

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

#### List of Amendments to Notices of Motion received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “MORE CASH IN PEOPLE’S POCKETS AT CHRISTMAS”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Horner, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones

That the motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of all further paragraphs accordingly:-
  - (g) notes that a lack of access to transport can exacerbate poverty due to difficulties getting to work and school on time, along with increasing isolation and loneliness, condemns the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority’s upcoming reduction in bus services, and notes that the Bus Service Improvement Plan submitted by Dan Jarvis in October 2021 was rejected by the Government due to a ‘lack of ambition’, compared to West Yorkshire MCA which received £70m;
2. The addition [after the original paragraph (h), re-lettered as a new paragraph (i)] of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
  - (j) notes that in July 2023, a successful Liberal Democrat motion requested the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee allocate £600k in additional Cost of Living funding for Citizens Advice Bureau and Local Area Committees, and calls on the Committee to consider this funding on its work programme without delay;
3. The addition [after the original paragraph (i), re-lettered as a new paragraph (k)] of new paragraphs (l) and (m) as follows:-
  - (l) notes that the majority of these ~4,000 children would be supported by a policy which introduced free school meals for all primary students, and notes with deep disappointment that:-
    - (i) despite pressure from mayors, MP’s and the National Education Union, the Labour Party has failed to commit to this relatively low cost measure; and

- (ii) both the proposer and seconder, along with their Labour Group colleagues, failed to endorse this policy at the last meeting of the Council;
  - (m) believes that, as long as the Labour Party fails to commit to providing free school meals to all primary school students and abolishing the two child benefit cap, they have no credibility on the Cost of Living crisis, and resolves that the Council write to both Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak, urging them to commit to these policies;
- 2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition, at the end of paragraph (e), of the words “and so recognises that tackling poverty is a year-round activity and not just for Christmas”.
- 2. the deletion, from paragraph (j), of the words “at Christmas”.
- 3. the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-
  - (k) as part of this work, requests that Strategy and Resources Policy Committee consider investigating mainstreaming the work on income maximisation initiated by Gleadless Valley Councillors in their Local Area Committee by the provision of advice work services.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "FINANCING SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL AFTER THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION"**

- 3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tom Hunt, seconded by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards

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 the forthcoming report by Prof. Richard Murphy of Sheffield University Management School, but that without knowing what the report will say, or what its recommendations will be, we cannot comment upon its contents.

- 4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (b) and the re-lettering of paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (b).
2. The addition of new paragraphs (c) to (f) as follows:-
  - (c) believes that directly raising tax on individuals is the wrong approach to funding key public services, and instead favours taxing the enormous profits of organisations benefiting from the Cost of Living crisis such as water companies, oil and gas companies, and banks;
  - (d) notes that in 2022, BP reported profits of £21.8bn and Shell reported profits of £32.2bn, while families struggled to pay their energy bills, and calls for a proper, one off windfall tax on the super-profits of oil and gas producers and traders;
  - (e) believes that a Workplace Parking Levy would not target the 1%, but instead would create disincentives for businesses to locate in the City Centre and would pass costs on to consumers;
  - (f) notes the significant increase in the repairs backlog following the insourcing of the housing repairs service, and expresses doubt over whether a wholly owned Council company would meet the Council's best value duty;
3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (g) and the deletion of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) from that paragraph.
4. the re-lettering of original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (h) and the deletion of the words "and to implement the recommendations of the Taxing Wealth Report to date, and consider any future recommendations" from that paragraph.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PREVENTING ANOTHER BIRMINGHAM"**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Zahira Naz, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following content at the end of paragraph (b) – "and in particular:-
  - (i) notes that since 2010 Sheffield has suffered from 13 years of austerity from the Coalition and Conservative governments;
  - (ii) notes that this Council's funding has been cut by 29%, or £856 per resident in real terms since 2010, compared to the national average of 20% and £581 per resident; and

- (iii) believes government needs to step-up and provide fairer funding, and as a Council we should continue being vocal in our demands;
- 2. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
  - (c)(i) notes that the Council has always balanced its budget; and
  - (ii) notes that the Co-Operative Executive, when developing proposals for 2022/23, faced immediate challenges brought about by the covid pandemic and what this Council believes to be the woeful government settlement, most acutely in social care;
- 3. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) believes that the Council must spend every pound carefully, prudently and transparently;
- 4. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
  - (f) believes that all BIPs as part of the 2024/25 budget must be deliverable, and also:-
    - (i) notes that the Medium-Term Financial Analysis (MTFA) highlights particular areas of pressure; high-cost placements for children in care, temporary accommodation, homelessness, and adult social care;
    - (ii) notes that nationally more children than ever are in the care system and their outcomes are getting worse, believes that the Government needs to support them significantly better and reduce cost of care packages, and notes that locally we are already working to ensure that the right costs for placements are being met and high-cost placements are being reviewed;
    - (iii) notes the continuing impact of the pandemic, with the high cost of care packages put in place during this time having a significant impact carrying into 2023/24; and
    - (iv) believes that the homelessness support provided by Government is woefully inadequate, noting that the Council is spending nearly £6million to bridge the gap between the amount accommodation costs to procure and the amount recovered via housing benefit;
- 5. the substitution of “2024/25” for “2025/26” in sub-paragraph (h)(ii).

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition, at the end of paragraph (c)(b), of the words “and thanks officers throughout the Council for their work in addressing very challenging budgets”.
2. the deletion of paragraph (d).
3. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
  - (d) believes the committee system in No Overall Control has led to better and more robust decision-making;
4. the substitution, in paragraph (e), of the words “the Council being in No Overall Control” for the words “Liberal Democrat involvement”.
5. the deletion, in paragraph (f), of all the words after “Policy Committee Budgets”.
6. the deletion of paragraph (h) and the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
  - (h) looks forward to ongoing, cross-party budget monitoring and budget-setting over the course of this financial year.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING " PROTECTING SHEFFIELD FROM DANGEROUS DOGS"**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston

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

- (i) recognises that ambiguity around the definition of the XL bully and similar dogs, with or without a ban, poses additional challenges for dog control and animal care officers, alongside additional demands on the service as more potentially dangerous animals are likely to be rejected by their owners;
- (j) condemns the illegal and barbaric practice of dog fighting, which contributes to the criminal breeding of highly aggressive dogs;
- (k) highly appreciates the good work by dog rescue charities to find homes for unwanted dogs, often working with dogs with difficult behaviour;
- (l) welcomes the new kennelling strategy agreed by the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee, which will improve the conditions which dogs

under the Council's care are kept in, and deliver a cost saving of £54k per year;

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Henry Nottage, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of all further paragraphs accordingly:-
  - (c) thanks dog shelters, charities and rescuers for their work caring for rescue dogs, and finding and supporting suitable new owners for them, and encourages those looking for a new dog to rehome a rescue;
2. the addition [after the original paragraph (g), re-lettered as a new paragraph (h)] of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-
  - (i) believes that the rise in figures shows that more needs to be done to address unethical dog breeders, and to ensure that dogs are raised in a suitable environment by responsible owners;
3. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (iii) in the "therefore this Council" section, as follows:-
  - (iii) calls on the Government to implement two-tier dog-licensing [breeding and non-breeding], licensing of all animal breeders and dog owners, and subsidised spaying and neutering, to ensure more responsible care of all dogs, not just selected breeds.