda relating to the Localism Bill and proposals relating to the introduction of a 'Shadow Mayor'. She referred to the recent experience of holding elections and a referendum and suggested that consideration might need to be given to a change to the electoral cycle alongside a referendum.

(b) Public question concerning Arbourthorne Community Centre

Winnie Smith stated that she represented Arbourthorne Tenants and Residents' Association. On Monday teatimes, the Association ran a Kids Zone for children and young people between 4 years and 13 years old. Recently some patio doors had been installed so that the young people could play outside. She suggested that the car park at the Community Centre be turned into a play area and that as part of this scheme the car park be resurfaced. Young people in Arbourthorne did not have a proper playground and needed somewhere safe to play outside.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families (Councillor Jackie Drayton) thanked Mrs Smith for all her hard work on behalf of children and young people in the Arbourthorne Area. She stated that she had been made aware of the issue by local Councillors, who were working to resolve it and that she would work with local councillors, other Cabinet Members, Council officers and Sheffield Homes to facilitate a solution to this problem.

(c) Public question concerning Council Tax on long term empty properties for bereaved families

Sharon Walkland asked a question concerning the level of Council Tax charged on long term empty properties for bereaved families. She stated that the existing 6 month exemption was not a long enough period to enable relatives to sell a property in the present economic climate. This matter had been raised with Council officers and with Clive Betts MP.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Bryan Lodge) stated that he was sorry to hear of the family's bereavement. The policy of 6 months exemption was a standard period for all empty properties in the City and in the case of a bereavement, the 6 month exemption was from the end of probate being decided upon.

(d) Public questions concerning change, consultation and accountability

Martin Brighton asked what would change and what would be different with the new Administration; how will the Administration meaningfully engage with citizens and how will it ensure accountability when keeping to its promises?

In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) stated that in relation to change, the new Administration would stand up for Sheffield, get the best deal, not be tempted to support unfair policies, would protect people from Government spending cuts and would only make promises that they could keep. In relation to engagement, the Administration would introduce Cabinet roadshows into Community Assembly areas and would involve Scrutiny Committees in the development of policy and services, as demonstrated by the comprehensive review of the Council's Waste Service. In relation to accountability, the Administration would tell people what the Council was going to do and what it was not going to do, and decisions would be justified and transparent. The Council would be accountable to tenants and residents, undertake public engagement and Members of the City

Council would be accountable at local elections.

## **8. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **8.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **8.2 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.

### **8.3 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).

## **9. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc, and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies:-

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	- Councillor Joe Taylor to replace Councillor Trevor Bagshaw
	- Councillor Pat Midgley to replace Councillor Tim Rippon
	- Councillor Cate McDonald to replace Councillor Jack Scott
Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee	- Councillor Anders Hanson to replace Councillor Jack Clarkson
Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members	- Councillor Nikki Sharpe to replace Councillor Jack Scott
Audit Committee	- Councillor Jack Scott to replace Councillor Cate McDonald



	Councillors Bryan Lodge and Stuart Wattam to fill vacancies
Adoptions and Fostering Panel	- Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Julie Dore, Lynn Rooney and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies
Admissions Committee	- Councillor Talib Hussain to replace Councillor Ben Curran  - Councillor Nikki Sharpe to replace Councillor Lynn Rooney
Corporate Parenting Panel	- Councillors Jackie Drayton, Julie Dore, John Robson and Lynn Rooney to fill vacancies
East End Strategy Group	- Councillors Harry Harpham, Martin Lawton, Mary Lea, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Ray Satur to fill vacancies
Fairer Charging Commission	- Councillors Mary Lea and Jack Scott to fill vacancies
Fairtrade Working Group	- Councillor Martin Lawton to fill a vacancy
Information Services Steering Group	- Councillors Martin Lawton, Cate McDonald, Ian Saunders and Stuart Wattam to fill vacancies
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	- Councillors Gill Furniss, Pat Midgley, Ray Satur and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies
Monitoring and Advisory Group (Adult Services)	- Councillor Mary Lea to fill a vacancy
New Arrivals Member Advisory Group	- Councillors Mick Rooney and Mary Lea to fill vacancies
Older Persons' Housing – Member Steering Group	- Councillors Joan Barton, Isobel Bowler and Harry Harpham to fill vacancies
Planning Policy Advisory Group	- Councillors Mazher Iqbal, Alan Law, Peter Rippon, Tim Rippon and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies

Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust – Directors and Members	- Councillors Helen Mirfin-Boukouris and Cate McDonald to fill vacancies
Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust – Directors and Members	- Councillor Helen Mirfin-Boukouris to fill a vacancy
Sheffield City Trust	- Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill a vacancy
Sheffield International Venues Ltd – Board of Directors	- Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
Sheffield Lyceum Trust Ltd – Directors and Members	- Councillor Pat Midgley to fill a vacancy
Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members	- Councillor Tim Rippon to fill a vacancy
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members	- Councillors Janet Bragg and Steve Wilson to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Sports Partnership Board	- Councillor Steve Wilson to fill a vacancy
Peak District National Park Authority	- Councillor Janet Bragg to fill a vacancy

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING NEW ADMINISTRATION**

It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, that this Council:-

- (a) thanks the people of Sheffield for voting for a new Administration at the local elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011;
- (b) notes that Labour Party councillors were elected to represent 21 of the 28 City Council seats contested, giving the Labour Group a sizeable majority and sending a clear message to the Liberal Democrat Party nationally and locally that Sheffielders will not put up with political leaders who will not stand up for Sheffield;
- (c) confirms that it is a great honour and privilege to lead Sheffield City Council and thanks local people for putting their faith in the Labour Party and for giving the Labour Party the opportunity to take Sheffield forward;
- (d) further confirms that the new Administration have hit the ground running and are getting straight to work delivering on their pledges;

- (e) welcomes the new Administration's fresh vision for the City and their focus on the following 4 key priorities:
  - (i) standing up for Sheffield;
  - (ii) being a Business Friendly Council;
  - (iii) focusing on Jobs;
  - (iv) supporting our Communities;
- (f) furthermore welcomes the new Administration's plans to create employment opportunities for young people with the introduction of an apprenticeship programme and keeping our communities safe by reinstating 10 Police Community Support Officer posts which were axed by the major opposition Group in their recent budget cuts;
- (g) confirms that the new Administration will also be protecting vital activities at the heart of Sheffield's communities provided by Sheffield's much valued Voluntary, Community Faith sector and supporting families to give children the best start in life by focussing on improving attainment and protecting the vital services provided by Sheffield's Children's Centres;
- (h) also welcomes the new Administration's plans to immediately arrange a Business Summit to ask businesses what the Council can do better to support them and how the Council can be more business friendly;
- (i) is concerned to learn that there is a £7.5m funding risk associated with achieving this year's budget savings and is very disappointed that it appears that the outgoing Administration sought to pull the wool over local people's eyes regarding the Council's finances;
- (j) is also extremely concerned that due to the ill-advised policies of the coalition Government, the Council faces a potential funding shortfall of £56m for the next financial year;
- (k) is disappointed that the previous Administration failed to reveal that the Council had been planning for a 4% Council Tax increase in 2012 and is concerned that this provides further evidence of their lack of openness with the electorate;
- (l) confirms that the new Administration have made it clear to officers that they will not support a hike in Council Tax and will not support dramatic cuts in front line services;
- (m) also confirms that the Leader of the Council has given a clear message to the Chief Executive that the new Administration want to take a fresh approach to the budget, reducing waste and finding innovative ways of delivering services for local people that enable front line services to be protected;
- (n) expresses disappointment with the three wasted years of the previous

Administration, and in particular regrets that there are a whole host of projects started under the previous Labour Administration that have been held back under Liberal Democrat control of the Council, including the Sevenstone project, the new Markets and the Highways PFI;

- (o) also regrets that there are other projects that have become under funded during the Liberal Democrat Group's stewardship of the City, including the Decent Homes programme and the Building Schools for the Future programme, thanks to the Liberal Democrat Party's unwillingness to stand up for Sheffield; and
- (p) confirms that, unlike the previous Administration, the current Administration will always be honest with local people, and will always act in the best interests of local people, standing up for Sheffield at every opportunity.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, 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.

