

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 25TH MARCH, 2015

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.8 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEOFF SMITH

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Denise Reaney

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:-

- (a) notes the difficult choices faced by the Coalition Government with regards to the NHS due to the previous Government’s irresponsible spending, including:-
 - (i) wasting £12.7 billion of tax payers’ money on the national programme for IT, an IT system that was deemed ‘unworkable’ and had to be scrapped; and
 - (ii) paying private healthcare firms £1.7 billion to carry out operations within the NHS, £250 million worth for operations that were never actually performed;
- (b) reminds Members of the current situation in Wales where the NHS is falling behind the rest of the UK in almost every measure due to mismanagement by the Welsh Labour Government;
- (c) believes that despite these challenges, the current Government has made remarkable achievements within the NHS, such as:-
 - (i) increasing the availability of specialist cancer drugs through the Cancer Drugs Fund;
 - (ii) introducing the first ever access and waiting time standards for mental health;
 - (iii) increasing access to talking therapies, with £400m investment; and
 - (iv) banning the Health Service from paying private firms more than it pays NHS hospitals to carry out procedures;
- (d) notes that in the event of a Liberal Democrat majority in the next

Parliament, they would commit the £8 billion by 2020 required for the NHS to meet the increasing demand of population growth and people living longer, according to the Chief Executive of NHS England, Simon Stevens' recent report; a pledge not yet matched by the Labour or Conservative Parties; and

- (e) welcomes the letter from EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström confirming that the NHS will be unaffected by the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, specifically that 'there is no reason to fear either for the NHS as it stands today or for changes to the NHS in future, as a result of TTIP or indeed EU trade policy more broadly.'

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley

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

- (d) believes Sheffield needs a fresh alternative approach to the NHS and supports the following:-
 - (i) an immediate increase in funding for the NHS to restore it to 2010 levels, followed by annual uplifts to keep pace with inflation and increasing demand, alongside a parallel investment in social care which would relieve pressure on the health service, both to be paid for largely by higher taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations;
 - (ii) the NHS Reinstatement Bill which aims to reverse the marketisation of the NHS and restore publicly provided services run by local Health Boards;
 - (iii) the creation of 200,000 new jobs in social care and a similar number in health care, with an emphasis on community based roles and mental health;
 - (iv) increase the proportion of funding going into primary care and ensure that it is distributed to reflect the needs of the population served;
 - (v) respect the NHS pay review body and bring NHS pay back in line with inflation;
 - (vii) reject the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership in order to protect all public services, not just the NHS, from big American companies; and
 - (viii) integrate health and social care at national and local levels.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HELEN MIRFIN-BOUKOURIS

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:-
 - (d) thanks the Liberal Democrats in government for the steps they've made in tackling the problem of tax evasion by:
 - (i) a tenfold increase in prosecutions relating to tax crimes;
 - (ii) closing 33 tax loopholes;
 - (iii) improving tax data systems to retrieve over £1bn from fraud;
 - (iv) making deals with tax havens like Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the Channel Islands;
 - (v) introducing the General Anti-Abuse Rule; and
 - (vi) securing £100 billion in additional revenue over the course of this Parliament – including £31 billion from big business;
 - (e) notes that in the event of a Liberal Democrat majority in the next Parliament, they would crack down further on evasion through a series of measures, including:-
 - (i) for offshore evaders, following consultation, the Liberal Democrats would introduce a new strict liability criminal offence so pleading ignorance can't be used to avoid criminal prosecution;
 - (ii) introducing a new offence of corporate failure to prevent tax evasion or the facilitation of tax evasion;
 - (iii) increasing financial penalties for offshore evaders – including, for the first time, linking the penalty to underlying assets;
 - (iv) introducing new civil penalties so those who help evaders will have to pay fines that match the size of the tax dodge they facilitate; and

- (v) extending the scope for HMRC to name and shame both evaders and those who enable evasion;
- 2. the deletion of paragraphs (j) and (m) and the relettering of paragraphs (i), (k) and (l) as new paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) respectively; and
- 3. the insertion, in the new paragraph (h), of the word “further” between the words “to” and “tighten”.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Geoff 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:-

