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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING**

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The Council is composed of 84 Councillors with one-third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to the residents of their Ward. The overriding duty of Councillors is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints the Leader and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its Committees. It also appoints representatives to serve on joint bodies and external organisations.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday, or you can ring on telephone no. 2734552. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked \* on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings. Please see the website or contact Democratic Services for further information.

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last. If you would like to attend the meeting please report to the First Point Reception desk where you will be directed to the meeting room.

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## **FACILITIES**

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There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
3 JULY 2013**

**Order of Business**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 5 June 2013 and to approve the accuracy thereof

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any questions or petitions from the public, or communications submitted by the Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass such resolutions thereon as the Council Procedure Rules permit and as may be deemed expedient

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

5.1 Questions relating to urgent business – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii).

5.2 Supplementary questions on written questions submitted at this meeting – Council Procedure Rule 16.4

5.3 Questions on the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue, Integrated Transport and Pensions – Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

(NB. Minutes of recent meetings of the three South Yorkshire Joint Authorities have been made available to all Members of the Council via the following link <https://meetings.sheffield.gov.uk/council-meetings/full-council>)

**6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

To consider any changes to the memberships and arrangements for

meetings of Committees etc., delegated authority, and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

That this Council:

- (a) notes that the European Union has agreed that parts of the UK should receive 'Transition Regions' funding, which would include funding for South Yorkshire, despite opposition from the Government;
- (b) is dismayed that despite 'Transition' status, South Yorkshire is set to see a massively disproportionate reduction in its allocation of EU funding of up to 66%, due to the Government's plans to re-allocate funding to protect Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland from "sudden and significant reductions";
- (c) deplores Government plans to, in effect, take European funding away from South Yorkshire to give it to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, particularly when Scotland and Northern Ireland have a higher Gross Value Added score;
- (d) believes it is completely indefensible to take money away from South Yorkshire which would be spent on helping people into work, offering more apprenticeships and training, reducing emissions, building flood defences and helping business to export more and benefit from new technologies, and welcomes action taken by South Yorkshire MPs and MEPs in campaigning against this move;
- (e) is concerned by reports that Government Ministers in charge of allocating the funds are considering giving a larger share of funding to the south of England than was allocated in the last funding round in 2007; and
- (f) regrets that this Government and the Deputy Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, have yet again let Sheffield and South Yorkshire down and urges them to urgently reconsider these proposals and give South Yorkshire a fair deal.

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

That this Council:

- (a) fully supports the open letter signed by 151 Council Leaders from all political parties to the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing concerns that further cuts to local government in the next spending review would have a devastating impact on services;
- (b) recalls comments from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, The Rt.

Hon. Danny Alexander MP, that local government has "borne the brunt of deficit reduction", noting that Council funding from central government will have been cut by 33 per cent since this Government came into power and in comparison Whitehall departments will have faced average reductions of 12 per cent;

- (c) agrees with the letter that local government bore the brunt of cuts in the last spending review and for the sake of the public it cannot afford to do so again;
- (d) believes it would be bad for the country, bad for people and bad for our prospects of economic recovery if funding for local services is cut further; and
- (e) urges the Government to listen to the Local Government Association letter and also to reconsider the distribution of cuts which has resulted in heavy cuts to Sheffield whilst some councils in the wealthiest parts of the country receive almost no cuts at all.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR**

That this Council:

- (a) is deeply concerned by reports in the Budget Outturn Report 2012/13 that the total slippage in last year's capital programme was £87 million;
- (b) understands that this slippage represents an astounding 43% of the Council's capital spend;
- (c) highlights the comments of finance officers in the report that the slippage is "the highest annual level of slippage recorded to date";
- (d) believes the failure to proceed with approved projects will have cost jobs across Sheffield;
- (e) considers the Administration responsible for this historic failure and laments the Administration's staggering indifference to the potential damage to jobs and businesses across Sheffield; and
- (f) calls on the Administration to take immediate action to ensure this failure is not repeated.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS WELDON**

That this Council:

- (a) reiterates its support for the motion passed on 7th November 2012 condemning the practice of blacklisting;

- (b) notes comments by the Prime Minister on 12th June this year “the Government not only doesn’t support blacklisting but has taken action against it”;
- (c) further notes the reaction of Unite Assistant General Secretary, Gail Cartmail to the Prime Minister’s comments:

"For Mr Cameron to claim the Tories have taken action against blacklisting is unbelievable and it's an insult to the victims. The Tories have done nothing to prevent blacklisting and Mr Cameron quite clearly opposes a full public inquiry. The Tories are displaying staggering complacency when they should be supporting a proper inquiry into this proven conspiracy."; and
- (d) resolves to write to the Deputy Prime Minister urging him to raise this issue with the Prime Minister, seeking a full investigation into blacklisting.

#### **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK SCOTT**

That this Council:

- (a) fully supports the calls for a decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill and profoundly regrets that the recent amendment proposing one was defeated;
- (b) notes that had all Liberal Democrat MPs supported the amendment it could have been carried, however regrets that yet again MPs such as the Deputy Prime Minister placed their loyalty towards their Coalition colleagues above delivering real action on climate change;
- (c) believes that this typifies the present Government’s abject failure to deliver meaningful action on climate change;
- (d) notes comments from Andy Atkins, Executive Director of Friends of the Earth: "The Liberal Democrat leadership’s green credibility has been left in tatters after siding with the Conservatives to back a headlong dash for gas – this would send fuel bills rocketing and jobs overseas, and punch a gaping hole in our climate targets"; and also the comments of Doug Parr, Chief Scientist and Policy Director of Greenpeace UK: "For the sake of households struggling with gas bills, and for the sake of the climate, they [the Lib Dems] must not allow clean energy to be another concession to the Tory right."; and
- (e) warmly welcomes the commitment by HM Opposition to set a decarbonisation target in its election manifesto and believes this is an example of real action to tackle climate change.

#### **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND**

That this Council:

- (a) believes that Liberal Democrats in Government are working to build a stronger economy and a fairer society;
- (b) notes that since the 2010 General Election, more than one million private sector jobs have been created in the United Kingdom, alongside a massive expansion in the number of young people starting apprenticeships;
- (c) wholeheartedly welcomes the Liberal Democrat 'A Million Jobs' campaign, which now aims to create one million more jobs in Britain;
- (d) in particular, backs measures delivered by the Coalition Government which will help generate jobs in the Sheffield City Region, and welcomes the following outcomes:
  - (i) new jobs and investment at the Advanced Manufacturing Park;
  - (ii) a new University Technical College for Sheffield, which will provide the skills the next generation of Sheffielders need to compete; and
  - (iii) 5,430 young people starting an apprenticeship in Sheffield in just one year, a 54% increase on the previous Government's last year in office;
- (e) thanks the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam for helping to secure investment for our City and supports his proposals, made in a recent speech in Sheffield, for a Local Growth Committee to ensure more power is devolved to regions; and
- (f) agrees to give its full backing to the 'A Million Jobs' campaign and directs that a copy of this motion is forwarded to all Sheffield MPs.

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

That this Council:

- (a) notes the importance to the UK of the arts and creative industries, with art and culture enriching the lives of individuals, reinforcing a sense of local community, and being vital to the economy, generating more than £36 billion a year and employing 1.5 million people;
- (b) calls on the Government actively to support the arts by developing a strategy for the arts and creative industries;
- (c) believes that this should include putting creativity at the heart of



education, ensuring that creative industries have access to finance and funding, protecting intellectual property, supporting the arts and creative industries, including museums and galleries, in all nations and regions of the country, not just London, and attracting inward investment and providing support for exports;

- (d) recognises that it is not only right in principle that the arts should be for everyone but that the arts thrive when they draw on the pool of talent of young people from every part of the country and all walks of life; and
- (e) believes that a strong Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with a Secretary of State standing up for the arts, is crucial.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

That this Council:

- (a) notes that the Castle Market was built on the site of the original Sheffield Castle which was first mentioned in written records in 1184;
- (b) further notes that demolition of the current Castle Market presents a unique opportunity to excavate the Castle site and incorporate it into a wider regeneration strategy for the area;
- (c) notes the Administration's plans to fully excavate the ruins of the Castle's foundations and open them to the general public;
- (d) confirms that the Administration is in discussions with the Heritage Lottery Fund to try and secure the necessary resources to excavate the site;
- (e) furthermore, confirms the Administration's intention to incorporate community involvement as a key element of any plans for excavation and display of any Castle remains and/or artefacts found at the site; and
- (f) therefore commits to begin stakeholder engagement this summer with interested parties and the public, and to re-form the cross-party Castle Member Group and to work with the Friends of Sheffield Castle Group, to begin discussions on how to progress the project for the benefit of Sheffield and the Castlegate area.

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

That this Council:

- (a) notes the announcement by the Shadow Chancellor, The Rt. Hon.

Ed Balls MP, that the Labour Party are considering proposals for a Regional Benefits Cap;

- (b) believes this policy would amount to an attack on the people of Sheffield and regrets that the Labour Party leadership are proposing a policy so damaging to our City;
- (c) furthermore notes the comments of the ex-Chief Whip of the Labour Party and MP for Newcastle East, who ridiculed the proposals;
- (d) is delighted that the Liberal Democrat Chief Secretary to the Treasury, The Rt. Hon. Danny Alexander MP, has stated that there is “no prospect” of the current Government introducing a regional cap and highlights his comments that “In terms of regionalising benefits, for me as a Liberal Democrat, it's just a non-starter”; and
- (e) calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Shadow Chancellor, condemning this unfair proposal, and use her influence in the Labour Party to ensure this policy is not adopted.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PENNY BAKER**

That this Council:

- (a) notes reports in The Sheffield Star on 17th June 2013 that Sheffield City Council is considering the introduction of a ‘hotel tax’;
- (b) believes a ‘hotel tax’ could ultimately damage Sheffield’s economy and result in a loss of jobs;
- (c) regrets that the current Administration have dreamt up yet another poorly-thought-through ‘anti-business’ proposal; and
- (d) calls on the Administration to immediately rule out the possibility of a ‘hotel tax’ and work with local businesses instead of against them.



Chief Executive

Dated this 27 day of June 2013

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 4 September 2013 at the Town Hall**



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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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New standards arrangements were introduced by the Localism Act 2011. The new regime made changes to the way that members' interests are registered and declared.

If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** (DPI) relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period\* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

\*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -
  - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
  - which has not been fully discharged.
- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) -
  - the landlord is your council or authority; and
  - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
  - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
  - (b) either
    - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
    - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Under the Council's Code of Conduct, members must act in accordance with the Seven Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership), including the principle of honesty, which says that 'holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest'.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life.