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

After a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore the original Motion was then put to the vote and carried as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

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## 10. THANKS TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) referred to the retirements of Councillors Mike Davis, Colin France and Mike Reynolds and to Councillors Steve Ayriss, Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Martin Brelsford, John Hesketh, Alan Hooper, Denise Reaney and Alan Whitehouse, who had not been re-elected at the Municipal Elections held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. Members of the City Council paid tribute to all of the former Members' contributions to the work of the Council and the manner in which they had performed their duties and, arising therefrom, it was:-

RESOLVED: That this Council places on record its appreciation for the valuable services rendered to the City by former Councillors Steve Ayriss, Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Martin Brelsford, Mike Davis, Colin France, John Hesketh, Alan Hooper, Denise Reaney, Mike Reynolds and Alan Whitehouse.

#### 11. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that no party included moving to a fortnightly black bin collection as part of their local election manifesto, therefore there is no mandate to introduce the policy; and
- (b) is opposed to fortnightly bin collections and intends to keep the weekly collection of black bins in Sheffield.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, 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) 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 that people would be able to choose which receptacles they use to recycle different materials by 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

(NOTE: Councillor Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (a) to (h) and (j) and against paragraph (i) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded).

It was then moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Diane Leek, as an amendment, that 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.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, 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.

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

After a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the original Motion, as amended, was put as the Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 that people would be able to choose which receptacles they use to recycle different materials by 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

(NOTE: Councillor Jillian Creasy voted for paragraphs (a) to (h) and (j) and against paragraph (i) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded).

12. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING FORMER COUNCILLOR JAN WILSON**

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

- (a) notes with great sadness that it is approaching the first anniversary of the death of former Sheffield Labour Leader of the Council, Councillor Jan Wilson;
- (b) notes that Councillor Wilson was a councillor from 1992-2010, and was Leader of the Labour Group for 12 years, from 1998-2010, working tirelessly for the City to improve the lives of Sheffielders;
- (c) confirms that Councillor Wilson was a huge inspiration to us all and was wholeheartedly committed to working for the City of Sheffield, for which she was awarded a CBE in 2006;
- (d) confirms that Jan's achievements were abundant, but notes that she was particularly proud of the following:
  - helping to secure £1 billion investment in the City's housing stock via the Decent Homes Programme;
  - securing Sheffield's Building Schools for the Future programme one of the biggest school building programmes in the country;
  - securing the Highways PFI to repair and improve Sheffield's entire highways network; and
  - the regeneration and transformation of Sheffield City centre, through the Heart of the City programme, which led to the creation of the Peace Gardens, Winter Garden, Millennium Galleries, and a revamped station square;
- (e) confirms that the Council will be installing a plaque in the Winter Gardens – one of Councillor Wilson's most beloved places – in her memory, following consultation with Councillor Wilson's family; and

- (f) instructs the Chief Executive to identify the resources and make the necessary arrangements to carry this out as soon as possible.

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING SHEFFIELD STATION THROUGH-ACCESS**

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

- (a) welcomes the news that the Department for Transport is consulting about an alternative to installing barriers that would cut off through access at Sheffield Station;
- (b) pays tribute to the Residents Against Station Closure and other local people who have campaigned tirelessly against cutting off through access at Sheffield Station;
- (c) welcomes that the campaign against barriers at Sheffield Station has been cross-party; and
- (d) urges all Members of this Council to continue to lobby the Government and East Midlands Trains to ensure that access through Sheffield Station is not cut off.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the growing concerns over the Government's handling of the NHS and the effect its policies are having on hospitals and patient care;
- (b) expresses disappointment that the Deputy Prime Minister signed the 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' White Paper that presaged the Health and Social Care Bill, and also expresses regret that on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2011, when the Bill received its second reading in the House of Commons, not one Liberal Democrat MP voted against;
- (c) hopes that the Government's "listening exercise" will produce fundamental changes to the current proposals in the Health and Social Care Bill;
- (d) proposes the following suggestions to the Government:
- (i) keep NHS protections against the full force of UK and competition law and drop the plan for a free market NHS;
- (ii) maintain waiting time guarantees for patients, so they're seen

and treated quickly;

- (iii) abandon the proposals to break up commissioning into so many small GP consortia, make them involve wider expertise and require them to be open and accountable to local patients and the public;
  - (iv) ban GP bonuses, stop conflicts of interest where they can commission from themselves and close the loophole that lets them outsource the commissioning job to the private sector; and
  - (v) keep the cap on NHS hospitals treating private patients, so they don't jump the queue on NHS patients and strengthen the safeguards on closing down hospital services; and
- (e) resolves to write to the Secretary of State to ensure that the above suggestions are formally fed into the "listening exercise".

