

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5TH NOVEMBER, 2014

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) and (b) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:-
 - (a) notes that homeless acceptances in England have more than halved, and in Yorkshire & the Humber fallen by two-thirds, since 2003 and that the latest Department for Communities and Local Government figures for 2013/14 show a further fall, despite the downturn in the housing market post 2007;
 - (b) recognises that the key to housing solutions to tackle homelessness in the longer term lies in the provision of an adequate supply of affordable homes;
2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) notes that rough sleeping has increased markedly since the introduction of new counting methodology in 2010, prior to which only 76 out of 354 councils contributed to the total count for England;
3. the re-lettering of paragraphs (g) to (i) as new paragraphs (i) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows:-
 - (g) welcomes the provisional Homelessness Prevention Grant allocation of £517,066 to Sheffield City Council for 2013/14 and 2014/15;
 - (h) welcomes the cross-ministerial working group set up in 2011 by the Coalition Government, which has since led to:
 - (i) expansion of the “No Second Night Out” initiative to prevent rough sleeping, of which this Council is subscribed to;

- (ii) changes in the Localism Act 2011 to give greater freedoms and flexibilities to local authorities to meet the housing needs of homeless families, reducing the need for long waits in temporary accommodation;
- (iii) the Government-funded Streetlink website alerting local authorities in England about rough sleepers in their area; and
- (iv) the £20 million Homelessness Transition Fund which has seen a total of £288,905 awarded to local charities Roundabout, ASSIST and the Cathedral Archer Project;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (d) as follows:-

- (b) notes that guidance from the Labour Government in 2003 analysed scenarios in which it may be possible to make payments below the minimum wage for work-like activity that may be considered beneficial to a disabled person;
- (c) notes that Lord Freud was also an adviser to former Prime Minister Tony Blair; and
- (d) believes all workers should be paid at least the minimum wage without exception.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the insertion of a new paragraph (b) as follows, and the re-lettering of all subsequent paragraphs accordingly:-
 - (b) condemns the appalling record of the present Government on housing, particularly with regards to social housing, and notes the article in last week's Independent newspaper entitled 'Great

council house sell-off scandal: Right-to-buy council houses leave nowhere for poor to live' which stated that "the Government's new initiative to encourage councils to sell their houses is having a disastrous effect."

2. the insertion after the words "Sarah Teather" in original paragraph (f) of the words "and supported by Labour MP, the Rt. Hon. John Healey,"; and
3. the insertion of a new paragraph (j) as follows, and the re-lettering of the new paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (k):-
 - (j) welcomes the actions of the present Administration on private sector housing standards, particularly the Selective Licensing Scheme;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEOFF SMITH

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion after the word "welcomes" in paragraph (g) of the words "the longstanding Liberal Democrat commitment to".

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NIKKI BOND

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the re-lettering of paragraphs (f) to (h) as new paragraphs (g) to (i) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

- (f) welcomes Liberal Democrat Minister, the Rt. Hon. Lynne Featherstone MP's work opposing female genital mutilation (FGM), including measures to identify and prevent FGM in the UK and the securing of a £35m programme expected to reduce FGM by 30% in at least 10 priority countries within 5 years.

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

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) therefore welcomes the article in last week's Star newspaper, 'Sheffield will have free parking in festive countdown' and looks forward to the details of the scheme being announced shortly.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) welcomes the reported announcement by the Administration that car parking incentives will be offered in the run up to Christmas, but believes that dither and delay once more points to their "anti-car" attitude;
2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) notes that there are only 49 shopping days to Christmas!

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SARAH JANE SMALLEY

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the insertion of new paragraphs (a) to (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of all subsequent paragraphs accordingly:-
 - (a) believes that Sheffield City Centre lies at the heart of the Sheffield City Region economy and the development of the city centre will play a crucial part in creating more jobs and growth in the city and city region as a whole;
 - (b) acknowledges the importance of creating more jobs in the city centre, particularly noting recent research illustrating that Sheffield only has 33,780 private sector jobs in the city centre, the lowest of the Core Cities and significantly below 96,917 in Manchester, 91,356 in Birmingham and 72,689 in Leeds, and notes research for the Local Enterprise Partnership which suggested that strengthening Sheffield City Centre is essential

to improving the overall performance of the city region's economy;

- (c) unequivocally supports the case for a city centre HS2 station and believes that this is fundamental to the future of both the city centre, the city and wider city region's economy and is extremely disappointed with the recent report of HS2 Ltd's Chairman, David Higgins, which continued to back Meadowhall despite the overwhelming evidence in favour of a city centre station;
- 2. the addition of the words "which was initiated by Labour Councillors" at the end of original sub-paragraph (e)(v); and
 - 3. the addition of the words "whilst ensuring that any changes do not detract from the crucial aim of supporting the development of the city centre economy" at the end of original paragraph (f).