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously, and has been published on the Council's website as a downloadable document at [-http://councillors.sheffield.gov.uk/councillors/register-of-councillors-interests](http://councillors.sheffield.gov.uk/councillors/register-of-councillors-interests)

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

Further advice can be obtained from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on 0114 2734018 or email [lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk)

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# Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH, on Wednesday 5 June 2013, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nikki Bond, Katie Condliffe, Alison Brelsford, Jillian Creasy, Tony Damms, Roger Davison, Julie Dore, Qurban Hussain, Philip Wood and Cliff Woodcraft.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Members of the City Council.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3 April 2013 and the Annual Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2013 were approved as correct records.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1 Lord Mayor's Communications

4.1.1 Award of Fairtrade Status

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) received a certificate, presented by Alison Trezise and Jackie Butcher of the Sheffield Initiative for Fairtrade (SHIFT), awarding Fairtrade status for Sheffield.

4.1.2 Drummer Lee Rigby

The Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet members for Homes and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Harry Harpham) read the following statement to the Council:

“Given that this is the first meeting of the Council since the death of Drummer Lee Rigby, I on behalf of the Council would like to pass our condolences to the family of Drummer Rigby.

We are aware that the English Defence League (EDL) are again planning to come to Sheffield City Centre this Saturday. We value free speech but what I believe is important is that the family of Lee Rigby have said that he would not have wanted his death used to promote hatred and division. Sheffield has long been proud of its culture of diversity and tolerance and we believe that anybody who intends to take part in this does so with dignity and respect befitting of the way the death of a member of the armed forces should be marked.”

4.2 Petitions

(a) Petition concerning Fracking in the Sheffield City Region

The Council received a petition containing approximately 450 signatures and requesting the Council to ensure there is no exploration, development and production of shale gas in the Sheffield City Region through the hydraulic fracturing process known as fracking.

On behalf of the petitioners, Joan Miller addressed the Council and stated that she was presenting the petition to Council as a representative of Sheffield Climate Alliance. She stated that the process of fracking could pollute water sources, used large amounts of water, cause air pollution and trigger earth tremors. Producing fossil fuels did not fit the United Kingdom's laws relating to reducing carbon and the Council should support the generation of energy from renewable sources and the reduction of demand through improved planning and the insulation of buildings.

The process of fracturing coal seams used large amounts of water and also resulted in contaminants in the discharged water and the release of pollutants, radiation and salt and was physically harmful to the environment. There were more reserves of registered fossil fuels than could be safely burnt, whilst limiting any rise in global temperature to within 2 per cent. When burnt, the methane gas which was extracted contributed to global climate change and it was conceivable that, if the present trend continued, the rise in temperature would be nearer to 4 percent as stated by the World Bank.

Less energy needed to be generated from fossil fuels and the petition asked that Sheffield invests in low carbon and enables the creation of associated stable work opportunities.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene. Councillor Scott stated that there was a need to reduce reliance upon coal, although there was no evidence that this was happening. A revolution was required in the energy market and the extraction of shale gas would neither bring about the necessary change nor provide energy security. He believed that it was not responsible for the Government to offer tax incentives in relation to shale gas and he agreed that there was little transparency in relation to the processes, chemicals used in fracking or levels of toxicity resulting from fracking. The integrity of every site would have to be insured to make sure there was no likelihood of water contamination and an environmental impact assessment should be undertaken before any fracking took place.

Councillor Scott stated that he was not in a position to say that there would never be extraction of shale gas in the region, but any such operations would need to meet strict conditions. He stated that a group would be set up to gather experts' views so Sheffield leads the way in delivering a low carbon future.

(b) Petition concerning Burngreave against the cuts

The Council received a petition containing 369 signatures which called upon the

Council to oppose the cuts and stand with the people of Burngreave and other communities in Sheffield who are having the services they relied on threatened with closure. The petition referred to the example of Dundee Council and asked Sheffield City Council to refuse to persecute the poor through the proposed 'bedroom tax'.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods. Councillor Harpham stated that the Council did oppose the cuts and stood with those people who were campaigning against the cuts. The Council would not persecute those people who were the poorest in society and was doing a lot to ensure that people did not get into rent arrears, providing them with advice in relation to money management and opportunities, including the Credit Union and help to find employment and directing people to other agencies who could help.

(c) Petition Supporting IKEA's Proposal for a New Store on Sheffield Road, Tinsley

The Council received an electronic petition containing 501 signatures, which requested the Council to support IKEA's proposal for a new store on Sheffield Road, Tinsley.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development. Councillor Bramall stated that he would pass the petition to the Council's planning department and Planning and Highways Committee. He stated that the Council was working to assist IKEA with the planning process and that a large planning application had been received, which was considerably detailed. The Council welcomed the proposal for investment which the application from a company such as IKEA presented.

(d) Petition Regarding Fruit and Vegetable Vans

The Council received a petition containing 228 signatures and requesting the Council to relax licensing conditions regarding fruit and vegetable vans so that they might trade within 400 metres, rather than 800 metres, of the nearest shop and on weekends as well as weekdays.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure. Councillor Bowler stated that she would respond to the petitioners in writing.

4.3 Public Questions

(a) Public questions concerning the 'bedroom tax'

Margaret Stone asked, given that the bedroom tax means a lot of the most vulnerable people in Sheffield are not going to be able to pay their Council rent, are the Council going to adopt a 'no evictions' policy?

Jo Taylor asked why have the Council not reclassified homes that are affected

by tenants who are under-occupying and when is the Council to reclassify the homes of tenants that are affected to stop them losing their tenancy?

Patricia Ponssa asked when is a spare bedroom too small to function as a bedroom? She stated that a definition was needed for the purposes of the bedroom tax. A bedroom which is judged too small for a child by adoption authorities should not be liable for tax. She asked will the Council be joining with other councils to reclassify bedrooms?

A question was asked as to whether the Council would support people who campaigned against the bedroom tax?

In response to the questions, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that the Council Administration opposes the 'bedroom tax' and supports people who campaigned to get the measure scrapped. The tax did affect families in certain circumstances and particularly, for example, those with disabled children.

The Council would not adopt a policy of no evictions. However, the Council was arranging visits to all homes affected by the bedroom tax, so they might avoid getting into rent arrears in the first place. If the Council did not collect rent, it would affect the level of services which could be delivered for housing, which all came from rent income and this was not considered to be a responsible approach.

The Council would continue to offer all of the help it could, which included signposting people to advice services, such as Citizen's Advice, the Credit Union, debt advice and support in obtaining employment and this was considered to be the best way to react to the introduction of the bedroom tax.

The Council was looking at whether it could reclassify bedrooms, as suggested in the questions. In the case of Leeds, the reclassification of bedrooms related to hard to let properties and one third of properties in Leeds were still eligible for the bedroom tax. Sheffield City Council was considering the idea of reclassification of bedrooms, although the economic impact of such a policy would also need to be considered.

The size dimensions of a bedroom are not taken into account for the purposes of the bedroom tax. However, room size criteria did apply for fostering and in relation to statutory homelessness.

(b) Public questions concerning budget cuts

Ian Wallace asked whether the Council agreed that if the Government taxed the rich as even happened under Margaret Thatcher's early years, then many of these cuts could be avoided.

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that he agreed that the Government should tax the rich as they need to.

(c) Public question concerning fossil fuel reserves

Beatrice Greenfield asked whether Councillors were aware that there were five times the fossil fuel reserves in the world that can be burned if we were to have a good chance of staying within a two degree global temperature rise and stated, therefore, that we do not need 'fracking'.

In response, Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, stated that, it was not thought that the world would run out of fossil fuels and neither should we pretend that a 2 °C rise in global temperature was a success. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report says that a 2 °C rise in temperature may be as damaging in its effects as an increase of 4 °C. It was important that energy in the United Kingdom was decarbonized. He referred to an amendment to the Energy Bill in Parliament concerning a reduction in the carbon intensity of power generation and the creation of 'green jobs' and expressed disappointment that the amendment, which presented an opportunity to create employment in green industries, was defeated in the Commons.

(d) Public question concerning decarbonisation

Chris Broome stated that there was an ever increasing need for all our elected representatives to develop policies to enable the economy to be decarbonised and yet, on 4 June 2013, an amendment for a decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill was defeated in Parliament. She asked will the Council continue to show commitment to decarbonisation and the low carbon economy and press the Government to do likewise.

In response, Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, stated that it was necessary to reduce global burning of fossil fuels and decarbonise power. At present, people were vulnerable to unnecessary increases in fuel bills. The low carbon economy was a potential catalyst in the United Kingdom for the creation of green jobs, decreasing carbon and cheaper energy bills. Councillor Scott said that he had written to the Energy Minister, to urge support for the amendment to the Energy Bill, considered in the Commons on 4 June, to which the questioner now referred. Pressure could be put on the Government in relation to this issue and potentially through the introduction of a Private Member's Bill. The City Council would work with people and organisations towards a decarbonisation target relating to energy generation.

(e) Public question concerning Councillors against the cuts

Jean Wildgoose stated that she was recently at a Peoples' Assembly meeting in Nottingham and had talked to a councillor who was a member of Councillors Against the Cuts. She asked whether Sheffield Councillors would also become Members of Councillors Against the Cuts.

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for

Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that Labour Councillors were opposed to the cuts. He had heard little about 'Councillors against the Cuts'. He asked the questioner to provide more information to enable him to give serious consideration to the question posed. He suggested that the questioner write to the Deputy Prime Minister in relation to the budget cuts.

(f) Public questions concerning street lighting in Wincobank

Valerie Wilson asked why her Tenant's Association was informed last year that work would be carried out on the street lights this month and, subsequently, 3 weeks ago, they were informed that it would actually be 3 years until the work was done as part of Streets Ahead project. She stated that she had lived on Jedburgh Street for 40 years and there had never been street lights on the side of the road on which her home was located and only three older lights on the other side of the road.

In response, Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, stated that he was not familiar with the place to which the questioner referred but that he would speak to the ward Councillors and suggested that he visit at night time to see whether an interim solution could be implemented and meet with the questioner and members of the Tenants and Residents' Association.

(g) Public question concerning the creation of climate change jobs

Jenny Patient referred to the recent mini-stern report for Sheffield, which shows that 6000 jobs can be created by investing in tackling climate change. She asked how might the Council and the City Region obtain investment in climate change jobs, instead of in fossil fuel extraction, in the area that will cause dangerous climate change.

