

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 5 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “RECENT TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS AND INVESTMENT IN SHEFFIELD”

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

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) welcomes the apparent conversion by the Administration to the Liberal Democrat “prochoice” transport policy, but regrets this is rather late in the day;
- (b) is concerned that the reality remains that the present Administration is “anti-car”;
- (c) welcomes the success of this and previous administrations in obtaining, usually through competitive bids, central government time-limited funding for Sheffield and South Yorkshire, but notes that such funding does nothing to address the long term funding injustice between London and the South East, and the “North”;
- (d) notes the value that trees play in tackling air quality and is dismayed by the current Administration’s policy, which this Council believes to be reckless, of felling healthy street trees despite recommendations by the Independent Tree Panel that these much valued trees can be saved via accepted engineering solutions;
- (e) remains concerned at the failure of the Labour Party in South Yorkshire and the Labour administration of this Council to unlock long-term funding of £30 million per annum over 30 years (£900 million in total), by means of the City Region Devolution deal and notes that, so far, £2.3 million of Sheffield City Region funding is unspent;
- (f) is concerned that the opportunities for holding the Administration to account and to hear from and influence officers with respect to transport policies and plans has been reduced by centralising their decision making after abolishing Community Assemblies, and notes that a Liberal Democrat administration would reverse this situation in order to demonstrate truth, trust and transparency in decision making that our city badly needs;

- (g) emphasises the value and importance of small local transport schemes with the object of removing short local journeys by car, particularly the school run, and accordingly is very concerned that a policy for the use of community infrastructure levy monies, amounting to £494,532 as of 31st December 2017, has still not been approved;
- (h) expresses surprise at the investment of £694,000 in the City Centre 20mph zone as a priority, when so many other local roads in all wards in the City are more suitable for such schemes - average speed in the city centre is less than 20mph, and roads which are more prone to accidents are not included;
- (i) is concerned that plans on paper don't equal real action on the ground and calls for a complete review of transport and parking services in order to ensure that the services are "fit for purpose";
- (j) agrees with targeted road capacity improvements which are necessary to ensure economic and productivity growth, but believes these will only succeed if private car users make a positive choice to use alternative modes of transport, otherwise congestion will continue to increase in the long run;
- (k) is very concerned, therefore, at the failure of the Sheffield Bus Partnership to increase bus passenger numbers and believes that any "reasons" advanced for this are no more than excuses, and no amount of "innovation and investment" will succeed without a regular, reliable, affordable, integrated, stable, environmentally-friendly and expanding bus network, and that, sadly, such a service appears to be increasingly absent from all areas of Sheffield; and
- (l) believes that the Labour Party are rather late converts to the cause of bus reregulation, in recent years having done nothing in office locally, and little nationally, to make reregulation a realistic possibility.

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

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

"and will hold the Mayor to account for his manifesto promises to 'use regulatory powers, and eventually franchising, to improve bus services' and 'work with all transport operators to introduce an integrated ticketing system across all public transport'; and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (s) to (v) as follows:-  
  - (s) congratulates this Administration and the Labour Party on their new-found support for the long standing local and national Green Party

transport policies such as a 20 mph limit for the city centre; support for low emission taxis; investment in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure; public ownership of the rail network and re-regulation of bus services;

- (t) is disappointed by Council plans to invest in the widening of roads in Kelham Island and Heeley using the 'predict and provide' principle which was discredited in the 1998 White Paper: *A New Deal for Transport* as being likely to lead to worse traffic congestion and air quality in the long term;
- (u) hopes that unlike the Council's two previous Air Quality Action Plans, the vision and strategies in this Motion are followed through effectively and the people of Sheffield feel the benefits of less congestion, cleaner air and better accessibility; and
- (v) looks forward to more green transport policies being taken up by this Council, such as the opening and re-opening of railway stations and lines, the introduction of more segregated cycle routes and the return of the Freebee city-centre bus service.

### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO IMPOSE FRACKING ON SHEFFIELD”**

#### **3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Adam Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Gail Smith**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (k) as new paragraphs (b) to (j); and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (p) as follows:-
  - (k) notes the Liberal Democrats' May 2017 manifesto statement that: we “oppose fracking because of its adverse impact on climate change, the energy mix, and the local environment.”;
  - (l) also notes the Lib Dem commitment to double green electricity generation to 60 percent by 2030;
  - (m) supports the work that local residents' and campaign groups have undertaken within the City to highlight the impact of fracking on our natural environment;
  - (n) notes the work done by Lib Dem councillors and campaigners in engaging with residents across the City to seek their views on fracking, in particular with a residents' survey where 1381 households responded with 86 percent against fracking;

- (o) contrasts this with the pro-fracking position held by the MP for Penistone and Stockbridge who commented, “I don’t think those fears are justified at all. I spent a number of years attending meetings, listening to both sides of the debate, including the Environment Agency, Public Health England and the Health and Safety Executive, and I am absolutely convinced that with the right regulatory framework there is no reason to fear [fracking]”; and
- (p) therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge setting out this Council’s opposition to fracking and expressing our disappointment on the pro-fracking position that she has taken on this vital issue affecting our city’s environment.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) and (m) as follows:-

- (l) congratulates the Labour Party on their new-found support for long standing local and national Green Party policies such as supporting renewable technology and opposing fracking; and
- (m) notes the action taking place up and down the country against fracking, and supports their right to peacefully protest against administrations unfairly imposing policy against the will of local communities.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT DECISION MAKING AT SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL”**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders

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) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);
- (c) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the strong

leader/Cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;

- (d) notes that all Core Cities and authorities in Yorkshire use the Strong Leader Model – except those who have a directly elected Mayor;
- (e) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or conducive to open decision making than the current system, a position agreed with by the CPS, and regrets that despite claiming that moving to a committee system would increase transparency, and public scrutiny of decision making, the mover of the Motion fails to articulate how a committee system would improve this;
- (f) notes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for oversight and scrutiny available to Members; and
- (g) further, notes that this Administration has a strong record of continuously improving transparency and public engagement and highlights that last year's budget consultation had significantly increased participation from the public, and notes the on-going changes and reviewing of Council meetings to improve public engagement.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the relettering of original paragraphs (f) to (i) as new paragraphs (g) to (j):-

- (f) notes that only 4 out of 10 voters supported the current Administration, yet all 10 members of the Cabinet have been selected from the ruling group;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “PROMOTING HEALTH AND REDUCING CONSUMPTION”**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale

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

- (d) notes that this Administration has recently outlined a series of measures to tackle sugar, junk food and obesity in Sheffield;
- (e) further notes that in March, Cabinet took the decision to approve the

Food and Wellbeing Strategy which includes a measure to resist sponsorship from junk food companies and to stop such adverts near schools, where the Council has the power to do so;

- (f) notes that this Administration's Food and Wellbeing Strategy aims to create a low sugar Sheffield to reduce diet-related ill-health including obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay, and that, in particular, the Strategy sets out to tackle obesity and children's dental health in the 20 percent most deprived areas of Sheffield;
- (g) notes that the plan will also see healthier food and drinks in Council leisure centres and park cafes, and that this builds on the successful GULP (Giving Up Loving Pop) campaign in schools, which encourages young people, their families and school staff to give up sugary drinks; and
- (h) believes that public provision of drinking water is an important initiative, both for the reduction of single-use plastics and for health, and acknowledges the Green Party's praise of the Labour administration's work towards this.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Colin Ross, 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 Liberal Democrats' May 2017 manifesto included pledges to:-
  - (i) pass a Zero Waste Act, including legally-binding targets for reducing net consumption of key natural resources, and introducing incentives for businesses to improve resource efficiency;
  - (ii) benefit consumers by promoting better product design to improve reparability, reuse and recycling;
  - (iii) establish a statutory waste recycling target of 70% in England and extend separate food waste collections to at least 90% of homes by 2022; and
  - (iv) build on the success of our plastic bag charge, by introducing a 5p charge on disposable coffee cups to reduce waste;
- (b) notes that the Liberal Democrat 2018 local manifesto included commitments to:-
  - (i) introduce a 'Keep Sheffield Green' fund – an additional pot of money for local communities to decide how best they would like

- to invest in their environment, e.g. street tree retention, cycle routes, recycling;
- (ii) extend the recycling of plastics and make it easier for residents to recycle plastic, eg by requiring the Council's contractor to undertake more separation;
  - (iii) investigate reverse-vending for plastic bottle returns and encouraging water bottle re-filling points in public places and businesses, and explore the collection of food waste for composting; and
  - (iv) increase the number of green bin collections in the autumn and promote the take up of the service to households across the city; and
- (c) therefore asks this Administration to "put the protection of the environment at the heart of policies across all areas of local government".

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