- (a) believes that the Liberal Democrats have a disastrous record in Government and that the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP has betrayed Sheffield;
- (b) regrets the following actions which have been taken by the Liberal Democrats in Government and Nick Clegg MP and believes this demonstrates that they have neither created a stronger economy or fairer society:-
 - (i) cut 50% of Sheffield City Council’s main government grant, resulting in unprecedented levels of cuts to Council services;
 - (ii) at the same time, overseeing increasing spending power to some of the wealthiest areas of the country, and recalls 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;
 - (iii) introduced schemes such as the New Homes Bonus to redistribute money towards some of the wealthiest councils in the country, and 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;

- (iv) abolishing the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters as one of their first acts in government;
- (v) trebling university tuition fees despite promising to abolish them;
- (vi) increasing VAT to 20%, despite campaigning against potential VAT increases;
- (vii) undertaking what this Council believes was a disastrous re-organisation of the NHS, wasting £3 billion on a top down vanity project which would have been better spent on front line services;
- (viii) overseeing the recent crisis in A&E, with the worst waiting times for over 10 years;
- (ix) abolishing the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund;
- (x) wrecking the economic recovery in 2010, which was caused by the Government's economic policies, recalling that the economy was growing when this Government came to power;
- (xi) overseeing a cost of living crisis, with people worse off under this Government;
- (xii) refusing to take action to force energy companies to give customers a fair deal, through voting against Labour's proposed energy price freeze;
- (xiii) overseeing a growth in the number of food banks across the country, including in Sheffield;
- (xiv) making cuts to Sure Start Centres;
- (xv) cutting police numbers, despite promising to increase them in their manifesto, and wasting money on the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners;
- (xvi) taking court action to defend higher levels of bankers' bonuses;
- (xvii) lowering the top rate of income tax, providing a tax cut for millionaires;
- (xviii) introducing the "Bedroom Tax" and then cynically feigning opposition to it months before the election;
- (xix) proposing to locate Sheffield's HS2 station at Meadowhall,

whilst giving other cities, such as Manchester and Leeds, city centre stations;

- (xx) changing the NHS funding formula, redistributing NHS funding away from areas with the highest levels of health inequalities to some of the healthiest and wealthiest areas of the country;
 - (xxi) targeting welfare cuts on the most vulnerable in society, noting that just under half of the financial loss from welfare reform will fall on working households; couples with children are losing an average of nearly £1,700 a year in Sheffield; lone parents are losing over £2,000 a year; and men and women with health problems or disabilities are significantly disadvantaged;
 - (xxii) drastically reducing Sheffield's EU funding, to redistribute the funding to wealthier parts of the country;
 - (xxiii) abolishing Education Maintenance Allowance;
 - (xxiv) cutting funding for regional economic development by two thirds through the abolition of the Regional Development Agencies;
 - (xxv) overseeing a shortfall in funding for school places, at the same time as spending money on opening new Free Schools in areas where there is no shortfall of places;
 - (xxiv) making unfunded promises by the Deputy Prime Minister on free school meals, where the Council has had to pick up the bill for a Government policy where, after promising free school meals for primary school children, the Government has not given the Council and local schools enough funding to deliver this, leaving a £400,000 shortfall;
 - (xxvii) overseeing unacceptably low levels of house building, which has been lower every year than under the previous Government and the lowest in peacetime since the 1920s; and
 - (xxviii) cutting Housing Market Renewal Funding, which has taken away funding from many housing and regeneration projects in Sheffield; and
- (c) believes that Sheffield can't afford another five years of the Liberal Democrats in Government, and regrets that instead of standing up for Sheffield against some of these unfair policies, the local Lib Dems have consistently backed the Government's attack on Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HELEN MIRFIN-BOUKOURIS

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Katie Condliffe, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (i);

- (h) notes the Liberal Democrats support all attempts to prevent unnecessary cruelty to animals; and

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (a):-

“, and believes this has been compounded by the Government’s disastrous re-organisation of the NHS and crippling government cuts, noting for example that the Government’s 50% cut to Revenue Support Grant is impacting upon care services and despite the present Administration’s priority of giving greater protection to social care, the level of cuts the Council is facing means that it is not possible to protect care from cuts;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (f) as follows:-
 - (c) regrets that the Government’s Better Care Fund has proven to be inadequate in meeting these challenges and believes that the Government has sought to spin and mislead over the amount of investment in the Better Care Fund, noting the following comments in the revenue budget report submitted to the meeting of the Council on 6th March 2015 “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”;
 - (d) whilst welcoming the principle of devolution of NHS budgets to a local level, believes that following the Manchester model would not

necessarily be the best solution for realising this for Sheffield, and is becoming increasingly concerned with what this Council believes is 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 when the reality does not match the rhetoric;

