

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2013

#### List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

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 words therefor:-

- (a) welcomes the relative rise in prosperity in South Yorkshire, which has seen the region re-designated as a ‘transition region’;
- (b) regrets that, under the agreement approved by the previous Government, transition region funding to South Yorkshire reduced by 87% over just four years, from €153 million in 2007 to just €20 million by 2011;
- (c) notes reports, that far from Labour politicians’ claims, South Yorkshire will actually see an increase in transition region funding next year from €20 million to €23 million;
- (d) highlights that this increase in funding comes in addition to massive levels of investment by the Coalition Government in Sheffield City Region, including:
  - (i) unlocking hundreds of millions of pounds of investment through the City Deal;
  - (ii) over £100 million for local businesses through the Regional Growth Fund;
  - (iii) more than £18 million for the Sheffield City Region through the Growing Places Fund;
  - (iv) £1.2 billion to enable the Streets Ahead project to proceed;
  - (v) £10 million to construct a Sheffield University Technical College and another £10 million towards the world’s most advanced research factory; and
  - (vi) millions of pounds invested in Sheffield’s transport infrastructure including trams, train services and greener buses;

- (e) further notes that the Administration is yet to publish how it has spent an existing £13 million of European Regional Development Fund currently allocated to a South Yorkshire JESSICA Fund; and
- (f) is disappointed that yet again the Administration are playing fast and loose with the facts in a desperate attempt to deflect attention from their own failings.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

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 words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that Labour politicians still refuse to accept responsibility for the massive budget deficit they created;
- (b) laments the previous Government, who increased the national deficit year-on-year from 2001 onwards, reaching a total of £43 billion prior to the economic crash;
- (c) is pleased that Liberal Democrats took the responsible decision in 2010 to enter Government and help clear up the previous Government’s mess;
- (d) understands that the Labour Party leadership have now returned from the economic wilderness and accepted that they will need to work within the Government’s revenue spending plans;
- (e) therefore, believes that Labour politicians are acting in a hypocritical way by campaigning against cuts, which they have no intention of reversing;
- (f) regrets that repairing the nation’s finances has resulted in difficult decisions across all levels of public spending, especially local government, and shares concerns about the financial challenges facing local government;
- (g) however, highlights that reducing the level of cuts for local government would mean reductions in spending in other areas, such as health, education or welfare;
- (h) furthermore, believes spending decisions for Sheffield City Council would be easier if the Administration did not continue to

waste local taxpayers' money on political vanity projects; and

- (i) therefore, calls on the Administration to eliminate wasteful spending to ensure vital front-line services can be protected.

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the relettering of paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f); and
2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) regrets that the Comprehensive Spending Review completely disregarded the warnings of local leaders and produced more of the same with local government earmarked for one of the highest levels of reductions and Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman of the Local Government Association, said the cut would "stretch essential services to breaking point in many areas".

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR**

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of all the words after the words 'concerned by' in paragraph (a) and their substitution by the words 'the irresponsible scaremongering and hypocrisy of the main opposition group and reminds them that they presided over more than £60 million of slippage in the capital programme in their last year'; and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (f) as follows:-
  - (b) confirms that in some cases projects have to be moved into the next financial year meaning that money will be carried forward, but recognises that these projects will still go ahead and therefore does not mean that there is £87 million spare capital funding;
  - (c) notes with interest recent comments by the main opposition group's spokesperson for Finance "There are facilities right across the city crying out for capital investment" and believes this is an admission that the

Liberal Democrats in Government have cut capital investment too far;

- (d) further notes that even the Deputy Prime Minister has admitted that he was wrong to make such heavy cuts to capital spending “If I'm going to be sort of self-critical, there was this reduction in capital spending when we came into the Coalition Government ... I think we've all realised that you actually need, in order to foster a recovery, to try and mobilise as much public and private capital into infrastructure as possible”;
- (e) regrets that the Liberal Democrats have supported cuts to capital spending in government which by their own admission were a mistake and deplores the main opposition group’s cynical tactic of trying to cover this up through more smoke and mirror tactics to mislead people about the council budget; and
- (f) believes this is the latest example of the main opposition group having absolutely no credibility and remembers that only a few months ago the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party and Leader of the Main Opposition Group were written to by the Chief Executive of the Council to correct numerous misrepresentations that had been made about the Council’s budget.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS WELDON**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of the words “the Deputy Prime Minister urging him to raise this issue with” in paragraph (d); and
- 2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) furthermore, recommends that the Administration review what action can be taken at a local government level to address issues of blacklisting.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ray Satur, seconded by Councillor Terry Fox