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Clive Skelton, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, 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.

On being put to the vote paragraph (3) sub-clause (a) was carried and paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), sub-clauses (b) to (e), were negated.

(NOTE: Councillors Jack Scott, Julie Dore, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Bryan Lodge, Stuart Wattam, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Jackie Drayton, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Joan Barton, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, Frank Taylor, Robert Johnson, Janet Bragg, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Qurban Hussain, Martin Lawton, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Peter Rippon, Jane Bird, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Tony Damms, Philip Wood, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Alf Meade, Mick Rooney Ray Satur and Jackie Satur voted for paragraph (3) sub-clause (a) and against paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), sub-clauses (b) to (e), of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded).

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 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;

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

After a right of reply from Councillor Mary Lea, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as the Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (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) notes the growing concerns over the Government's handling of the NHS and the effect its policies are having on hospitals and patient care;
- (c) expresses disappointment that the Deputy Prime Minister signed the 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' White Paper that presaged the Health and Social Care Bill, and also expresses regret that on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2011, when the Bill received its second reading in the House of Commons, not one Liberal Democrat MP voted against;
- (d) hopes that the Government's "listening exercise" will produce fundamental changes to the current proposals in the Health and Social Care Bill;

- (e) proposes the following suggestions to the Government:
- (i) keep NHS protections against the full force of UK and competition law and drop the plan for a free market NHS;
  - (ii) maintain waiting time guarantees for patients, so they're seen and treated quickly;
  - (iii) abandon the proposals to break up commissioning into so many small GP consortia, make them involve wider expertise and require them to be open and accountable to local patients and the public;
  - (iv) ban GP bonuses, stop conflicts of interest where they can commission from themselves and close the loophole that lets them outsource the commissioning job to the private sector; and
  - (v) keep the cap on NHS hospitals treating private patients, so they don't jump the queue on NHS patients and strengthen the safeguards on closing down hospital services; and
- (f) resolves to write to the Secretary of State to ensure that the above suggestions are formally fed into the "listening exercise".

(NOTE: 1. the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sylvia Anginotti, Brian Holmes, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Colin Ross, Colin Taylor, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, John Knight, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Peter Moore, Joe Taylor, Anders Hanson, Ali Qadar, Vickie Priestley, David Baker, Arthur Dunworth, Alison Brelsford, Jack Clarkson, Diane Leek, Trevor Bagshaw and Kathleen Chadwick voted for paragraphs (a) and (d) and against paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor David Barker declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting during its consideration and took no part in the debate or voting thereon).

#### 15. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Keith Hill, that this Council:-

- (a) would welcome a major international brand such as IKEA locating in Sheffield, subject to normal planning rules and conditions;
- (b) remembers the disappointment in 2004 when IKEA ditched plans to locate in Sheffield after becoming frustrated with an obstructive council;
- (c) welcomes the fact that the previous Administration was instrumental in



ensuring discussions with IKEA started again, through making it clear that Sheffield was business friendly and keen for IKEA to locate here;

- (d) urges the new Administration to continue to work with IKEA to ensure if they do open a store in South Yorkshire they choose Sheffield, so that local people benefit from new jobs and having a new local flagship IKEA store.

Whereupon, it was 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.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

(NOTE: Councillors Jillian Creasy and Robert Murphy voted for paragraph (1) sub-clause (a) and abstained on paragraph (1) sub-clauses (b) and (c) and paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) 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) 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;
- (d) would welcome a major international brand such as IKEA locating in Sheffield, subject to normal planning rules and conditions;
- (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.

(NOTE: The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sylvia Dunkley) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sylvia Anginotti, Brian Holmes, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Colin Ross, Colin Taylor, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Andrew Sangar, Janice Sidebottom, John Knight, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Peter Moore, Joe Taylor, Anders Hanson, Ali Qadar, Vickie Priestley, David Baker, Arthur Dunworth, Alison Brelsford, Jack Clarkson, Diane Leek, Trevor Bagshaw and Kathleen Chadwick voted for paragraphs (a), (d) and (f) and against paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded).

