

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 3 December 2014, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Peter Rippon)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Talib Hussain)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond Qurban Hussain
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison Diana Stimely	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Lynn Rooney Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Alan Law Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Stuart Wattam Brian Webster	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar 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> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Tim Rippon	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Robert Murphy Sarah Jane Smalley	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Anne Murphy Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran 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> Adam Hurst Alf Meade
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nasima Akther, John Booker, Katie Condliffe and Philip Wood.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the City Council declared interests in items of business, as follows:-

Item 10: Notice of Motion Concerning the National Health Service

Members declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the above item as set out below:-

Councillor Andrew Sangar	As his partner was an employee of the NHS and was a Member of the Royal College of Midwives.
Councillor Sue Alston	As she was an employee of the NHS and her Membership of the Royal College of Midwives.
Councillor John Campbell	As he was employed by the NHS.
Councillor Joe Otten	As his wife was a GP.
Councillor Richard Shaw	As his wife was a student nurse.
Councillor David Barker	As he and his wife were employees of the NHS
Councillor Gill Furniss	As she was an employee of NHS
Councillor Harry Harpham	As his wife was an employee of the NHS
Councillor Ben Curran	As his wife was an employee of the NHS
Councillor Qurban Hussain	As he was an NHS Pensioner
Councillor Mary Lea	As she was an employee of the NHS

Councillor Jillian Creasy declared a personal interest as a former General Practitioner and member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Councillor Talib Hussain declared a personal interest as his son worked for the NHS.

Item 14: Notice of Motion Concerning Social Housing Allocations

Councillor Jack Clarkson declared a personal interest as he was a letting agent for a property in Sheffield.

### **3. 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 Council held on 5 November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

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

#### **4.1 Petitions**

##### **4.1.1 Petition Requesting Improved Safety Measures on Sharrow Vale Road**

The Council received an electronic petition containing 12 signatures and requesting improved road safety measures on Sharrow Vale Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by a parent of 3 children at the local school. He stated that there had been numerous road safety incidents and several near misses involving children on Sharrow Vale Road. He asked the Council to look at what could be done to reduce the volume and speeds of traffic on Sharrow Vale Road. He commented that traffic levels had increased with the number of new businesses in the area and many children from outside of the catchment area attending the School and people used the route to avoid the congestion on Ecclesall Road.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene. Councillor Dunn responded that the Council had introduced a number of measures to improve road safety, including 20 mph zones in residential areas and mobile CCTV. However, the budget for such measures was restrictive and the schemes were subject to set criteria. The request would be assessed according to these criteria.

*(The above minute was amended in March 2018, at the request of the petitioner, to remove his name from the minute.)*

##### **4.1.2 Petition Concerning the Central Grass Verge on Butchill Avenue**

The Council received a petition containing 40 signatures and requesting that action be taken in relation to the central grass verge on Butchill Avenue.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Amy Slinn who stated that the verge was comparatively wide and the road was narrow and had cars parked on the verge, which caused difficulty for vehicle access and egress for residents. There was particular concern for emergency vehicle access. The verge itself was in a poor condition because of vehicles having parked on it. The petitioners requested that Council officers visit the site to assess the situation.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene. Councillor Dunn responded that an assessment had previously been undertaken on Butchill Avenue and the request

had not scored highly enough to justify further work. However, she said that she would request that it was reassessed, although she could not promise that the outcome would be different. Councillor Dunn offered to speak further with Amy Slinn, as the Lead Petitioner.

#### 4.2 Public Questions

##### 4.2.1 Public Question Concerning Proposed Road Widening on Chesterfield Road

John Dryden asked a question concerning the consultation regarding the proposed widening of Chesterfield Road and asked if the Council would be carrying out more active consultation with local people.

Phil Shaddock asked whether it was considered that there had been adequate consultation on the proposal to widen Chesterfield Road. He said that the proposal involved making Albert Road a one way, which would mean a difficult detour for residents, which some people may not have realised.

Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, responded that all the properties affected by the proposal on Chesterfield Road and London Road, Broadfield Road and Heeley Retail Park and Albert Road and Thirlwell Road as far as Plantation Road and Saxon Road had been sent a letter and temporary traffic signs had also been set up, together with a display of plans at Lidl and the medical centre. 18 individual responses had been received, including responses from Albert Road. A petition had also been presented in relation to this issue and included people on Albert Road. This indicated that people were aware of the proposals. However, he would request that officers examine whether improvements could be made to the consultation. It was also likely that the proposals will change and further consultation would take place in that regard. The application upon which a decision would be made was expected in February or March 2015 and, at that time there would also be opportunity for people to put their views.

##### 4.2.2 Public Question Concerning Council Tax

Phil Shaddock referred to a resident who had been waiting over a month for a reply to a formal complaint concerning Council Tax. He asked how many formal complaints were being processed by the Council and how many of these had been outstanding for over a month.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, responded that, in relation to complaints concerning Revenues and Benefits, there were 2 complaints that had been open for 11 and 27 days respectively. No complaint was outstanding at this time. There had been 109 complaints and the average response time was 24 days.

In relation to general complaints, there were 86 open complaints and 57 complaints were open for more than one month. 52 of those complaints concerned parking. There was a plan in place to deal with the backlog. Details of complaints were published on the Council website. Councillor Curran stated that

he would send details of the link to the website to Mr Shaddock.

