

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD JUNE, 2015

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

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

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b);
2. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) welcomes all new Councillors to the Town Hall and congratulates all Sheffield's MPs on their election to Parliament.
3. the relettering of paragraphs (c) to (f) as new paragraphs (b) to (e).

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Pauline Andrews

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

- (b) notes that 21 out of the 28 seats that were contested in the local elections were won by the Labour Party, however, although the Labour Group on the Council thanks the electorate, (i) believes that the Group implies and gives the impression that all the people of Sheffield voted for their continued Administration, (ii) believes this to be a blanket statement by the Labour Group and not a true reflection of how the proportion of the electorate voted, and (iii) furthermore, notes that although the Administration was retained, it was without growth, and that only one group on the Council (U.K.I.P.) increased its vote, resulting in an additional City Councillor.

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows:-
 - (b) notes the parliamentary majority achieved by the new Government on just 36.5% of the vote;
 - (c) notes the large majority on Sheffield City Council maintained by the current Administration on just 41.1% of the vote;
2. the relettering of original paragraphs (b) to (f) as new paragraphs (d) to (h); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (n) as follows:-
 - (i) notes the petition of nearly half a million signatories submitted to 10 Downing Street just 11 days after the General Election calling to 'Make seats match votes';
 - (j) agrees with Katie Ghose, Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society, who said "This election delivered the least proportional result in history. That's because our two-party electoral system cannot cope with the fact that people want to vote for a variety of parties. It's time we had a fairer voting system that accurately translated votes into seats in Parliament.";
 - (k) believes that the First Past The Post electoral system is becoming increasingly out of date with the refusal of large sections of the public to support the two main parties;
 - (l) believes the current system is no longer a representative democracy and effectively disenfranchises millions of voters and encourages millions more to believe their vote would be meaningless;
 - (m) supports the campaign by the Electoral Reform Society and Unlock Democracy for a more proportional voting system in all UK elections; and
 - (n) directs that a copy of this motion is sent to all Sheffield MPs and the leaders of the two largest parliamentary parties.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) notes that the former Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, played a crucial role in securing a devolution deal for the Sheffield City Region being only second to Manchester in securing a devolution deal;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows:-
 - (g) notes the recent comments of the Rt. Hon. George Osborne MP makes it clear that further devolution of powers over transport, housing and healthcare to City Regions is dependent on City Regions agreeing to an elected mayor; and
 - (h) notes that in previous votes in this chamber and in a referendum have been against having an elected city mayor, however, it is important that the best deal possible should be negotiated for Sheffield and Sheffield City Region and this may involve discussions on an elected metro-mayor.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
 - (b) believes that the Government's decision to postpone a bill to legislate for this demonstrates that the Prime Minister's attack on human rights looks like its fallen over before it has even left the launch pad and that, as the proposals are unravelling in record time, it increasingly looks like the Conservatives are making it up as they go along;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) and (h) and the relettering of all remaining paragraphs accordingly.

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a)

as follows:-

- (a) believes this country has waited long enough and it is about time the country had a British Bill of Human Rights;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-
 - (c) notes British law has worked well in this country for hundreds of years and does not need to be over-ruled by courts in other countries;
 - (d) is proud of Great Britain's traditions of tolerance, fairness and liberty, values that have been championed around the world;
3. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) further believes that Banning Orders have their place and, if used correctly, can be a useful tool in the fight against crime and the protection of the British public;
4. the deletion of paragraphs (h) and (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
 - (h) agrees that a balance needs to be struck between security and liberty, but believes that finding that balance is an ongoing and very difficult task; and
 - (i) has faith in the British people to run their own affairs in their own way, and make decisions that are in the country's interest but harmonic to other peoples and countries, and is saddened by the lack of confidence shown towards our own ability, and believes that a British Bill of Human Rights could be the pride of this country and the envy of the world.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ISOBEL BOWLER

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion in paragraph (b) of the words “such as the half-marathon and food festival” and their replacement by the words “many of which, such as the Food Festival and Tramlines, were initiated under the previous Administration”.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.13 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, 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:-

- (a) believes that the overriding principle is representative democracy and that there are various valid electoral systems for creating legitimate representatives and governments;
- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and
- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.14 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

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- (b) recognises that, following the 2015 general election, some reasonable concerns have been raised again about the current system; but further recognises that the choice of system should be based on the impact on various criteria over time rather than the outcome of one election; and
- (c) notes that when the British people, including the people of Sheffield, had the opportunity recently to make a change in the 2011 alternative vote referendum, they voted by a considerable margin to keep the current system.

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken

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

- (i) believes all political groups represented on Sheffield City Council deserve to be able to decide the first Motion for debate at a Full Council meeting at least once in a Municipal Year.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald

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

- (c) confirms that it is committed to increasing the role of cycling in the city and 20 mph speed limits are being rolled out city wide which should improve the environment and safety for cyclists along existing carriageways;
- (d) notes that, in addition, a significant part of the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) is being applied to improved cycling routes in Grey 2 Green Phase 2, through the University Campus/Upper Hanover, Moorfoot, the Station and the Lower Sheaf Valley;
- (e) notes that, in addition, the Council's Transport Planning Service is also finalising a cycling strategy for the city, following a new study commissioned from Sustrans, with further proposed plans and routes to be funded by SCRIF;
- (f) notes that the previously reported sum of £160,000 (around 4% of the scheme value) is already part of the approved funding of the Grey to Green Phase 1 scheme;
- (g) notes there are strict contract conditions about the use of this funding, which comes from SCRIF and the European Regional Development Fund; and
- (h) notes that the meeting of the Cabinet on 27th May 2015 resolved that a report would be submitted to a future meeting on all suitable options on the underspend on the Grey to Green Scheme and confirms that the use for cycling will be considered as part of this, alongside other considerations.

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

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Ibrar Hussain

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

- (c) welcomes that the present Administration have already committed that the funding for Associate Libraries will continue at no less than the current level in the next financial year.

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