

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 6TH MARCH, 2015

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 5 – REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

That the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) notes that in the original 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Government outlined its plans to eliminate the deficit within four years, meaning that the 2014/15 budget was projected to be the year where the cuts would end;
- (2) regrets that due to the Government's categorical economic mismanagement and the double dip recession which was a result of the Government's economic policy, cuts are now set to continue beyond this parliament and therefore is shocked that the Government continue to boast about their economic record;
- (3) notes that this year, the Revenue Support Grant will have been cut by 50% from what it was in 2010;
- (4) recalls comments by The Rt. Hon. Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that local government has "borne the brunt of deficit reduction";
- (5) believes that no organisation could deal with the level of cuts the Council has faced over recent years without experiencing a significant impact and believes it is highly irresponsible to suggest otherwise;
- (6) notes that the Government's own figures show that 63 councils are receiving an increase of spending power in the local government finance settlement; 47 Conservative-controlled, 13 recognised Conservative targets, 1 Labour-controlled, 1 Independent-controlled and the Isle of Scilly; and at the same time, the Government's own figures show that Sheffield has had a reduction double the national average;

- (7) reiterates the opposition to the distribution of the cuts which continue to see the most deprived areas targeted with crippling cuts to their budgets at the same time as some of the wealthiest areas of the country have received increases in spending powers and reiterates support for the Fair Deal for Sheffield campaign which calls for the City to be given a fair funding settlement;
- (8) recalls that despite over 10,000 people signing the petition, it ultimately fell on deaf ears as the Government has stubbornly refused to change course and give cities like Sheffield a fair deal;
- (9) believes that the only prospect of Sheffield getting a fair deal lies with the possibility of the election of a Labour Government in May and welcomes the proposal from The Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to distribute the funding currently allocated through the New Homes Bonus, to be done through a formula which is based on need, as the New Homes Bonus has proven to be a further example of a government policy designed to redistribute funding away from the areas with greatest need to some of the most affluent parts of the country;
- (10) notes that to pay for this year's round of New Homes Bonus, Sheffield had £12 million taken from its core funding but only received just over £7.3 million back, meaning the Council lost nearly £4.7 million, whilst on the other hand, Surrey had £11.3 million taken away from them and received £24.3 million, meaning they gained £13 million;
- (11) regrets that the Government continue to attempt to spin the figures through double counting different forms of funding and believes it is insulting for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, to attempt to state that local authorities have had to contend with modest cuts, quoting largely deflated figures for individual authorities;
- (12) notes that the latest example of the Government spinning the figures is its use of the Better Care Fund and highlights the comments of the budget report "contrary to what is implied in the Settlement figures, the Council will not receive £37.8m from the Better Care Fund; this figure represents the total amount of the pooled budget shared with the NHS, and the actual amount which the Council will receive from the BCF is subject to ongoing discussions with the Clinical Commissioning Group";
- (13) is becoming increasingly concerned with the chaotic, haphazard and patchwork attempts of this Government in its dying days to create the impression that they are devolving resources to northern cities and believes that they are simply making it up as they go along in a desperate attempt to recover their position in the north of England after five years of consistently hammering cities like Sheffield with disproportionate cuts, the abolition of the Regional Development Agencies and redistributing

European Union funding away from South Yorkshire and Merseyside to wealthier parts of the country;