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

- (e) welcomes the correspondence and actions of the Leader of the Council to arrange a meeting with the respective unions and Sheffield contractors to resolve issues surrounding blacklisting;
- (f) welcomes the inclusion of a clause in the procurement contract demonstrating the Council's commitment to tacking action to address blacklisting; and
- (g) urges the Government to take similar actions to tackle blacklisting at a national level.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (e); and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (h) as follows:-
  - (b) nevertheless welcomes the Bill as a roadmap for the UK's switch to "a low-carbon economy" and believes the Bill is a victory for Liberal Democrats in Government;
  - (c) highlights the importance of Liberal Democrats in Government forcing Conservative Ministers to take warnings of climate change seriously, something that has been sadly ignored by previous Governments;
  - (d) welcomes, in particular, the ground-breaking Green Deal, first proposed by Liberal Democrats, which the Council's Cabinet Member for Environment described as "fantastic news for Sheffield";
  - (e) furthermore, notes research by the Department of Energy & Climate Change, which demonstrates that the Coalition Government's climate change policies will save consumers roughly £166 in energy bills by 2020;
  - (f) hopes that whoever forms the next Government will legislate for an effective 2030 decarbonisation target in 2016;
  - (g) however, believes at a local level this Council should also promote green and sustainable methods of energy production; and
  - (h) therefore, reaffirms its commitment to become the country's first decentralised energy city, entirely reliant on green energy

produced within the City.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY  
COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND**

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by  
Councillor Geoff Smith

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of all the words after the words 'in Government' in paragraph (a) and their substitution by the words 'and particularly the Deputy Prime Minister, offer a record of broken promises and betrayal, with their primary record being their failure to deliver any significant growth plan';
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (h) as follows:-
  - (b) further believes that the Government, with Liberal Democrats' support, have presided over the weakest economic recovery in recent history and have a record of creating a flatlining economy during their time in Government;
  - (c) regrets that youth unemployment reached over 1 million whilst the Liberal Democrats were in Government and deplores the complacent failure of this Government who scrapped the Future Jobs Fund and have introduced a range of policies damaging to young people, including trebling tuition fees and scrapping Education Maintenance Allowance;
  - (d) remembers numerous measures introduced by the Government, with Liberal Democrats' support, which have damaged Sheffield's local economy, including scrapping the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters, abolishing Regional Development Agencies and the latest proposals to re-allocate huge amounts of EU economic development funding away from Sheffield and South Yorkshire;
  - (e) expresses its disbelief at claims that the Liberal Democrats are creating a fairer society and recalls that the Government, with Liberal Democrats' support, have cut the level of income tax paid by the highest earners at the same time as they have increased VAT, introduced unfair cuts to welfare, including the "Bedroom Tax", and cut tax credits, all impacting on hardworking families on low and middle incomes;

- (f) notes that the current Administration have driven the growth in apprenticeships, funding a 100 Apprenticeship Scheme, the RISE graduation scheme, and developing and part-funding the unique Skills Made Easy apprenticeship programme;
- (g) notes that this Administration's record sits in stark contrast to the record of the previous Administration, which did nothing to promote apprenticeships, and broke yet another promise to young people by secretly backtracking on a promise of its Leader to match the previous Government's investment in the Future Jobs Fund; and
- (h) agrees to continue to support job creation in the City, however, is extremely concerned that the Government's failure to produce a credible economic plan will continue to damage jobs and growth in Sheffield.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor David Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the re-lettering of paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f); and
- 2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) shares the concerns of a Labour Councillor for Nether Edge that the Labour Party have a "lack of courage" and that their values are not "obvious";

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Martin Lawton

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 words therefor:-

- (a) notes the present Government's shambolic mismanagement of welfare reform;
- (b) reiterates opposition to many of the Government welfare cuts, including the "Bedroom Tax", cuts to council tax benefit, the introduction of Personal Independence Payments, which is a clear intention to reduce benefits for the most vulnerable, and the mismanagement of the introduction of universal credit;

- (c) notes research by Sheffield Hallam University which indicates that the overall impact of welfare reform for Sheffield is likely to be in the region of £173 million per annum, which equates to a financial loss to this City of £471 per annum for an average working age adult in the City;
- (d) further notes that this research indicates that the wealthiest areas in the country are significantly less hit by these welfare reforms and believes that Sheffield is being unfairly targeted by the Government's welfare reforms; and
- (e) believes it is unbelievable for the Leader of the Main Opposition Group to criticise the Shadow Chancellor on the issue of welfare given their own party's disastrous record in Government.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER**

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Neale Gibson

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of all the words after the words 'June 2013 that' in paragraph (a) and their substitution by the words "Sheffield Council, with its partners, is investigating a number of methods such as creating Business Improvement Districts which are partnerships within which businesses agree to contribute funding towards events that boost their own businesses."
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (f) as follows:-
  - (b) notes that Business Improvement Districts operate successfully in other parts of the UK and are designed to enable local businesses to identify opportunities to benefit their business;
  - (c) confirms that Sheffield is progressing its first Business Improvement District to improve flood defences in the Lower Don Valley right now, with the support of local businesses;
  - (d) confirms that no new Business Improvement District would be created without a ballot of businesses within the district, therefore meaning that any decision to create a Business Improvement District would be that of local businesses, not the Council;
  - (e) further confirms that should a Business Improvement



District be created, decisions directing spending of any income generated would also be made by local businesses; and

- (f) confirms that Business Improvement Districts are a way of putting local businesses in control of funding which can be spent to improve their business and resolves to continue to work with the business community to support the creation of one, should this be the wish of local businesses.

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