In response, Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development stated that, whilst the Council did not control the investment of private companies, it could lobby in relation to the investment necessary for employment in the area of climate change. The City Region Investment Fund was able to be used to boost the economy, the City's District Heating system might be further utilised and there was potential to build a more self-reliant region in terms of energy. The Local Enterprise Partnership had established a low carbon sector group. There were innovative companies in the City developing processes for power generation, including wave power. He explained that he wanted the City Region to develop a thriving low carbon sector.

(h) Public questions concerning Streets Ahead contract

Peter Hartley asked at what date will the full contract and price per year be available to the public of the contract between Sheffield City Council and Amey. He stated that he was not pleased by the way that Amey was subcontracting their work and the answer in response to the reporting of a blocked drain that needs the road digging up and the u-bend replacing. He also asked for the detail of the Council's contract with Kier. Mr Hartley requested a written response to

the above questions.

In response, Councillor Bryan Lodge, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that the Council was as transparent as possible in relation to making information about contracts available to the public. There were elements of confidentiality relating to commercial contracts and the Council requested contractors' permission to make contractual information available to people. The contracts were publicised.

The multi-million pound Streets Ahead contract was awarded to Amey following extensive negotiations. The contract was in its first year and there would be investment in the highways infrastructure during the next 5 years. Given the scale of the contract, there were things which would go amiss and would need to be properly addressed.

The contract with Kier was subject to renewal at this time. It included repair of housing and management of the remaining civic estate and both were being renegotiated and a meeting was being arranged for interested parties and contractors. Councillor Lodge confirmed that he would write to Mr Hartley concerning the matters that he had raised.

(i) Public question concerning recording of Council meetings

Martin Brighton referred to Southwark Council, which allowed its citizens to tape and film its meetings and take audio and video recording of meetings. He asked why Sheffield cannot follow the example of Southwark.

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that Councillors had considered the issue of recording meetings and had taken the view that they did not think that it was always appropriate.

(j) Public question concerning accountability

Martin Brighton made reference to accusations made which related to him and to a recent accusation, in particular, that he was responsible for depriving the employment of two advice workers for a year because of his requests for information. He stated that the Council has cost the taxpayer money by not disclosing the information when first asked and that the Chief Executive had publicly stated that these estimated costs are over half a million pounds and rising. He asked will the Cabinet Member be held to account for these costs. Will the adviser to the relevant Cabinet Member be held to account and will the senior officers be held to account?

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that he had no knowledge of the accusations relating to Mr Brighton, to which he now referred and he suggested that Mr Brighton contact the police if he was aware of such allegations.

(k) Public question concerning minutes of housing consultation meetings



Martin Brighton stated that, several months ago, in this Chamber, it was agreed that the minutes of all housing consultations and meetings of the eight sub sets could be made available on the Council's website. He stated that the wishes of the Cabinet Member have not been acted upon, and possibly ignored altogether. He asked, why are the minutes still being withheld from the public and when will they be made available?

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that he had said that the minutes of the eight policy working party meetings should be available on the website and that the minutes were available from April 2013, backdated to November 2012.

(l) Public question concerning allegations and evidence

Martin Brighton stated that the Council, in response to allegations, accusations or innuendo against Council officers or Members, always insists upon evidence before acting. He asked, what are the Council exceptions to this principle, where it is allowed for the Council officers to impose a sanction and financial prejudice in the absence of evidence and only on the basis of already disproved allegations, accusations and innuendo?

In response, Councillor Harry Harpham, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, stated that, if an allegation was made, then he would expect there to be firm evidence of the matter.

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

There were no questions relating to urgent business under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6 (ii).

### **5.2 Questions**

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated and supplementary questions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4 were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

### **5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue, Integrated Transport, Pensions or Police under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6 (i).

**6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc:-

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| Licensing Committee  | - | Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy   |
| Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee | - | Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor Bob Johnson  |
| Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee       | - | Remove Councillor Ben Curran   |
|  | - | Councillor Roy Munn to replace Councillor Peter Rippon   |
| Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members  | - | Councillors John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Pat Midgley, Clive Skelton and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies |
|  | - | Councillors Andrew Sangar, Rob Frost, Keith Hill, Denise Reaney and Diana Stimely to fill vacancies    |
| Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members                             | - | Councillor Roy Munn to fill a vacancy  |
|  | - | Councillors Andrew Sangar, Penny Baker, Joe Otten, Roger Davison And Ian Auckland to fill vacancies    |
| South West Local Action Partnership Chair                                      | - | Councillor Andrew Sangar to fill a vacancy   |
| School Admissions Forum  | - | Councillors Ian Saunders and Talib Hussain to fill vacancies   |
|  | - | Councillor Keith Hill to fill a vacancy  |
| Standing Advisory Council for Religious  | - | Councillor Martin Lawton to  |

Education	fill a vacancy
	- Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy
Older People's Champion	- Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
Sexual Health Champion	- Councillor Jenny Armstrong to fill a vacancy
Younger People's Champion	- Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy
Access Liaison Group	Councillors Jenny Armstrong and Tony Downing and Clive Skelton To fill vacancies
	- Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
Adoptions and Fostering Panel	- Councillor Nikki Sharpe to fill a vacancy
	- Councillors Alison Brelsford And Diana Stimely to fill vacancies
Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group	- Councillors Tony Downing, Martin Lawton and Jack Scott to fill vacancies
	- Councillor Keith Hill to fill a vacancy
Building Schools for the Future Strategic Board	- Councillor Sylvia Anginotti to fill a vacancy
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee	- Councillor Ian Saunders to fill a vacancy
Corporate Members Group	- Councillors Julie Dore, Harry Harpham and Pat Midgley to fill vacancies
	- Councillors Penny Baker, Shaffaq Mohammed and Colin Ross to fill vacancies

Corporate Parenting Board	Councillors Denise Fox, Jackie Drayton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Lynn Rooney and Nikki Sharpe to fill vacancies
	- Councillors Sue Alston And Penny Baker to fill vacancies
Cycle Forum	- Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
	- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee's	
Chief Executive's	- Councillor Harry Harpham to fill a vacancy
Communities	- Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a vacancy
Place	- Councillor Leigh Bramall to fill a vacancy
Resources	- Councillor Ian Saunders to fill a vacancy
Children, Young People and Families	- Councillor Jackie Drayton to fill a vacancy
Disabled Persons Housing Strategy Monitoring and Scrutiny Group	- Councillors Ben Curran and Tony Damms to fill vacancies
	- Councillor Penny Baker to fill a vacancy
Environmental Performance Working Party	- Councillors Nikki Bond, Martin Lawton and Alf Meade to fill vacancies
	- Councillors David Baker and Joe Otten to fill vacancies
Fairer Charging Commission	- Councillors Mary Lea And Jenny Armstrong to fill

	vacancies
Fairtrade Working Group	- Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
	- Councillor Katie Condliffe to fill a vacancy
Information Services Steering Group	Councillors Jayne Dunn, Neale Gibson, Martin Lawton, Ian Saunders and Stuart Wattam to fill vacancies
	- Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Joe Otten to fill vacancies
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	Councillors Richard Crowther, Gill Furniss, Cate McDonald, Pat Midgley and Geoff Smith to fill vacancies
	- Councillors Rob Frost and Diana Stimely to fill vacancies
Monitoring and Advisory Group (Adult Services)	Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Clive Skelton and Peter Rippon to fill vacancies
	- Councillor Denise Reaney to fill a vacancy
Motorists Forum	- Councillor Leigh Bramall to fill a vacancy
	- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy
Peak District National Park Authority	- Councillor Peter Rippon to fill a vacancy
Planning Committee Advisory Group	Councillors Isobel Bowler, Leigh Bramall, Tony Downing, Alan Law and Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill vacancies

<p>Planning Policy Advisory Group</p>	<p>- Councillors Trevor Bagshaw and Penny Baker to fill Vacancies</p> <p>- Councillors Isobel Bowler, Leigh Bramall, Tony Downing, Alan Law and Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill Vacancies</p> <p>- Councillors Trevor Bagshaw, Katie Condliffe and Bob Mccann to fill Vacancies</p>
<p>Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group</p>	<p>- Councillor Adam Hurst to fill a vacancy</p>
<p>Walking Forum</p>	<p>- Councillor Penny Baker to fill a vacancy</p> <p>- Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy</p> <p>- Councillor Trevor Bagshaw to fill a vacancy</p>
<p>(b) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies, as follows:</p>	

Other External Organisations (number of places)			
Charities/Educational Foundations:-			
Anne Reresby Trust, High Green (1)	Cllr Phillip Wood		
Church Burgess (1)	Cllr John Campbell		
The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity (1)	Cllr Janet Bragg		
Norton Educational	Cllr Martin	Cllr Ian	Rev. Joy

Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts (2)	Lawton	Auckland	Adams, Mrs Beverley Ashmore and Mr. Phillip Shaddock
Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) (2)	Cllr Peter Price	Cllr Roger Davison	Mr. John Neil and Mr. Mike Pye
Beighton Relief in Need Charity (1)	Cllr Ian Saunders		
ACIS Local Management Committee (2)	Councillors Jenny Armstrong and Martin Lawton		
Chevin Housing Board (2)	Cllrs Bob Johnson and Pat Midgley		
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum (2)	Cllr Peter Price	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	
Creative Sheffield Board (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall		
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme – Sheffield Council (2)	Cllr Alan Law	Mr Alan Hooper	
Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee (2) (appointments made by the Executive Leader)	Cllr Jack Scott		
Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee (1)	Cllr Jack Scott		
Great Places Housing Group (2)	Cllrs Pat Midgley and Jackie Satur		
Groundwork Sheffield Trust (2)	Councillor Martin Lawton	Cllr Ian Auckland	

Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (2)	Cllr David Barker	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	
Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (2)	Cllr Mary Lea	Cllr Diana Stimely	
Local Enterprise Partnership (1)	Cllr Julie Dore		
Local Government Association:-  General Assembly (2)  Rural Commission (2)  Urban Commission (2)	Cllr Harry Harpham   Cllr Harry Harpham	Cllr Colin Ross  Cllr Trevor Bagshaw  Cllr Roger Davison	
Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee (1)	Cllr Harry Harpham		
Longley Park Sixth Form College (1)	Cllr Alan Law		
Manor and Castle Development Trust (2)	Cllrs Martin Lawton and Pat Midgley		
Mental Health Partnership Board (2)	Cllr Clive Skelton	Cllr Diana Stimely	
National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee (1)			
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall		
Parkwood Landfill Liaison Group (4)	Cllrs Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain and Talib Hussain	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	



Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber (1)	Cllr Clive Skelton		
Seven Hills Leisure Trust (1)	Cllr David Barker		
Sheffield City Trust Group Finances and General Purposes Committee (1)	Cllr David Barker		
Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board (1)	Cllr Mary Lea		
Sheffield Business Adviser Panel (2)	Cllrs Julie Dore and Leigh Bramall		
Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board (1)	Cllr Jenny Armstrong		
Sheffield City Trust (1) (1 Member observer)	Cllr David Barker		
Sheffield Clean Air Partnership (2)		Cllr Ian Auckland	
Sheffield Compact (1)			
Sheffield Executive Board (2)	Cllr Julie Dore	Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	
Sheffield First for Health and Wellbeing (2)	Cllr Mary Lea		
Sheffield 0-19+ Partnership Board (2)	Cllr Jackie Drayton	Cllr Colin Ross	
Sheffield 0-19+ Executive Board (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Cate McDonald and Adam Hurst		Mr Michael Day
Sheffield Health and Social	Cllrs Jenny	Cllr Roger	

Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors (3)	Armstrong and Clive Skelton	Davison	
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (1)	Cllr Ben Curran		
Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Nikki Sharpe and Geoff Smith Vivian Kenneth Lockwood		
Sheffield International Venues Ltd – Board of Directors (1)	Cllr Peter Price		
Sheffield Lyceum Trust Ltd – Directors and Members (3)	Cllrs Janet Bragg and Jackie Drayton		
Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members (2)	Cllrs Neale Gibson and Tim Rippon		
Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (2)	Cllr Mazher Iqbal	Cllr Penny Baker	
Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board (2)	Cllr Clive Skelton	Cllr Andrew Sangar	
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members (3)	Cllr Ben Curran Cllr Pat Midgley	Ms. Camilla Jordan	
Sanctuary Housing Local Board (2)	Cllrs Sioned-Mair Richards and Peter Rippon		
South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group (formerly South East Sheffield Countryside Advisory Group) (1)	Cllr Ray Satur		

South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Steering Group (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall		
South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives (2)	Cllr David Barker	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	
South Yorkshire Leaders' Group (1)	Cllr Julie Dore		
South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Users' Advisory Group (1)	Cllr Chris Rosling-Josephs		
South Yorkshire Trading Standards Joint Committee (2 and 1 observer)	Cllr Chris Rosling-Josephs Cllr Stuart Wattam	Cllr Trevor Bagshaw	
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board (4)	Cllr Tony Damms Cllr Adam Hurst		
University Technical College Trust Board (1)	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust (1)	Cllr Ben Curran		
Voluntary Action Sheffield (1)	Cllr Geoff Smith		
Welcome to Yorkshire Tourist Board (1)	Cllr Isobel Bowler		
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Trust (1)	Cllr Mary Lea		
Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership (1)	Cllr Mazher Iqbal		
Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning Consortium	Cllr Ian Saunders		

Joint Committee			
Yorkshire and the Humber Tobacco Governance Board (1)	Cllr Clive Skelton		
University of Sheffield Enterprise Advisory Board (1)	Cllr Leigh Bramall		
<p>(c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointments:-</p> <p>Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Councillor Diana Stimely to fill a vacancy</p> <p>Licensing Committee - Councillor Roger Davison to fill a vacancy</p>			

## 7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that this Council approves the changes to the following Parts of the Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and its appendices:-

- (a) Part 1 - Summary and Explanation
- (b) Part 2 - Articles 4.01, 4.02, 7.04 and 9
- (c) Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions
- (d) Part 4 – Council Procedure Rules
- (e) Part 4 – Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules
- (f) Part 4 - Contracts Standing Orders
- (g) Part 4 - Scrutiny Procedure Rules
- (h) Part 4 – Financial Procedure Rules
- (i) Part 5 – Members’ Code of Conduct; and
- (j) References to the Director of Legal Services and Director of Modern

Governance are amended to read Director of Legal and Governance.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM**

**Bedroom Tax**

It was moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor John Robson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes comments from the Independent newspaper on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 'The extent of the suffering inflicted by the "bedroom tax" can be revealed for the first time today as figures show a 338 per cent leap in the number of people applying for emergency hand-outs in the month since it was imposed';
- (b) further notes comments relating to Sheffield in the article 'In 2012 the Council received an average of 100 applications for emergency help with housing per month. In April 2013 they received 1,400';
- (c) further notes recent reports that the Council has received a 48 per cent increase in calls to its contact centre in the first half of April compared with last year and believes this is a consequence of welfare reform;
- (d) condemns this policy which will affect anyone of working age (below 61½) on housing benefit deemed to be 'under-occupying' a social housing home, which equates to around 7500 homes across Sheffield;
- (e) deplores the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam for allowing the Government to implement this deeply unfair policy;
- (f) notes that the following are not exempt from the "bedroom tax"
  - (i) those couples who need an extra bedroom because of one of them having a medical condition or disability;
  - (ii) non-resident parents who have their children to stay at weekends in the holidays;
  - (iii) families who offer regular respite support to other family members; and
  - (iv) people living in homes which have been substantially adapted at tax-payers' expense;
- (g) is committed to supporting all residents both children and adults, including those with disabilities and medical needs;
- (h) regrets that the Discretionary Payments Fund that the Government has made available is completely inadequate and is estimated to cover only a fraction of people affected by the "bedroom tax" and notes that this Fund is also expected to cover other welfare changes;

- (i) notes that the Government's own Equality Impact Assessment estimates that two-thirds of households affected will have a member with a disability;
- (j) further notes that many independent analysts are predicting that households will move into the private rented sector, costing more, and that care needs for many disabled people will increase, again costing more;
- (k) further notes that there is not an excess supply of small properties available for households to move into in Sheffield;
- (l) further notes the "bedroom tax" is unfairly hitting many people including families with disabled children or adults, families who share the care of their children and families who offer respite care to other family members;
- (m) further notes that this policy may well end up costing the public purse more;
- (n) believes that disabled people – both adults and children – deserve respect and not to be penalised for their medical needs;
- (o) values the role of non-resident parents and believes they should be encouraged to play as full a part in the lives of their children as possible;
- (p) further values and appreciates the role of families who offer respite care – and not only because it saves the taxpayer billions of pounds;
- (q) notes that Housing Associations will have difficulty in keeping arrears down, damaging services for all tenants; and
- (r) therefore resolves to:
  - (i) ask the Leader to write to the Secretary of State re-affirming the Council's continued opposition to the "bedroom tax"; and
  - (ii) closely monitor the impact of the "bedroom tax" and asks the relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to examine its impact on Sheffield people, in addition to the impact of all other welfare changes.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (q);
- (2) the deletion of all the words after the word "examine" in paragraph (r)(ii) and their substitution by the words "what actions the Council can take to support affected residents";
- (3) the relettering of paragraph (r) as a new paragraph (m); and

- (4) the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (l) as follows:-
- (a) reiterates its opposition to the 'bedroom tax';
  - (b) welcomes concessions that have already been made to the 'bedroom tax', notably the exemption made for members of the armed forces and foster families;
  - (c) supports also the Government's decision to treble the Discretionary Housing Payment budget and provide councils with discretionary funding to help families in difficult circumstances;
  - (d) encourages the Government to go further by agreeing additional exemptions and increasing the Discretionary Payments funding;
  - (e) believes these concessions come as a result of Liberal Democrat influence in Government and thanks Liberal Democrat Ministers for working to improve the policy;
  - (f) reaffirms that the root cause of this problem is the nation's housing crisis and endorses the current Government's action to build more affordable housing;
  - (g) contrasts this action with the lamentable record of the previous Government who during their thirteen years in power:
    - (i) saw the building of social housing decline to its lowest figure since the Second World War;
    - (ii) built seven times more prison cells than council homes;
    - (iii) oversaw the Housing Market Renewal Scheme, in which 4,590 houses in South Yorkshire were demolished, while just 2,415 were built, at a cost of £265 million; and
    - (iv) created a legacy where there are now 2 million households in England on housing waiting lists, 250,000 families living in over-crowded accommodation and 1 million bedrooms standing empty;
  - (h) recalls that the previous Government implemented an under-occupancy rule in the private sector through Local Housing Allowance, in which no concessions were made for foster children, overnight carers, or service personnel;
  - (i) notes that the Leader of the Opposition and the Shadow Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, still refuse to commit to repeal the 'bedroom tax' as well as the commitment of the Shadow Chancellor to "work within" the Coalition's current spending forecasts;

- (j) furthermore, highlights that Her Majesty's Opposition have yet to put forward any credible plans for reducing the record budget deficit that they created or the unsustainable welfare bill that taxpayers are being asked to fund;
- (k) draws attention to the complete lack of action from the present Administration in supporting affected residents and in particular notes the following decisions:
  - (i) imposing a 23% cut in Council Tax Benefit, refusing an offer of £1.1 million from the Government to reduce the cut;
  - (ii) consistent dithering over £10 million of New Homes Bonus funding, which should have been used earlier to help provide affordable housing in Sheffield; and
  - (iii) rejecting proposals from opposition councillors for a cross-party working group to support local residents affected by the 'bedroom tax';
- (l) implores the Administration to offer local residents more than crocodile tears and investigate what action the Council can take to support those who are affected.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

After a right of reply from Councillor Harry Harpham, the original Motion was put to the vote and carried, as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes comments from the Independent newspaper on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 'The extent of the suffering inflicted by the "bedroom tax" can be revealed for the first time today as figures show a 338 per cent leap in the number of people applying for emergency hand-outs in the month since it was imposed';
- (b) further notes comments relating to Sheffield in the article 'In 2012 the Council received an average of 100 applications for emergency help with housing per month. In April 2013 they received 1,400';
- (c) further notes recent reports that the Council has received a 48 per cent increase in calls to its contact centre in the first half of April compared with last year and believes this is a consequence of welfare reform;
- (d) condemns this policy which will affect anyone of working age (below 61½) on housing benefit deemed to be 'under-occupying' a social housing home, which equates to around 7500 homes across Sheffield;
- (e) deplores the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam for allowing the



- Government to implement this deeply unfair policy;
- (f) notes that the following are not exempt from the “bedroom tax”
    - (v) those couples who need an extra bedroom because of one of them having a medical condition or disability;
    - (vi) non-resident parents who have their children to stay at weekends in the holidays;
    - (vii) families who offer regular respite support to other family members; and
    - (viii) people living in homes which have been substantially adapted at tax-payers’ expense;
  - (g) is committed to supporting all residents both children and adults, including those with disabilities and medical needs;
  - (h) regrets that the Discretionary Payments Fund that the Government has made available is completely inadequate and is estimated to cover only a fraction of people affected by the “bedroom tax” and notes that this Fund is also expected to cover other welfare changes;
  - (i) notes that the Government’s own Equality Impact Assessment estimates that two-thirds of households affected will have a member with a disability;
  - (j) further notes that many independent analysts are predicting that households will move into the private rented sector, costing more, and that care needs for many disabled people will increase, again costing more;
  - (k) further notes that there is not an excess supply of small properties available for households to move into in Sheffield;
  - (l) further notes the “bedroom tax” is unfairly hitting many people including families with disabled children or adults, families who share the care of their children and families who offer respite care to other family members;
  - (m) further notes that this policy may well end up costing the public purse more;
  - (n) believes that disabled people – both adults and children – deserve respect and not to be penalised for their medical needs;
  - (o) values the role of non-resident parents and believes they should be encouraged to play as full a part in the lives of their children as possible;
  - (p) further values and appreciates the role of families who offer respite care – and not only because it saves the taxpayer billions of pounds;
  - (q) notes that Housing Associations will have difficulty in keeping arrears down, damaging services for all tenants; and

- (r) therefore resolves to:
- (i) ask the Leader to write to the Secretary of State re-affirming the Council's continued opposition to the "bedroom tax"; and
  - (ii) closely monitor the impact of the "bedroom tax" and asks the relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to examine its impact on Sheffield people, in addition to the impact of all other welfare changes.

