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**2.00 pm**

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### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Vickie Priestley)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Peter Rippon)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Keith Hill Joe Otten Colin Ross	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Clive Skelton Roy Munn	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Garry Weatherall Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Anders Hanson Qurban Hussain Nikki Bond
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Diana Stimely Penny Baker	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Martin Lawton Lynn Rooney
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Alan Law Chris Weldon Sheila Constance	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Price Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Shaffaq Mohammed Stuart Wattam Jayne Dunn	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Andrew Sangar Sue Alston Cliff Woodcraft	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Cate McDonald Tim Rippon Steve Jones	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Vickie Priestley Katie Condliffe
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Mohammad Maroof Robert Murphy	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Denise Reaney Ian Auckland Bob McCann	25	<i>Stockbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Alison Brelsford Philip Wood Richard Crowther
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Sylvia Anginotti Geoff Smith Rob Frost	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Janet Bragg Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Nikki Sharpe Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Trevor Bagshaw Alf Meade Adam Hurst
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

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Chief Executive

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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.

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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.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
4 DECEMBER 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 6<sup>th</sup> November, 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. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

Report of the Chief Executive.

**8. DATE OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN 2014**

Report of the Chief Executive.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) believes Liberal Democrats are committed to building a stronger economy by rebalancing the British economy away from the City of London and towards revitalising cities across the country;
- (b) welcomes news that the Government's transport capital investment outside of London is set to increase by 28% in real terms in 2015-16;
- (c) notes that this represents a 16% increase relative to the previous Government's 2010-11 budget;
- (d) thanks Liberal Democrats in Government for helping to secure another £16 million to allow the Bus Rapid Transit project to proceed with greener buses, a new highway link and a high quality service between Sheffield and Rotherham;
- (e) furthermore, backs the on-going consultation into improvements to Dore and Totley station, which will deliver a significantly improved Manchester to Sheffield service;
- (f) fully endorses the Bus Rapid Transit and Northern Hub Rail projects, and thanks the Government for ensuring investment is available to enable these projects to proceed, and calls on future Governments to ensure these projects are completed;
- (g) reminds Members that these projects come in addition to unprecedented levels of investment in Sheffield's transport infrastructure, including £1.2 billion to enable the Streets Ahead project, £58 million for the UK's first tram/train pilot, and new facilities for electric vehicles;
- (h) believes these projects will help build a stronger local economy by creating jobs and enabling Sheffield to become a better place to do business;

- (i) however, notes South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority's 2012/13 budget monitoring report, which demonstrated that projects in which Sheffield City Council were the lead authority, had a total underspend of £2.9 million, more than a third of the allocated budgets;
- (j) regrets that the current Administration have failed to effectively spend the capital funds that have been allocated and believes these failures damage the potential to capitalise on future funding streams; and
- (k) calls upon the Administration to immediately publish its internal review into the failure to manage capital budgets, to ensure these mistakes are not repeated.

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

That this Council:-

- a) believes Britain's energy market isn't working for ordinary families and businesses and the cost of electricity and gas is crippling their family finances;
- (b) regrets that energy bills have risen by almost £300 for families since 2010 and businesses say it's the second biggest cost they face and is concerned that when the price of energy increases energy companies pass this on, but when it drops consumers don't see their bills fall;
- (c) notes recent research by Which? estimating that flaws in the market have left consumers paying £3.9bn a year over the odds since 2010;
- (d) fully opposes the unfair price rises recently announced by the big energy companies including a 10.4% increase in Npower's dual-fuel bills from December, SSE increasing prices by 8.2% from 15th November, British Gas increasing their prices by 9.2% on 23rd November and Scottish Power raising prices by 8.6% from 6th December;
- (e) notes comments from the Chief Executive of Citizens Advice speaking about the SSE increase "The price rise will be a blow for stretched budgets ... Many households are facing a daily battle to try to make their frozen incomes cover mounting energy, food and travel costs. Further increases will push people into poverty.";
- (f) believes that the increases represent a rip-off and believes that the present Government have chosen to defend the big energy companies and have failed to stand up for the consumer;

- (g) regrets that the Council's main opposition group's spokesperson for energy has followed the line of the Conservative Party in defending the energy companies rather than Sheffield families and is extremely concerned by the following comments he made in "Lib Dem Voice" on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 "No energy company has a duty to invest in anything" and "To say that energy prices are the fault of the energy companies is obviously on one level correct, but seems to imply that they have a duty to us rather than their shareholders when they set their prices. They have a legal duty not to operate a cartel, but beyond this they pitch their prices to maximise profits."
- (h) believes that this demonstrates that the main opposition group is only concerned with defending the excessive profits of the big energy companies and has no concern for Sheffield's hard pressed families who are faced with extortionate increases in their energy bills;
- (i) welcomes the commitment by The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP to freeze energy bills until 2017 upon the election of a Labour Government; and
- (j) further welcomes the commitment that the next Labour Government will reset our energy market so it works for Britain's families and businesses, with a new tough regulator to stop overcharging.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the recent confirmation from the Department for Education that Sheffield has by far the highest percentage of young people undertaking apprenticeships of all Core Cities:
 

•	Sheffield	7.8%
•	Liverpool	5.6%
•	Nottingham	5.2%
•	Leeds	5%
•	Bristol	4.9%
•	Newcastle	3.5%
•	Manchester	2.5%
•	Birmingham	2.4%
- (b) further welcomes that the rate currently being achieved is also among the highest of any local authority in England;
- (c) believes that the commitment to apprenticeships made by the current Administration has played a significant role in helping to

achieve this success with policies such as:

- (i) a One Hundred Apprenticeship Programme for young people furthest from the jobs market;
  - (ii) a locally developed Skills Made Easy apprenticeship programme, which this Council played a key role in designing, that seeks to create 4000 additional apprenticeships across the Sheffield City Region and uniquely puts the purchasing power for skills in the hands of business, thereby meeting the needs of the local economy, young people and the business community far better than national programmes;
  - (iii) the RISE graduate internship programme, which encourages small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to take on graduates; and
  - (iv) a pilot of a recently announced Employment and Skills event that will match young people with real jobs and advice on apprenticeships and other training offers;
- (d) further welcomes the City Region's success in securing the £5m Ambition Sheffield City Region bid, which this Administration also played a key role in designing and developing with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and local authority partners;
- (e) notes that the funding for the Ambition Sheffield City Region bid came from a reported huge £250 million underspend in the Deputy Prime Minister's flagship Youth Contract, with reports suggesting just a few thousand businesses had taken up the programme despite the target exceeding 250,000, and therefore welcomes the fact that the success of the Sheffield City Region Bid shows that the Coalition Government has belatedly recognised the success of Sheffield in tackling youth unemployment, and that local authorities and the LEP in this area are better placed to deliver employment programmes for young people;
- (f) believes that this Administration's commitment to apprenticeships and related programmes is good for the City's business community - helping to deliver the right skills to grow our economy and attract future inward investment – and helps to provide a positive future for our young people by giving them a more prosperous future, thereby representing real action on this Administration's priorities to be business friendly and focus on jobs;
- (g) further welcomes the fact that this commitment to apprenticeships is now reflected in the fact that the City has now seen the percentage of young people Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEETS) reduce to 6.5% - the first time the Council has recorded



NEETS of below 7%;

- (h) therefore believes that this is a track record the City and its young people can be proud of and is therefore saddened that the Deputy Prime Minister and the Council's largest opposition group, instead of welcoming this fact and using it to promote the City to investors and the business community, recently chose to incorrectly state that Sheffield was lagging behind other cities on apprenticeships in order to seek short term political gain, despite the potential harm to the City's reputation that such misinformation could well cause;
- (i) confirms that the figures the Deputy Prime Minister and largest opposition group quoted for other cities were net total apprenticeships and that they compared this figure with net additional apprenticeships from the Skills Made Easy programme alone; and
- (j) therefore calls on the Deputy Prime Minister and largest opposition group to immediately make a genuine 'pledge' to stop running Sheffield down for political gain and start standing up for Sheffield alongside the current Administration.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) is appalled by the latest round of excessive hikes in energy prices and believes these have been caused by the last Government, who took the market from seventeen operators to the dominance of the big six;
- (b) believes Liberal Democrats are committed to building a stronger economy and a fairer society and therefore supports the measures being taken by Liberal Democrats in Government to tackle high energy bills, including:
  - (i) the ground-breaking Green Deal, which was described by the Council's Cabinet Member for Environment as "fantastic news for Sheffield";
  - (ii) reversing the previous Government's planned cut to Cold Weather Payments, which are targeted at the most vulnerable;
  - (iii) promoting 'collective switching' and making it easier for households to switch providers;
  - (iv) reducing fuel bills for 2 million families by up to £130 through the Warm Home Discount;

- (v) rolling out a 'smart meter' programme, which helps people save money and ensures energy companies meet demand more efficiently; and
  - (vi) working with Ofgem to investigate and tackle the big six's profits;
- (c) rejects spurious claims that rising energy prices are linked to green levies and highlights research which demonstrates that the Coalition Government's climate change policies will save consumers roughly £166 in energy bills by 2020;
- (d) believes the Labour Party's proposed price freeze is a con, which could risk blackouts and jeopardise green jobs as well as billions of pounds of investment in low carbon technology;
- (e) furthermore considers that energy companies will significantly hike prices in anticipation of a freeze and that in the long run a freeze will drive smaller operators out of the market, thereby reducing competition and actually upholding high prices;
- (f) recognises the work already undertaken by the Council to support local residents with energy bills including the previous Administration's Free Insulation Scheme, which insulated over 28,000 homes in Sheffield, and the Big Sheffield Switch; and
- (g) however, calls on the current Administration to go further to support local residents struggling with high energy bills by:
- (i) utilising underspends in the Council capital programme to create a £1 million Local Climate Change Fund, to support community micro-generation projects;
  - (ii) maximising the use of collective switching, by repeating the Big Sheffield Switch;
  - (iii) promoting the Green Deal, by encouraging local residents to make use of free household assessments; and
  - (iv) investigating the use of public health funding to support elderly residents with improved insulation.

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CLIVE SKELTON**

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises the contribution that our serving armed forces and veterans make to our communities;
- (b) notes that its commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant ensures the needs of those residents of Sheffield who

- serve or have served the country are recognised and supported at a local level;
- (c) congratulates everybody involved in delivering many successful activities in Sheffield, as demonstrated by the inclusion of eleven Sheffield examples in the Royal British Legion's Best Practice Guide to Community Covenants (September 2013);
  - (d) further notes that many other residents have, through a range of professions, served the country in equally significant measure in national security and defence – including those who participated in the testing of Britain's nuclear weapons in the 1950s and 1960s;
  - (e) welcomes that, following a Ministry of Defence commissioned Health Needs Analysis in 2011 of British nuclear test veterans, the NHS has introduced a number of practical measures to support them;
  - (f) believes that other parts of the public and voluntary sector should seek to introduce similar measures to support nuclear test veterans – and that the Council should lead this at a local level by extending the provisions of the Armed Forces Community Covenant to those veterans who live in Sheffield;
  - (g) urges the Government to support the campaign of the British Nuclear Tests Veterans' Association by:
    - (i) officially recognising the unique service of these veterans and acknowledge the nation's continuing debt to them; and
    - (ii) supporting the intention to establish a Benevolent Fund of £25million to provide assistance for those veterans and their descendants in need; and
  - (h) agrees to ask all the Sheffield MPs to back this campaign and join the Council in urging the Government to support the requests outlined in paragraph (g) above.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Council launched an appeal in February 2013 to raise the £150,000 needed to install the Women of Steel statue, designed by artist Martin Jennings, at Barkers Pool, outside the City Hall;
- (b) believes that this statue will be a fitting tribute to the women of Sheffield who worked in the steelworks and factories through both world wars and were vital contributors to the war effort;
- (c) further believes that this statue and the story it represents will be an inspiration to the present and future women of Sheffield;
- (d) congratulates the performers, organisers and benefactors who between them raised over £60,000 towards the cost of the statue at

the recent fundraising concert; and

- (e) urges the people of Sheffield to continue to contribute in many ways to achieve the target which is needed to pay for the statue so that it can be in place during the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War One.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY**

That this Council:-

- (a) deplores the cuts being imposed on Sheffield City Council by central government against a background of cuts to public services, jobs and benefits facing the city as a whole;
- (b) notes that extending the current Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) or “Robin Hood Tax” on shares to other asset classes such as bonds and derivatives could raise £20bn of additional revenue in the UK a year;
- (c) notes also that at least 11 European nations, including France, Germany, Italy and Spain, are moving ahead with FTTs on shares, bonds and derivatives;
- (d) believes that whilst a FTT would have a negligible effect on jobs in the City of London, investing FTT revenues elsewhere would see a significant increase in employment levels in other sectors;
- (e) believes that revenues from the FTT could be used to offset cuts to public services and local authorities, including Sheffield;
- (f) therefore calls on Government to extend the current FTT on shares to other asset classes such as bonds and derivatives;
- (g) notes that so far two dozen councils across the UK have passed similar motions;
- (h) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; and
- (i) thanks the many local people who have lobbied their councillors about this issue.

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DIANA STIMELY**

That this Council:-

- (a) recalls motions from the main opposition group in December 2011 and December 2012, calling on the Administration to support local businesses by repeating the previous Administration's Free Christmas Parking scheme;
- (b) notes that other cities and towns, including neighbouring Rotherham, continue to offer free parking schemes in the run up to Christmas;
- (c) reminds Members that proposals in the main opposition group's budget amendment would have provided funding for the provision of free Christmas parking;
- (d) regrets that instead of supporting local traders, this anti-business, anti-car Administration have hiked many city-centre parking charges; and
- (e) calls upon the Administration to reconsider its Christmas policy to re-introduce free Christmas parking in the city and district centres.

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRYAN LODGE**

That this Council:-

- (a) congratulates the following Sheffield sportsmen, sportswomen and teams who have achieved notable success in 2013:
  - (i) Nick Matthews, third time World Squash Champion;
  - (ii) Matthew Fitzpatrick, US Amateur Golf Champion;
  - (iii) Peter James Hallam, Junior Men's British Figure Skating Champion;
  - (iv) Matthew Johnson, City of Sheffield swimmer, member of the British Junior World Champion Relay Team;
  - (v) Sheffield Trampoline Academy, two World Champions, Bryony Page and Lucy Horan;
  - (vi) Sheffield Eagles, the first side to win back to back Rugby League Championship Grand Finals;
  - (vii) City of Sheffield Diving Club, Top Boy and Girls Teams in British Diving Talent Games; and
  - (viii) Sheffield FC, inaugural winners of the Pioneers Cup, against teams from Italy and Spain;
- (b) believes these achievements highlight the contribution Sheffield

sport clubs and individuals make to the City and thanks performers, officials, and volunteers for their hard work and commitment; and

- (c) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to the named clubs and that letters of congratulations be sent to those mentioned above who have received individual awards.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROB FROST**

That this Council:-

- (a) believes it is important to support grassroots sport within the city for its well documented community, public health and emotional wellbeing benefits;
- (b) notes the shocking condition of many Council-owned football pitches across Sheffield and considers this a barrier to grassroots participation;
- (c) welcomes the announcement by the Coalition Government, alongside the Football Association and the Premier League, to invest £102 million in grassroots football facilities; and
- (d) calls upon the Administration to bid into this fund to radically improve grassroots football facilities in Sheffield, the home of football.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes recent research that showed Sheffield is one of the most congested cities in the country and that congestion is growing;
- (b) notes the recent plans for rail improvements at Dore junction station which will increase capacity on the Hope Valley line and is glad to support these moves which are long overdue;
- (c) believes that when complete the improvements will open opportunities to re-open rail stations such as Heeley, Millhouses and Totley Brook as well as improving journey times and reliability of Trans Pennine services;
- (d) regrets the decision of the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (SYITA) not to approve provision for cycle carriage on Tram/Train vehicles, thereby missing an opportunity to show its support for integrated transport and lead the way with this national pilot;
- (e) reaffirms this Council's support for provision for cycle carriage on

Tram/Trains and believes the SYITA decision will reduce support for a Tram/Train extension alongside the current track bed to the south of Sheffield in favour of heavy rail; and

- (f) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to the SYITA, Stagecoach Supertram and Network Rail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Netherde", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Chief Executive

Dated this 26 day of November 2013

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 8 January 2014 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.

