Agenda Item 6



Governance Committee 8th December 2021

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<u>It's Our City! supplementary evidence 8th December 2021</u>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit further evidence. The Governance Committee will be aware we have made detailed previous submissions.

As usual, all our comments are informed by what 20,000 local citizens, from all across Sheffield, told *It's Our City!* Volunteers, by our understanding of research and good practice guidance for local governance, and what appears to be a growing concern for many across the country – considerations of the importance and quality of local democratic practices. Sheffield (still) has an opportunity to place itself at the forefront of thinking and practice on governance.

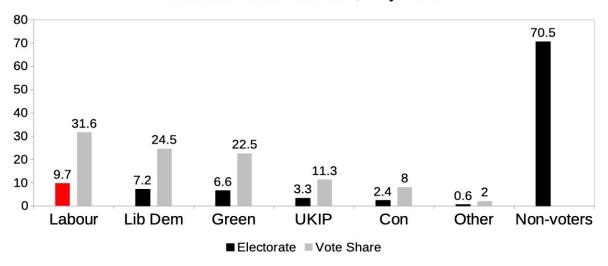
We would like to make verbal comment under the following headings:

- Purpose and outcomes
- 'Stakeholders' and 'the public'
- The process of governance change and the longer improvement journey
- Resources and bureaucracy
- LACs and citizens rights

The graphs on the following pages are for reference.

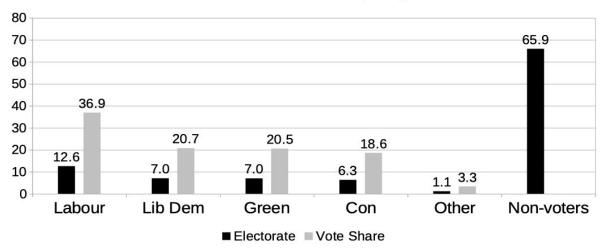
Graph 1

Sheffield electoral mandate, Sheffield Local Elections, May 2019



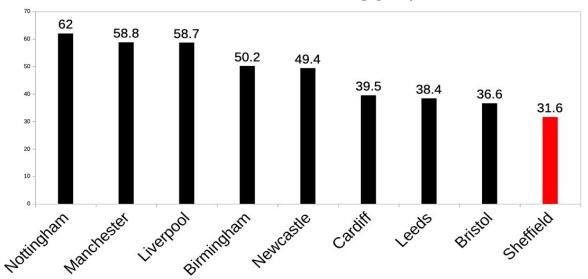
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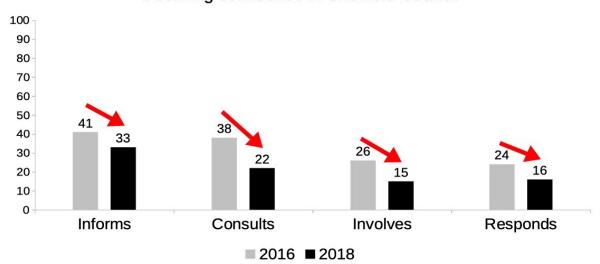
Graph 3





Graph 4

The community & voluntary sector: Declining confidence in Sheffield Council



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