The votes on the Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For Paragraphs (a) (b) (d) (f) (g) (i) and (k) to (r) of the Motion (72) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Simon Clement-Jones, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Shaffaq Mohammed, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof, Rob Frost, Geoff Smith, Sylvia Anginotti, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, George Lindars-Hammond, Robert Johnson, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Anders Hanson, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Trevor Bagshaw, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs(a) (b) (d) - Nil.

(f) (g) (i) (and (k) to (r) of the Motion (0)

Abstained on Paragraphs (a) - Nil.  
(b) (d) (f) (g) (i) (and (k) to (r) of the Motion (0)

For Paragraphs (c), (e), (h) and (j) of the Motion (55)

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Robert Johnson, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (c), (e), (h) and (j) of the Motion (17)

Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraphs (c), (e), (h) and (j) of the Motion (0)

Nil.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

**Business-Friendly Council (1)**

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling Josephs, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Government award recognising Sheffield City Council as a 'Best Council to do business with' which was selected by a panel consisting of the Federation of Small Businesses, Confederation of British Industry, British Chambers of Commerce, Local Government Association, Cabinet Office, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (b) further welcomes that the award recognised work around the Streets Ahead contract, the biggest in the Council's history, where bidders were encouraged to use local suppliers in their sub-contracting arrangements which has been extremely successful and around 80% of sub-contractors are Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) providing support on a variety of jobs;
- (c) confirms that the Council also ran events such as the Bidders Briefing with an open invitation to all local suppliers to attend giving them an opportunity to network with the market leaders in the highway maintenance sector;
- (d) welcomes other actions taken by the present Administration including providing free one-hour sessions for local businesses, filmed training sessions and put them on the internet, and filmed a 'how to' video on Council procurement and posted that online, filmed by a local digital media company;
- (e) welcomes that the present Administration are delivering on their commitment to be a business friendly council and welcomes initiatives to support local businesses including:
  - (i) breaking down the barriers for SMEs to access the Regional Growth Fund;
  - (ii) the RISE Graduate Scheme which supports local SMEs employ graduates;
  - (iii) the export project supporting local SMEs in the export market;
  - (iv) the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme;
  - (v) Skills Made Easy designed by Sheffield City Council, in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to put the purchasing power for training for the first time, in the hands of businesses in the Sheffield City Region (SCR);
  - (vi) Business Summits;
  - (vii) the small business loan fund;
  - (viii) up to 50% reductions in off street parking charges;

- (ix) the Chapel Walk scheme;
  - (x) the Digital Direction Programme; and
  - (xi) securing a Start Up Loans for Young People, the only Council to have done so;
- (f) further welcomes the action of the present Administration of establishing the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, recognising the importance of supporting local businesses in the current challenging economic climate;
- (g) notes the national economic difficulties which have been created by the present Government's economic mismanagement and notes that the International Monetary Fund have recently called on the Government to do more to promote economic growth;
- (h) acknowledges that the Government's economic mismanagement, in addition to their decision to suspend the £12 million grant for the New Retail Quarter and the inaction of the previous Administration who presided over what this Council believes was three wasted years, has held back the development of the City Centre;
- (i) however, welcomes that the present Administration have taken a lead in securing the redevelopment of the Moor and the new market and secured the New Development Deal to help realise the new Retail Quarter and welcomes that the Council is working to secure the best outcome for Sheffield and the long-term success of the City;
- (j) welcomes the fact that the present Administration has taken a lead in pioneering a new approach to apprenticeships which allows us to tailor the apprenticeships offered to young people in our region to meet the needs of local businesses and growth sectors of our economy, which will help to create the high skilled, high wage economy our region needs;
- (k) further welcomes the development of the Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Fund, a Jessica Fund, and a Sheffield Investment Fund, led by the present Administration and City Region partners;
- (l) further welcomes the creation of the Combined Authority as a tool to bring jobs and investment to Sheffield City Region and regrets attempts from the main opposition group to block the submission for the creation of the Combined Authority which would have seen the Sheffield City Region fall behind other leading cities in creating jobs and growth;
- (m) recalls the failure of the previous Administration including their broken promise to provide £1 million of Council funding to support the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund, which the present Government scrapped as one of their first actions in Government; and
- (n) recognises that at a time when the Government have categorically failed to take action to secure economic growth it is more important than ever to redouble efforts to grow the local economy and support job creation and

resolves to continue being business friendly and to focus on jobs and to build on the recent recognition of the Council's business friendly approach through the 'Best Council to do business with' award.

(Note: With the consent of the Council, and at the request of Councillor Leigh Bramall (the mover of the Motion), Paragraph (l) of the Motion, as included in the Summons, was altered by the addition of the words "the submission for" after the word "block".)

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of existing paragraphs (c) to (n) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (j) as follows:-

- (c) regrets that this progress is now being jeopardised by a dangerous 'anti-business' message being projected by the Town Hall;
- (d) highlights the following decisions as examples of members of the ruling Group's 'anti-business' rhetoric:
  - (i) rejecting a proposal by NEXT to locate a new department store in Sheffield, which could have created 120 new jobs;
  - (ii) a lukewarm reception to the proposal by IKEA to locate a new £60 million store within Sheffield, which could create 700 new jobs;
  - (iii) a failure to progress the Sevenstones project, which would create 1,000 new jobs;
  - (iv) a decision to hike parking permit fees for local businesses and increase city centre parking charges;
  - (v) ignoring appeals from traders in Millhouses for additional parking over the Christmas period and opposing plans to re-introduce free Christmas parking in the city and district centres;
  - (vi) refusing to hold further scrutiny into Sheffield City Airport, despite calls from small and medium sized businesses; and
  - (vii) voting to ban ice cream vans more than 5 years old;
- (e) notes that this string of illogical decisions has damaged Sheffield and led to criticism of the Council from the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and the South Yorkshire Federation of Small Businesses;
- (f) contrasts this to the record of the previous Administration who took Sheffield from the 'worst place to do business in South Yorkshire' to the best;
- (g) furthermore applauds the work of Liberal Democrats in Government to

build a stronger economy in a fairer society, specifically those Government measures which will help build a stronger economy in Sheffield City Region, including:

- (i) signing the Sheffield City Region City Deal, a radical agreement and the boldest step a Government has taken to truly put the region in the driving seat for economic growth;
  - (ii) confirming that Sheffield will be the location of a new High Speed Rail station;
  - (iii) creating an enterprise zone for Sheffield City Region, which could produce as many as 12,000 new jobs;
  - (iv) agreeing Tax Increment Financing powers, which should allow the Sevenstones development to proceed;
  - (v) awarding £65 million to Sheffield City Region through the third round of the Government's Regional Growth Fund, to support small and medium sized businesses;
  - (vi) providing £9.9 million for the construction of Sheffield University Technical College, which will provide the next generation of Sheffielders with the skills the City requires;
  - (vii) enabling Sheffield's Streets Ahead project to proceed through a £1.2 billion contribution;
  - (viii) investing millions of pounds in Sheffield's buses, trams, trains and highways;
  - (ix) investing millions of pounds to support construction and infrastructure through the New Homes Bonus and the Growing Places Fund; and
  - (x) funding the Administration's Chapel Walk project, with over £100,000 through the High Street Innovation Fund;
- (h) notes reports that last year, Yorkshire posted the biggest increase in the proportion of people working in the private sector of any English region, confirming the Government's progress in re-balancing the British economy;
- (i) contrasts this with the previous Government who, in the opinion of Polly Toynbee, "kowtowed to wealth, glorified the City and put all the nation's economic eggs into one dangerous basket" and oversaw the continued decline of UK manufacturing; and
- (j) recommends that the Administration works immediately to shed their "anti-business" image and make Sheffield a genuinely business-friendly

city.

(Note: With the consent of the Council, and at the request of Councillor Ian Auckland (the mover of the amendment), Paragraph (d) of the amendment, as included in the list of amendments, was altered by the addition of the words "members of" after the words "examples of".)