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 (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

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 DPIs 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>

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 Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 6 November 2013, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Vickie Priestley)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Peter Rippon)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Keith Hill Joe Otten Colin Ross	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Clive Skelton Roy Munn	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Garry Weatherall Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Anders Hanson Nikki Bond
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Diana Stimely Penny Baker	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Martin Lawton Lynn Rooney
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Alan Law Chris Weldon Sheila Constance	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Price Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Shaffaq Mohammed Stuart Wattam Jayne Dunn	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Andrew Sangar Sue Alston	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Cate McDonald Tim Rippon Steve Jones	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Vickie Priestley Katie Condliffe
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Mohammad Maroof Robert Murphy	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Denise Reaney Ian Auckland Bob McCann	25	<i>Stockbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Alison Brelsford Philip Wood Richard Crowther
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Sylvia Anginotti Geoff Smith Rob Frost	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Janet Bragg Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond	26	<i>Walkey Ward</i> Ben Curran Nikki Sharpe Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Trevor Bagshaw Alf Meade Adam Hurst
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Mirfin-Boukouris and Cliff Woodcraft.

**2. COUNCILLOR JOHN ROBSON**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) announced the sad death of Councillor John Robson. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in his memory. Later in the meeting, Members of the Council paid tribute to John.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Karen McGowan declared a personal interest in the item numbered 11 on the Summons (Notice of Motion concerning the RISE Graduate Internship Scheme) because she is employed by the University of Sheffield.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 3 October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

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

**4.1 Communications**

**4.1.1 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, announced that, with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Councillor Ben Curran was appointed as the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.

**4.2 Petitions**

**(a) Petition Objecting to the Possible Closure of Jordanthorpe Library**

The Council received a petition, containing 991 signatures and objecting to the possible closure of Jordanthorpe Library.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Donna Furniss. She stated that the Jordanthorpe Library served the community, including school children at Norton Free and Lowedges primary schools. People wished to raise the educational attainment of children and the closure of Jordanthorpe Library would potentially damage this process. She strongly

urged the Council to retain Jordanthorpe Library.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion. Councillor Iqbal stated that no decisions had been made concerning Libraries. Proposals had been published by the Council and there was currently a period of consultation upon the proposals, which would last until 10 January 2014. It was important that people complete the survey about the future of library services, which was available, together with the Council's proposals, both online and at libraries.

Councillor Iqbal stated that it was important and a legal requirement that the Council provide a comprehensive Library service. The Council was also asking organisations to help look at alternative ways of running libraries. The context, he said, was the cuts in Government funding to the Council and the Library service was required to make savings of £1.6 million. He referred to the £180 million savings which the Council had to make in the previous three years and to the requirement to make significant further cuts in future years. He stated that the decisions relating to the library service were not easy for him or his colleagues to make.

Councillor Iqbal said that two consultation exercises and a call for action had been carried out. He had visited a number of libraries, including Burngreave, Broomhill, Frecheville, Topley, Newfield, Park, Woodhouse, Southey and Ecclesfield. He stated that it was important that as many libraries as possible were kept open. He stated that the Council's proposals included working in partnership with communities and that he had spoken with local Councillors Roy Munn and Clive Skelton with regard to issues including the establishment of a friends' group for Jordanthorpe Library, looking at how Jordanthorpe could be supported and added that workshops were being organised to take place in the Town Hall, to which the petitioners could be invited. He asked that people work together to find a solution for the Library service.

(b) Petition Regarding Prevention Workers in Children's Centres

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 1056 signatures regarding Prevention Workers in Children's Centres.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Sara Wealthall who stated that the petition concerned the ceasing of Prevention Workers at Children's Centres. She stated that she had become a Prevention Worker and had been made redundant from her post. The work which she had done had now ceased as a result of the decision made by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young people and Families and an unwillingness of Councillors to scrutinise the decision. The petition asked the Council to look again at the decision.

A public meeting had been organised in Sharrow at which only Green Party Councillors attended. She stated that there was real concern about the



decision concerning Prevention Services and the way in which it was made and stated that the decision, which was wrong, needed to be scrutinised. She said that the absence of paid, skilled workers supporting prevention services would have a detrimental effect on children and families and that some parents did not have the ability to solve problems for themselves, without the necessary support.

She stated that some services, such as health services or midwifery could be accessed but, if people sought help through the MAST (Multi-Agency Support Team) there was a four week waiting time, which parents who had expressed a view at consultation meetings had said was too long a time to wait.

Sara Wealthall referred to the Equalities Impact Assessment, which had formed part of the decision concerning Prevention Services and stated that there would be an impact on the inclusion of disabled children, support for fathers and lone parents.

The petitioners disputed that valid consultation had been carried out with parents and carers. The consultation had largely been done in a 1 week period and with a small number of service users. Senior Early Years' officers had attended groups unannounced and there had not been an attempt to provide translation in different community languages.

She stated that the decision concerning Prevention Services should be looked at again because of the failed tender process. A wide number of organisations wanted to provide the services but those had dropped out due to problems with the tender process. The inability of the Council to find providers of Prevention Services did not logically lead to suspending prevention work, which was budgeted for. She stated that there was a legal requirement for the Council to provide services and it was not necessarily the right approach to expect such services to be run by volunteers or co-ordinators. He stated that this was an opportunistic cut and the petitioners urged the Council to re-visit the decision.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Members of the Public in attendance with questions on the subject of prevention services were invited to ask their questions.

(a) Public Questions concerning Prevention Services

Phil Eddyshaw asked the following questions on behalf of Colin Walker:

Save Sheffield Early Years does not feel that the request for scrutiny of the decision to stop prevention services is being taken seriously.

He asked, why there had been no written responses (required within 28 days) to the previous petition and questions submitted at the last Council meeting; and why did no-one, with the exception of Green Party Councillors,

attend a public meeting which had been organised in Sharrow on 30 October?

Keith Levy stated that, now that the 27 prevention staff, who were funded by the Council, have been made redundant or redeployed in other jobs, what are the plans to replace what they were doing. He said; please do not tell us about volunteers, who cannot replace paid staff.

Ali Yusuf Bilqasab stated that people have had 3 answers about what has happened to the money which was in the Council's budget for Children's Centre prevention work this financial year, namely that:

- The money has been spent
- The money is still available pending a review
- (The money) has been cut (blame the Coalition Government)

He asked the Council to say which of the above is accurate.

The Council referred the petition, and the public questions on the subject of Prevention Services, to Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. Councillor Drayton thanked the petitioners and people who had asked public questions. Firstly, she stated that she was sorry that Prevention Workers had been laid off and she recognised and knew that the work which prevention workers had done was good. She stressed that the Council did not employ the Prevention Workers but they were employed by other organisations, which were contracted to provide services by the Council.

In the Early Years Review last year, the Council said that one thing it had to do was to make savings. She explained the context of changes to funding provided to the Council by the Government and reductions to funding. The Council did have £21 million funding for Surestart, which was ringfenced to early year's services. The Coalition Government stopped that funding and the Area Based Grant of £17 million. These two grants were brought together in the Early Intervention Grant, which was reduced to £21million. The Early Intervention Grant was since cut further by £6.8 million and is no longer prioritised or ringfenced to Early Years. It also includes other services such as youth services, youth justice and children's disabilities services.

It was decided to protect as much as possible services to Children and Families and to make savings in management, premises and administrative costs. The number of Children's Centres areas was reduced from 36 to 17 areas. The three contracts for management, intervention and prevention were also examined. The management element was removed and the tender was re-profiled and divided into two contracts, one for prevention and one for intervention services which were put out to tender.

In relation to the money available for prevention services, it was a combination of the factors referred to by the questioner that were relevant. Councillor Drayton said she had always maintained that although savings of

£3.4 million had to be found in early years and the Council would do as much as possible to protect services to children and families, it would not be able to promise that services would be delivered in the same place, the same time or by the same provider. Councillor Drayton stated that it was not possible to take £3.4 million from the Early Years budget and for it not to make a difference.

A compact was in place with the voluntary, community and faith sector, including a commitment to tell providers from this sector, with six months' notice, that contracts would cease, which the Council did. These providers included Action for Children, the Manor Castle Development Company and the NHS. Contracts were extended until September. The tender process was carried out and bidders included existing provider organisations and others. The tender process followed normal procedures and was open and above board. Contracts were issued but organisations who had successfully bid then said "no" to the offer of a contract. Contracts for three specialist and 1 intervention service were accepted by the tendering organisations.

The Council made the decision that it needed to continue to provide services to the most vulnerable children and families and so would deliver intervention services in house as these had to continue, with the Council taking on the TUPE obligations. It was not a legal requirement to provide Prevention Services. The Council was to look again at how prevention services could be provided. However, she wanted to make it clear that no-one in the City wanted to provide the work in the contract, even the organisation who delivered the contract at the moment and employed the prevention workers.

Councillor Drayton stated, with reference to the question from Mr Walker, that she apologised if no written response had been provided and said that she would follow up this matter.

Councillor Drayton stated that she was sorry she could not attend the public meeting, which had been organised on 30 October. She had received an invitation to the meeting and had written to explain why she couldn't attend and had given her apologies. She had explained that it was half term and she had childcare duties, and on that evening she had taken her granddaughter to her dance show dress rehearsal. She stated that she had hoped that her apologies would have been given to the people at the meeting.

Councillor Drayton stated that Prevention Workers were not employees of the Council but were employees of other organisations and she hoped they were treated fairly by those organisations and that if they felt this was not that case, they should contact their Trades Union. At the moment, the Council was looking at what it had to provide and how it could do that. The City was run by volunteers and a lot of organisations were also run by volunteers. The Council was not able to provide all of the services which it might like to, so the voluntary, community and faith sector was relied upon. In the circumstances, people had to pull together and it was about enabling

groups to continue meeting, with the use of a room, if they wanted to.

Councillor Drayton stated that she appreciated people coming to the Council, submitting the petition and asking questions and the fact that they cared about Early Years.

#### 4.3 Public Questions

##### (a) Public Questions concerning Taxi Ranks

Abdul Raheem stated that he was a self employed taxi driver and had observed the development of businesses in the City Centre, such as the Genting Club. He stated that such businesses also required services, including parking for taxis for their customers. There was no parking outside of the premises, including for disabled people. If taxis did park, the driver would receive a parking ticket. He asked the Council to look at this issue further.

More widely, he asked the Council to consider facilities which businesses might require.

Mr Raheem also referred to an incident in which a traffic warden took a photograph of his vehicle and then walked away, without issuing a parking fine. The warden stated that they would pass the information to another authority. Mr Raheem expressed concern in relation to the incident and the potential sharing of information with another party.

Mr Raheem made reference to Pakistan and to the many civilian casualties, including children who had been killed during drone attacks. He stated that there were 30 thousand Pakistanis in Sheffield and 1 million in the United Kingdom. He said that the images on the television were heart breaking and asked the Council to consider this issue in the same way as it did in relation to circumstances in Iraq.

In response, Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, stated that in relation to taxi ranks, the Council had previously installed a significant number of new taxi ranks in the City Centre. Since then, the Council was also working with the taxi trade in relation to new potential locations on which to site taxi ranks. Two new ranks had been introduced on an experimental basis. He stated that he appreciated the need for taxis to have ranks and comments concerning enforcement. With respect to the particular issue which Mr Raheem had raised concerning the traffic warden, Councillor Bramall stated that he would investigate the matter further.

The Chief Executive informed Mr Raheem that Councillors had heard what Mr Raheem had said in relation to the situation in Pakistan and would note his comments.

##### (b) Public Questions concerning employment

Gareth Slater stated that he had expressed concern to the relevant Cabinet Member about underemployment and the number of people employed on zero hours contracts and making sure that people receive fair pay.

Councillor Leigh Bramall responded that despite the beginning of the economic recovery, there were concerns about the form of the recovery and the number of people employed on zero hours contracts, part time or having lower paid jobs. He welcomed the improvement in the employment figures but said that he still had concerns.

Councillor Leigh Bramall stated that long term unemployment in Sheffield was increasing, rising from 185 in 2008 to 2815 in 2013 and he made reference to the number of young people aged 18-24 claiming benefit. He stated that it was important to understand that we should not be complacent about the employment situation. Zero hours contracts were only used by the Council, where it was in the best interests of the Council and the employee. The Council had introduced a Living Wage Policy and it was taking action to stimulate the City's economy. The 100 Apprenticeship Scheme had been introduced and the RISE Graduate Scheme was also in place. He referred to the Skills Made Easy programme and to the Small and Medium Enterprise Growth Fund. He confirmed that there were 400 net new apprenticeships in the City and cautioned against negative comments, which talked the City down.

(c) Public Questions concerning Schools Outsourcing Services

Anne Fields asked if the Council was aware that an increasing number of schools were opting to outsource workers in catering and cleaning services, rather than adopting the Living Wage. This applied to bodies other than academies, trusts, PFI and Church aided schools. She asked what the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was doing to pay the Living Wage, how many Schools have committed to the policy and how is this monitored.

James Stribley asked if the Council was aware that Capita and Council officers are actively encouraging schools to avoid paying the Living Wage by outsourcing catering staff to the Council's central caterer, Taylor Shaw, which, it was being made clear to the trades unions, will never pay the Living Wage in Schools.

Angela Harrison asked has the Council ever considered re-tendering current Council contracts early where it is clear that the Living Wage will not be paid within the duration or remainder of the contract.

Becky Wolsenholme asked does the Council support the GMB Ocean cleaners and their fight to get the Living Wage at Sheffield Park Academy.

Tracy Bailey asked will the Council consider adopting a motion to require all prospective delivery partners to include evidence of a commitment to the

Living Wage in all outsourced contracts.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families responded that the Council had committed to the Living Wage and had passed a motion concerning the Living Wage and had written to contractors to set out the position regarding the Living Wage. An increasing number of schools were signing up to the Living Wage and the Council had held meetings with the trades union in this regard. Human Resources had written to schools to inform them about the Living Wage and its implementation.

However, the City Council was not able to impose an agreement regarding the Living Wage where a school or academy governing body is the employer. 28 of the City's Voluntary Aided Foundation Schools were asked about their approach to the Living Wage and only 2 indicated that they did not intend to implement it. 25 out of 33 academies confirmed that they have implemented the Living Wage.

In relation to concerns that schools were being encouraged not to pay the Living Wage, an advisory note was sent to all contractors and to schools. With regard to the 2 Voluntary Aided Schools who were not paying the Living Wage, the Governors had said that this was due to a budget deficit which had influenced the decision as to whether to pay the Living Wage.

Councillor Drayton said that she had had informal discussions with Taylor Shaw and she did not get the impression that they were saying that they would never implement the Living Wage. The Council had a responsibility to ensure that schools can access appropriate advice and support regarding the decisions they made and the options and implications for school governing bodies. She stated that she assumed that Capita were also doing this. Councillor Drayton stated that she appreciated disappointment that some schools were not implementing the Living Wage. The Council would continue to do what it could and to press schools to implement the Living Wage.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that he had been a long standing supporter of the Living Wage and was proud that the Council had implemented a policy to pay its employees the Living Wage and that its partners Amey and Veolia were also doing so. He expressed concern with regard to the allegation that Capita and Council staff were encouraging schools not to pay the Living Wage and asked to be provided with evidence that this had happened, which he could investigate.

There were legal issues in relation to the re-tendering of contracts. If examples were found, Councillor Curran stated that he would meet with the Directors of Commercial and Legal Services. He stated that, in his position as Cabinet Member, he would encourage the take-up of the Living Wage in the City, including for organisations with which the Council contracted services directly and he also realised that was the issue of organisations which were sub-contractors for Council services.

(d) Public Questions concerning Sheffield Children's Centre

Chrissy Meleady stated that, at the meeting of Council on 2 October 2013, Councillor Drayton denied that she or anyone else in the Council or Kier had been made aware of any concerns or complaints in regard to Sheffield Children's Centre at any time prior to 2 October and that if she and the Council and Kier were made aware then she and the Council would have instigated an investigation and redress.

