

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST NOVEMBER, 2017

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.4 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “CHARGES TO ACCESS SERVICES IN HOSPITALS”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Cate McDonald, seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain

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) supports the Labour Party position that the NHS funding gap ‘should not be filled by charging sick patients, anxious relatives and already hard-pressed NHS staff’;
- (b) believes that the NHS health care service should be free at the point of use, however, extra charges to access the service undermine this crucial principle;
- (c) notes that for the 2015-16 financial year, NHS trusts in England netted £120,662,650 in car park charges, up from £114,873,867 the year before;
- (d) further notes that the Labour Party stood on a policy platform to abolish hospital parking charges, after years of campaigning by patients’ groups, and, unlike other parties who had earlier called for this, such as UKIP, Labour’s policy was fully costed; through increased charges on private healthcare insurance to meet the £162m cost of free parking at all NHS hospitals across England;
- (e) notes that this is current Labour Party policy and, as such, the Government will be challenged by Labour MPs on this at every relevant opportunity;
- (f) further notes that at the last General Election only the Labour Party committed to over £30 billion in extra funding over the next Parliament through increasing income tax for the highest 5 per cent of earners and by increasing tax on private medical insurance, and promised to free up resources by halving the fees paid to management consultants;
- (g) notes that the Labour Party’s manifesto promised to boost capital funding for the NHS, to ensure that patients are cared for in buildings

and using equipment that are fit for the 21st century, and proposed introducing a new Office for Budget Responsibility for Health to oversee health spending and scrutinise how it is spent;

- (h) further notes that the Labour Party is committed to reversing privatisation of our NHS; repealing the Health and Social Care Act which it believes puts profits before patients; and
- (i) supports the Labour Party's calls to introduce a new legal duty on the Secretary of State for Health and on NHS England to ensure that excess private profits are not made out of the NHS at the expense of patient care.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the reletting of paragraphs (d) to (f) as new paragraphs (f) to (h); and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-
 - (c) supports the view expressed by Tim Farron MP earlier this year that the private provider of TV and telephone services is treating the sick as 'cash cows' by charging "rip off" prices;
 - (d) notes that Ofcom has launched a call cost review, which includes investigating the rising cost of telephoning hospital patients, and looks forward to the outcome of that review, due later this year;
 - (e) believes that a system should be introduced to enable patients with particular clinical needs e.g. where regular visits to hospital are required, to park without charge and to enable visitors to patients in the last stages of life to be given similar dispensation; however, understands that free parking would lead to a significant increase in demand and would require ongoing management to prevent inappropriate use;

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy

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

- (c) believes there should be no place for private profit in NHS hospital services;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “UNIVERSAL CREDIT”

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Auckland, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten

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) calls for the Government to pause the planned accelerated roll-out of Universal Credit until problems with implementation can be addressed through the following measures:-
 - (i) removing the seven waiting days at the start of a claim, to reduce the amount of time people have to wait for their first payment;
 - (ii) monitoring the impact of payment one month in arrears, and changing it if this results in rising debt and destitution;
 - (iii) making sure everyone moving to Universal Credit is told they can get an Advance Payment to help them while they wait for their first payment;
 - (iv) introducing an online system so people can book their initial Jobcentre appointments online rather than having to call the Universal Credit helpline;
 - (v) allowing people to adjust to Universal Credit by offering everyone options in how they would like the benefit to be paid; and
 - (vi) putting in place a comprehensive support package before Universal Credit roll-out accelerates, to make sure people get advice to manage their money and deal with any complications in the application process;
- (b) notes that:-
 - (i) over a third (39%) of people are waiting more than the 6 weeks it should take to receive their first payment;
 - (ii) in some pilot areas, the average waiting time is as high as 12 weeks;
 - (iii) just over 1 in 10 (11%) are waiting over 10 weeks without the benefit; and
 - (iv) 3 in 5 (57%) are having to borrow money while waiting for their

first payment; and

- (c) reiterates its support for more substantial reform of Universal Credit, including:-
- (i) reversing the Government's cuts to the amount claimants can earn (the "work allowance") before their benefits are reduced;
 - (ii) introducing a second work allowance, allowing both members of a couple to work without losing their benefits;
 - (iii) restoring the first child premium for new claimants;
 - (iv) abandoning the restriction of benefits to just two children; and
 - (v) ending the freeze on working-age benefits.

5. Amendment to be moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Magid Magid), seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson

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

- (s) believes it is not enough just to 'note' national policy issues, and therefore asks the Administration to draw up an action plan to protect Sheffield's citizens from the full roll-out of Universal Credit as well as it can.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Zahira Naz, seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes

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

- (s) notes that on Monday 30 October, The Daily Telegraph stated that Conservative Ministers are reportedly preparing for a major U-turn on the rollout of Universal Credit in the Budget by reducing the controversial six-week wait to four weeks for the first payment to claimants;
- (t) believes that if such a move does indeed take place, it will be due to the weeks of sustained pressure on the Government by the Labour Party and charities, who warned the Government that the implementation of Universal Credit, due to be accelerated this month, is pushing recipients into poverty, arrears and a reliance on food banks; and
- (u) believes, however, that a four week wait it still far too long for many

and that the current proposals for Universal Credit should be ceased immediately until further consideration is given to changes, with national measures implemented to mitigate any problem which may arise with the full rollout of Universal Credit.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “HOUSING POLICY”

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Paul Scriven, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker

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 housing crisis in the UK is long standing and started in 1976 when the numbers of houses built started to decline and has never recovered since then to build numbers at pre-1976 levels;
- (b) is concerned that the number of affordable and social housing has declined since the 1960s over successive governments of all colours and that this trend needs to be reversed if the UK is to tackle its housing crisis;
- (c) is adamant we should never return to the sub prime mortgage market rampant in the 2000s, pre the 2008 crash, that fuelled unsustainable mortgages and unaffordable home ownership;
- (d) believes that local authorities have the determination and ability to make a massive contribution to solving the housing crisis, if given the powers to do so;
- (e) therefore supports a campaign to unlock the potential of local government to help solve the housing crisis by supporting the following:-
 - (i) the right for councils to borrow against their Housing Revenue Account to build local social housing for rent and therefore for the caps to be significantly lifted and in some cases scrapped;
 - (ii) for each local council to determine its own right to buy policy, including the right not to have a right to buy system; and
 - (iii) the ability for councils to implement a local land tax for those who are land banking, so to help to release land to build homes on; and
- (f) requests that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO.7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “LOCAL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SCHEMES”

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond

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) states that at the moment, the Council has a list of over 1100 different requests for local transport improvements, of varying scale and nature, and yet for local enhancement schemes we have a combined budget of only £850k, for 2017/18, which would only fund a handful of the requests from residents and businesses across the City;
- (b) notes that funding cuts are such that Sheffield receives £2.458m a year through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport (IT) capital grant, from an overall £8.6m funding allocation that South Yorkshire receives from the Department for Transport (DfT), compared with 2010 when the South Yorkshire LTP Programme was closer to £29m;
- (c) believes that cuts to funding of this scale since 2010 means that it is no longer possible to afford local structures as they once had existed and the move has been an unavoidable consequence of the cuts facing the Council and the crisis that has been created in transport funding under the previous coalition government and this Government because there is simply not enough funding to operate the system as it was in the past;
- (d) notes that the LTP IT allocation is the only regular grant that the Council still receives from the DfT, with all other allocations coming from specific competitive funding bids, and that specific transport projects which have been funded, such as the Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme (STEP), which has a budget of £3.8m, and Sheffield Better Bus Area Fund, with a budget of £5.2m in 17/18, will see their funding stopped in March 2018;
- (e) states that, as such, from April 2018 the LTP is the main source of funding for the annual programme of transport and highways improvement schemes that the Council implements to deliver the outcomes identified in the Sheffield City Region and emerging Sheffield City Council transport strategies;
- (f) believes it is clear, therefore, that due to the now very low levels of funding that the Council has compared to previous years, moving back to a system where transport funding is shared out, managed and

controlled at a local ward level would mean the Council not being able to deal with the priorities required to meet its statutory duties, in particular road safety and traffic management, or its strategic priorities to deliver growth that the city aims to achieve;

- (g) further notes that pre-2013 the Council's LTP funding was double, whereas now, splitting the funding by ward would mean that each funding pot would be very small and unlikely to be able to fund the cost of a pedestrian crossing;
- (h) however notes that in 2010 the percentage split of locally determined work was £2.1m out of around £7m, i.e. around 30% of the transport capital programme that year, and for next year, 2018/19, the only transport funds available to the Council will be £2.4m LTP, of which £0.85m is in principle allocated to local enhancements – which still works out at around 34% of the programme, which means the proportion of funding spent on local schemes has slightly increased, not reduced;
- (i) welcomes that over the last 5 years, the Council's local accessibility and enhancements programme has been aligned to the Streets Ahead Core Investment Programme (CIP) and Elected Members have been able to input into these programmes of work within the budget available as the programme has been rolled out in their area;
- (j) believes that without the Streets Ahead project the capacity to implement local programmes would have led to even less local schemes implemented than has been;
- (k) believes that the Liberal Democrats are in collective denial about the scale of the national cuts inflicted on Sheffield, and their culpability in this, and how this has impacted on the delivery of council services; and
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Region and South Yorkshire Transport structures are currently subject to a governance review and will take this into account, as part of this review.

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