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

After a right of reply from Councillor Leigh Bramall, the original Motion was put to the vote and carried, as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Government award recognising Sheffield City Council as a 'Best Council to do business with' which was selected by a panel consisting of the Federation of Small Businesses, Confederation of British Industry, British Chambers of Commerce, Local Government Association, Cabinet Office, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (b) further welcomes that the award recognised work around the Streets Ahead contract, the biggest in the Council's history, where bidders were encouraged to use local suppliers in their sub-contracting arrangements which has been extremely successful and around 80% of sub-contractors are Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) providing support on a variety of jobs;
- (c) confirms that the Council also ran events such as the Bidders Briefing with an open invitation to all local suppliers to attend giving them an opportunity to network with the market leaders in the highway maintenance sector;
- (d) welcomes other actions taken by the present Administration including providing free one-hour sessions for local businesses, filmed training sessions and put them on the internet, and filmed a 'how to' video on Council procurement and posted that online, filmed by a local digital media company;
- (e) welcomes that the present Administration are delivering on their commitment to be a business friendly council and welcomes initiatives to support local businesses including:
  - (i) breaking down the barriers for SMEs to access the Regional Growth Fund;
  - (ii) the RISE Graduate Scheme which supports local SMEs employ graduates;
  - (iii) the export project supporting local SMEs in the export market;
  - (iv) the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme;
  - (v) Skills Made Easy designed by Sheffield City Council, in partnership



- with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to put the purchasing power for training for the first time, in the hands of businesses in the Sheffield City Region (SCR);
- (vi) Business Summits;
  - (vii) the small business loan fund;
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  - (ix) the Chapel Walk scheme;
  - (x) the Digital Direction Programme; and
  - (xi) securing a Start Up Loans for Young People, the only Council to have done so;
- (f) further welcomes the action of the present Administration of establishing the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, recognising the importance of supporting local businesses in the current challenging economic climate;
- (g) notes the national economic difficulties which have been created by the present Government's economic mismanagement and notes that the International Monetary Fund have recently called on the Government to do more to promote economic growth;
- (h) acknowledges that the Government's economic mismanagement, in addition to their decision to suspend the £12 million grant for the New Retail Quarter and the inaction of the previous Administration who presided over what this Council believes was three wasted years, has held back the development of the City Centre;
- (i) however, welcomes that the present Administration have taken a lead in securing the redevelopment of the Moor and the new market and secured the New Development Deal to help realise the new Retail Quarter and welcomes that the Council is working to secure the best outcome for Sheffield and the long-term success of the City;
- (j) welcomes the fact that the present Administration has taken a lead in pioneering a new approach to apprenticeships which allows us to tailor the apprenticeships offered to young people in our region to meet the needs of local businesses and growth sectors of our economy, which will help to create the high skilled, high wage economy our region needs;
- (k) further welcomes the development of the Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Fund, a Jessica Fund, and a Sheffield Investment Fund, led by the present Administration and City Region partners;
- (l) further welcomes the creation of the Combined Authority as a tool to bring jobs and investment to Sheffield City Region and regrets attempts from the main opposition group to block the creation of the Combined Authority which would have seen the Sheffield City Region fall behind other leading cities in creating jobs and growth;
- (m) recalls the failure of the previous Administration including their broken promise to provide £1 million of Council funding to support the previous

Government's Future Jobs Fund, which the present Government scrapped as one of their first actions in Government; and

- (n) recognises that at a time when the Government have categorically failed to take action to secure economic growth it is more important than ever to redouble efforts to grow the local economy and support job creation and resolves to continue being business friendly and to focus on jobs and to build on the recent recognition of the Council's business friendly approach through the 'Best Council to do business with' award.

The votes on the Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For Paragraphs (a) (c) (d) (f) (g) (h) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (a) (c) (d) (f) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraphs (a) (c) - Nil.  
(d) (f) (g) (h) and (n) of the Motion  
(0)

- For Paragraphs (b), (e), (i), (l), (m) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter  
of the Motion (51) Rippon) and Councillors John Robson,  
Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton,  
Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs,  
Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge,  
Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne  
Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton,  
Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain,  
Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary  
Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal,  
Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry  
Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris  
Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim  
Rippon, Cate McDonald, George  
Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat  
Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing,  
David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John  
Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair  
Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall,  
Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale  
Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran,  
Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick  
Rooney and Ray Satur.
- Against Paragraphs (b), (e), (i), (l), - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones,  
(m) of the Motion (17) Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia  
Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith  
Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue  
Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise  
Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann,  
Anders Hanson, David Baker and  
Trevor Bagshaw.
- Abstained on Paragraphs (b), (e), - Councillor Robert Murphy.  
(i), (l), (m) of the Motion (1)
- For Paragraphs (j) and (k) of the - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter  
Motion (69) Rippon) and Councillors John Robson,  
Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Simon Clement-  
Jones, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders,  
Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-  
Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox,  
Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart  
Wattam, Shaffaq Mohammed, Jackie  
Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain,  
Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof,  
Rob Frost, Geoff Smith, Sylvia  
Anginotti, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham,  
Mazher Iqbal, Colin Ross, Joe Otten,  
Keith Hill, Joyce Wright, Steven

Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Anders Hanson, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Trevor Bagshaw, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (j) and (k) of the Motion (0) - Nil.

Abstained on Paragraphs (j) and (k) of the Motion (0) - Nil.

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN**

### **Fly-Tipping**

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls the recent poll on The Star's website, which saw 54% of local people state that waste collections in Sheffield were "not working";
- (b) believes the Council's waste strategy is still failing local communities, with reports of fly-tipping across the City continuing;
- (c) reiterates the admission of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, made in The Star on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012, that the decrease in recorded fly-tipping is "due to a change in how Sheffield Homes records figures for dumping on estates";
- (d) notes that fly-tipping recorded in the parks and public realm category almost trebled in the 2012-13 financial year;
- (e) reminds Members that the main opposition group's budget amendment would have increased opening hours at local recycling centres; and
- (f) recommends that the Administration undertake an immediate review of

local recycling centres with a view to increasing hours and providing a fairer distribution of hours across the City.

(Note: With the consent of the Council and at the request of Councillor Joe Otten (the mover of the Motion), paragraph (d) of the Motion, as included in the Summons, was altered, as follows:-

The replacement of the words: “notes that in fact fly-tipping in parks and public realm increased by more than 280% in the 2012-13 financial year;” by the words “notes that fly-tipping recorded in the parks and public realm category almost trebled in the 2012-13 financial year;”.)

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) confirms for the record that overall across the City, fly-tipping has reduced and welcomes that the Council was rated as effective in dealing with fly-tipping, according to national indicators;
- (b) regrets that the main opposition group have falsely stated that fly-tipping is increasing in an attempt to mislead local people about fly-tipping and notes comments from the Head of Environmental Regulation that “The increase percentage figure as quoted is not credible. The categories for this year and last year are different, so only a city-wide view gives the whole picture.”;
- (c) welcomes the action taken by the present Administration to tackle fly-tipping, including working with businesses and residents to ensure the correct disposal of waste and strong enforcement activity which has led to approximately 12 people convicted of waste related offences and many receiving cautions in the past 12 months;
- (d) further welcomes that the Council has issued over 100 fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling which is a large increase on previous years;
- (e) believes this is a result of the decision to set on two part time staff to help with patrolling and recalls that the previous Administration scrapped posts to tackle littering;
- (f) confirms that reductions in opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Centres were proposed in the 2011/12 budget set by the previous Administration and deplores the hypocrisy of the main opposition group; and
- (g) believes that fly-tipping is caused by irresponsible, ignorant and criminal behaviour and deplores the main opposition group for continuously excusing the irresponsible behaviour of fly-tippers and welcomes the

Administration's attempts to crack down on fly-tipping.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

After a right of reply from Councillor Joe Otten, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) confirms for the record that overall across the City, fly-tipping has reduced and welcomes that the Council was rated as effective in dealing with fly-tipping, according to national indicators;
- (b) regrets that the main opposition group have falsely stated that fly-tipping is increasing in an attempt to mislead local people about fly-tipping and notes comments from the Head of Environmental Regulation that "The increase percentage figure as quoted is not credible. The categories for this year and last year are different, so only a city-wide view gives the whole picture.";
- (c) welcomes the action taken by the present Administration to tackle fly-tipping, including working with businesses and residents to ensure the correct disposal of waste and strong enforcement activity which has led to approximately 12 people convicted of waste related offences and many receiving cautions in the past 12 months;
- (d) further welcomes that the Council has issued over 100 fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling which is a large increase on previous years;
- (e) believes this is a result of the decision to set on two part time staff to help with patrolling and recalls that the previous Administration scrapped posts to tackle littering;
- (f) confirms that reductions in opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Centres were proposed in the 2011/12 budget set by the previous Administration and deplores the hypocrisy of the main opposition group; and
- (g) believes that fly-tipping is caused by irresponsible, ignorant and criminal behaviour and deplores the main opposition group for continuously excusing the irresponsible behaviour of fly-tippers and welcomes the Administration's attempts to crack down on fly-tipping.

(Note: Councillor Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) and abstained on Paragraphs (b) and (e) to (g) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON**

### **“Pay Day Loan” Shops**

It was moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, seconded by Councillor Ben Curran, that this Council:-

- (a) condemns and opposes plans of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, to change planning rules which could see Payday Loans shops, fast food takeaways and betting shops open with no planning permission required from the Council;
- (b) notes that last year 1,800 leisure, retail and services shops closed in England and many were replaced by pay day loan shops, which saw a 20 per cent increase in openings;
- (c) is extremely concerned by the growth in payday lenders, some of which charge extortionate rates of interest of over 4000% APR and can often lead to people being engulfed in debts that they cannot pay;
- (d) welcomes the proposal by the Leader of the Opposition, The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP, to change planning law to give local authorities new powers to stop the development of payday lenders in town centres; and
- (e) calls upon Eric Pickles to abandon his plans and instead adopt proposals outlined by Ed Miliband MP.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) supports genuine measures to tackle chronic issues of debt in Sheffield;
- (b) however, regrets that measures agreed in the previous Government’s Gambling Act 2005 removed the need for betting shops to prove a local demand before opening another one;
- (c) furthermore, notes comments by Citizens Advice Chief Executive, Gillian Guy, that proposals from The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP, would do “little” to control the much “bigger problem” of predatory payday lenders online;
- (d) notes that the actual purpose of these Government proposals is to allow empty buildings to be converted into much-needed housing, avoiding the need to concrete over treasured green spaces; and
- (e) calls upon the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government to fully consider all the implications of this policy and directs that a copy of this motion is forwarded to him.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) condemns and opposes plans of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, to change planning rules which could see Payday Loans shops, fast food takeaways and betting shops open with no planning permission required from the Council;
- (b) notes that last year 1,800 leisure, retail and services shops closed in England and many were replaced by pay day loan shops, which saw a 20 per cent increase in openings;
- (c) is extremely concerned by the growth in payday lenders, some of which charge extortionate rates of interest of over 4000% APR and can often lead to people being engulfed in debts that they cannot pay;
- (d) welcomes the proposal by the Leader of the Opposition, The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP, to change planning law to give local authorities new powers to stop the development of payday lenders in town centres; and
- (e) calls upon Eric Pickles to abandon his plans and instead adopt proposals outlined by Ed Miliband MP.