Concerns and complaints have been issued and reissued over a period of six months to the Council and made known to Kier. She stated that she had written to all Councillors and to MPs to draw attention to the concerns and complaints and to ask for their intervention to redress the wrongs being done to Sheffield Children's Centres, children, families and staff. She raised this in writing and verbally in Council and Cabinet meetings and in other public arenas.

In previous Council meetings, Councillor Drayton's response to the concerns and complaints was to deny the reality of them and to assert they were allegations and each time, no investigation ensued and no redress has occurred. One month on, the heating is still turned off by Kier at Sheffield Children's Centre. Despite reissuing to every councillor in the full Council the previous 6 months of correspondence in regard to concerns about the heating and other concerns, there had been no investigation and the heating had not been reinstated. She asked why this was the case. She also asked how the Council and its partner Kier could leave vulnerable people using the Children's Centres in such conditions and when action would be taken.

(e) Questions concerning appointment of a consultant

Chrissy Meleady asked on behalf of another questioner, what best value analysis took place with regard to the appointment/commissioning of the consultant, Julie Dale, for 48 weeks work at a cost of £132,745 for her salary and the agency fee of £26,586 between 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013, at a time when the Council were claiming poverty and enforcing through a 100 percent grant aid cut on community not for profit early years charities. As the Freedom of information release shows Julie Dale was taken on to carry through the axing of the funding to these organisations. She asked what other funding was expended in support of Julie Dale's role e.g. PA and administrative expenses etc.

Chrissy Meleady asked why the Council did not release the information requested with regard to Julie Dale in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act deadlines and why the Council was withholding the full information now.

(f) Questions concerning Grace Owen Nursery

Chrissy Meleady asked why was it that Grace Owen Nursery was not

included in the Early Years review and that £700,00 was allocated to the nursery through the Local Growth Fund, which was never identified in the Early Years review which went on to cut funding for other provision. She asked what other funding has been given or is earmarked to Grace Owen Nursery – one of the Council's own nurseries.

In response to questions (f) and (g) above, Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that she apologised if there had been a misunderstanding in respect of the concerns which Ms Meleady had raised. Councillor Drayton explained that in the past she meant that she, or the Council had not received anything regarding specific allegations so a response could be sent. She stated that Kier also had a complaints process. She also stated that she thought that Ms Meleady had received responses but if Ms Meleady sends her a letter clearly setting out the specific allegations and questions she thought she had not had answers to, then the Council would investigate the matter and make a response to her.

Councillor Drayton stated that she would respond in writing to the questions which had been asked in respect of Grace Owen Nursery and the consultancy fees.

(g) Public Question concerning Freedom of Information

Nigel Slack referred to an article in the Sunday Times concerning the idea that private companies providing public services should be covered by the Freedom of Information regulations and lose their right to commercial confidentiality, which was an idea that he had proposed to the Council on more than one occasion.

He asked will the Council undertake to add to its ground breaking decision that all new contracts will be let on a basis of "presumed full disclosure", the presumption that all contracts will require the winning bidder to abide by Freedom of Information regulations.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, responded that he acknowledged Mr Slack's championing of openness and transparency. He stated that the Council did co-operate with Freedom of Information requests. Freedom of Information applied to public bodies and not to private sector organisations. He would expect that private sector organisations would comply with the law and relevant regulations. He stated that it could not be taken for granted that there would be regulations also requiring private sector compliance.

(h) Public Question concerning Webcasting of Council Meetings

Nigel Slack stated that, having read some portions of the minutes of the previous Council meeting and noting that they bear only a passing resemblance to the actuality of the meeting that he witnessed and recognising that it is impossible for the official minutes to accurately reflect



every word of the exchanges that take place in a robust meeting, he would like to ask for some clarity on the Council's promise to review the potential for official webcasting of Council meetings. He asked who will conduct the review; what will the review's remit be; when will the review take place and when will it report; and will the review be open to public consultation.

Councillor Julie Dore stated that a similar question had been asked previously in relation to webcasting of Council meetings by Mr Slack. The subject of webcasting had been discussed by the Council's Corporate Governance Group and it had been decided that webcasting was not a priority for the Council at this time, with particular regard to costs in the present financial climate.

Councillor Dore stated that she had looked at examples of other local authorities' webcasts and it had been found that the viewing figures of such material was quite low. It was therefore not thought to be good value for money. There were other better methods of engagement for the Council to use with the public, including Local Area Partnerships, Meet the Cabinet and a variety of consultative events, which were sometimes general and at other times specific in nature. The Council was always looking at other ways it could engage with people and she did not believe the Council could afford to introduce webcasting.

(i) Public Question concerning Sanctions

Martin Brighton stated that the Council Leader has said that sanctions should not be imposed in the absence of evidence. However, he stated, her own senior personnel, supported by a few elected Members, are treating what has been said with contempt. He asked what does the Leader propose to do about this.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated in response that with regard to sanctions, she would request Mr Brighton to tell her on what particular instance a sanction was used and why.

She stated that there may be different interpretation of what constitutes a sanction. When there is an allegation then action must be taken pending the investigation, for example suspension; and some people assume that is a 'sanction'.

(j) Public Question concerning Promises

Martin Brighton stated that the Council Leader has said that she expects senior personnel and elected members to be trusted to keep their promises. Again, the Council Leader's words are being treated with contempt. He asked what does the Council Leader propose to do about this.

In response, Councillor Julie stated that the question which Mr Brighton had put was ambiguous and asked him to tell her the precise circumstances of

his concerns.

(k) Public Question concerning Contracts

Martin Brighton referred to comments made by Barnet's chief operating officer that "Publishing all Barnet's contracts with Capita will regain public trust and placate the sceptics" He stated that this was duly done and asked why can't the same happen here with this Council's contracts.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, responded that the London Borough of Barnet had transferred a number of services to Capita and without consultation. A Judicial Review found that in Barnet, they should have consulted. Sheffield was different. The Council was required to gain permission of a contractor in order to publish the relevant contract and there were some issues relating to commercial sensitivity. The Council had over 600 contracts and the publication of all such documents would involve a considerable amount of time and cost in proportion to the public demand to view contracts. Only three requests for the details of contracts had been made over the last 5 years.

(l) Public Question concerning Freedom of Information Requests

Martin Brighton asked the Council to explain why Freedom of Information requests are habitually not answered until the last of the 20-working days allowed, if at all, and even when the answer is to refuse the information, or provide inadequate or inaccurate information, requiring reviews at the ratepayers' expense?

He also asked, in the absence of any positive action on the above points, what objections could the Council Leader have to publicly naming and shaming those who are, as the documents would suggest, treating the Council Leader with contempt?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, asked Mr Brighton to provide to her information as to which particular Freedom of Information request he was referring and where he had not received a response in the given time.

Councillor Dore stated that she understood that Mr Brighton had publicly 'named and shamed' individuals in a You Tube clip and she asked him to please give specific information in relation to the questions he had raised.

4.3 Petitions (2)

(a) Petition Requesting Permission to Construct a Cul-de-Sac on Land Fronting 245 to 275 Barnsley Road

The Council received a petition containing 13 signatures requesting permission to construct a cul-de-sac on land fronting 245 to 273 Barnsley Road.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development who stated that he would look at the detail of the petition and respond in writing to the petitioners.

(b) Petition Requesting the Change of the Pedestrian Crossing on Greenhill Avenue from a Zebra to a Traffic Light Crossing

The Council received a petition containing 45 signatures and requesting the change of the pedestrian crossing at Chancet Wood Drive/Greenhill Avenue from a zebra to a traffic light crossing.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development who stated that he would look at the detail of the petition and respond to the petitioners in writing.

(c) (Note: A petition was received objecting to the Lack of Consultation in connection with the Felling of Trees on Dalewood Road. There was no speaker present at the meeting and the petition was forwarded to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene.)

(d) Petition to Save Don Valley Stadium

The Council received an electronic petition containing seven signatures requesting that the process of demolishing Don Valley Stadium be stopped and that the land be not sold for profit.

There was no speaker to the petition. The Council referred the petition to Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure.

4.4 Petition Requiring Debate:

Petition to Save Don Valley Stadium

The Council received an electronic petition containing 5,487 signatures, requesting that Don Valley Stadium be saved.

The petition contained more than 5,000 signatures and, at the request of the lead petitioner, under the Council's Petitions Scheme, the petition was subject to a public debate by the Council.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Rob Creasy. Mr Creasy stated that the number of signatures had been achieved in one week and, with other petitions which had also been created on this subject, signatures numbered over 10,000. Two photographs of Don Valley Stadium and Woodbourn Road Stadium featuring Mukhtar Mohammed (Team GB Olympian) were provided and displayed as part of Mr Creasy's presentation. He contrasted the facilities available at Don Valley Stadium, which were world class, with those at Woodbourn Road and asked if an athlete such as Jessica Ennis would have been inspired by the Woodbourn Road Stadium. There were 140 seats at Woodbourn Road and the Stadium was not secure, on a recent visit, there were no toilets other facilities available for young people.

Mr Creasy stated that Dr Steve Peters had made reference to Don Valley Stadium being more expensive than other comparative venues. The Stocksbridge Leisure Centre had shown the way in providing a solution to this type of issue.

He referred to 'soundbites' which were heard in relation to the Don Valley Stadium, including the reported 700K annual saving which would be made and the effects of austerity and Government cuts on the City. He stated that these were smoke and mirrors and questioned whether they made sense. He asked when the demolition of the Don Valley Stadium was due to take place and what had to be done to save the Stadium.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (b), the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure, Councillor Isobel Bowler made an initial response to the petition, followed by the Shadow Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure, Councillor Alison Brelsford. Members of the City Council then debated the issues raised by the petition. The points made by Members during the debate are summarised below:

- The Council had lost significant amount of funding.
- There is no budget to mothball for 6 months and if the Council was to do so it would have to make in year cuts to other services.
- The Council chose an option with relatively minimal impact and needed to develop an affordable city wide model that it can sustain, working with key partners.
- Don Valley was an ageing facility, requiring a large subsidy. The impact of the closure on the community was the least negative when considered alongside other alternatives.
- Woodbourn Road is a suitable athletics facility and approved by athletics bodies and the English Institute of Sport (EIS) provides indoor facilities of an international standard. The Don Valley Stadium had played an important role in the regeneration of the east side of the City but the type of events which it once attracted now go to

venues elsewhere instead.

- Prior to consultation on the closure of the Stadium, the alternative options to closure were explored and a six month period was given in order that alternative proposals might emerge. However, no affordable and sustainable alternatives have been found during that time. Whilst a suggestion had been made that the Stadium is mothballed to allow additional time for the development of alternatives and a business plan, it was not apparent how this would be funded.
- Reference was made to the facilities, which included the Stadium and were developed for the World Student Games and the payments which the Council was making for the cost of those facilities.
- There was a vision for the future that the Stadium could become something more.
- The Stadium did not meet the criteria of an asset of community value.
- Decommissioning and demolition of the facility would also carry significant costs.
- The community would need more time to work up proposals as was the case at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre, which was open and full of people and being run at reduced cost.
- The decision to close Don Valley Stadium was not taken lightly. The alternative was to take money from other budgets.
- Track and field was not a popular spectator sport outside of major sporting competitions.
- The context of the decision to close the Stadium was the required savings of £80 million to be made by the Council. The stadium had not been filled to capacity since 2006 and cost £700K to run. Significant capital expenditure was also required.
- Other cities had learned from Sheffield's experience and had converted venues built for major events such as the Commonwealth and Olympic Games to other uses, such as football grounds.
- There should have been better consultation and co-operation with communities that wished to come forward with proposals, which may take time. The threat of closure of the Stadium was not published until January, although the budget savings process started much earlier. The Council had said it was willing to work with people to sustain services and there were examples of successful outcomes.

- The benefits of investing in high value quality sporting facilities included participation, attracting visitors and increasing footfall and lifting the profile of the City. Major events were held at the Don Valley Stadium in the first 10 years, but now places had to pay to host athletics events.
- Could more time be given for campaigners to work on plans for the Don Valley Stadium as was in the case of Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. The cost of demolition would be greater than those to mothball the Stadium.
- Sheffield Hallam University was running the Woodbourn Road Stadium, which would have economic benefit for the local area of Attercliffe and would bring about interaction between University students and others in the local community. The costs of mothballing the Don Valley Stadium for a further 6 months were high.
- It would take the community and organisations time to produce proposals.

Rob Creasy exercised his right of reply in relation to matters raised in the debate. He stated that the community had a vision for Don Valley Stadium and did their best to put together a plan for its future and would have been 3 months into the process had the Council looked at this in July, with the Community. The costs of the debt in building the Stadium would still be in place until 2024. He questioned the decision to resource other commitments such as the hosting of the Tour de France at a cost of £900K. Although the Council presented the issue as a dilemma, it was able to find funding for other purposes and he pointed out that the community were proposing a scheme at no cost, which would also include facilities for health, sport and the arts and the potential of building a school and health facilities into the structure of the existing Stadium.

Sporting and other events were now moving to other venues in Leeds and Nottingham, for example and this affected Sheffield's status as the City of Sport. He referred to other venues including the Sheffield Arena and Scarborough, with which Sheffield International Venues were involved. He also referred to the effect on business which had invested in Sheffield on the basis of the its sporting personalities and credentials. He asked for more time for the community to bring forward proposals for the Stadium.

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure, Councillor Isobel Bowler gave a right of reply to matters raised in the petition and during the debate. She stated that, in Stocksbridge, the Council had funded the Leisure Centre opening until the end of April 2013 and there was also 12 months' mothballing money in the budget for 2013/14 to allow the community options for the Leisure Centre to emerge.

In relation to Don Valley Stadium, Councillor Bowler said that she did understand that the community group had a vision of the future of the Don Valley Stadium

and the Council had looked for a solution which meant that that Stadium could remain. The Don Valley Arena made a surplus, which it was able to re-invest. In reference to a point which Mr Creasy had raised regarding a facility in Scarborough, the Scarborough Spa, Councillor Bowler stated that the funding for that venue was invested by Scarborough Council and not by the City Council or Sheffield International Venues.

In reference to mothballing the Stadium to allow further time for the community group to develop options, this would cost £180K for 6 months, which was not in the budget and would require the Council to cease doing something else as an in-year cut.

Councillor Bowler stated that the community group have not submitted a plan for the sustainable and affordable operation of the Don Valley Stadium and that she had not heard anything which suggested that there is a realistic option of a subsidy-free Stadium and which would change the decision which the Council took in April 2013.

It was then moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, that this Council endorses the previous decisions and agreed course of action concerning the Don Valley Stadium and does not extend the mothballing period for a further six months at a cost of £180k.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried:

RESOLVED: that this Council endorses the previous decisions and agreed course of action concerning the Don Valley Stadium and does not extend the mothballing period for a further six months at a cost of £180k.
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As an alternative course of action, it was moved by Councillor Alison Brelford, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:

1. thanks the petitioners for bringing their campaign to the Council;
2. Notes that additional time was crucial in securing community management of Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and that, similarly the campaigners have offered to run the stadium at no cost to taxpayers;
3. Urges the Administration to delay the demolition to allow campaigners more time to prepare a community bid and refers the petition to the Cabinet.

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

(NOTE: In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons was altered and item 7, the Director of Public Health Report for Sheffield 2013, was taken as the next item of business.)

## **6. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR SHEFFIELD 2013**

The Council received a presentation concerning the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013 entitled New Opportunities, given by the Director of Public Health, Dr Jeremy Wight.

Dr Wight outlined the changes and opportunities arising from the transfer of public health leadership to the City Council. The presentation showed that, whilst life expectancy for women and men in Sheffield was gradually increasing, it was also less than the England average. Dr Wight described disability-free life expectancy and the inequality in disability-free life expectancy across the City.

The various recommendations of the Annual Report were included in the summary report previously circulated to Members of the Council.

Members of the Council asked a range of questions and responses were provided by Dr Wight, as summarised below:

Affordable warmth was an issue which particularly affected children and older people. For children it might impact on their attainment and development. The ability to heat a home was important to health. Cold and damp houses were harmful and contributed to respiratory disease in children and coronary vascular disease, among other things. People's mental health and the contribution of a cold home and heating bills to stress was also recognised. Energy charges were increasing and ways needed to be found to help people to live in warm homes by such means as insulation. The Council's housing stock was of generally good quality having been subject to improvements brought about by the Decent Homes Programme. However the quality of private sector rented housing was a real issue and it was hoped that property owners would invest more in the quality of insulation in their properties.

Air quality contributed to respiratory problems and deaths and the East of Sheffield was particularly affected by poorer air quality. Poor air quality was a significant cause of early deaths and might be due to poor air produced by energy production, transportation or industry. Public health could work with other services of the Council to improve air quality in such areas as transport policy and economic development. In respect of planning applications, such as the proposals for an IKEA store, there was a need to know the likely impact on peoples' health and to make sure that decisions which were made were ones which improved people's health.

In terms of meeting future challenges in the context of the present funding climate, a ring-fenced grant of £29.6 million had transferred from the NHS to the City Council and the amount of that grant would increase slightly in 2014/15. It was important that this resource was used to best effect and in the context of people living longer and a greater number of people with



disabilities. The Right First Time initiative in Sheffield showed greater integration of health and social care. Public Health could identify cost effective prevention measures, for example funding for people who are hypertensive. The root causes of ill health were such factors as housing and employment.

In relation to health checks, the figures for uptake were not good but they were increasing. Prior to the introduction of the health checks programme, there had been a number of successful initiatives which did much of what was subsequently incorporated into the health checks; although these were not badged as health checks. GPs were working hard to make sure that people were invited for a health check and a member of the public health team was working with them on that particular issue. However, it was often the case that people who least needed a health check took up the offer. GPs were incentivised to get people from deprived area postcodes to take up a health check.

In connection to the relationship between the Council and GPs more generally, there had been anxiety that public health practitioners would lose their link with the NHS following their integration into the local authority. The Health and Social Care Act mandated public health teams to provide an offer to GPs through the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Social isolation was suggested by some data to be as detrimental to health as was smoking. Community resilience needed to be built to help people to help each other and to prevent isolation from occurring to begin with.

For young people not in education employment or training, the Children and Young People's Directorate was undertaking work to address the issue and there were known health implications for people both in the present and the future.

The Council should lobby on the setting of minimum pricing of tobacco and alcohol. Public Health England had made its views clear to the Government regarding the failure to introduce legislation regarding smoking.

Minimum unit pricing of alcohol would be likely to have a major effect on purchasing and consumption and liver disease was the only cause of death which was rising and was related to alcohol consumption and obesity. It would be possible to extrapolate the relevant data for Sheffield

The introduction of the Living Wage would have significant health benefits, for example in reducing fuel poverty. Diet was an important public health issue, with some families unable to adequately feed themselves. Introducing a Living Wage was therefore an important intervention in public health terms.

Of the recommendations in the Director of Public Health Annual Report, the staffing of public health teams was especially important in making a substantial impact on improving outcomes in Sheffield. Some initiatives

were being held back by not having staff in place to take them forward. It was important therefore to fill vacant public health posts.

Water fluoridation would improve the dental health of children and young people, particularly in the poorer areas of the City. However, it was not necessarily easy to bring about change to introduce fluoridation, partly because of the infrastructure for the distribution of water to Sheffield. Whilst it was within the gift of the Council to request that water is fluoridised, this would need to be done on the basis of collaboration between the various authorities in the region.

In response to an invitation to submit a written contribution to a Scrutiny exercise concerning Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Dr Wight replied that he would be pleased to provide a written submission. There was, he said, increasing evidence that the poor mental health of very young children (i.e. below school age) was a disadvantage, which inhibited their future development and opportunities. Sheffield's bid to the Big Lottery's Fulfilling Lives Better Start fund had the potential to attract significant funding to the City for children aged 0-3 years.

When a child of school age was truanting, they were not receiving an education, which was most important in determining their life trajectory and the potential effect on their health was similar as for young people not in education, employment or training.

Removing the health barriers for employment for people with mental health conditions was a challenging area to progress and the former Local Area Agreement did include targets relating to getting people with mental health conditions into employment. It was difficult to find suitable employment and to support people in retaining their job. Good employment was a positive aspect in improving people's mental health. The Council was in the process of formulating proposals in this regard, although there would not be a quick solution.

There was debate as to the value of electronic cigarettes which delivered nicotine. It was either considered to be a good way to wean people off cigarettes; or it was something which normalises smoking, which was not, from a health perspective, desirable. The results were inconclusive and some people say they have use electronic cigarettes to help them to give up smoking. On the other hand, electronic cigarettes might encourage children to take up smoking. There had also been recent debate in the European Parliament about regulating the sale of such e-cigarettes.

Poverty was bad for health and long standing public health issues relevant in the Victorian period, including air quality and diet remained. Access to clean water was an exception, since this is now universal. Health inequalities were brought about by socio-economic inequalities; and initiatives such as the Healthy Communities Programme aimed to minimise poor health resulting from inequalities. Measures to help mitigate the effects of inequality would be taken forward through, for example, locality working.

There were 450 deaths in the UK annually due to late diagnosis of breast cancer and improving this situation required the public health team to work with GPs.

The Southey and Owlerton Area Regeneration programme had done some fantastic work in respect of smoking cessation. Smoking cessation services were important in the City's approach to tobacco and were also one of the most cost effective means of reducing smoking. Provision of such services was subject to a tender process and particular communities would be targeted in this process. The supply of cheap and illicit tobacco was a problem, with half of the available tobacco being illegal. There was a relationship between the price of tobacco and the level of consumption. It was planned to divert some funding to support Trading Standards and Environmental Services to support enforcement and prosecutions. A difficulty was that Magistrates did not issue fines in relation to illegal tobacco that provided a large enough deterrent.

Methods did need to be found to help older people to be more active. The Health Survey for England indicated that activity levels decreased in older people aged over 60-65 years. Activity such as gardening was beneficial to people. The Move More initiative promoted physical activity for older people.

There was data relating to inequalities in the City which can be provided to Members.

A distributed model of public health had been implemented in Sheffield and it was important to have public health professionals working throughout the organisation and the location of those working in public health would be communicated to Members.

There were risks in participating in sports including rugby, horse riding and climbing and the responsibility for mitigating the risk of injury partly lay with the relevant governing body for those sports. It was also necessary to tell people about the benefits of participating in sport and physical activity.

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Vickie Priestley) thanked Dr Wight for his presentation to Council and for his responses to Members' questions.

## **7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 5.5 relating to the termination of meetings of the Council, the items relating to Urgent Business, Questions to Cabinet Members and Questions relating to the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities were not considered. A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated.

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

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (a) it be noted that the Leader has, with effect from 5th November 2013, appointed Councillor Ben Curran to serve as the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and filling the vacancy in that office since 25th October;

(b) Councillor Jayne Dunn be appointed to serve as a Cabinet Adviser for Health, Care and Independent Living in place of Councillor Ben Curran;

(c) Councillor Bryan Lodge be appointed to serve on the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority in place of Councillor Jayne Dunn;

(d) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc.

Local Area Partnership Lead - Councillor Alan Law to replace Councillor Ward Member (Firth Park) Chris Weldon

(e) authorisation is given to the establishment of a Castlegate Member Working Group comprising 3 Labour Group Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Group Members and 1 Green Group Member and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Penny Baker and Jillian Creasy be appointed as Members of the Working Group.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL**

**Energy Prices**

At the request of Councillor Mazher Iqbal (the mover of the Motion) and with the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion Numbered 8 on the Summons for this meeting was withdrawn.

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

**Homophobic Hate Crime**

It was moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, seconded by Councillor Nikki Bond, that this Council:-

(a) calls on the Home Secretary to act on the recent report from Stonewall on homophobic hate crime showing that:

(i) one in six lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered (LGBT) people have experienced a homophobic hate crime in the last three years;

- (ii) one in ten victims experienced a physical assault as part of the incident;
- (iii) more than three out of four victims didn't report their experience to the police;
- (iv) almost a third didn't report because they didn't believe the police could or would do anything;
- (v) one in four gay or bisexual women have experienced domestic abuse in a relationship;
- (vi) half of all gay and bisexual men have experienced at least one incident of domestic abuse since the age of 16;
- (vii) a quarter expect discrimination if reporting a homophobic hate crime to the police; and
- (viii) more than a third of lesbian, gay and bisexual people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds expect discrimination from the police;
- (b) further notes that when these figures are extrapolated to Sheffield, over six thousand residents of the City have experienced homophobic hate crime in the last three years, and in recent years the total number of reports to the police was an average of 40 per year; and
- (c) recognises the work that the South Yorkshire Police, lead by Police and Crime Commissioner Shaun Wright, are currently undertaking with the LGBT groups in the City.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

- (c) calls upon Shaun Wright, the Police and Crime Commissioner, to undertake further work with LGBT groups across the city to ensure that homophobic hate crimes are tackled.

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) calls on the Home Secretary to act on the recent report from Stonewall on homophobic hate crime showing that:
  - (i) one in six lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered (LGBT) people have experienced a homophobic hate crime in the last three years;
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- (vii) a quarter expect discrimination if reporting a homophobic hate crime to the police; and
- (viii) more than a third of lesbian, gay and bisexual people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds expect discrimination from the police;
- (b) further notes that when these figures are extrapolated to Sheffield, over six thousand residents of the City have experienced homophobic hate crime in the last three years, and in recent years the total number of reports to the police was an average of 40 per year; and
- (c) recognises the work that the South Yorkshire Police, lead by Police and Crime Commissioner Shaun Wright, are currently undertaking with the LGBT groups in the City.

(Note: Councillors Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) and (b) and abstained on paragraph (c) and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

### **Employment Growth and Apprenticeships**

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) wholeheartedly welcomes the latest labour bulletin, which reported an 11% drop in Jobseeker's Allowance claimants in Sheffield;
- (b) furthermore, welcomes reports that 25,000 jobs have been created in Yorkshire in the past three months;
- (c) further welcomes news that the economy grew by 0.8% in the third quarter

of 2013 and notes that the International Monetary Fund has upgraded its growth forecasts for the UK by more than any other advanced economy;

- (d) notes that a million private sector jobs have been created since May 2010 and contrasts this with the claim of the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition that the Government's policies would lead to the disappearance of a million jobs;
- (e) believes the Liberal Democrats in Government have been crucial in rebuilding Britain's economy following the economic disaster presided over by the last Government;
- (f) specifically thanks Liberal Democrats in Government for helping to secure measures that will build a stronger economy for Sheffield, including:
  - (i) millions of pounds invested in local businesses through the Regional Growth Fund and the Growing Places Fund;
  - (ii) a new University Technical College to provide the next generation of Sheffielders with the skills they need;
  - (iii) record investment in transport infrastructure including £1 billion to enable the Streets Ahead project to proceed, electrification of Midland Main Line and a Tram/Train pilot; and
  - (iv) a Sheffield Enterprise Zone, which could deliver as many as 12,000 new jobs;
- (g) in particular, highlights the Sheffield City Deal, which the Deputy Prime Minister was crucial in securing and has already created 370 apprenticeships across the city region;
- (h) however, notes that other city regions have outpaced Sheffield with Greater Birmingham & Solihull having already established 1,351 apprenticeships and Greater Manchester having outperformed their own target by creating 2,755 apprenticeships; and
- (i) therefore, calls upon the Council to drop its anti-business rhetoric and work with local partners to ensure the Sheffield City Region maximises the potential of the City Deal.

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 any fall in unemployment which is especially important given the mismanagement of the economic recovery by the present Government over the past three and a half years and notes reports from the Daily Express in May this year that 'George Osborne's economic policy has led

to the "weakest recovery in recent history", according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).'

- (b) is concerned that the present Government are becoming increasingly complacent about the recovery and is concerned by the celebratory tone of the Leader of the Council's main opposition group's motion when many Sheffield families continue to face extremely challenging economic circumstances including the cost of living crisis which this Government is failing to tackle;
- (c) notes an article in the Guardian newspaper on 23rd October 2013 which states that "the recovery has so far been enjoyed by a relatively small number of people in a few patches of the country. Analysis of official statistics by the Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change (Cresc) at Manchester University [shows that]: London and the south-east have come roaring out of the crash, and now account for a greater share of growth than they did even during the boom. Nearly every other part of the country has got relatively worse off. And while the typical worker is going through the longest squeeze in living standards since the 1870s, top-earning households are comparatively better off than they were before the crash."
- (d) is committed to doing everything possible to support small businesses who are central to Sheffield's economy and therefore welcomes the following programmes of the present Administration to support local businesses:-
  - (i) breaking down the barriers for Small Medium Enterprises (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;
- (e) recalls the principle that the City Deals were led by the cities and the ideas behind the Sheffield City Region Deal were formulated within the city region, led by local public and private leaders, and it is not the Deputy Prime Minister or Whitehall that have delivered the 425 apprenticeships, it's the City Region, with Sheffield as its Core City, providing the vision, leadership and delivery to make a difference to young people in SCR and to our businesses and is therefore pleased that the main opposition group have recognised the work taken by the present Administration, neighbouring authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership;
- (f) regrets that the main opposition group have yet again attempted to mislead the Council, this time about apprenticeships, and notes an article from the Liverpool Daily Post from 10th June 2013 which states that "Liverpool is outranking most of its rival cities when it comes to helping young people into apprenticeships, new council figures reveal. Some 5.2% of the city's 16 and 17-year-olds now take up apprenticeships. That compares to an English average of 3.2% and is higher than the figures in other "core cities" Bristol, Nottingham, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham and Newcastle. Only Sheffield performs better, with 6% of young people taking apprenticeships.";
- (g) regrets that the main opposition group have resorted to making misleading claims about apprenticeship figures and confirms the following facts:
  - (i) the Sheffield City Deal is unique in that it allows apprenticeships to be designed specifically to meet the needs of the local economy and welcomes that the private sector in Sheffield City Region are leading the skills deal with the SCR Skills for Growth Partnership which oversees the delivery of the deal;
  - (ii) Sheffield City Region has only counted additional apprenticeships created by Skills Made Easy and all other City Deals are simply counting the apprenticeships created during the period by providers, which is not additionality;
  - (iii) data from the Skills Funding Agency suggests that there were 18,785 Apprenticeship starts in the City Region during 2012 – 13;
  - (iv) 9,269 successful apprenticeship completions are being reported for the same year at the moment; and
  - (v) the latest figures show that 7.8% of Sheffield's 16 and 17 year olds are taking up an apprenticeship which exceeds the English average of 4.1% and the Core City average of 4.6%;
- (h) welcomes that these figures recognise Sheffield's success in delivering

apprenticeships and the efforts of the present Administration who have prioritised apprenticeships;

- (i) notes that this record is in stark contrast to the previous Administration who broke a promise made by its Leader to commit £1 million of council resources to the Future Jobs Fund; and
- (j) regrets that one of the first actions of this Government was to scrap the Future Jobs Fund and believes that this was a costly mistake.

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 any fall in unemployment which is especially important given the mismanagement of the economic recovery by the present Government over the past three and a half years and notes reports from the Daily Express in May this year that 'George Osborne's economic policy has led to the "weakest recovery in recent history", according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).'
- (b) is concerned that the present Government are becoming increasingly complacent about the recovery and is concerned by the celebratory tone of the Leader of the Council's main opposition group's motion when many Sheffield families continue to face extremely challenging economic circumstances including the cost of living crisis which this Government is failing to tackle;
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  - (vi) Business Summits;
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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;
- (e) recalls the principle that the City Deals were led by the cities and the ideas behind the Sheffield City Region Deal were formulated within the city region, led by local public and private leaders, and it is not the Deputy Prime Minister or Whitehall that have delivered the 425 apprenticeships, it's the City Region, with Sheffield as its Core City, providing the vision, leadership and delivery to make a difference to young people in SCR and to our businesses and is therefore pleased that the main opposition group have recognised the work taken by the present Administration, neighbouring authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership;
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- (v) the latest figures show that 7.8% of Sheffield's 16 and 17 year olds are taking up an apprenticeship which exceeds the English average of 4.1% and the Core City average of 4.6%;
- (h) welcomes that these figures recognise Sheffield's success in delivering apprenticeships and the efforts of the present Administration who have prioritised apprenticeships;
- (i) notes that this record is in stark contrast to the previous Administration who broke a promise made by its Leader to commit £1 million of council resources to the Future Jobs Fund; and
- (j) regrets that one of the first actions of this Government was to scrap the Future Jobs Fund and believes that this was a costly mistake.

(Note: 1. Councillors Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted against paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and abstained on paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

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

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

### **Rise Graduate Internships**

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Isobel Bowler, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the success of the present Administration's RISE graduate scheme which has so far filled 28 graduate interns into 24 businesses;
- (b) notes that many students undertake internships shortly after graduating and that internships offer a great way to get a 'foot in the door' after graduating, get training, test out potential future employers and get experience on your CV;
- (c) welcomes that the RISE internship scheme brings together graduates, who want to work hard and do great things, with Sheffield-based businesses who appreciate an injection of energy and new ideas;
- (d) firmly believes that the scheme will not only give opportunities to graduates but will also provide local businesses with an opportunity to attract graduates to a range of sectors crucial to the growth of the local economy, including engineering, professional and financial services, creative and digital industries, to name a selective few;
- (e) notes that over 700 applications were received for the graduate internships and thanks all applicants, recognising the extremely challenging economic climate in gaining employment following graduation, noting the high levels of graduate unemployment;
- (f) welcomes the positive comments from local businesses about the scheme including the comment from one participant, "We found the RISE experience provided us with the confidence to invest in an intern with the objective of providing permanent full-time employment. The whole process from the initial advisory meetings, the communication and collaboration throughout the screening stage and the continued support, was and is invaluable to a small business such as ours. We have been involved in other apprenticeship and work experience schemes in the past and the RISE initiative has been by far the most professional and feel it provides great value to businesses in the region."
- (g) is therefore extremely disappointed that the main opposition group voted against welcoming the scheme at the two previous Council meetings and believes that this is the latest Liberal Democrat betrayal of students;
- (h) is delighted to confirm a further intake has now been approved, aiming to get a total of 50 RISE internships into Sheffield's small and medium enterprises by the end of the year which have been funded from the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, meaning a further 21 internships with 21 businesses have been secured for the second round of the programme; and
- (i) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to Sheffield University Students Union and Sheffield Hallam University Students Union, the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses.

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) laments the appalling legacy of unemployment, particularly among 18-24 year olds, left by the last Government;
- (b) supports all measures to help young people in Sheffield into jobs, including the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme, Rise Sheffield, the City Deal, the Youth Contract and University Technical Colleges;
- (c) welcomes news that the Sheffield City Deal has already created 370 apprenticeships across the city region;
- (d) however, notes reports in The Guardian newspaper that other city regions have outpaced Sheffield with Greater Birmingham and Solihull having already established 1,351 apprenticeships and Greater Manchester having outperformed their own target by creating 2,755 apprenticeships;
- (e) furthermore, believes that as this Administration gives to business with one hand it takes away with the other;
- (f) notes, in particular, the following as examples of the anti-business sentiments held by members of the ruling Group:
  - (i) rejecting a proposal by NEXT to locate a new department store in Sheffield, and providing a lukewarm reception to the proposal for an Ikea superstore;
  - (ii) failing to hold the full MADE entrepreneur festival in 2013;
  - (iii) hiking some city centre parking charges and increasing the hours of operation, damaging city-centre businesses;
  - (iv) 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; and
  - (v) attempting to ban ice cream vans more than 5 years old;
- (g) regrets that these policies have seen the Council criticised in The Star newspaper by business leaders for "closing its doors to business" and having "lost touch with the business reality of the 21st century"; and
- (h) calls upon the Administration to drop their anti-business rhetoric and work with the local business community to ensure the city maximises the potential of the City Deal and supports a generation of young people into

work.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the success of the present Administration's RISE graduate scheme which has so far filled 28 graduate interns into 24 businesses;
- (b) notes that many students undertake internships shortly after graduating and that internships offer a great way to get a 'foot in the door' after graduating, get training, test out potential future employers and get experience on your CV;
- (c) welcomes that the RISE internship scheme brings together graduates, who want to work hard and do great things, with Sheffield-based businesses who appreciate an injection of energy and new ideas;
- (d) firmly believes that the scheme will not only give opportunities to graduates but will also provide local businesses with an opportunity to attract graduates to a range of sectors crucial to the growth of the local economy, including engineering, professional and financial services, creative and digital industries, to name a selective few;
- (e) notes that over 700 applications were received for the graduate internships and thanks all applicants, recognising the extremely challenging economic climate in gaining employment following graduation, noting the high levels of graduate unemployment;
- (f) welcomes the positive comments from local businesses about the scheme including the comment from one participant, "We found the RISE experience provided us with the confidence to invest in an intern with the objective of providing permanent full-time employment. The whole process from the initial advisory meetings, the communication and collaboration throughout the screening stage and the continued support, was and is invaluable to a small business such as ours. We have been involved in other apprenticeship and work experience schemes in the past and the RISE initiative has been by far the most professional and feel it provides great value to businesses in the region."
- (g) is therefore extremely disappointed that the main opposition group voted against welcoming the scheme at the two previous Council meetings and believes that this is the latest Liberal Democrat betrayal of students;
- (h) is delighted to confirm a further intake has now been approved, aiming to get a total of 50 RISE internships into Sheffield's small and medium enterprises by the end of the year which have been funded from the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, meaning a further 21 internships with 21

businesses have been secured for the second round of the programme;  
and

- (i) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to Sheffield University Students Union and Sheffield Hallam University Students Union, the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses.

(Note: 1. Councillors Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (h) to (i) and against paragraph (g) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (h) and (i) and abstained on paragraph (g) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HELEN MIRFIN-BOUKOURIS**

#### **Blood Sports**

It was moved by Councillor Steve Wilson seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, that this Council:-

- (a) congratulates the League against Cruel Sports for its excellent “Manifesto to end Snaring in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.”, and
  - (i) notes the report details that in some instances trapped animals can take up to 16 hours to die even when a legal snare is used;
  - (ii) further notes that many of these animals die a horrible painful death and that often it is domestic animals such as cats that get caught in snares; and
  - (iii) further asks that this Council offers its support to the League against Cruel Sports campaign to get the use of all types of snares banned in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (b) congratulates erstwhile colleagues from the 1980s who banned the use of snares and all blood sports on Council property, including fox hunting and hare coursing, and condemns the present Government’s promise to hold a free vote on repealing the Hunting Act 2004;
- (c) re-affirms its ban on blood sports and the use of all types of snares on Council land and property;
- (d) asks the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council to ensure all Sheffield City Council land leaseholders are reminded of their duties of care to animals on Council land;



- (e) further instructs that a copy of this motion be sent to all Sheffield's Members of Parliament asking that they raise this Council's opposition to blood sports and the use of any type of snare with the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs, and that they encourage the Secretary of State to ban the use of all snares, and encourages all Sheffield MPs to vote against any vote that would repeal or weaken the Hunting Act 2004;
- (f) further asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs informing him of this Council's opposition to blood sports and the ban placed on them on Sheffield City Council land; and
- (g) also asks the Chief Executive to inform the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs of this Council's opposition to any repeal or weakening of the Hunting Act 2004.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended in paragraph (b) by the deletion of all the words in that paragraph after the word "coursing".

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

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

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| (a)   | congratulates the League against Cruel Sports for its excellent "Manifesto to end Snaring in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.", and   |
| (i)   | notes the report details that in some instances trapped animals can take up to 16 hours to die even when a legal snare is used;  |
| (ii)  | further notes that many of these animals die a horrible painful death and that often it is domestic animals such as cats that get caught in snares; and  |
| (iii) | further asks that this Council offers its support to the League against Cruel Sports campaign to get the use of all types of snares banned in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;  |
| (b)   | congratulates erstwhile colleagues from the 1980s who banned the use of snares and all blood sports on Council property, including fox hunting and hare coursing, and condemns the present Government's promise to hold a free vote on repealing the Hunting Act 2004; |
| (c)   | re-affirms its ban on blood sports and the use of all types of snares on Council land and property;  |
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animals on Council land;

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- (f) further asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs informing him of this Council's opposition to blood sports and the ban placed on them on Sheffield City Council land; and
- (g) also asks the Chief Executive to inform the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs of this Council's opposition to any repeal or weakening of the Hunting Act 2004.

(Note: Councillors Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (g) and against paragraph (b) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR**

##### **Sorby House, Forum House and Vestry Hall**

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that since Sorby House, Forum House and Vestry Hall came under the Council's ownership more than £1.2 million has been spent by the Council on the premises in just two years;
- (b) further notes with concern reports that another £330,000 has been allocated to the buildings within the 2013/14 budget;
- (c) believes the Burngreave New Deal for Communities was another example of a costly New Labour project, which delivered poor value for money and almost no economic benefit for the city;
- (d) regrets that at a time when the Administration claim they have been forced to withdraw funding from libraries, yet more Council funds are being wasted on another Labour 'white elephant'; and
- (e) urges the Administration to ensure no further funds are wasted on these buildings and focus on saving treasured local libraries instead.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham, 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 the continued irresponsible scaremongering of the main opposition group and reminds them that they made the decision to bring Sorby House, Forum House and Vestry Hall back into the Council in December 2010 and is therefore shocked at the hypocrisy of the main opposition group;
- (b) welcomes moves to put in place plans to ensure that the buildings are sensibly used as part of the Council's accommodation strategy which aims to save £30 million over 10 years by consolidating Council departments in fewer buildings;
- (c) regrets that the main opposition group continue to carp and criticise from the sidelines attempting to mislead local people, when the decision to bring these buildings into the Council was taken by the previous Administration and they are now being used to contribute to savings to the Council's accommodation costs;
- (d) continues to oppose the present Government's, of which the Liberal Democrat MP for Sheffield Hallam is Deputy Prime Minister, unfair cuts to Sheffield as they continue to slash Council budgets which is regrettably impacting on Council services; and
- (e) believes that the main opposition group should stand up for Sheffield at a time when the Council faces unprecedented cuts from the Coalition Government and believes this is the latest example of the main opposition group having absolutely no credibility and remembers that only a few months ago the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party and Leader of the Council's main opposition group were written to by the Chief Executive of the Council to correct numerous misrepresentations that had been made about the Council's budget.

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) regrets the continued irresponsible scaremongering of the main opposition group and reminds them that they made the decision to bring Sorby House, Forum House and Vestry Hall back into the Council in December 2010 and is therefore shocked at the hypocrisy of the main opposition group;
- (b) welcomes moves to put in place plans to ensure that the buildings are sensibly used as part of the Council's accommodation strategy which aims

- to save £30 million over 10 years by consolidating Council departments in fewer buildings;
- (c) regrets that the main opposition group continue to carp and criticise from the sidelines attempting to mislead local people, when the decision to bring these buildings into the Council was taken by the previous Administration and they are now being used to contribute to savings to the Council's accommodation costs;
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  - (e) believes that the main opposition group should stand up for Sheffield at a time when the Council faces unprecedented cuts from the Coalition Government and believes this is the latest example of the main opposition group having absolutely no credibility and remembers that only a few months ago the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party and Leader of the Council's main opposition group were written to by the Chief Executive of the Council to correct numerous misrepresentations that had been made about the Council's budget.

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

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR HELEN MIRFIN-BOUKOURIS**

**National Children's Day**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Gill Furniss, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that this Council:-

- (a) supports the campaign for a National Children's Day;
- (b) welcomes the launch of the campaign for a National Children's Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November in Sheffield by "Youth Can Achieve" which is endorsed by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC);
- (c) encourages schools to celebrate this campaign launch on 20<sup>th</sup> November with games or activities and take this opportunity for a discussion with children about their rights to education, healthcare and economic opportunity;
- (d) acknowledges that although this is a wealthy country there are still 1.7million children who live in severe poverty;

- (e) reminds Members of their responsibilities as corporate parents to our Looked After Children;
- (f) encourages Members where possible to take time on 20<sup>th</sup> November to engage in an activity supporting young people and spreading awareness of the Campaign for a National Children's Day;
- (g) wishes the children and adults who will be debating the benefits of a National Children's Day an enjoyable and productive event; and
- (h) requests that a copy of this Notice of Motion be sent to Sheffield's Members of Parliament and the Children's Commissioner with a view to furthering the Campaign for a National Children's Day.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

**Sheffield Theatres**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Isobel Bowler, that this Council:-

- (a) congratulates Sheffield Theatres for their success at the recent UK Theatre Awards on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2013;
- (b) notes that Sheffield Theatres received awards in four different categories: Best New Play, Best Supporting Performance, Best Musical Production and Best Touring Production;
- (c) congratulates Sheffield Theatres' Artistic Director Daniel Evans, whose plays 'This is My Family' and 'The Full Monty' won the Best Musical Production and Best Touring Production Awards respectively;
- (d) further congratulates Siân Phillips for winning Best Supporting Performance for her role in 'This Is My Family' and Mike Bartlett who wrote 'Bull' the winner of the Best New Play;
- (e) believes these awards highlight the contribution Sheffield Theatres makes to the City and thanks Sheffield Theatres staff and trustees for their hard work; and
- (f) directs that a copy of this Motion be sent to Sheffield Theatres and that letters of congratulations be sent to those mentioned above who have received individual awards.

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

**Car Parking Revenue**

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, that this Council:-

- (a) believes it is unacceptable to treat motorists as a cash cow for the Council;
- (b) recalls the annual parking enforcement reports introduced by the last Administration to bring transparency to parking services, which were nationally recognised as leading practice;
- (c) notes the recent report of the Transport Select Committee, which called on every local authority to publish an annual parking report outlining revenue gained from parking and how this money is spent;
- (d) regrets that under the current Administration the annual parking enforcement reports have ceased and that not a single report has been published covering the current Administration's time in control; and
- (e) therefore, calls upon the Administration to immediately publish a record of the revenue raised by parking services and how it has been spent.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of all the words after the words "reports" in paragraph (b) and their substitution by the words "for which plans were put in place by the previous Labour Administration but implemented by the previous Administration and regrets the shameful attempt to take credit for a plan that the previous Administration inherited from their predecessors";
2. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows and the re-lettering of original paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (d):-
  - (c) notes that Sheffield's reports demonstrate that the previous Administration clearly oversaw surpluses in parking services which were justified on the basis that "The surplus generated from the City Council's parking activities contributes to the overall provision of Transportation, Parking and Highway services in the city."
3. the deletion of original paragraphs (d) and (e); and
4. the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (h) as follows:-
  - (e) notes that figures regarding income from parking services and associated costs have frequently been published in the public domain under the present Administration and regrets the continued political opportunism of the main opposition group;
  - (f) welcomes that the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development had already instructed officers to produce a parking

enforcement report and looks forward to its publication;

- (g) reminds the main opposition group of the previous Administration's record on parking which increased charges in all but one year, including the doubling of pay and display charges in permit parking zones; and
- (h) deplores the hypocrisy and cynical political opportunism of the main opposition group who campaigned against the increases of parking permit prices from £10 to £20 in 2012 and cynically dropped this commitment in their following year's budget proposal and believes that this is indicative of a culture of casual broken promises within the party of the main opposition group.

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) believes it is unacceptable to treat motorists as a cash cow for the Council;
- (b) recalls the annual parking enforcement reports for which plans were put in place by the previous Labour Administration but implemented by the previous Administration and regrets the shameful attempt to take credit for a plan that the previous Administration inherited from their predecessors;
- (c) notes that Sheffield's reports demonstrate that the previous Administration clearly oversaw surpluses in parking services which were justified on the basis that "The surplus generated from the City Council's parking activities contributes to the overall provision of Transportation, Parking and Highway services in the city."
- (d) notes the recent report of the Transport Select Committee, which called on every local authority to publish an annual parking report outlining revenue gained from parking and how this money is spent;
- (e) notes that figures regarding income from parking services and associated costs have frequently been published in the public domain under the present Administration and regrets the continued political opportunism of the main opposition group;
- (f) welcomes that the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development had already instructed officers to produce a parking enforcement report and looks forward to its publication;
- (g) reminds the main opposition group of the previous Administration's record on parking which increased charges in all but one year, including the doubling of pay and display charges in permit parking zones; and

- (h) deplores the hypocrisy and cynical political opportunism of the main opposition group who campaigned against the increases of parking permit prices from £10 to £20 in 2012 and cynically dropped this commitment in their following year's budget proposal and believes that this is indicative of a culture of casual broken promises within the party of the main opposition group.

(Note: Councillor Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) to (d), (f) and (g), against paragraph (e) and abstained on paragraph (h) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## 18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Katie Condliffe, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the #WhyIAmIn campaign supporting membership of the European Union, which was launched by the Liberal Democrat MP for Sheffield Hallam, and has gained support from Sir Richard Branson, among others;
- (b) believes remaining part of the European Union is vital to the long term security of Sheffield businesses and to building a stronger local economy; and
- (c) calls upon Sheffield businesses and public sector organisations to highlight the importance of remaining within the European Union in the run-up to the 2014 European Parliament elections.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

- (c) believes local businesses should be free to make up their own view on the European Union and not be lectured to by the Liberal Democrat Party; and
- (d) regrets that this Government and the Deputy Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, have yet again let Sheffield and South Yorkshire down over EU funding and urges them to urgently reconsider these proposals and give South Yorkshire a fair deal.

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) notes the #WhyIAmIn campaign supporting membership of the European Union, which was launched by the Liberal Democrat MP for Sheffield Hallam, and has gained support from Sir Richard Branson, among others;
- (b) believes remaining part of the European Union is vital to the long term security of Sheffield businesses and to building a stronger local economy; and
- (c) believes local businesses should be free to make up their own view on the European Union and not be lectured to by the Liberal Democrat Party; and
- (d) regrets that this Government and the Deputy Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, have yet again let Sheffield and South Yorkshire down over EU funding and urges them to urgently reconsider these proposals and give South Yorkshire a fair deal.

(Note: 1. Councillors Rob Frost, Sylvia Anginotti, Colin Ross, Joe Otten, Penny Baker, Diana Stimely, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Denise Reaney, Ian Auckland, Anders Hanson, Katie Condliffe, David Baker, Alison Brelsford and Trevor Bagshaw voted for paragraphs (a) and (b) and against paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Robert Murphy voted for paragraphs (a) and (b) and abstained on paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

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## CITY OF SHEFFIELD

### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 4 DECEMBER 2013

#### COPIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THERETO

##### Questions

##### Answers

#### Questions of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore)

1. Following the successful opening of the Moor Market, do you believe this development could pave the way for progress on a New Retail Quarter?

Progress continues to be made, but yes developments on The Moor have always been seen as complimentary to the NRQ. The provision of a new market and range of retailers will enhance footfall in the City Centre which can only be beneficial for the NRQ initiative.

2. What progress have you overseen in the last month in delivering the New Retail Quarter?

With the termination of the Development Agreement between Hammerson and the City Council now underway the Council is taking the lead on bringing the initiative forward.

The City Council's Primary Objective is to enable the development of an extensive high quality retail led mixed use scheme incorporating leisure, food and drink uses in the City Centre to take place as soon as possible.

In order to do this, there are three current work streams being pursued by the Council.

- 1 Legal process of termination
- 2 Review of City Centre Master Plan and assessment of the NRQ initiative
- 3 Establish a new corporate, legal and financial structure to secure delivery

1. The legal separation process commenced in July 2013 when both parties agreed that under current arrangements the NRQ could not be

delivered. The formal termination process and agreement on settlement of costs and assets then ensued with the formal letter of termination being issued by the Council in October 2013 with final termination to be completed in late December 2013. Negotiations on finalising legal processes and financial settlements are ongoing.

2. Simultaneously, the Council is undertaking a Review of the City Centre Master Plan and a comprehensive assessment of the NRQ initiative, branding it NRQ2. This process consists of several workshops involving Stakeholders, Council officers, and consultant advisors. We have already completed two Workshop Sessions with a third due to take place in December. The Programme seeks to complete the exercise by the end of January 2014, allowing the results to form a "Prospectus" for a potential investor/development partner.

3. Ongoing work is currently in hand investigating several corporate and financial structures by which the Council could form a new partnership with a private sector investor/developer. The findings are due to be finalised by the end of January 2014 to coincide with the completion of the NRQ assessment and the availability of a "Prospectus" to inform any procurement process that the Council may proceed with in the Spring of 2014.

The Council intends to start the project on site in 2015 and complete it by 2018.

3. I am sure you will have noted the article in the Sheffield Star on 11th November, which reported that a solution had been found to Highway Agency concerns regarding the Ikea development. Will you now work with the developers to

We have yet to receive any formal confirmation from the Highways Agency that they are content with the latest proposals put forward by IKEA to improve junction 34 of the M1 Motorway so we are unclear of the

ensure this planning application is approved?

source of the Star article. We are continuing to work constructively with IKEA to seek solutions to mitigate the considerable impact of the development on our local highway network and on air quality.

4. Do you agree with the Labour Party's Housing spokesperson in London when he called on the Labour Party to "apologise" for its dire record in building social housing?

The Labour Party's Housing Spokesperson is a she. Therefore, I am not aware of who you are referring to.

5. Do you agree with Ken Livingstone who accused the Labour party of "cowardice" for building up billions in debts rather than taking difficult decisions?

I am not aware of the context or detail of this quote.

Question of Councillor Penny Baker to Councillor Harry Harpham (Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods)

Does your Administration still support the implementation of selective licensing in Spital Hill? If so, when do you plan to introduce this policy?

No we don't support selective licensing in Spital Hill.

Question of Councillor David Baker to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion)

I am sure you will be aware of the leaked draft report in which council officers stated that libraries lack any "real chance" of staying open without public funding. Why was this comment removed from the final copy of the report?

I am uncertain of the reference relating to the leaked draft report nor can I relate to the reference 'that libraries lack any 'real chance' of staying open without public funding' to anything published or unpublished as part of the Library Review and 'Future of Libraries'.

Section 9.3 of the Executive Director's report of 25/9/13 says:

*'Our research of independent libraries run by other local authorities suggests this is not a long term sustainable option'*

The report does go onto say:

*'However, we believe in the creativity of Sheffield people and will not rule out any viable proposal for running libraries on an independent basis'*

Since the Executive Director's report and in consultation with Members we have intensified our support for independent libraries and groups that may come forward to run them. This support has included the production of a guidance pack, the holding of workshops which has featured advice from the Council's Premises Section and from Voluntary Action Sheffield. In addition, we are organising visits to both community run and independent libraries in both Doncaster and Wakefield to see similar operations in practice.

Questions of Councillor Joe Otten to Councillor Jack Scott (the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene)

1. What was the Council's legal opinion on your proposed 'student tax' for waste collections at privately managed student accommodation?

This is obviously legally privileged information.

There is not a student tax for waste collection. I find it unbelievable that you continue to categorise a fair and reasonable charge on FTSE companies as a tax on students, particularly as the policy is supported by other Liberal Democrats.

Given your party's policy to raise fees to £9,000 per year, perhaps this should not come as a surprise.

2. What was the cost of your consultation on the Council's future waste strategy?

The consultation was delivered alongside the annual collection calendar, ensuring there was no cost.

I note that this is in stark contrast to the Cabinet Report of 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2008, concerning the previous Waste Strategy's consultation. This authorised spending **£45,000** on design / printing and distribution and a further **£25,000** for a consultant.

You may wish to ask the now Leader of the Opposition whether he feels this £70,000 represented good value for money, when the current Administration is able to undertake the same exercise at no cost.

3. What conditions exist for the Council to a refuse a tree removal request from Amey?

Removal is always a last resort. The Council does not grant permission for removal if the reason for the request is not valid.

Each tree removal request is reviewed by Council officers and in many circumstances there is a dialogue between Amey and officers before a final agreement is reached.

We employ qualified tree inspectors



within the Highway Maintenance team who verify and provide robust auditing and challenge of tree felling requests. This approach ensures agreement can be reached.

4. What assessment has been made of the risk to the public of large numbers of persistently unfilled holes in the pavement, as a result of Streets Ahead works?

Holes are protected by barriers to make them safe. They are filled in as quickly as possible. The risk to the public is minimal.

It is not possible to undertake the Streets Ahead project without digging these holes.

5. Why have you failed so comprehensively to provide residents with more accurate information regarding Streets Ahead work on their streets?

We have not failed - we have received no formal complaints about communication. We continually seek feedback and review how information is communicated to find improvements.

Information is provided on the Council's website about individual zones. Residents are given information through letters, leaflets and roadshows. Any resident who needs more information can contact the Council.

Inevitably, specific dates may change slightly in a project of this size. Work will occasionally be delayed through bad weather, plant breakdowns, cars not moved and poor site conditions.

It is a shame you continue to attack the Streets Ahead scheme.

6. What actions have you taken to minimise the need for residents to move their on-street parked cars when Streets Ahead work have been underway?

We only ask residents to move their cars where this is required. We are unable to carry out certain work when cars are parked, such as resurfacing the roads, kerb replacements, repainting of road markings, etc.

Question of Councillor Trevor Bagshaw to Councillor Jack Scott (the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene)

When will you complete your review into unadopted roads in relation to the Streets Ahead project, as reported in The Star on 25th November?

In the New Year.

It is regrettable that the previous Administration did not discuss this matter with the Government or have any plans for what it would do.

As always, it falls to this Administration to fix problems created by the previous Administration.

Questions of Councillor Ian Auckland to Councillor Leigh Bramall (Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development)

1. You have previously stated that work is being undertaken to assess additional revenue raised from the increases in city-centre parking charges. When will you be a position to brief the Council on the additional revenue?

As stated in previous answers, we will know more towards the end of the financial year.
2. How many new 20mph zones do you plan to introduce over the next two financial years (2014/15 and 2015/16)? Please break down your answer by Local Action Partnership area.

Subject to funding, we are planning to roll out 20mph zones based on accident rates but taking account also of the Streets Ahead schedule to make best use of limited resources. 16 or so are being considered but we have not yet finalised which these will be.
3. Why was Meadowhall shopping centre excluded from the proposed Lower Don Valley Business Improvement District (BID)?

Meadowhall shopping centre has already constructed flood defences in excess of the prevention levels the BID scheme will deliver, and they already pay for a river stewardship scheme in their area. Given they have addressed the flood risk as such, and modelling shows they would still have access if a flood occurs, they have been excluded.
4. Why was Tesco Spital Hill excluded from the proposed Lower Don Valley business improvement district?

Tesco is in the BID area.

Questions of Councillor Alison Brelsford to Councillor Isobel Bowler (Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure)

1. What were the outcomes of your meeting with the Friends of Graves Park on the 8th November, 2013?
  - At the meeting, the Friends of Graves Park (FoGP) stated that they strongly feel that the building should be retained as a benefit to the charity rather than disposed of and the money raised put into the charity. Recognising that the charity does not have the capital to bring the building back into use they offered to explore ways of raising the resources required to reinstate the building.
  - In light of this offer, the Cabinet Member (in her capacity representing the Park's Trustees) agreed that the FoGP would be given up to 12 months to progress this alternative option as part of a plan to use the building to benefit the charity.
  - Pursuing the disposal recommended by officers has therefore currently been deferred in lieu of the outcome of this community interest.
  - Officers subsequently met with the FoGP at Cobnar Cottage on 22 November to enable them to view and inspect the property for themselves first-hand - the Group are now considering their next steps and actions in light of this visit and a further discussion will be held with them in January.
  
2. What progress has been made since the November Council meeting in awarding £5 million of unallocated Olympic Legacy Funding?

We will be making an announcement with partners within the week.

Questions of Councillor Andrew Sangar to Councillor Ben Curran (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources)

1. Will you recommend further revenue and capital allocation for Sorby House, Forum House or Vestry Hall as part of 2014-15 budget recommendations? Details of the 2014-15 budget will be made available when the budget is published.
2. What steps have you taken since joining the Cabinet to recover outstanding debts relating to South Yorkshire Trading Standards? The Chief Executive is mandated to take all necessary steps.
3. How much is currently owed in Sheffield in unpaid business rates? Out of over £2 billion that was due to be collected since 1998-99, £9.3 million is outstanding in arrears.
4. Do you intend to protect the pay of high earning staff as part of your 2014/15 budget? Details of the 2014-15 budget will be made available when the budget is published.
5. Thank you for your answer last month regarding recruitment since May 2011 within the Council. Please can you breakdown your answer by grade? See attached
6. How many Council owned or maintained buildings are there in each ward of the city? See attached
7. How much revenue does the Council generate through advertising on Council land or through Council services? The Council generates approximately £250,000 per year through advertising on Council land.
8. Please list all bodies provided with office space by the Council for free or at a subsidised rate, along with relevant costs. See attached
9. How many external organisations does the Council pay subscription fees to? Please list each organisation with relevant costs. I will provide a written response in due course.
10. Does the Council currently charge for the collection of trade union membership subscriptions? Collection of trade union membership subscriptions is undertaken by Capita as part of payroll services, not by Sheffield City Council.
11. How many members of staff are employed within the Council's

Communication Department?

FTE staff who recently moved into the service from Sheffield Homes, and 7.5 FTE staff responsible for print and design.

12. How many members of staff are employed to manage or co-ordinate social media accounts for the Council?

There are no members of staff who are employed only to manage or co-ordinate social media accounts.

13. Has the Council given any consideration to generating revenue by leasing art work currently not on display?

Museums Sheffield periodically reviews the potential for generating revenue through the visual art collection.

14. What financial contribution does the Council make to the Sheffield City Region leadership programme?

The Council has withdrawn from the City Region Leadership programme.

15. Will you consider expanding your Living Wage policy to all agency staff?

The Living Wage is already applied to all relevant agency staff supplied through the REED contract at the start of their tenure. We implemented this at the same time as applying the Living Wage to Sheffield City Council staff.

Question of Councillor Alison Brelsford to Councillor Ben Curran (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources)

When will you be in a position to brief the Council on the eleven expressions of interest in the Don Valley stadium site?

The Don Valley site is subject to complex negotiations. Information will be disclosed in due course.