- (14) believes that the rhetoric needs to be matched with tangible actions and calls upon the Government to urgently change its proposals on HS2 station location to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station which would have a transformative effect on the long term future of the City's economy, however, regrets this is another issue where the Deputy Prime Minister has categorically failed to stand up for Sheffield;
- (15) believes that this would complement the actions taken locally by the present Administration, partners and wider city region to transform the City's economy and particularly welcomes the recent launch of the Innovation District and the visit of Bruce Katz to the City as part of the International Economic Commission;
- (16) notes that for the last three years, this Administration has frozen Council Tax, in spite of the unprecedented financial pressures facing the Council, which demonstrates that it has no desire to increase bills for local taxpayers, however, now the Council is in year five of the Chancellor's four year plan for public spending cuts, believes that the proposed 1.99% increase in this year's budget is unavoidable for two principle reasons, as follows:
- (i) the continued impact of year upon year cuts that the Government has imposed on the Council has got to a level where services are being cut to the bone and to not increase Council Tax would have a detrimental impact on services and, as a result, the need to strike a balance to ensure the long term stability of services with a modest increase of 38p per week for most Sheffield households;
  - (ii) the Government has sneakily changed the goalposts for the Council Tax Freeze Grant and has already taken last year's grant away from the Council with the new system of rolling the freeze grant into Revenue Support Grant, and, as suggested in the main budget report, this can no longer be guaranteed as a sustainable source of income and should be assumed as a mere one off fund, which would only lead to greater cuts in future years;
- (17) confirms as a matter of public record the intervention of Liberal Democrat Ministers to stop the lowering of the threshold for a referendum and notes the following comments in Danny Alexander's letter to Local Government Association Leaders "*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*" and "*Lowering the threshold is a change of policy that puts an unnecessary further constraint on local authorities*", therefore clearly recognising the justification for raising the Council Tax above 1%;
- (18) is appalled at the cynicism and hypocrisy of the MP for Sheffield Hallam, who is happy to heavily cut funding for the Council, allow his own Ministers

to insist on allowing local authorities to be able to increase Council Tax by up to 2% because in their own words “*Lowering the threshold will put unnecessary further pressure on local authorities and the much needed services they provide.*”, and then criticising the Council for proposing to raise Council Tax by 1.99%;

- (19) recalls the previous blunders and factual inaccuracies of the Deputy Prime Minister’s interventions in relation to the Council’s budget and regrets that instead of using his position to help Sheffield, he is more interested in playing politics to do anything he can to deflect the blame for the huge cuts that he has stood by and allowed to happen over the past five years;
- (20) regrets that last year, the Green Group proposed to increase Council Tax by 2.95%, which was slightly above the Government threshold and would therefore have required a referendum and believes that this was simply playing politics with Council Tax and further believes that the present Administration’s decision to not increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold is pragmatic and avoids hundreds of thousands of pounds of local taxpayers’ money being wasted on a potentially pointless exercise, should local people vote against increasing Council Tax;
- (21) notes that in Brighton and Hove, despite having a Green administration since 2011 who have threatened to increase Council Tax above the referendum threshold, they have never followed through with this and therefore believes that the Sheffield Green Group are proposing an equally cynical tactic which in reality they would have no intention of implementing if they were in a position to;
- (22) welcomes that the Administration has consulted with the people of Sheffield on the budget through the number of consultation events in the Town Hall and the acclaimed budget video published on the internet;
- (23) thanks all members of the public who have participated in the budget consultation, through the numerous events in the Town Hall, writing in, or through watching the budget video on the intranet;
- (24) believes that this video was a welcome addition to the consultation process this year and notes the recognition that the video has received in the national media and asks officers to consider other new innovative ways of consulting and connecting with the public as part of next year’s budget process;
- (25) welcomes that at the start of the process, the Administration outlined its priorities of protecting front line services, particularly services for the most vulnerable in the city and believes that this is demonstrated by some of the actions in the budget including:-
  - (i) maintaining a £1.5 million Local Assistance Scheme, despite the Government scrapping its funding for the scheme entirely;

- (ii) investing an additional £100,000 in the Council Tax Hardship fund;
  - (iii) protecting spending on frontline child safeguarding; and
  - (iv) prioritising the Council's flagship apprenticeship schemes which have given Sheffield the best record of all the core cities on delivering apprenticeships;
- (26) notes that since the reductions in Government funding started, the Council has saved £4.6 million in senior management posts above £50,000 and savings are continued to be made in areas that minimise the impact on front line services, such as the recent re-negotiation of the Capita contract;
- (27) welcomes the action taken by the present Administration to ensure the introduction of the Living Wage for all Council staff and the progress that has been made in ensuring that Council contractors pay the Living Wage and believes it should be a priority to work across the city with partners over the next year to ensure that substantive action is taken to encourage and support more employers throughout the city in the public, private and voluntary sector to pay the Living Wage;
- (28) notes that as a result of budget cuts there could be up to 200 Council posts affected during the financial year 2015/16, including job roles that could be lost through voluntary severance or voluntary early retirement, as well as any vacancies that have not been filled;
- (29) expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy to those members of staff who are losing their jobs through compulsory redundancy and regrets that the Government's cuts agenda has made compulsory redundancies unavoidable;
- (30) places on record its thanks for the unfaltering commitment and dedication of staff who continue to serve the Council in these incredibly difficult times, which year on year leads to uncertainty about their own futures and that of their colleagues, many of whom are left to pick up an increased workload as a result of the cuts to staff numbers;
- (31) accordingly instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted;
- (32) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (33) notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2019/20 as per Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme;