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAULINE ANDREWS

- 9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor John Booker

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the re-lettering of paragraphs (g) to (i) as new paragraphs (h) to (j) and the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-

- (g) queries whether the Administration considered introducing penalty clauses for delayed completion of the highways works;

- 10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) supports the improvements that are currently being made on Penistone Road and notes that existing businesses on and around Penistone Road itself often suffer because of local traffic congestion and therefore believes that, in addition to improving journey times along the A61 corridor, the pinch point scheme will help to improve access to local businesses and facilities, thereby encouraging economic growth;
- (b) welcomes that the new Sainsbury's being built off the road in Wadsley Bridge will bring 250 jobs to the city and that Sainsbury's agreed to

make changes to Penistone Road as part of the development, including replacing the roundabout at the junction of Penistone Road, Leppings Lane and Herries Road with a traffic light-controlled crossroads;

- (c) believes that these works are important, however, agrees that disruption should be kept to a minimum and is concerned by the reports that the works have taken too long to complete and of the impact this may have had on businesses and commuters using the road;
- (d) regrets that the delays are causing frustration for everyone affected and notes that these have been caused by a subcontractor and they have ignored efforts by Council officers to contact them for an explanation about the delays;
- (e) asks officers to investigate if the businesses who have been impacted qualify for compensation under existing statutory guidelines; and
- (f) resolves to write to the contractor asking them to contact the local businesses who have been impacted by the works, to apologise for the disruption that has been caused and to provide a more complete explanation for the length of time this has taken.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the substitution in paragraph (a) of the word “option” for the word “requirement”, and the deletion of the words “and the Government’s plans to make driver only trains mandatory” from that paragraph; and
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (j) and the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
 - (j) urges the RMT union to negotiate more flexibly with the train operators, especially with regard to ticket sales and revenue protection, in order to put forward a positive case to the Department for Transport and Rail North, for continued driver and conductor staffing of trains.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of sub-paragraph (a)(iii) and paragraph (b);
2. the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (d):-
 - (b) welcomes any positive actions taken to improve treatment for mental health, however regrets that yet again the Deputy Prime Minister's record does not match his warm words and reminds the main opposition group of reports in 2012 by leading mental health charities that spending on mental health had fallen under this Government for the first time in a decade;
 - (c) notes that during the Deputy Prime Minister's time in Government there are thousands fewer mental health nurses and hundreds fewer mental health doctors in the NHS, and a recent Health Service Journal survey found 3,640 fewer nurses and 213 fewer doctors working in mental health in April this year compared to staffing levels two years ago.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.17 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CLIFF WOODCRAFT

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-

- (d) welcomes that the campaign run by The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association to equip all new buses with audio visual announcements has been supported cross party and welcomes any attempts by students or other groups to improve the equipment needed to facilitate this development.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

14. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham

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

- (b) believes that under this Government, the NHS is going backwards, as

one in four people don't get to see a GP within a week and over three million people are on the waiting list for treatment;

- (c) supports the policy of the Shadow Secretary of State for Health, the Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham MP, to raise £2.5bn for an NHS Time to Care Fund by ensuring that tax avoiders play by the rules, and asking those at the top to pay more;
- (d) welcomes that this money will be used to ensure the NHS is fit for the 21st Century and will deliver 20,000 more nurses, 3,000 more midwives, 8,000 more GPs and 5,000 extra home care workers by the end of the next Parliament;
- (e) believes it was wrong for the Government to single out NHS staff by refusing to implement the 1% pay increase which was recommended by an Independent Body and is being awarded by the Government to other public sector workers;
- (f) regrets that this Government wasted £3 billion on the unwanted and unnecessary top down reorganisation of the NHS; and
- (g) fully supports the NHS and therefore completely opposes the comments by UKIP's Deputy Leader, Paul Nuttall MEP, posted on his website, "I would like to congratulate the Coalition Government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service".

15. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) believes that the NHS should remain free at the point of use;
- (b) recognises the dedication and hard work of staff within the NHS;
- (c) notes that in many parts of the country, the NHS relies on highly skilled and qualified health care professionals recruited from overseas;
- (d) recalls with alarm the words of UKIP's Deputy Leader, Paul Nuttall MEP, "the very existence of the NHS stifles competition....as long as the NHS is the "sacred cow" of British politics, the longer the British people will suffer with a second rate health service"; and
- (e) welcomes the pre-manifesto commitment made by the Liberal Democrats of "Guaranteeing the NHS budget will rise by at least inflation".