- (e) welcomes the proposals outlined by the Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health, to create a genuinely integrated health and social care system; and
- (f) resolves to work with any future government to secure integration of health and social care services.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jillian Creasy, seconded by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley

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

- (c) notes that the Better Care Fund is not new money and, in the context of deep cuts to local authorities, threatens to reduce funding for hard-pressed health services in order to support much needed social care;
- (d) supports the recommendations of the Barker report to provide free social care for the elderly, funded through general taxation;
- (e) supports better integration and local accountability of health and social care, but does not want to see the National Health Service split up with different organisational and funding arrangements in different local authority areas; and
- (f) is extremely concerned about the way the devolution of Manchester's NHS budget has been brought about, without consultation and at breakneck speed.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of the words "without planning permission" at the end of paragraph (f);
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows, and the

relettering of original paragraphs (g) and (h) as new paragraphs (i) and (j):-

- (g) regrets that all of these actions were quite clearly contrary to the intention of the lease, as well as Civil Aviation Authority legislation for a code 2C airport;
- (h) places on record that it is abundantly clear that the intention of the lease/agreement was for an operational airport to be in existence for at least "the reverter period", a minimum of ten years from the date of opening;

3. the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-

- (k) further regrets that the City has lost an airport and has allowed Peel Holdings to profit from the land developments.

9. 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 all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes that the site of the former Sheffield City Airport (SCA) has now been redeveloped as part of the enterprise zone, and recalls that the site was in private ownership before redevelopment and the Council was not in a position to determine the future of the site and had no enforceable powers to prevent redevelopment of the site;
- (b) notes that to purchase the site to stop redevelopment would have cost tens of millions of pounds, plus facilities would then have to be constructed or re-opened, costing millions more;
- (c) recalls that SCA wouldn't make money at first and so the Council would have to be part of the consortium and underwrite operational losses for many years (15 years in the case of London City Airport);
- (d) believes that the Council was in no position to underwrite losses for a project that failed once already, and which its own supporters say would lose money, and that this would be the case at any time, but particularly now with government cuts hitting the Council hard;
- (e) therefore concludes that a private sector backer was needed to underwrite the risk, if they believed the airport was viable and this was not forthcoming;
- (f) believes that the key issue for Doncaster Sheffield Airport is the access to the airport from the M18, noting that the current road network effectively doubles the time it should take to get there from

Sheffield; however, a new link road to the Airport from the M18 will be shortly in operation, and whilst the road will not take traffic directly to the Airport at present, it will reduce typical journey times to around 30 minutes from the centre of Sheffield;

- (g) notes that with Manchester, a significant international hub and easily accessible by train, and several other airports within an hour's drive, a 30 minute journey time from the centre of Sheffield to Doncaster Sheffield Airport will give businesses in the city easy access to an airport with a runway length that allows all aircraft to operate from it, and that such a journey time is comparable to that offered by many other major cities to their nearest airport; and
- (h) notes that the mover of the motion makes no constructive suggestion, the motion simply comments on previous events well before the present Administration, which have been debated on numerous occasions.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NIKKI BOND

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe

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

- (b) thanks the Liberal Democrats in government for blocking the Conservative Party's attempts to get rid of the Human Rights Act 1998, which enshrined in UK law the European Convention on Human Rights, securing individuals' rights to privacy, freedom of religion, expression, association and assembly, to marry and found a family, and protecting people from discrimination; as well as:-
 - (i) working with charities and other organisations to stamp out hate crime against people from ethnic minorities, noting in particular, that the Liberal Democrats have launched schemes to tackle Anti-Muslim and Anti-Semitic hate crime;
 - (ii) delivering better recording of, and response to, hate crimes against people with disabilities and making it a legal right for people not to be discriminated against or harassed because they care for someone with disabilities; and
 - (iii) recording homophobic hate crime better and helping schools tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying.