

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2014

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson

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 it should be a top priority to address the economic imbalance in the country and regrets that over the past four years the Government has failed on this issue and the inequality between London and the rest of the country has got worse not better;
- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;
- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City’s economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;
- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;

- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down governance model;
- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable; and
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away.

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

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

- (l) welcomes the forthcoming investment of £170 million on the A57, A628 and A628 Trans-Pennine route, including a bypass for the village of Mottram, and in addition a study into the feasibility of building a Trans-Pennine tunnel to address the strategic gap between Sheffield and Manchester, and which would transform capacity and reduce congestion whilst still preserving the splendour of the Peak District.

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

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

- (f) however, believes that the only way to ensure that devolution is effective and legitimate is to open up the process to public scrutiny and participation;
- (g) therefore notes with deep concern that 'devolution deals' for the Sheffield City Region and other areas of England are being rushed through without public input or democratic oversight;
- (h) calls upon the Administration to ensure that any 'devolution deal' that includes Sheffield is not struck behind closed doors, but is instead subject to input and scrutiny by the public and elected members from the earliest stage;
- (i) calls upon the Government to establish a Constitutional Convention to consider the future constitutional structure of the United Kingdom and

its constituent nations, regions, and local authorities, in an open and comprehensive way;

- (j) supports investment in rail and public transport links and incentivising cycling and walking in the North of England, including:
  - (i) a new 125mph trans-pennine rail route linking Manchester with Leeds, Sheffield and Hull, serving passengers and freight;
  - (ii) further investment in the Hope Valley line in addition to the 'northern hub' improvements;
  - (iii) the Government's forthcoming Cycling Delivery Plan to deliver ambitious growth in cycle use; and
  - (iv) welcoming the increasing rate of transport investment by Central Government outside of London, and calls for this to be accelerated; and

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris

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

- (b) notes however, that this report did not take into account that there is less money available to spend in total because of the record public sector deficit in 2010, and that if more were to be spent on welfare, this would have to be found from other spending areas such as local government, health or education;
- (c) notes the Labour Party's risible attempts at cynical positioning on this issue of talking tough on welfare while opposing any specific measures and offering no alternatives;
- (d) notes that under the previous Government, fuel bills spiralled, Council Tax doubled, fuel duty increased on 12 occasions, inequality increased and the 10p Tax rate was abolished - doubling income tax on the lowest paid;
- (e) welcomes the income tax cut of £800 for the typical tax payer, and taking 2.7 million of the poorest people out of paying any income tax at all;
- (f) welcomes the introduction of free school meals for all 4 to 7 year olds, saving parents £400 per year per child;

- (g) notes that this year we have seen the largest annual fall in unemployment on record, with the large majority of new jobs being full time; and
- (h) believes that there is a long way still to go in reducing unemployment and poverty and making the tax system fairer.

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Bob Johnson

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

- (e) notes the recent research commissioned by the Council and published by Sheffield Hallam University, about the impact of welfare reform on Sheffield, which highlighted that:
  - (i) some local communities are hit by welfare reform five times harder than others;
  - (ii) just under half of the financial loss from welfare reform will fall on working households;
  - (iii) couples with children are losing an average of nearly £1,700 a year;
  - (iv) lone parents are losing over £2,000 a year; and
  - (v) men and women with health problems or disabilities are significantly disadvantaged;
- (f) believes this research proves conclusively that the cuts to welfare are hitting the poorest in our city the hardest;
- (g) notes that the report proves that the welfare reform impacts most on the poorest parts of the city, including Burngreave, Manor, Southey and Firth Park;
- (h) notes that proportionately, Sheffield is not hit harder than other big towns and cities in the north of England by the cuts to welfare, so this is something that other comparable cities will also be experiencing, however the financial loss is far above the level in many parts of the south outside London, which is another example of the Government disproportionately targeting pain towards the north of England; and
- (i) believes it is clear that these welfare cuts are ideological; they are not about cutting the deficit but redistributing money away from some of the poorest people in our society to the richest.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster

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

- (e) regrets that wealth and income inequality have seen dramatic increases for over 30 years, including under Labour, Conservative and Coalition Governments;
- (f) believes that a radically different approach is needed to combat the injustice of deepening inequality and its broader negative impacts on both individuals and society as a whole;
- (g) notes that the poorest and most vulnerable in society have also been hit hardest by cuts to the public services upon which they are more likely to rely;
- (h) therefore notes with regret the findings of the Resolution Foundation's recent report that the Labour Party, the Conservative Party, and the Liberal Democrats have all publicly committed to further, substantial public spending cuts should they form a government next May; and
- (i) believes that the failed politics of austerity should be replaced with a programme of investment in public services and jobs for the common good.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley

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) notes that the Coalition Government has increased funding for the NHS - a policy that was not offered by the Labour Party in 2010 and that there are 21,431 more nurses compared to 10 years ago and that the total employed in 2013 was an increase on the previous year;
- (b) notes the scaremongering by the Labour Party and others over the effects of the Health and Social Care Act can now be seen to be unfounded, irresponsible and cruel;

- (c) notes the consistently weaker performance of the unreformed Welsh NHS run by the Labour controlled Welsh Assembly;
- (d) welcomes the introduction of the first waiting time targets for mental health;
- (e) welcomes the extra funding for the NHS in the Autumn Statement, and believes that this would not have been possible without having achieved the fastest economic growth in the G7; and
- (f) welcomes the Liberal Democrat call for £1 billion in extra funding for the NHS in every year of the next Parliament.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley

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

- (f) notes that the share of NHS spending on General Practice has fallen steadily from 10.75% in 2005/6 to the current 8.4% and that the recent Deloitte report showed that extra funding in primary care would allow GPs to offer more appointments, saving money elsewhere in the NHS;
- (g) notes that despite their 1997 manifesto pledge to “restore the NHS as a public service working co-operatively for patients, not a commercial business driven by competition” the previous Government, under the guise of choice and competition, introduced market structures, foundation trusts, GP consortia and private corporations into commissioning, which increased management costs, reduced democratic control and laid the foundations for further privatisation of provision by the current Government;
- (h) notes that the recent Five Year Forward Plan for the NHS estimates that the gap between resources and patient needs will be £30 billion by 2020/21 unless demand, efficiency and funding are addressed;
- (i) notes that NHS staff morale is at an all time low and that staff shortages have forced hospital trusts to use agency staff at much greater cost, and therefore supports the call by low paid NHS staff for at least a 1% pay increase; and
- (j) recognises that the NHS will only survive and prosper when there is:
  - (i) a whole hearted commitment to reverse privatisation;
  - (ii) reduced demand by creating the conditions for good health and quality of life; and

- (iii) a management structure which removes the use of targets, incentives and competition and restores professional values and cooperation, so that the needs of patients are met in a timely, efficient and holistic manner, thereby reducing waste.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON**

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster

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

- (g) further requests that the current review of Local Area Partnerships being carried out by the Sustainable City Team include:
  - (i) an evaluation of whether enough support is being allocated for effective engagement with community organisations and the third sector at a time where more is being expected of them due to economic pressures; and
  - (ii) an evaluation of whether different wards require different levels of support, based not only on IMD data, but the size and variety of communities they serve.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEOFF SMITH**

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:
  - (d) however believes that local people should not be presented with the impossible choice of either working for free at jobs that were previously undertaken by highly skilled and professional paid employees, or else see local services lost altogether;
  - (e) believes that the Council owes it to volunteers and the communities they serve to provide them with adequate support, including training and development opportunities;
  - (f) therefore calls upon the Administration to, at a minimum, explore options to ensure that where volunteers are undertaking roles in

Co-Delivered and Associate library branches they are supported by on-site, paid librarians; and

2. The re-lettering of the original paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (g).

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson

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- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;
- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City’s economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;
- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;

- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down governance model;
- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable; and
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away.

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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

- (f) calls for the current Administration to back devolution of powers to Sheffield City Region; and
- (g) however, recognises that the domination of local authorities and combined authorities by any one party out of proportion to its share of the vote would inevitably weaken governance, and therefore calls for electoral reform in local government to prevent one-party fiefdoms.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Chris Weldon

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) reaffirms the existing policy that the priority for social housing allocations be primarily based around need of the applicant;
- (b) will always try to take into account preferences for location, however, regrets that the ultimate problem is the lack of affordable housing and particularly a lack of social housing across the country;
- (c) regrets that this Government's policies have made the problem worse, such as encouraging the mass sell-off of housing stock, without using the funds to invest in replenishing the stock, and also its failure to

instigate a significant shift in the number of affordable homes being built;

- (d) further regrets that the knock on impact of this is increasing amounts of money being spent on housing benefits, which is leading to greater dependency on landlords who can profit from the lack of social housing, such as UKIP's housing spokesperson who is reported to have earned nearly £750,000 in rent payments funded by housing benefits from occupants, and believes this money would be better spent on building more social housing;
- (e) welcomes the Lyons Housing Review and the commitment by the Labour Party to build 200,000 new homes a year by the end of the next parliament and address the country's housing crisis, which this Council believes the present Government have failed to address;
- (f) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to put in place plans to increase Council housing stock by at least 700, in addition to working to support the development of the Sheffield Housing Company which is creating thousands of new homes across the city;
- (g) acknowledges that for action to be taken on a much greater scale, the devolution of the funding for regeneration and housing is needed, and supports Sheffield City Region in their attempts to obtain greater local control over the housing fund;
- (h) is extremely concerned by any attempts to use the Government's failure to deliver social housing to attack groups such as single parents or to create division between different communities;
- (i) notes that where tenants breach their tenancy agreement and behave in a way that is disruptive to their local community, appropriate actions are taken to protect the quality of life of their neighbours, including evictions where this is appropriate; and
- (j) notes that housing allocations policy is fully open and transparent through the Council's Allocations Policy, which was recently subject to a cross party scrutiny review.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR**

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

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) regrets that yet again the Coalition Government continue to make unprecedented cuts to the Council's budget and that these cuts are disproportionately targeted at local authorities like Sheffield;
- (b) notes the independent research carried out by the Sheffield Political Economy & Research Institute of the University of Sheffield which confirmed "there is a clear pattern to the cuts experienced by local authorities in England: Councils in the North, in more deprived areas, and/or controlled by Labour have, generally speaking, seen more significant reductions in spending power than those in the South, in more affluent areas, and/or controlled by the Conservatives or Liberal Democrats.";
- (c) regrets that this has forced another huge budget gap for the upcoming financial year and notes that the Council is estimated as having a £63 million budget gap for 2015/16;
- (d) regrets that the main opposition group's motion offers no suggestions to help the Council meet the cuts that have been forced by the Coalition Government and calls on the opposition to outline how they would meet the huge financial challenge facing the Council;
- (e) further notes that Members can watch the budget video by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5GD2Roeg8Y>, and would advise all Members to watch the video, particularly Members of the main opposition group who continue to be in denial about the scale of the cuts facing the Council;
- (f) welcomes the Guardian newspaper's description of this video as "A catchy, engaging yet shocking cartoon outlining the crisis facing Sheffield" in a recent article entitled "Councils are in crisis – and it happened on Nick Clegg's watch";
- (g) is shocked that the main opposition group have the audacity to talk about 'regressive taxes' when they have supported a Government who have cut taxes for millionaires and refused to introduce a mansion tax at the same time as cutting tax credits for some of the lowest paid and increasing VAT;
- (h) notes that despite the unprecedented level of cuts facing the Council, the present Administration have frozen Council tax for the past four years; and
- (i) believes that this demonstrates that the present Administration do not have a record of increasing Council tax, however accepts that currently no political group has come forward with proposals to produce a balanced budget and therefore it is not possible to rule Council tax increases in or out at this stage, and notes that this is consistent with the approach taken by the Administration at this stage in the budget process in previous years.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SARAH JANE SMALLEY**

15. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald

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) confirms the present Administration’s commitment to significantly increasing the numbers of people cycling in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Get Britain Cycling report that put forward a series of recommendations to increase cycling provision in Britain;
- (c) further notes that Sheffield was unique among the big cities in setting up an all-party Cycling Inquiry, working with Cycle Sheffield, to consider how the issues set out in the Get Britain Cycling report should be taken forward and implemented in Sheffield, and confirms that all 18 recommendations from the report were signed up to by the current Administration, with a full report due in summer 2015 to set a timetable and pathway as to how each recommendation will be implemented;
- (d) notes that the Cycling Inquiry does not sit in isolation but instead builds upon actions already underway to boost cycling including:
  - A commitment – ahead of many other cities - to progressively roll out 20mph areas to cover the whole city;
  - A continued commitment to the Cycle Boost scheme, which has now more than doubled the number of people cycling to work;
  - Investment in new cycle routes across the city;
  - Supporting the development of a new Cycle Hub at Sheffield train station and ongoing work to develop further hubs in the south of the city and at Meadowhall;
  - Installation of new bike pumps for public use around the city centre; and
  - Support for the Tour de France coming to the city; and
- (e) given this record and commitment to an increased focus on cycling, therefore regrets that such a simplistic mechanism as the number of Councillors who have signed up to the Space for Cycling campaign has been used as a barometer for the city’s record on cycling.