## Starters and Leavers by Grade

Starters	
Grade	Total
ADVANCED SKILLS TEACHER L8-12	1
Apprentice	2
ASSISTANT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST	2
ASSISTANT HEAD ISR L10-14	1
ASSISTANT HEAD ISR L6-10	1
CLERICAL APPRENTICE 16-17 (1-6 MONTHS)	3
DEPUTY HEAD LSR L16-20	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 2	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 3	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 4	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 5	3
DIRECTOR GRADE 6	7
DIRECTOR GRADE 7	4
ED PSYCHOLOGIST B TEAM MANAGER	1
FIXED SALARY	35
HEADTEACHER GROUPS ISR L 22-28	1
HEADTEACHER GROUP6 ISR L 26-32	3
HEADTEACHER GROUP8 ISR L37 - 43	1
HEADTEACHERS	2
MANOR CASTLE DEVELOPMENT	2
MIN WAGE AGE 22 (ACCREDITED TRAINING)	1
MINIMUM WAGES	42
NEW STANDARD SCALE (M1 - M6)	6
SCC GRADE 1 SCP 4-8	13
SCC GRADE 10 SCP 46-51	16
SCC GRADE 11 SCP51-57	9
SCC GRADE 2 SCP 8-12	110
SCC GRADE 3 SCP 12-17	236
SCC GRADE 4 SCP 17-22	125
SCC GRADE 5 SCP 22-27	157
SCC GRADE 6 SCP 27-32	72
SCC GRADE 7 SCP 32-37	86
SCC GRADE 8 SCP 36-41	36
SCC GRADE 9 SCP 41-46	38
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADV. 18-21+3 (18-24)	1
SCP 22 FIXED	1
SCP 27-29	4
SOULBURY SCP 18 - 21	3
SOULBURY SENIOR CONSULTANT 10 - 13	1
SUG 4 SCP 22 - 25	1
SYSTEM DEFAULT GRADE	61
UPPER PAY SPINE SCP 1-3	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1106</b>

Leavers	
Grade	Total
ADVANCED SKILLS TEACHER L7-11	1
ADVISERS/INSPECTORS POINTS 10-13	2
ADVISERS/INSPECTORS POINTS 7 - 11	1
ADVISORS/INSP 10 - 15 LV2	2
ADVISORS/INSPECTORS POINTS 7-13 LEVEL 2	1
Apprentice	5
CLERICAL APPRENTICE 16-17 (1-6 MONTHS)	2
DEPUTY HEAD ISR L3-7	1
DEPUTY HEAD LSR L13-17	1
DEPUTY HEAD LSR L27-31	1
DEPUTY HEAD LSR L8 - 12	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 2	1
DIRECTOR GRADE 4	6
DIRECTOR GRADE 5	5
DIRECTOR GRADE 6	5
DIRECTOR GRADE 7	21
ED PSYCHOLOGIST B TEAM MANAGER	1
EDUC PSYCHO PTS 1 - 12 LVL 2	1
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (ASST) SCP 1-4	2
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST A SCP 2-7+3 SPA	1
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS SCALE A	1
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR A	2
FIXED SALARY	25
GENERAL ADVISER POINTS 15-19	1
GENERAL ADVISOR 15 - 20 LVL 2	1
GRADE 5 MANUAL	1
HEADTEACHER	4
HEADTEACHER GROUP6 ISR L 26-32	6
HEADTEACHER GROUP6 ISR L 27-33	1
HEADTEACHER GROUP6 ISR L 29-35	1
HEADTEACHERS	15
MINIMUM WAGES	67
NEW STANDARD SCALE (M1 - M6)	6
SCC GRADE 1 SCP 4-8	17
SCC GRADE 10 SCP 46-51	78
SCC GRADE 11 SCP51-57	46
SCC GRADE 2 SCP 8-12	160
SCC GRADE 3 SCP 12-17	308
SCC GRADE 4 SCP 17-22	432
SCC GRADE 5 SCP 22-27	318
SCC GRADE 6 SCP 27-32	356
SCC GRADE 7 SCP 32-37	191
SCC GRADE 8 SCP 36-41	212
SCC GRADE 9 SCP 41-46	147
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADV. 18-21+2 (18-23)	2
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISER 18-21	1
SCP 22 FIXED	1
SCP 27-29	1
SENIOR ADVISOR PTS 18 - 23 LVL 2	1
SENIOR ADVISORS POINTS 24 - 37	1
SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY POINTS 11-14	1
SG2:3:4:5:6:7:8	1
SOULBURY ADVISOR SCP 11 - 14 + 2	1
SOULBURY ADVISORS POINT 36 TO 38	1
SOULBURY ADVISORS SCP 13-16	1
SOULBURY ADVISORS SCP 7 - 11 + 2 SPA	1
SOULBURY CONSULTANT 8 - 11	6
SOULBURY CONSULTANT 8 - 11 + 1 (8 - 12)	2
SOULBURY CONSULTANT 8 - 11 + 2 (8 - 13)	3
SOULBURY CONSULTANT 8 - 11 + 3 (8 - 14)	3
SOULBURY E.I.P. 18 - 21	2
SOULBURY E.I.P. 8 - 11	8
SOULBURY EIP 15 - 18	1
SOULBURY FIXED POINT 36	1
SOULBURY IMP PROFESSIONAL SCP 7-10+1SPA	1
SOULBURY POINT 28	1
SOULBURY POINT 29	1
SOULBURY SENIOR CONSULTANT 10 - 13	1
SOULBURY SNR CONSULTANT 10-13 +3 (10-16)	7
SPINAL 14 ONLY	1
SPINAL COLUMN POINT 11	1
STREETFORCE WEEKLY	4
SUG 9/10 SCP 38 - 45	1
SUG 11 SCP 46-49	2
SUG 12 SCP 50 - 53	2
SUG 2	1
SUG 3/4 SCP 18 - 25	1
SUG 4 SCP 22 - 25	4
SUG 5/6 SCP 26 - 31	1
SUG 7 SCP 32 - 34	1
SUG10/11 SCP 42 - 49	1
SYSTEM DEFAULT GRADE	58
UNQUALIFIED TEACHER SCALE U4 SCP 1 - 6	1
UPPER PAY SPINE SCP 1-3	53
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2639</b>





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Type	ADMIN_NAME	
Arbourthorne Ward Count		15
Beauchief and Greenhill Ward Count		19
Beighton Ward Count		9
Birley Ward Count		17
Broomhill Ward Count		13
Burngreave Ward Count		39
Central Ward Count		58
Crookes Ward Count		4
Darnall Ward Count		37
Dore and Totley Ward Count		17
East Ecclesfield Ward Count		17
Ecclesall Ward Count		20
Firth Park Ward Count		20
Fulwood Ward Count		9
Gleadless Valley Ward Count		18
Graves Park Ward Count		19
Hillsborough Ward Count		17
Manor Castle Ward Count		20
Mosborough Ward Count		11
N/A Count		1
Nether Edge Ward Count		13
Richmond Ward Count		19
Shiregreen and Brightside Ward Count		18
Southey Ward Count		10
Stannington Ward Count		20
Stocksbridge and Upper Don Ward Count		21
Walkley Ward Count		20
West Ecclesfield Ward Count		19
Woodhouse Ward Count		14
Grand Count		534

Name

GrossArea

**COMMUNITY / CONCESSIONARY LETTINGS - CHUDWIS**

Address	No	Tenant	Type	Rent
Addy Close	2	Springvale TARA	TARA	P/Com
Blakeney Road	118	Crookes & Walkley TARA	TARA	P/Com
Buchanan Road	130	Old Parson Cross TARA	TARA	P/Com
Burngreave Road	12 & 14	Nomad	Community	Rent
Callow Mt [Pemberton Block]		Sure-Start	Community	
Callow Place	GF Office	Gleadless Valley TARA	TARA	P/Com
Canwood Green	22	Canwood Tenants & Residents Association	TARA	P/Com
Chaucer Close	52	Deerlands & Chaucer TARA	TARA	P/Com
Crumpsall Road	92	Shirecliffe TARA	TARA	P/Com
Daniel Hill	44	Sheff Womens Counselling & Therapy Service	Community	£2,750
Emerson Cres. Social Centre	Rear of 189	[Social Centre] - Lindsay TARA	TARA	P/Com
Erskine Crescent	132	Arbourthorne TARA	TARA	P/Com
Exeter Drive	345	Hanover TARA	TARA	P/Com
Exeter Drive	347	Broomhall Forum	Community	£3,000
Fairbank/Nonwood Rd	Comm. Centre	Nonwood & Bishopholme TARA	TARA	P/Com
Fairbarn Drive	29	Stannington TARA	TARA	P/Com
Fairthorn Road	73	Stubbin TARA	TARA	P/Com
Fawcett Street	54	St Stephens TARA	TARA	P/Com
Fawcett Street	58	ZEST	Community	£1,470
Firhill Glade	11	Firhill TARA	TARA	P/Com
Foxglove Road	153	Flower Estate Family Action	Community	
Goathland Place	2	Badger TARA	TARA	P/Com
Gresley Road	185	South Yorkshire Housing Association	Community	
Grimesthorpe Road	32	Somali Physically Disabled Support Group	Community	£780
Hallwell Crescent	112	Binsted Lamb & Cookson TARA	TARA	P/Com
Handsworth Road	409	Handsworth & Bailfield TARA	TARA	P/Com
Heath Rd/Knowles La		Trustees of Stubbin Estate Comm Assoc	Community	£200
Holgate Road	3	Holgate & Milnrow TARA	TARA	P/Com
Hoolie Street	74	Young Womens Housing Project	Community	£2,026
Hucklow Road	132	Brushes TARA	TARA	P/Com
Hutton Croft	Meeting Room	Hackenthorpe TARA	TARA	P/Com
Jaunty Way	2	Basegreen TARA	TARA	P/Com
Kyle Crescent	23	Dryden & Kyle TARA	TARA	P/Com
Low Edges Crescent	405	Carr-Gomm Society	Community	
Morgan Avenue	130	Galsworthy TARA	TARA	£1,870
Plowright Close	7	Gleadless Valley TARA	TARA	P/Com
Powley Road	32	Foxhill TARA	TARA	P/Com
Rose Avenue	1&1A	Beighton TARA	TARA	P/Com
Rosemary Rd/Lime St	Land	Beighton Trustees	Community	£550
Sheephill Road	7 (Garage at)	Recreation Committee	IDT	£450
Sheffield Road	11	Woodhouse West TARA	TARA	P/Com
Sherde Road	34	Young Womens Housing Project	Community	£1,896
Skelton Lane	91	S.E. Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau	Community	
Spa Brook Drive	30	Scowerdons TARA	TARA	P/Com
Spital Street	26	Community & Cleansing Services	IDT	
Stanwell Walk	7	Fife Street TARA	TARA	P/Com

Address	No	Tenant	Type	Rent
Stradbroke Road	217	Stradbroke TARA	TARA	P/corn
Topham Way	33	Lowdges Community & Safety Forum	Community	£1,950
Ulley Road	14	Woodthorpe TARA	TARA	P/corn
Verdon Street	161	Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project	Community	P/corn
Verdon Street	268	Burngreave Community Action	Community	P/corn
Verdon Street	169&185	Yement Education & Relief Org	Community	P/corn
Verdon Street	187/189/191	Burngreave Ethnic Network	Community	P/corn
Waldon Road	67	Sheaf Domestic Violence Project	Community	P/corn
Wensley Croft	5	Wensley TARA	TARA	P/Com
Westminster Crescent	142	Westminster TARA	TARA	P/Com
White Thorns View	85	Batemoor New TARA	TARA	P/corn
White Thorns View	87	Batemoor New TARA	TARA	P/corn
Winn Drive	126	Winn Gardens TARA	TARA	P/Com
				<b>£16,942</b>
			Total Rent	
			YP in perp @ 15%	
			MV	
			SAY	

Questions of Councillor Colin Ross to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families)

1. What support and training is provided to school governors and at what annual cost?

**Support**

In addition to the training service and the activities described below in relation to governing body meetings, the following kinds of support are also provided to governors in Sheffield –

- Termly update of a comprehensive Data Report for Governors
- Advice, guidance, and administrative support for governor appointments and elections;
- Advice on governors constitutional matters;
- Provision of model policies and procedures;
- Support on the application of Governors Code of Conduct;
- Model terms of reference for Committees and Link Governors;
- Helpline support for conflict resolution and complaints;
- Advice regarding collaboration with other schools;
- Participation in mediation meetings to resolve any conflict within governing bodies.

This is included in the standard support package.

**Training**

There were 83 'open' training courses that were available to governors of all schools who subscribed to the package. Of these 83 training courses, there were 61 different course titles (so some were run more than once). These courses include such topics as

- Taking the chair;
- Finance;
- Head teacher performance management;
- RAISE Online;

In addition to the above, there were 90 bespoke training sessions delivered to individual whole governing bodies.

132 schools buy this service (72 buy the 'enhanced' package and the balance buy the 'standard' package). This enables governors in these schools to access any individual training courses on our programme without charge. An additional 33 schools purchase training for individual courses outside the package. 929 different governors attended one or more training courses in 12/13.

This service is a fully traded activity. Price structure: standard package costs between £725 and £880 depending upon the size of governing body; enhanced package costs between £828 and £983 depending upon governing body size; individual training courses cost between £75 and £250 depending upon topic and length of session. Total income from this service in 12/13 was £114,993.

2. What services do the Council provide to meetings of governors and at what annual cost?

We offer advice and support to governing bodies including the provision of clerks for meetings. This service includes -

- Agenda-setting with Chairs and Headteachers;
- Distribution of agendas and supporting papers;
- Minute taking by the clerks attending governing body meetings;
- Identification of follow up actions required by LA officers; and
- Quality checking of minutes.

141 schools buy this service (129 buy the 'enhanced' package and the balance buy the 'standard' package).

This service is a fully traded activity. The above is included in a standard support package to schools. Schools can also purchase an enhanced package which provides additional clerking time and the support services. Price structure: standard package costs between £393 and £652 depending upon the number of pupils; enhanced package costs between £859 and £1,242 depending upon pupil numbers. Total income from this service in 12/13 was £155,359.

3. Last month you stated it was "clear" that early years' prevention and intervention services should be tendered for a part-year contract. Did you consult existing providers about this decision and did they share your view?

Just to make it "clear" during the Early Years Review, Consultation and budget discussions, we stated clearly, to achieve the cuts this coalition government had imposed on Early Years we would be making savings in management, premises and admin costs whilst protecting, as much as we could, services to children and families. To that end we stated that we would be reviewing and retendering the 3 main contracts we had, splitting them into two, one for intervention services and one for prevention services. Whilst the review and retender took place the existing contract providers were funded to continue those services until the new contracts were awarded. Those contracted providers and others were completely aware the new contract was only part year.

4. How many two year olds in Sheffield have so far taken up the offer of fifteen hours a week of fully funded childcare?

You will be aware that the 2 year old FEL can be taken as 15 hours term time only or approximately 11 hours over a full year. We gave ourselves a target, that at the end of the autumn term we had increased the take up to 1,163 children, at present 1,158 children have taken it up. We have a target for next year of 1,400.





## **APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

At its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the Senior Officer Employment Sub Committee conducted an interview for the post of Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families.

The Committee resolved to appoint to the post, subject to no objections to the intended appointment having been received from any Member of the Cabinet.

Cabinet Members were notified of the intended appointment on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and the Council's Monitoring Officer has received no objections to the appointment by 25<sup>th</sup> November, which is the close of the five day period allowed for the receipt of such an objection.

The Council's Pay Policy Statement, approved by Council at its Special (Budget) Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 includes the post of Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families within the list of Statutory Officers.

The Pay Policy Statement also states at Paragraph 7 that "the authority will ensure that, at the latest before an offer of appointment is made, any salary package for any post (not including schools) that is in excess of £100k will be considered by full Council. The salary package will be defined as base salary, any fees, routinely payable allowances and benefits in kind that are due under the contract." In preparing its Pay Policy Statement, the Council has had regard to the Department for Communities and Local Government's guidance under Section 40 of the Localism Act 2011, *Openness and Accountability on Local Pay*.

The post and salary is covered by the existing Pay Policy Statement which was approved by the Council in March 2013, but in the interests of openness the appointment is being reported to the Council.

The Senior Officer Employment Sub Committee minute is set out below, and the Council is asked to note the appointment of Jayne Ludlam to the post of Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families.

### **"4. INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

The Committee conducted an interview for the post of the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families.

**RESOLVED:** That Jayne Ludlam is appointed to the post of Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, subject to no well-founded and material objection being received from any Member(s) of the Cabinet within 5 days of

being notified by the Proper Officer of the intended appointment.”

**Recommendation**

That the Council notes the information now reported.

**Chief Executive**



## Report to Council

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**Report of:** Chief Executive

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**Date:** 4 December 2013

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**Subject:** Date of the Council's Annual General Meeting in 2014

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**Author of Report:** Paul Robinson – Democratic Services  
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### Summary:

This report asks the City Council to approve a new date for its Annual General Meeting in 2014 as a result of the date of the Municipal Elections in 2014 being moved from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.

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### Recommendations:

That the Council (a) approves that the date of its Annual General Meeting in 2014 be moved from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, in view of the date of the Municipal Elections in 2014 being moved from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May; and

(b) notes the implications of the later date for the Municipal Elections on the terms of office of councillors due to retire in 2014, and of extending the 2013/14 Municipal Year by moving the Annual General Meeting to a later date, as outlined in section 4 of the report.

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### Background Papers:

The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial implications</b>
NO
<b>Legal implications</b>
NO
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
NO
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
N/A
<b>Human rights implications</b>
N/A
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
N/A
<b>Economic impact</b>
N/A
<b>Community safety implications</b>
N/A
<b>Human resources implications</b>
N/A
<b>Property implications</b>
N/A
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
None
<b>Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader</b>
Councillor Julie Dore
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
Not applicable
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
Yes
<b>Press release</b>
NO

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report asks the City Council to approve a new date for its Annual General Meeting in 2014 as a result of the date of the Municipal Elections in 2014 being moved from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Council Procedure Rules, which form part of the Council's Constitution, specifies that the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on the third Wednesday in May. Accordingly, at its Annual General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the Council approved a programme of meetings for the Municipal Year 2013/14 which included the date of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 for the Annual General Meeting. However, on this occasion, the date was made subject to the date of the Municipal Elections in 2014 going ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 and not being combined with the 2014 European Parliamentary elections. The Council also agreed not to hold an ordinary meeting in May.
- 2.2 By virtue of The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013, the date of the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2014 was changed so as to be the same as the date of the poll at the European Parliamentary general election. Thus, the date of the Municipal Elections was moved from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May to be combined with the European Parliamentary elections.
- 2.3 This has a knock-on effect for the provisional date of the Council's Annual General Meeting in 2014, and a new date needs to be approved.

**3. Proposal**

- 3.1 Municipal Elections are normally held on the first Thursday in May. The Council holds its Annual General Meeting on the third Wednesday in May, and this is usually 13 days after the date of the election (there is a 20 day gap in those years where the election falls on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – which was to have been the case in 2014).
- 3.2 Now that the date of the Municipal Election has moved to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, holding the Annual General Meeting 13 days afterwards means that it will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This date would have been the date identified for holding the first ordinary meeting of the Council in the 2014/15 Municipal Year, as these meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of every month except March, May and August. The first ordinary meeting of the Council in the 2014/15 Municipal Year would therefore be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

**4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The need to put back the date for the Council's Annual General Meeting is as a consequence of The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013 which puts back the date for the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2014 – to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.
- 4.2 The Order also provides that the retirement date of any councillors due to retire in 2014 shall be the fourth day after the new date for the election. Thus, the term of office of a councillor due to retire in 2014 will consequently be longer, and that of a councillor coming into office in 2014 will be shorter, than would otherwise be the case.
- 4.3 The move of the 2014 Annual General Meeting to a later date means extending the Council's 2013/14 Municipal Year and shortening the 2014/15 Municipal Year correspondingly. The present Lord Mayor will have a slightly longer "year" of office and the incoming Lord Mayor will have a slightly shorter "year" of office, than would otherwise be the case. The present Executive, Council Committee and other Member appointments will also be extended too, to the date agreed for the Annual General Meeting.

## 5. **Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no additional or reduced costs associated with moving the date for the Council's Annual General Meeting in 2014. Extending the present Members' allowances payments due to the longer 2013/14 Municipal Year will have no effect if the numbers of Special Responsibility Allowance appointments made in the 2014/15 Municipal Year are the same as in 2013/14.

## 6. **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Council (a) approves that the date of its Annual General Meeting in 2014 be moved from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, in view of the date of the Municipal Elections in 2014 being moved from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May; and
- (b) notes the implications of the later date for the Municipal Elections on the terms of office of councillors due to retire in 2014, and of extending the 2013/14 Municipal Year by moving the Annual General Meeting to a later date, as outlined in section 4 of the report.

**Chief Executive**

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013

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

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f) to (k);
2. the re-lettering of paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (d); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (k) as follows:-
  - (a) welcomes the locally designed and developed City Deal Sheffield secured from Government as a first small step towards devolving real powers from Whitehall to local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs);
  - (b) welcomes the success of the current Administration and South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (SYITA) in developing innovative schemes and proposals that have secured tens of millions of pounds, including tram train, and the Bus Rapid Transport North scheme;
  - (c) welcomes proposals to devolve the Northern Rail franchise to a local level;
  - (e) notes the success of the current Administration and SYITA in developing the successful Sheffield Bus Partnership Agreement;
  - (f) notes that the ground-breaking innovation in the development of the Sheffield Bus Partnership Agreement has led to Sheffield securing £18 million to further improve bus services in the City;
  - (g) recalls that local Liberal Democrats consistently opposed the Bus Partnership Agreement, a position that would have denied the city £18 million of investment in public transport, and therefore welcomes the approach taken by the then Liberal Democrat Transport Minister, Norman Baker MP, in contrast to local Liberal Democrats, in recognising the excellent work of the

SYITA and the current Administration to deliver a better bus service;

- (h) notes that the hard work of the partnership between the current Administration and the SYITA led to the SYITA being recognised as the Integrated Transport Authority of the Year at the National Transport Awards this Autumn;
- (i) however, notes that the success in securing capital investment comes amid a backdrop of unprecedented Government cuts to Council funding;
- (j) further notes that the level of cuts being imposed on local government is inevitably reducing and limiting the capacity of many local authorities to undertake work to develop the economy and major transport schemes, and believes this issue demonstrates a complete lack of joined up policy from the Coalition Government and demonstrates that the Coalition has no plan for sustainable growth; and
- (k) welcomes the commitment of the Administration to continue to work to deliver innovative transport schemes, in the face of these unprecedented cuts from Government.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the re-lettering of paragraphs (h) to (k) as new paragraphs (j) to (m); and
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-
  - (h) notes recent research by KPMG, which highlights South Yorkshire as one of the biggest winners of the proposed High Speed Rail 2 project;
  - (i) fully supports High Speed Rail 2 and regrets that local Labour MPs refused to sign a letter to the Shadow Chancellor calling on him to clarify his position on the project;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL**

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross



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) is appalled by the latest round of excessive hikes in energy prices and believes these have been caused by the last Government, who took the market from seventeen operators to the dominance of the big six;
- (b) welcomes the latest Government proposals, which will see average energy bills reduced by £50;
- (c) notes that this deal was reached while protecting the fuel poor and maintaining support levels for green energy and believes that such a deal could not have been reached without Liberal Democrats in Government;
- (d) confirms that this latest announcement follows a number of measures already taken by the Government to tackle high energy bills, including:
  - (i) the ground-breaking Green Deal, including investment described by the Council’s Cabinet Member for Environment as “fantastic news for Sheffield”;
  - (ii) reversing the previous Government’s planned cut to Cold Weather Payments, which are targeted at the most vulnerable;
  - (iii) promoting ‘collective switching’ and making it easier for households to switch providers;
  - (iv) reducing fuel bills for 2 million families by up to £130 through the Warm Home Discount;
  - (v) rolling out a ‘smart meter’ programme, which helps people save money and ensures energy companies meet demand more efficiently; and
  - (vi) working with Ofgem to investigate and tackle the big six’s profits;
- (e) rejects spurious claims that rising energy prices are linked to green levies and highlights research which demonstrates that the Coalition Government’s climate change policies will save consumers roughly £166 in energy bills by 2020;
- (f) believes the Labour Party’s proposed price freeze is a con, which could risk blackouts and jeopardise green jobs as well as billions of pounds of investment in low carbon technology;

- (g) furthermore considers that energy companies will significantly hike prices in anticipation of a freeze and that in the long run a freeze will drive smaller operators out of the market, thereby reducing competition and actually upholding high prices;
- (h) recognises the work already undertaken by the Council to support local residents with energy bills including the previous Administration's Free Insulation Scheme, which insulated over 28,000 homes in Sheffield, and the Big Sheffield Switch;
- (i) however, calls on the current Administration to go further to support local residents struggling with high energy bills by:
  - (i) utilising underspends in the Council capital programme to create a £1 million Local Climate Change Fund, to support community micro-generation projects;
  - (ii) maximising the use of collective switching, by repeating the Big Sheffield Switch;
  - (iii) promoting the Green Deal, by encouraging local residents to make use of free household assessments; and
  - (iv) investigating the use of public health funding to support elderly residents with improved insulation.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy

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

- (g) notes that recent budget amendments by the smaller opposition group would have meant lower bills for thousands of Sheffield residents if they had been supported by this Council;
- (h) is disappointed that this motion contains no suggestion of support from this Council to local residents other than support for promises of possible national action in 2015;
- (i) believes that the announcement of a future Price Freeze policy by The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP will lead to higher energy prices before 2015, adversely affecting the residents of Sheffield; and
- (j) calls on this Administration to produce a report as soon as

possible on ways that it can help cut the energy bills of its residents.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL**

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

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) laments the appalling legacy of unemployment left by the last Government, including a 42% increase in youth unemployment between 1997 and 2010;
- (b) highlights that in the first year of the Coalition Government, spending on apprenticeships increased by £250 million – a 50% increase on the previous Government’s commitments;
- (c) supports all measures to help young people in Sheffield into jobs, including the Sheffield Apprenticeship Programme, Rise Sheffield, the City Deal, the Youth Contract and University Technical Colleges;
- (d) regrets that the Administration have attempted to reduce policies that have cross-party support to party-political point scoring;
- (e) reminds the Administration that criticisms of its policies are not coming from the main opposition group but from local businesses and highlights comments from leaders in the business community such as claims that the Council is “closing its doors for business” and has “lost touch with the business reality of the 21st Century”;
- (f) believes that the only people ‘running Sheffield down’ are the cynical politicians in the Labour Party, including:
  - (i) the local Labour MP who predicted there would be a “post-soviet meltdown” in the city;
  - (ii) the same Labour MP who – as reported by the BBC – warned of race riots on the streets of Sheffield; and
  - (iii) the current Labour Leader of the Council who wrote to a national publication to claim there would be “Rising crime, increasing community tension and ... the break up of civil

society” in Sheffield; and

- (g) condemns the cynical hypocrisy of politicians in the ruling group and their attempts to yet again gag any opposition to their Administration.

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox

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

- (g) further welcomes the fact that this commitment to apprenticeships is now reflected in the fact that the City has seen the percentage of young people Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEETS) reduce first to 6.5% and, according to the very latest figures, reduce to 6.2% - the first time the Council has recorded NEETS of below 7%;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN**

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Jack Scott

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) believes Britain’s energy market isn’t working for ordinary families and businesses and the cost of electricity and gas is crippling their family finances;
- (b) regrets that energy bills have risen by almost £300 for families since 2010 and businesses say it’s the second biggest cost they face and is concerned that when the price of energy increases energy companies pass this on, but when it drops consumers don’t see their bills fall;
- (c) notes recent research by Which? estimating that flaws in the market have left consumers paying £3.9bn a year over the odds since 2010;
- (d) fully opposes the unfair price rises recently announced by the big energy companies including a 10.4% increase in Npower’s dual-fuel bills from December, SSE increasing prices by 8.2% from 15th November, British Gas increasing their prices by 9.2% on 23rd November and Scottish Power raising prices by 8.6%

from 6th December;

- (e) notes comments from the Chief Executive of Citizens Advice speaking about the SSE increase “The price rise will be a blow for stretched budgets ..... Many households are facing a daily battle to try to make their frozen incomes cover mounting energy, food and travel costs. Further increases will push people into poverty.”;
- (f) believes that the increases represent a rip-off and believes that the present Government have chosen to defend the big energy companies and have failed to stand up for the consumer;
- (g) regrets that the Council’s main opposition group’s spokesperson for energy has followed the line of the Conservative Party in defending the energy companies rather than Sheffield families and is extremely concerned by the following comments he made in “Lib Dem Voice” on 30th September, 2013 “No energy company has a duty to invest in anything” and “To say that energy prices are the fault of the energy companies is obviously on one level correct, but seems to imply that they have a duty to us rather than their shareholders when they set their prices. They have a legal duty not to operate a cartel, but beyond this they pitch their prices to maximise profits.”
- (h) believes that this demonstrates that the main opposition group is only concerned with defending the excessive profits of the big energy companies and has no concern for Sheffield’s hard pressed families who are faced with extortionate increases in their energy bills;
- (i) welcomes the commitment by The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband MP to freeze energy bills until 2017 upon the election of a Labour Government;
- (j) further welcomes the commitment that the next Labour Government will reset our energy market so it works for Britain’s families and businesses, with a new tough regulator to stop overcharging;
- (k) notes the recent announcement by the Coalition Government but regrets that even after the proposed changes to levies, energy bills are still rising and the average household will still be paying £70 more for their energy than last winter; and
- (l) recognises that the proposed changes appear to be shifting the burden from energy companies to the taxpayer and so concludes the Coalition’s latest policy is nothing more than smoke and mirrors.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 15 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JILLIAN CREASY**

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion in paragraph (f) between the word “Government” and the word “to” of the words “campaign for a global agreement”.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Mohammad Maroof

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (h);
2. the re-lettering of paragraph (i) as a new paragraph (j); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-
  - (b) believes that the Government’s austerity programme has delayed any economic recovery by three years, unfairly penalised the poor, unfairly targeted local government and unfairly cut the funds of major urban authorities such as Sheffield;
  - (c) further believes that the Government’s taxation decisions have also been unfair and ineffective, raising VAT which is a regressive tax, giving tax cuts to millionaires, and failing to take any effective action to deal with widespread tax avoidance by large corporations and the super-rich;
  - (d) notes the important work undertaken by The Rt. Hon. Margaret Hodge MP, the Labour Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to expose the way in which many major corporations avoid paying taxes at the moment through creative accounting;
  - (e) believes that there is a need for a new Government taxation strategy which provides funds for decent public services, is fair, places greater responsibility for paying taxes on the better off, and includes robust, enforceable methods of combatting tax evasion and avoidance;
  - (f) further believes that this taxation strategy has to support sustainable growth and the necessary rebalancing of the UK economy, and avoid any detrimental impact on productive economic activity;

- (g) welcomes the Labour Party's commitment to introduce a 'Mansion Tax' on property worth over £2m and deplores the decision of the Liberal Democrats to vote with the Conservative Party against this measure in March 2013;
- (h) notes the potential of the extension of the current Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) to include bonds and derivatives to raise significant additional income;
- (i) urges the Government to work towards the implementation of an extended FTT by international agreement to ensure that all major financial centres are subject to the tax and that additional revenues are available for domestic public services and international development;

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 16 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DIANA STIMELY**

10. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor David Baker

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

- (e) welcomes the Administration's decision to re-introduce free Christmas parking and accepts this as an admission of the failure of their parking policies; and
- (f) urges the Administration to now undertake a full review of city-centre parking, including recent hikes, which were branded 'disgraceful' and 'killing' by local businesses.

11. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Neale Gibson

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 current Administration's announcement last week of a 'Free from Three' parking scheme in the run up to Christmas to provide free parking from 3pm on the Wednesdays in December up to Christmas Day, for on-street and off street parking in the city centre;
- (b) further welcomes the announcement of a first ever trial of a

Parking Payback scheme in Broomhill, developed with Broomhill traders, to launch in December;

- (c) notes that the current Administration has also reduced most off-street Council car park fees by up to 50% and has reduced off-prime on-street fees, compared to those levied by the previous Administration;
- (d) further notes that the previous Administration increased parking fees in all but one year of their term, and used Government funding that the Coalition has now cut to fund free Christmas parking schemes; and
- (e) therefore welcomes the current Administration's commitments to be business friendly and focus on jobs, and believes the new parking initiatives recently announced, along with the successful Summer Saturdays programme of activities in the city centre between July and September, demonstrate real action from the Council in the face of unprecedented cuts from the Coalition Government.

#### **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 18 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROB FROST**

12. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Isobel Bowler, seconded by Councillor David Barker

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

- (b) welcomes the £4m the Council has secured in recent years from the Football Association and the Football Foundation, enabling investment in pitches across the city from Totley to Bawtry Road and Parsons Cross to Norfolk Park;
- (c) confirms that the Council is working with governing bodies and Sport England on identifying and funding the next wave of improvements; and
- (d) regrets the significant Government cuts to Sheffield's funding which have resulted in a reduction in the parks budget of £4m since 2010 and further regrets the resulting impact on maintenance and investment budgets for our parks, including sports pitches.



**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 19 – NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MURPHY**

13. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Robert Johnson

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
  - (a) notes that Government figures show that Sheffield has lower levels of congestion than most other Core Cities;
2. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
  - (e) reaffirms this Council's support for provision for cycle carriage on Tram/Trains and regrets the SYITA decision to reject a Tram/Train vehicle design that would have allowed the carriage of cycles to be trialled.

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