(Note: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Bob McCann, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw voted for Paragraph (c) and against Paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL**

### **Child Poverty**

It was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, that this Council:-

- (a) is extremely concerned by recent research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) which indicates that one in four children in Britain (3.4 million) will be in relative poverty by 2020;
- (b) notes the report's findings that relative child poverty is estimated to have increased in both 2012 and 2013 from 17.5% in 2010 to 20.5% in 2013;



- (c) notes that the IFS provide the following explanation for the increases in child poverty “Relative child poverty is also forecast to increase as the incomes of low income households with children are projected to fall more quickly than median incomes. This is mainly the result of the cuts to benefits being introduced over this period”;
- (d) notes the following extract from the IFS report “In the UK, relative child poverty is projected to increase by 6.0ppts between 2010–11 and 2020–21, reversing all of the reductions between 2000–01 and 2010–11. In 2020–21, child poverty is projected to be 23.5% and 27.2% using the relative and absolute low-income measures respectively, compared to targets of 10% and 5%. This translates to increases across the decade of 1.1 million in the number of children in poverty according to the absolute low-income measure.”;
- (e) further notes the Guardian article ‘BMA warns of coalition policies failing children on a grand scale’ (16th May 2013) which states “A series of coalition policies threaten to have profoundly deleterious effects on children's lives, driving widening inequalities and sending more families into poverty, according to a scathing report by the British Medical Association.”;
- (f) believes that these reports are a damning indictment of the present Government’s appalling record and regrets that the regressive changes they have introduced will have a detrimental impact on child poverty and will result in almost all of the reductions made under the previous Government being reversed;
- (g) regrets that at the same time as they are making cuts to benefits which the IFS hold responsible for increases in child poverty, the present Government have prioritised a tax cut for higher rate income tax payers; and
- (h) resolves to closely monitor the impact that Government changes have on child poverty levels in Sheffield.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Keith Hill, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- (1) the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (g);
- (2) the relettering of paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (e); and
- (3) the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (d) as follows:-
  - (a) welcomes the commitment within the Coalition Agreement to maintaining the goal of eradicating child poverty by 2020;
  - (b) notes that the most recent official data showed the number of

children living in poverty in the UK actually fell by 300,000;

- (c) regrets that the previous Government failed to meet its child poverty target by hundreds of thousands and that the gap between the richest and the poorest actually rose during their thirteen years in power; and
- (d) applauds the work of Liberal Democrats in Government to build a stronger economy in a fairer society, specifically those Government measures which will support children living in poverty, including:
  - (i) funding to provide 15 hours of free childcare per week to disadvantaged 2 year olds;
  - (ii) the pupil premium, which will see £18.1 million invested into Sheffield schools next academic year, a figure which will continue to grow year-on-year;
  - (iii) the successful Summer Schools programme, and a further £100m to repeat the programme this year and next; and
  - (iv) an additional £50 million a year to provide extra tuition to 11-year-olds who are struggling with poor maths and reading skills.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.

The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) is extremely concerned by recent research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) which indicates that one in four children in Britain (3.4 million) will be in relative poverty by 2020;
- (b) notes the report's findings that relative child poverty is estimated to have increased in both 2012 and 2013 from 17.5% in 2010 to 20.5% in 2013;
- (c) notes that the IFS provide the following explanation for the increases in child poverty "Relative child poverty is also forecast to increase as the incomes of low income households with children are projected to fall more quickly than median incomes. This is mainly the result of the cuts to benefits being introduced over this period";
- (d) notes the following extract from the IFS report "In the UK, relative child poverty is projected to increase by 6.0ppts between 2010–11 and 2020–21, reversing all of the reductions between 2000–01 and 2010–11. In 2020–21, child poverty is projected to be 23.5% and 27.2% using the relative and absolute low-income measures respectively, compared to targets of 10% and 5%. This translates to increases across the decade of

- 1.1 million in the number of children in poverty according to the absolute low-income measure.”;
- (e) further notes the Guardian article ‘BMA warns of coalition policies failing children on a grand scale’ (16th May 2013) which states “A series of coalition policies threaten to have profoundly deleterious effects on children’s lives, driving widening inequalities and sending more families into poverty, according to a scathing report by the British Medical Association.”;
  - (f) believes that these reports are a damning indictment of the present Government’s appalling record and regrets that the regressive changes they have introduced will have a detrimental impact on child poverty and will result in almost all of the reductions made under the previous Government being reversed;
  - (g) regrets that at the same time as they are making cuts to benefits which the IFS hold responsible for increases in child poverty, the present Government have prioritised a tax cut for higher rate income tax payers; and
  - (h) resolves to closely monitor the impact that Government changes have on child poverty levels in Sheffield.

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND**

**Business Friendly Council (2)**

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls the dedication of the previous Administration to supporting small and medium-sized businesses in Sheffield to bid for public sector contracts through the Buy4Sheffield project;
- (b) understands that this project, alongside numerous other policies, led to Sheffield moving from ‘the worst place to do business in South Yorkshire’ to the best;
- (c) is pleased to see this work recognised by the Government through its ‘Best councils to do business with’ awards;
- (d) regrets that Labour councillors are jeopardising this progress by projecting a dangerously ‘anti-business’ message, by – among other actions – providing a lukewarm welcome to the potential of new jobs from Ikea and Next;
- (e) notes the comments, reported in The Star newspaper, of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce that “Sheffield’s going backwards” and of the

South Yorkshire Federation of Small Businesses that the Council has “lost touch with the business reality of the 21st Century”; and

- (f) believes that creating jobs and growth is the best and the most sustainable way to support local residents and recommends that the present Administration works immediately to shed their “anti-business” image and make Sheffield a genuinely business-friendly City.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Mick Rooney, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Government award recognising Sheffield City Council as a ‘Best Council to do business with’ which was selected by a panel consisting of the Federation of Small Businesses, Confederation of British Industry, British Chambers of Commerce, Local Government Association, Cabinet Office, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (b) further welcomes that the award recognised work around the Streets Ahead contract, the biggest in the Council's history, where bidders were encouraged to use local suppliers in their sub-contracting arrangements which has been extremely successful and around 80% of sub-contractors are Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) providing support on a variety of jobs;
- (c) confirms that the Council also ran events such as the Bidders Briefing with an open invitation to all local suppliers to attend giving them an opportunity to network with the market leaders in the highway maintenance sector;
- (d) welcomes other actions taken by the present Administration including providing free one-hour sessions for local businesses, filmed training sessions and put them on the internet, and filmed a 'how to' video on Council procurement and posted that online, filmed by a local digital media company;
- (e) welcomes that the present Administration are delivering on their commitment to be a business friendly council and welcomes initiatives to support local businesses and boost economic growth including:
  - (i) breaking down the barriers for SMEs to access the Regional Growth Fund;
  - (ii) the RISE Graduate Scheme which supports local SMEs to employ graduates;
  - (iii) the export project supporting local SMEs to enter new export markets;

- (iv) the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme;
  - (v) Skills Made Easy designed by Sheffield City Council, in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to put the purchasing power for training for the first time, in the hands of businesses in the Sheffield City Region (SCR);
  - (vi) Business Summits;
  - (vii) the small business loan fund;
  - (viii) up to 50% reductions in off street parking charges;
  - (ix) the Chapel Walk scheme to develop local independent retail businesses;
  - (x) the Digital Direction Programme; and
  - (xi) securing a Start Up Loans for Young People, the only Council to have done so;
- (f) further welcomes the action of the present Administration of establishing the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, recognising the importance of supporting local businesses in the current challenging economic climate;
- (g) notes that this approach is in stark contrast to the previous Administration who:
- (i) broke a promise of its Leader to commit £1 million of Council resources to support the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund;
  - (ii) defended the Government's decision to scrap the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters;
  - (iii) completely failed to move the regeneration of the city centre forward in three years; and
  - (iv) increased market rents by 40% which would have seen many market traders put out of business;
- (h) regrets that even in opposition the Liberal Democrats are attempting to stall economic growth in the region through their proposals to block the submission of the creation of a Combined Authority and spending much of the Keep Sheffield Working Fund which would have prevented the development of many of the positive pro-business policies listed above;
- (i) deplores the way the major opposition group played politics with the issue of HS2 by engaging local businesses to campaign for a Victoria station location, noting comments posted on the Sheffield Liberal Democrat

website from Councillor Ian Auckland from March 2012: “Locating the station somewhere like Meadowhall would see passengers travel four miles out of the city and therefore the improved journey time to London would be negated. We believe to maximise the benefits of High Speed Rail the station must come to the city centre – and that the old Sheffield Victoria station would make a great location; a symbol of Sheffield’s enduring affection for its past and its unnerving dedication to the future.”, only to drop the campaign immediately that the Government announced that Meadowhall was their preferred option; and

- (j) recognises that at a time when the Government have categorically failed to take action to secure economic growth it is more important than ever to redouble efforts to grow the local economy and support job creation and resolves to continue being business friendly and to focus on jobs and to build on the recent recognition of the Council’s business friendly approach through the ‘Best Council to do business with’ award.

(Notes:

1. With the consent of the Council and at the request of Councillor Leigh Bramall (the mover of the amendment) Paragraph (h), as included in the list of amendments, was altered by the addition of the words “the submission for” after the word “block”.
2. Councillor Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (f) and (j) against Paragraph (h) and abstained on Paragraphs (b), (e), (g) and (i) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent Government award recognising Sheffield City Council as a ‘Best Council to do business with’ which was selected by a panel consisting of the Federation of Small Businesses, Confederation of British Industry, British Chambers of Commerce, Local Government Association, Cabinet Office, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (b) further welcomes that the award recognised work around the Streets Ahead contract, the biggest in the Council’s history, where bidders were encouraged to use local suppliers in their sub-contracting arrangements which has been extremely successful and around 80% of sub-contractors are Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) providing support on a variety of jobs;
- (c) confirms that the Council also ran events such as the Bidders Briefing

- with an open invitation to all local suppliers to attend giving them an opportunity to network with the market leaders in the highway maintenance sector;
- (d) welcomes other actions taken by the present Administration including providing free one-hour sessions for local businesses, filmed training sessions and put them on the internet, and filmed a 'how to' video on Council procurement and posted that online, filmed by a local digital media company;
- (e) welcomes that the present Administration are delivering on their commitment to be a business friendly council and welcomes initiatives to support local businesses and boost economic growth including:
- (i) breaking down the barriers for SMEs to access the Regional Growth Fund;
  - (ii) the RISE Graduate Scheme which supports local SMEs to employ graduates;
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  - (vi) Business Summits;
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  - (ix) the Chapel Walk scheme to develop local independent retail businesses;
  - (x) the Digital Direction Programme; and
  - (xi) securing a Start Up Loans for Young People, the only Council to have done so;
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- (i) broke a promise of its Leader to commit £1 million of Council resources to support the previous Government's Future Jobs Fund;
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- (h) regrets that even in opposition the Liberal Democrats are attempting to stall economic growth in the region through their proposals to block the submission for the creation of a Combined Authority and spending much of the Keep Sheffield Working Fund which would have prevented the development of many of the positive pro-business policies listed above;
- (i) deplores the way the major opposition group played politics with the issue of HS2 by engaging local businesses to campaign for a Victoria station location, noting comments posted on the Sheffield Liberal Democrat website from Councillor Ian Auckland from March 2012: "Locating the station somewhere like Meadowhall would see passengers travel four miles out of the city and therefore the improved journey time to London would be negated. We believe to maximise the benefits of High Speed Rail the station must come to the city centre – and that the old Sheffield Victoria station would make a great location; a symbol of Sheffield's enduring affection for its past and its unnerving dedication to the future.", only to drop the campaign immediately that the Government announced that Meadowhall was their preferred option; and
- (j) recognises that at a time when the Government have categorically failed to take action to secure economic growth it is more important than ever to redouble efforts to grow the local economy and support job creation and resolves to continue being business friendly and to focus on jobs and to build on the recent recognition of the Council's business friendly approach through the 'Best Council to do business with' award.

(Note: Councillor Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (f) and (j) against Paragraph (h) and abstained on Paragraphs (b), (e), (g) and (i) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HARRY HARPHAM**

##### **"Sheffield" as a Protected Name**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-



- (a) notes that as part of the Government's Red Tape Challenge they have launched the 'Company and Business Names Consultation' which is consulting on removing "Sheffield" as a protected name;
- (b) notes that "Sheffield" as a protected name dates back to the 19th Century which allows the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire the right to grant the use of Sheffield for company names as a quality control process and that hundreds of applications are made annually with the majority granted within 24 hours;
- (c) believes this is an important quality control process that protects Sheffield's reputation for high quality and prevents companies with no links to the City using the Sheffield name and disagrees that the protection is red tape;
- (d) further believes that there is overwhelming support in the local business community to retain Sheffield as a protected name; and
- (e) fully supports the retention of 'Sheffield' as a protected name and resolves to forward a copy of this motion to the Government as part of the consultation.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER**

### **Community Engagement**

It was moved by Councillor David Baker, seconded by Councillor Rob Frost, that this Council:-

- (a) regrets the decision of this Council to abolish Community Assemblies and centralise decision-making in the Town Hall;
- (b) highlights the public consultation, in which only 26% of local people supported the decision and just 9% supported plans to cut grants for community projects and groups, which Community Assemblies administered;
- (c) notes the proposed ward-based funding structure, which will see some communities receive five times more than others;
- (d) believes this is a further example of a 'favoured areas' policy pursued by the current Administration;
- (e) believes that, given the purpose and scale of this funding, Indices of Multiple Deprivation is not an appropriate tool for allocating funds; and
- (f) considers that communities across Sheffield are not getting a Fair Deal from this Council and calls upon the Administration to reconsider their

unfair proposals.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Geoff Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that this Government is making unprecedented and unfair cuts to Sheffield City Council and that the Council has had to make savings of £140 million over the past two years with a further £50 million for 2013/14;
- (b) is committed to local engagement and community empowerment, but believes that the unprecedented level of cuts that the Council is facing means that spending £2.4 million per year on locality engagement to the detriment of other services is no longer sustainable;
- (c) acknowledges that if this level of saving was not found from the locality budgets, it would need to be found by making cuts to other parts of the Council's budget and believes it is disingenuous of the main opposition group to call upon the Council to protect Community Assemblies without explaining which budgets they would cut;
- (d) regrets that as a result of the budget position, all areas across the City are facing substantial budget reductions, however, supports the proposals to allocate the remaining funding in line with the indices of multiple deprivation, noting that a significant proportion of Community Assembly funding was allocated in line with the indices of multiple deprivation;
- (e) welcomes that this is in line with the recommendations of the independent Fairness Commission of which the Leader of the main Opposition Group was a commissioner;
- (f) notes that as a result of the proposals, all areas will receive funding in accordance with the levels of deprivation in their area;
- (g) will continue to encourage local engagement and community empowerment, however accepts that this will be with significantly reduced resources due to the unfair Government cuts that the Council is facing;
- (h) believes that the current Community Assembly system is flawed as it has failed to engage communities sufficiently and has as its main focus formal Assembly meetings which have often failed to attract the public or convince them that they were influencing decisions;
- (i) notes that Councillor David Baker, one of the Lib Dem architects of Community Assemblies, is reported within the write-up of a Sheffield for Democracy meeting, called to discuss Community Assemblies, on 23rd October, 2012, as offering the perspective that "Community Assemblies (other than the North East Community Assembly) have not operated as intended";

- (j) acknowledges that despite the flaws in the system, some good local work has been achieved by Community Assembly staff, local members and community groups; and
- (k) believes that more of a focus on working at a Ward level will encourage community engagement and participation and represents the best option given the scale of the budget cuts faced by the Council.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For Paragraphs (a) (b) (g) (j) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (a) (b) (g) (j) and (k) of the Motion (16) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraphs (a) (b) - Nil.

(g) (j) and (k) of the Motion (0)

For Paragraphs (c) (e) (f) (h) and (i) of the Motion (51) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (c) (e) (f) (h) and (i) of the Motion (16) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraphs (c) (e) (f) (h) and (i) of the Motion (1) - Councillor Robert Murphy

For Paragraph (d) of the Motion (51) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea,

Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraph (d) of the Motion (17) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Robert Murphy, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Keith Hill, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraph (d) of the Motion (0) - Nil.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that this Government is making unprecedented and unfair cuts to Sheffield City Council and that the Council has had to make savings of £140 million over the past two years with a further £50 million for 2013/14;
- (b) is committed to local engagement and community empowerment, but believes that the unprecedented level of cuts that the Council is facing means that spending £2.4 million per year on locality engagement to the detriment of other services is no longer sustainable;
- (c) acknowledges that if this level of saving was not found from the locality budgets, it would need to be found by making cuts to other parts of the Council's budget and believes it is disingenuous of the main opposition group to call upon the Council to protect Community Assemblies without explaining which budgets they would cut;

- (d) regrets that as a result of the budget position, all areas across the City are facing substantial budget reductions, however, supports the proposals to allocate the remaining funding in line with the indices of multiple deprivation, noting that a significant proportion of Community Assembly funding was allocated in line with the indices of multiple deprivation;
- (e) welcomes that this is in line with the recommendations of the independent Fairness Commission of which the Leader of the main Opposition Group was a commissioner;
- (f) notes that as a result of the proposals, all areas will receive funding in accordance with the levels of deprivation in their area;
- (g) will continue to encourage local engagement and community empowerment, however accepts that this will be with significantly reduced resources due to the unfair Government cuts that the Council is facing;
- (h) believes that the current Community Assembly system is flawed as it has failed to engage communities sufficiently and has as its main focus formal Assembly meetings which have often failed to attract the public or convince them that they were influencing decisions;
- (i) notes that Councillor David Baker, one of the Lib Dem architects of Community Assemblies, is reported within the write-up of a Sheffield for Democracy meeting, called to discuss Community Assemblies, on 23rd October, 2012, as offering the perspective that "Community Assemblies (other than the North East Community Assembly) have not operated as intended";
- (j) acknowledges that despite the flaws in the system, some good local work has been achieved by Community Assembly staff, local members and community groups; and
- (k) believes that more of a focus on working at a Ward level will encourage community engagement and participation and represents the best option given the scale of the budget cuts faced by the Council.

(Note: Councillor Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a) (b) (g) (j) (k), against Paragraph (d) and abstained on Paragraphs (c),(e), (f), (h) and (i) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS**

### **Economic Growth**

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:

- (a) believes that Liberal Democrats in Government are working to build a fairer society in a stronger economy;
- (b) notes that since the Liberal Democrats have joined Government over 1 million new private sector jobs have been created and 1 million people have started an apprenticeship;
- (c) highlights figures that demonstrate under the Coalition Government that the number of apprenticeships in Sheffield have increased by 54%;
- (d) welcomes measures announced in the Queen's Speech last month that will help build a stronger economy;
- (e) understands that thousands of businesses across Sheffield will benefit from a cut in National Insurance Contributions, through the proposed introduction of a National Insurance employment allowance of £2,000; and
- (f) believes this measure will create jobs in Sheffield and undertakes to highlight the benefits to local businesses.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the substitution of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that the Liberal Democrats in Government have presided over the slowest economic recovery in 100 years and notes that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have declared the Chancellor's fiscal plans are a "drag on growth" and warned that Britain is "a long way from a strong and sustainable recovery";
- (b) believes this and their complete failure to produce a credible plan for economic growth has led to two and a half years of a flatlining economy;
- (c) notes that in March, the Office for Budget Responsibility halved the growth forecast for this year and downgraded it for next year too;
- (d) further notes that other countries are doing better with the UK economy now 2.6% below its pre-crisis peak and the USA 3.2% above;
- (e) regrets that unemployment is higher now than at the General Election, with almost 1 million young people unemployed and nearly half a million people unemployed for more than two years, the highest figure since May 1997; and

- (f) believes that in addition to their national economic failure, the Liberal Democrats in Government have introduced a range of measures to the detriment of Sheffield's economy including:
- (i) cutting the funding for regional economic development by two thirds;
  - (ii) cancelling the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters;
  - (iii) suspended a Government grant for the New Retail Quarter; and
  - (iv) brought forward proposals to remove Sheffield as a protected name which was met by disdain within the local business community.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

The votes on the amendment were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For Paragraphs (a) to (e) of the Motion (52) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Robert Murphy, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraphs (a) to (e) of the Motion (15) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, David Baker



and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraphs (a) to (e) of the Motion (1) - Councillor Keith Hill.

For Paragraph (f) of the Motion (51) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Peter Rippon) and Councillors John Robson, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Clive Skelton, Ian Saunders, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Bryan Lodge, Denise Fox, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Mohammed Maroof, Geoff Smith, Mary Lea, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Joyce Wright, Steven Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Sheila Constance, Chris Weldon, Alan Law, Steve Jones, Tim Rippon, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Janet Bragg, Pat Midgley, Terry Fox, Anthony Downing, David Barker, Lynn Rooney, John Campbell, Martin Lawton, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Neale Gibson, Nikki Sharpe, Ben Curran, Adam Hurst, Jackie Satur, Mick Rooney and Ray Satur.

Against Paragraph (f) of the Motion (15) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed, Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, David Baker and Trevor Bagshaw.

Abstained on Paragraph (f) of the Motion (2) - Councillors Keith Hill and Robert Murphy

The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that the Liberal Democrats in Government have presided over the slowest economic recovery in 100 years and notes that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have declared the Chancellor's fiscal plans are a "drag on growth" and warned that Britain is "a long way from a strong and

- sustainable recovery”;
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    - (iii) cutting the funding for regional economic development by two thirds;
    - (iv) cancelling the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters;
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(Note: Councillor Robert Murphy voted for Paragraphs (a) to (e) abstained on Paragraph (f) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)