- (34) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;
- (35) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £424.060m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, as follows:-

### Appendix 3

<b><u>Summary Revenue Budget</u></b>		
<b>Original Budget 2014/15</b>		<b>Original Budget 2015/16</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,980
156,726	Communities	156,215
130,983	Place	126,520
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,292
55,541	Resources	54,135
<b>416,232</b>		<b>405,142</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100
0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	<b>Corporate Items</b>	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	600
-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,391

0	Public Health Savings / re-investments*	-2,000
3,716	Contingency - Adults Social Care Pressures	3,000
24,747	Schools and Howden PFI	24,913
-1,300	Enhancements	0
400	Infrastructure Investment in NRQ / St Pauls Place	1,400
82	Payment to Parish Councils	34
0	ICT Refresh	300
0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,727
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
<b>451,248</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>424,060</b>
	<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>	
-	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
157,460	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
100,898	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-28,342	Council Tax income	-170,379
-	Collection Fund surplus	-3,300
164,377		
-171		
<b>451,248</b>	<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>-424,060</b>

*Public Health savings / re-investments \* - savings of £2.5m have been targeted from existing public health activities in order to avoid disinvestment in other Council services which promote health and wellbeing outcomes. Of the £2.5m, £0.5m is already included in the portfolio savings proposals figure.*

- (36) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,308.28 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 1.99% on the level set for 2014/15;
- (37) approves the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (38) notes the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (39) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations

contained therein;

- (40) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (41) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (42) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15th May, 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – “attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area Forums”;
- (43) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members’ Allowances in 2015/16;
- (44) approves a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (45) delegates authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16;
- (46) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and that further details are set out in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (47) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (48) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (49) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council’s area;
- (50) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £424.060m set out in Appendix 3 of the Revenue Budget report, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government



**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**130,231.44** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:  
**£ 170,378,563.**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,417,154,816** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£170,871,300** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - (d) **£1,312.0587** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
  - (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish

precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).

- (f) **1,308.2752** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

#### Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51

#### Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64

South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93

### **Ecclesfield Parish Council**

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69

### **Stocksbridge Town Council**

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
Stocksbridge Town Council	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

**Appendix 6b**

Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	872.18	1,017.55	1,162.91	1,308.28	1,599.00	1,889.73	2,180.46	2,616.55
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,015.16	1,184.37	1,353.56	1,522.76	1,861.14	2,199.54	2,537.92	3,045.51
Bradfield Parish Council	1,040.97	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.45	2,255.45	2,602.43	3,122.93
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,025.22	1,196.11	1,366.97	1,537.85	1,879.58	2,221.33	2,563.07	3,075.69
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,034.81	1,207.30	1,379.77	1,552.24	1,897.17	2,242.12	2,587.05	3,104.47

**Appendix 6c**

## Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37,9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38,7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14,6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15,0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28,0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

That the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) confirms that thanks to the difficult decisions the Government have taken, the economy is growing, unemployment is reducing and the deficit is falling;
- (2) believes moves to build a stronger economy could not have been achieved without Liberal Democrats in Government;
- (3) applauds that despite tough financial constraints, Liberal Democrats in Government have been able to secure policies that will help build a fairer society, including:-
  - (i) raising the income tax threshold to give 24 million ordinary workers a £825 tax cut;
  - (ii) helping give every child the best start in life by introducing a £2.5 billion pupil premium, which includes £25 million for Sheffield this year, delivering 15 hours free childcare for disadvantaged two years olds and committing to free school meals for all infant pupils;
  - (iii) supporting young people by creating more apprenticeships than ever before and improving vocational education through investment in University Technical Colleges; and
  - (iv) tackling climate change and helping to create jobs by investing in renewable energy and home insulation;
- (4) in particular, highlights the following Government investments, which have helped to build a stronger economy and a fairer society in Sheffield:-
  - (i) £15.704 million to help freeze Council Tax for a fifth consecutive year, saving families around £200 in the fifth year;
  - (ii) over £40 million for the fourth year of the Streets Ahead programme, which will see every road, pavement and streetlight in the City repaired;
  - (iii) £5.4 million to provide Free Early Learning for disadvantaged two-year-olds, £25 million for Sheffield schools through the Pupil Premium and £5 million for Sheffield City Region to support young people into jobs;
  - (iv) millions of pounds invested in Sheffield's trams, trains and buses, alongside commitments to electrify the Midland Mainline and a new High Speed Rail station in Sheffield; and