#### 16. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING ACCESS OFFICER**

It was moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the assurances given at the pre-budget Cabinet meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 that a proposed cut to the Access Officer post from 1.5 fte to 0.5 fte would be partially reversed to 1 fte;
- (b) notes also that the then Cabinet Member responsible for Planning subsequently wrote to a member of the public, stating; "I would like to clarify that the proposal being considered by the Council is to reduce the number of access officers from 1.5 (full time equivalent) to 1 post.

We will retain a dedicated officer to support colleagues and provide a level of specialist capacity similar to other local authorities";

- (c) recognises that a full-time Access Officer and fully operational Access Liaison Group is necessary to assist the Council to avoid potentially expensive mistakes and meet its statutory and moral duties towards its disabled citizens;
- (d) understands that, as the financial arrangements were not amended to reflect the assurances outlined in (a) and (b) above, the Planning Service did not have the funds for a dedicated full time Access Officer and proposed to distribute 0.5fte of the post across other officers;
- (e) recognises that up-skilling other officers to cover not only 0.5 fte but 1.0 fte of Access Officer work, constitutes a staff cut which was not approved in the budget process;
- (f) notes that the smallest opposition group, in its budget amendment, did find the money to continue not only 1.0 fte but 1.5 fte Access Officers; and
- (g) will do everything possible to retain at least a 1.0 fte dedicated Access Officer.

At the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Julie Dore) and with the consent of the City Council and the seconder, amendment number 8 on the list of amendments circulated at the meeting was withdrawn.

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, as an amendment, 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.

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) notes the assurances given at the pre-budget Cabinet meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 that a proposed cut to the Access Officer post from 1.5 fte to 0.5 fte would be partially reversed to 1 fte;
- (b) notes also that the then Cabinet Member responsible for Planning

subsequently wrote to a member of the public, stating; "I would like to clarify that the proposal being considered by the Council is to reduce the number of access officers from 1.5 (full time equivalent) to 1 post. We will retain a dedicated officer to support colleagues and provide a level of specialist capacity similar to other local authorities";

- (c) recognises that a full-time Access Officer and fully operational Access Liaison Group is necessary to assist the Council to avoid potentially expensive mistakes and meet its statutory and moral duties towards its disabled citizens;
- (d) is disappointed that, despite clear instruction, the reduction appears to have gone ahead unamended, and directs that the staffing is reinstated.
- (e) recognises that up-skilling other officers to cover not only 0.5 fte but 1.0 fte of Access Officer work, constitutes a staff cut which was not approved in the budget process;
- (f) notes that the smallest opposition group, in its budget amendment, did find the money to continue not only 1.0 fte but 1.5 fte Access Officers; and
- (g) will do everything possible to retain at least a 1.0 fte dedicated Access Officer.

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING THE LOCALISM BILL – DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYORS**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-

- (a) notes provisions in the Localism Bill to introduce a Directly Elected Mayor in Sheffield subject to a confirmatory referendum;
- (b) further notes the plans to appoint the Leader of the Council to the position of 'Shadow Mayor' in the City without any consultation or consent with the electorate;
- (c) believes that the people of Sheffield should be able to decide whether or not they want to adopt the Mayoral System and this should not be introduced by any means without approval from local people;
- (d) reaffirms its opposition to appointing the Leader of the Council to the position of 'Shadow Mayor' prior to a referendum;
- (e) calls upon the Government to demonstrate a commitment to localism and permit individual local authorities to determine how they will be governed; and

- (f) resolves to write to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, requesting that a 'Shadow Mayor' will not be adopted in Sheffield and the Mayoral System will not be introduced without the assent of a prior referendum.

18. **NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING SUMMER PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN SHEFFIELD**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, that this Council:-

- (a) believes Sheffield has the best ever Summer programme of events and festivals lined up for this year;
- (b) particularly welcomes the newer events such as the Food Festival and Tramlines, along with other more established events such as DocFest and Cliffhanger;
- (c) notes that these events attract thousands of new visitors to Sheffield, provide an invaluable boost to our local economy and demonstrate that Sheffield is a vibrant city with lots to offer; and
- (d) resolves to support and help grow these events going into the future, and furthermore invites Sheffielders and visitors alike to take full advantage of Sheffield's outstanding Summer programme.