- (v) ongoing support for the local economy by devolution of resources and decisions to Sheffield City Region through the Regional Growth Fund, enterprise zones, and the Sheffield City Deal;
- (5) believes that this evidence of investment in Sheffield confirms that the Administration's claims that Sheffield has been treated unfairly, do not stand up to serious scrutiny;
  - (6) thanks the Government for the historic reform of business rates, which gives local councils control over the funding they raise locally;
  - (7) contrasts this evidence with dangerous propaganda of local Labour politicians, who predicted a 'post-soviet meltdown' and riots in the streets of Sheffield, and notes:-
    - (i) Labour have admitted they will not reverse any local reductions in funding, based upon The Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP's admission that he would, given the chance, cut another £3.3bn from local government;
    - (ii) Labour's South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Alan Billings' statement on cuts to Police funding that 'whatever the Government after the general election, the financial position will be little different';
    - (iii) the frequent grandstanding on the subject of cuts to local government by members of the Administration, and fears that some people may be misled into thinking that the Labour Party would not make further cuts to local government; and
    - (iv) in spite of the rhetoric in this Chamber, it is clear that any statements made that give the impression that the cuts would disappear if there was a change to a Labour Government are unlikely to be true;
  - (8) adds this to the long-list of failings of the current Administration, centralising decisions and mismanagement of Council budgets;
  - (9) furthermore, condemns the missed opportunities overseen by the current Administration, which have forced the Council into irreversible positions, noting in particular:-
    - (i) that this City remains saddled with the debt run up by previous Administrations, including around £25 million next year to pay off the facilities built for the disastrous World Student Games, despite the fact that the Don Valley Stadium has now been demolished; and
    - (ii) that the Administration have splashed out millions on high paid consultants, Council offices and political pet projects, funds which can never be regained for local taxpayers;

- (10) regrets that the current Administration refuse to accept responsibility for their own failures simply because they think they can get away with blaming someone else;
- (11) recommends that the Administration stop playing the blame game and investigate the following sensible savings in order to protect the services the local people care for most:-
- (i) reducing budgets for Trade Unions officials, which have been consistently protected to the detriment of front-line services;
  - (ii) reducing posts in communications, policy and research, political support and performance;
  - (iii) the deletion of four senior management posts through a restructuring; and
  - (iv) a small reduction in pay for the top earners in the Council, to produce a more equal structure and protect low-paid front line staff such as care workers;
- (12) confirms that by agreeing these savings, the Council could continue to provide the front-line services that local people care most about, such as:-
- (i) supporting hard-working Sheffield families suffering in the cost of living crisis, by freezing Council Tax;
  - (ii) supporting business by reducing this Administration's parking hikes and reducing parking permit prices for residents;
  - (iii) restoring the number of grit bins across the city;
  - (iv) supporting Associate libraries by employing professional librarian support;
  - (v) making best use of the Government's New Homes Bonus to protect Sheffield's Green Belt by investing in empty homes and supporting brownfield development; and
  - (vi) giving local people a greater say in how money is spent on highway schemes in their area by giving more control to Local Area Partnerships;
- (13) therefore instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			
<b>Savings</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Investments / spending proposals</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Reinstatement of Council Tax Freeze Grant	1,972	Loss of income from 1.99% Council Tax increase	3,300
Remove Leader's policy officer post	30	Reduce city centre parking prices	100
Delete 4 senior manager posts	200	Reduce car parking permit prices	50
Reduce the number of trade union convenors	260	Additional grit bin provision	12
Delete Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Advisors	45	Renovations to Whirlow Hall Farm	20
Set a modest savings target for shared services between Sheffield trusts	50	Professional librarian support for associate libraries	70
Reduce posts within the policy team	100		
Pay review - 5% reduction for staff on a salary of >£39k (assume 6 months saving)	768		
Set a modest savings target for shared services with other Local Authorities in Sheffield City Region	100		
Withdraw funding from Sheffield First Partnership	27		
<b>Savings total</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>Investments total</b>	<b>3,552</b>

<b><u>New Homes Bonus</u></b>			
<b>Savings</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Investments / spending proposals</b>	<b>£'000</b>



Use of uncommitted New Homes Bonus	2,000	Cobnar Cottage project in Graves Park	70
		Tripling investment for bringing empty homes back into use	941
		Investing in brownfield sites to bring them up to economically deliverable standard	596
		Increasing investment in local high streets through the Successful Centres programme	393
<b>Savings total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>Investments total</b>	<b>2,000</b>

<b><u>Local Transport Plan</u></b>			
<b>Savings</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Investments / spending proposals</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Nil		Re-allocate decision making over £1.7 million of transport funding away from Cabinet Member and to Local Area Partnerships	Cost neutral
<b>Savings total</b>		<b>Investments total</b>	

- (14) accepts that a report will need to be brought forward on a Council pay review and therefore notes that some proposed investments are dependent on this report or alternative savings;
- (15) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 13 above, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
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amendments outlined in paragraph 13 above;

- (17) approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy outlined in Appendix 4 of the report on the Capital Programme such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2015-16 unless explicitly stated, and if substantial capital receipts are realised within 2014-15 or 2015-16, a further report will be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process;
- (18) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £420.735m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph 13 above, as follows:-

### Appendix 3

<b><u>Summary Revenue Budget</u></b>		
<b>Original Budget 2014/15</b>		<b>Proposed Budget 2015/16</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,930
156,726	Communities	156,235
130,983	Place	126,602
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,115
55,541	Resources	53,700
<b>416,232</b>		<b>404,582</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
0	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2015/16	-1,972
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100
0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	<b>Corporate Items</b>	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	600

-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,391
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0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,702
	<b>Pay Adjustments</b>	<b>-768</b>
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
<b>451,248</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>420,735</b>
	<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>	
-157,460	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
-100,898	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
-28,342	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-164,377	Council Tax income	-167,054
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- (19) approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,282.75 for City Council services, i.e. at the same level as 2014/15;
- (20) approves the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Revenue Budget report, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 13 above;
- (21) notes the latest 2014/15 budget monitoring position;
- (22) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (23) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report;

- (24) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (25) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15th May, 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – “attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area Forums”, and subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph 13 above relating to the deletion of Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Advisors;
- (26) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members' Allowances in 2015/16;
- (27) approves a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (28) delegates authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16;
- (29) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and that further details are set out in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (30) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (31) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (32) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (33) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £420.735m set out in paragraph 13 above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**130,231.44** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”));  
and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:  
**£ 167,053,755.**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,413,830,007** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£167,546,491** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - (d) **£1,286.5287** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
  - (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).
  - (f) **1,282.7452** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by

dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

<b>Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	998.14	1,164.51	1,330.87	1,497.23	1,829.94	2,162.66	2,495.37	2,994.45
<b>Bradfield Parish Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,023.95	1,194.62	1,365.28	1,535.94	1,877.25	2,218.57	2,559.88	3,071.87
<b>Ecclesfield Parish Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,008.20	1,176.25	1,344.28	1,512.32	1,848.38	2,184.45	2,520.52	3,024.63
<b>Stocksbridge Town Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
Stocksbridge Town Council	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,017.79	1,187.44	1,357.08	1,526.71	1,865.97	2,205.24	2,544.50	3,053.41

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

<b>Appendix 6b</b>								
Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	855.16	997.69	1,140.22	1,282.75	1,567.80	1,852.85	2,137.91	2,565.49
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	998.14	1,164.51	1,330.87	1,497.23	1,829.94	2,162.66	2,495.37	2,994.45

Bradfield Parish Council	1,023.95	1,194.62	1,365.28	1,535.94	1,877.25	2,218.57	2,559.88	3,071.87
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,008.20	1,176.25	1,344.28	1,512.32	1,848.38	2,184.45	2,520.52	3,024.63
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Appendix 6c

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37.9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38.7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14.6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15.0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28.0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29,4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%



3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster

That the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, as relates to the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/16, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (1) deplores the cuts to local authority funding being imposed by Central Government and applauds the efforts of politicians and campaigners calling for an alternative to austerity;
- (2) recognises that the major parties have not promised to reverse these cuts and have committed to further austerity;
- (3) believes that however difficult the crisis we face, this Council has a responsibility to do the best it can for the people of Sheffield, prioritising the available resources to protect communities and the most vulnerable and working towards a more equitable and resilient city;
- (4) accepts the projections from the Local Government Association that the revenue support grant will continue to dwindle and that, although the Coalition Government favours freezing Council Tax, this is not sustainable;
- (5) believes that a majority of Sheffield people are willing to pay tax in order to support services for the common good and is willing to test this in a referendum;
- (6) therefore proposes to raise Council Tax by 2.95% (48p a week for the majority of households) in order to:
  - (i) increase the money available for short stay beds for people with dementia in order to sustain a quality service delivered by decently paid staff, fully integrated with mental health services in the community and hospital sectors; noting that the investment in community based care will reduce the need for more expensive options in the long run and reflects the new ethos of integrated health and social care;
  - (ii) reduce cuts to services for the elderly and disabled and help ensure decent pay and conditions for care staff, putting an extra £499k into adult social care;
  - (iii) increase the support to communities and mitigate some of the cuts to South Yorkshire Police by funding another 10 Police Community Support Officers in the city; and
  - (iv) double the hardship fund available to the 30,000 households affected by the loss of Council Tax benefit;

- (7) will ensure that funding reserved to cover consequential costs of a referendum is used to support voluntary sector advice services, provided the referendum is carried;
- (8) will cut political spin emanating from the Town Hall by cutting the posts of Group Policy Officers and requiring politicians to do their own research work;
- (9) will install a 10:1 pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid Council officers; closing the gap by reducing the pay of those on the highest salaries, tapering the cuts for those on middle grades, and protecting those on less than £40k;
- (10) will put resources into turning empty properties into much needed homes by investing a small amount of New Homes Bonus in further enforcement work in this area, which will in turn generate increased NHB as homes are brought back into occupation;
- (11) will reduce the price of permits in parking permit zones to 2010 levels, which more closely reflects the true cost of running the schemes and means that people living in some of the most congested and polluted areas of the city are not subsidising other parking services;
- (12) will invest £40k of the Local Growth Fund (New Homes Bonus) to install solar panels on the Ellesmere and Park Centres as part of their roof renovations, thereby reducing fuel bills and increasing the sustainability of the buildings;
- (13) will prioritise the installation of 20 mph speed limit zones in areas with the worst accident statistics, and therefore will re-prioritise Local Transport Plan Programme funding into a default 20mph speed limit in the city centre;
- (14) will re-prioritise the funding set aside for the M1 Gateway project into establishing a Community Shop, offering discount food, empowering individuals and building stronger communities;
- (15) therefore instructs the Interim Executive Director, Resources to implement the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2015/2016 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted, but with the following amendments:-

<b><u>Substantive budget proposal</u></b>			
Council tax proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
2.95% net additional Council Tax increase (above 1.99%)	1,603	Council Tax hardship fund increased to compensate for Council Tax increase, plus additional support	400

		Funding an additional 10 Police Community Support Officers	310
		Increase funds available for short stay beds for people with dementia	250
		Supporting the review of individual care packages to maintain quality of care across Communities	499
		Hold referendum - spend on local people and businesses	144
<b>Council tax sub-total</b>	<b>1,603</b>		<b>1,603</b>

<b><u>Substitute Calculations (if referendum rejects substantive proposal)</u></b>			
Savings proposals	(£'000)	Spending proposals	(£'000)
<i>Permanent reduction in spending:</i>		<i>Permanent additions to budget:</i>	
Use of New Homes Bonus (to fund enforcement officer to bring empty homes back into use)	35	Additional enforcement officer post to bring empty homes back into use	35
Reduce pay on employees paid over £150,000 by 20% (assume 6 month saving)	19	Parking permit fees reduced to 2010 levels	288
Reduce pay on employees paid over £100,000 by 15% (assume 6 month saving)	57	Reserve for rebilling costs if referendum lost	500
Reduce pay on employees paid over £50,000 by 10% (assume 6 month saving)	466	Hold referendum - spend on local people and businesses	144

Reduce pay on employees paid over £40,000 by 3% (assume 6 month saving)	263			
Remove all group policy officer posts	83			
Remove special responsibility allowances for Cabinet Advisors	45			
<b>Savings sub-total</b>	<b>967</b>		<b>Spending sub-total</b>	<b>967</b>

<b><u>Capital proposals</u></b>			
Capital spending proposal	(£'000)	Financing of capital proposals	(£'000)
20's Plenty City Centre scheme	262	Re-prioritise Local Transport Plan Programme set aside for 20mph speed limit schemes	262
Establishment of a Community shop	150	Re-prioritise use of unringfenced funding set aside for M1 Gateway project to invest in Community Shop	150
Install solar panels as part of roof replacement programmes at Park Centre and Ellesmere Centre	40	Use of New Homes Bonus to cover cost of solar panel installation	40
<b>Capital spending total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>Financing of capital proposals total</b>	<b>452</b>

- (16) accepts that the proposed investments in the substantive budget proposal are dependent on a positive result in a local referendum;
- (17) agrees that, if the substantive budget proposals in paragraph 15 are rejected in a local Council Tax referendum, those investment proposals be withdrawn, but the substitute calculations identified in paragraph 15 above are still to be

implemented;

- (18) notes those specific projects included in the years 2014/15 to 2019/20 Capital Programmes at Appendix 9 of the report on the Capital Programme, subject to the amendments outlined in paragraph 15 above, with block allocations being included within the Programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
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- (21) after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2015/16, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 amounting to £425.663m, as set out in Appendix 3 of that report, and subsequently amended in the light of paragraph 15 above, as follows:-

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- (25) approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein;
- (26) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (27) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (28) agrees that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15th May, 2013, and implemented for 2014/15, be also implemented for 2015/16, with the addition (to paragraph (h) of Schedule 2) of the following approved duty which was approved by Council at its meeting held on 3 December 2014 – “attendance at meetings of Local Housing Area Forums”, and subject to the amendment outlined in paragraph 15 above relating to the removal of Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Advisors;
- (29) agrees to forego an annual increase in the Members' Allowances in 2015/16;
- (30) approves a Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 8 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (31) delegates authority to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2015/16;
- (32) notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, and that further details are set out in Appendix 4 of the Revenue Budget report;
- (33) approves the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2015/16 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 176 of the Revenue Budget report;

- (34) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £492,737 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (35) notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- (36) notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £425.663m set out in paragraph 15 above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (37) notes that, in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a 2.95% increase in Council Tax is excessive and would require that a referendum be held in relation to that amount;
- (38) in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, is required to make "substitute calculations" for a Council Tax which does not exceed the excessiveness principles and therefore the following substitute budget and the Council Tax determinations set out in Appendix 6 of the Revenue Budget report are to apply;

### Appendix 3

#### Summary Revenue Budget

<b>Original Budget 2014/15</b>		<b>Original Budget 2015/16</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
	<b>Portfolio budgets:</b>	
70,624	Children Young People and Families	65,980
156,726	Communities	156,215
130,983	Place	126,843
2,358	Policy Performance and Communications	2,308
55,541	Resources	54,635
<b>416,232</b>		<b>405,981</b>
	<b>Corporate Budgets:</b>	
	<b>Specific Grants</b>	
-1,968	Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2014/15	0
-12,399	NHS Funding	-12,399
-71,116	PFI Grant	-73,442
-6,397	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	-7,738
-1,079	Business Rates Transitional Grant	-1,916
0	Small Business Rates Relief	-2,500
0	Empty New Build Relief (ENBR)	-100



0	Retail Relief (RR)	-500
0	Local Support Services Grant	-53
0	Independent Living Fund	-2,216
	<b>Corporate Items</b>	
11,200	Redundancy Provision	8,200
9,750	Pension Costs	-17,289
500	Council Tax Hardship Fund	600
-250	Improved debt collection	0
5,036	New Homes Bonus (LGF)	6,356
0	Public Health Savings / re-investments*	-2,000
	Contingency - Adults Social Care	
3,716	Pressures	3,000
24,747	Schools and Howden PFI	24,913
-1,300	Enhancements	0
	Infrastructure Investment in NRQ / St Pauls	
400	Place	1,400
82	Payment to Parish Councils	34
0	ICT Refresh	300
0	CAPITA Contract Savings	-1,783
2,874	Other	2,727
0	<b>Pay Adjustment</b>	-804
37,282	Capital Financing costs	37,184
28,117	MSF capital financing costs	28,073
5,821	Contribution to Reserves	28,032
<b>451,248</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>424,060</b>
	<b>Financing of Net Expenditure</b>	
-		
157,460	Revenue Support Grant	-115,837
-		
100,898	NNDR/Business Rates Income	-105,661
-28,342	Business Rates Top Up Grant	-28,883
-		
164,377	Council Tax income	-170,379
-171	Collection Fund surplus	-3,300
<b>451,248</b>	<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>-424,060</b>

*Public Health savings / re-investments \* - savings of £2.5m have been targeted from existing public health activities in order to avoid disinvestment in other Council services which promote health and wellbeing outcomes. Of the £2.5m, £0.5m is already included in the portfolio savings proposals figure.*

**CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  
**CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 REVENUE**  
**BUDGET**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 15th January 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
  - (a) for the whole Council area as:  
**130,231.44** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts is:  
**£171,981.839.**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£1,418,758,092** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) **£1,246,283,516** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£172,474,576** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - (d) **£1,324.3697** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
  - (e) **£492,737** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b).

- (f) **1,320.5862** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

<b>Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,023.37	1,193.94	1,364.50	1,535.07	1,876.19	2,217.32	2,558.44	3,070.13

<b>Bradfield Parish Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Bradfield Parish Council	25.81	30.11	34.41	38.71	47.31	55.91	64.51	77.42
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,049.18	1,224.05	1,398.91	1,573.78	1,923.50	2,273.23	2,622.95	3,147.55

<b>Ecclesfield Parish Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Ecclesfield Parish Council	10.06	11.74	13.41	15.09	18.44	21.79	25.15	30.18
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,033.43	1,205.68	1,377.91	1,550.16	1,894.63	2,239.11	2,583.59	3,100.31

<b>Stocksbridge Town Council</b>								
Valuation Band								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17
Stocksbridge Town Council	19.65	22.93	26.21	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,043.02	1,216.87	1,390.71	1,564.55	1,912.22	2,259.90	2,607.57	3,129.09

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore will require a referendum.

<b>Appendix 6b</b>								
Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	880.39	1,027.12	1,173.85	1,320.59	1,614.05	1,907.51	2,200.98	2,641.17

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,023.37	1,193.94	1,364.50	1,535.07	1,876.19	2,217.32	2,558.44	3,070.13
Bradfield Parish Council	1,049.18	1,224.05	1,398.91	1,573.78	1,923.50	2,273.23	2,622.95	3,147.55
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,033.43	1,205.68	1,377.91	1,550.16	1,894.63	2,239.11	2,583.59	3,100.31
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,043.02	1,216.87	1,390.71	1,564.55	1,912.22	2,259.90	2,607.57	3,129.09

**Appendix 6c**

**Parish Council Precepts**

Parish Council	2014/15					2015/16					Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grant	Total Precept	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	CTS Grants	Total Precepts	
Bradfield	5,556.10	210,853	37.9499	17,369	228,223	5,590.09	216,386	38.7089	12,506	228,892	2.00%
Ecclesfield	8,992.80	131,735	14.6489	17,432	149,167	9,031.42	136,269	15.0884	12,551	148,821	3.00%
Stocksbridge	3,592.21	100,858	28.0768	12,542	113,399	3,595.35	105,993	29.4806	9,030	115,024	5.00%
Total/average	18,141.11	443,446	24,4443	47,343	490,789	18,216.86	458,649	25,1772	34,088	492,737	3.00%

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