#### 4.2.3 Public Question Concerning Bus Lane Near to Heeley City Farm

Shane Harper referred to the proposed introduction of a bus lane near to Heeley City Farm. He stated that the introduction of the bus lane would result in the felling of 65 to 150 mature trees and their replacement by saplings. He said that a petition was also being compiled and requested that the City Council do not proceed further with the scheme until such time as it had received and considered the petition.

Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, responded that the bus lane scheme was part of the Better Bus Area scheme through which £18 million had been granted by the Government to develop new transport infrastructure and improve bus services.

Fares had been reduced and, if more people used bus services, the level of air pollution would reduce. The development of new infrastructure was not easy, particularly in built up areas and a balance needed to be reached in such situations. The concerns of local people were taken into account and in relation to the proposals for Heeley, the three ward Councillors and Megg Munn MP had spoken with him as Cabinet Member and an open session would be held at Heeley City Farm to discuss the proposals. Further work would be done to achieve the best possible outcome and to ensure that as many trees as possible might be preserved. Councillor Bramall stated that many people depended upon bus services.

#### 4.2.4 Public Question Concerning City Region Deal

Nigel Slack asked if the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (SCRCA) had reached agreement on the 'Heads of Terms' of a new City Region Deal and if so, he asked what were the Heads of Terms?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that an agreement had not yet been reached, although there was a Government timetable. The Autumn Statement may make reference to a Deal but the Heads of Terms had not been signed or agreed.

#### 4.2.5 Public Question Concerning creation of a 'Garden City'

Nigel Slack stated that the Government had announced the intention to create a new 'Garden City' within commuting distance of London. He asked what the Council thought this will mean for its commitment to a 'Northern Powerhouse'.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, responded that she understood that the creation of a 'Garden City' would lead to the creation of more housing and there was a debate about whether housing should be built on brownfield sites or upon other areas. She stated that she hoped there was a commitment to both addressing housing need in the north of England and the creation of a 'Garden City'.

#### 4.2.6 Public Question Concerning the Minimum Wage

Nigel Slack stated that the Autumn Statement illustrated that the Chancellor had missed more borrowing targets than anyone might have believed possible.

He stated that welfare reforms were forcing people into poverty-level jobs, increasing the in-work benefits bill and affecting income tax receipts. He said that, if they were allowed, corporate businesses would drive down wages and the Government will keep public service pay as low as they can. He stated that the only way to pull people out of this combined poverty trap and reduce in work benefit bills, was to increase the Minimum Wage.

Mr Slack referred to Seattle in the USA, which, following a referendum, had increased their minimum wage to \$15.

Mr Slack asked whether the Council would support the call from Trades Unions like the BFAWU (Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union) and poverty campaigners to raise the minimum wage to £10 per hour and press leaders nationally to commit to this positive anti-poverty move.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that with regard to the minimum wage, she would like to see evidence as to whether £10 per hour was actually the correct amount. Consideration should also be given to the state of the economy and the welfare resources that were available should also be examined. Low wages would mean that there would be a greater expenditure on welfare and, in effect, the welfare system could be seen to subsidise businesses.

#### 4.2.7 Public Question Concerning Protection of Older People

Martin Brighton stated that, last year, nationally there were 20,000 additional deaths of elderly people due to the cold (i.e. an unnecessary death of an elderly person every 7 minutes during the winter). He asked what the Council was doing to protect its vulnerable elderly during the coming winter?

Councillor Mary Lea, the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living stated that the Council was working with partners to encourage GPs to make sure people received the flu vaccine. The Council's front line staff were also being offered the flu vaccination and were being advised on arrangements for service users eligible for the seasonal flu vaccine. NHS staff also received the flu vaccine. Work would be done with care home providers, including independent sector providers, to promote the take-up of the seasonal flu vaccination.

There was Government guidance on dealing with cold weather. Through the Right First Time project, the Council and the NHS were working together to ensure that older people were treated in hospital as quickly as possible and returned home to the care and support they needed.

A programme had been developed in Lowedges, Batemoor and Jordanthorpe to support older residents and make sure they had access to health and support

services. As part of the initiative, Community Support Workers had been appointed to support older people in the community including visits to their homes to make sure they were prepared and could manage during the winter period.

There were joint contingency plans in place to support people during very adverse weather conditions, including those who were being cared for in their own homes. The Council would continue to work with the voluntary and community sector to support vulnerable older people.

#### 4.2.8 Public Question Concerning Statements and Control

Martin Brighton stated that during the past year, the Council Leader had made many statements at Cabinet or in the Chamber. However, he said, Executives and Elected Members have simply ignored the Leader when it suited their personal agenda. He said that these people can also be named and shamed. He asked: is this a Council that is out of control?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated in response, that the Council was not 'out of control'. She said that if specific detail was given then Mr Brighton would be more likely to receive a better response to questions. She said, for example, that Mr Brighton had recently sent to her a request to obtain a particular policy of the Council and a specific response had been made to his request.

#### 4.2.9 Public Question Concerning Statements

Mr Brighton submitted a written question containing quotes from documents that had been released under the Freedom of Information Act and the Data Protection Act. He asked if the Council agreed that this type of material should be spread about him.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council stated that she was not aware of the verbal or written extracts from documents which Mr Brighton was referring to. However, she said that she would not be happy about those types of statements being made about anyone and she did not know who had made the particular statements to which he referred.

### 4.3. Petitions

#### 4.3.1 Petition and Public Questions Requesting the Implementation of Dog Control Orders

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 130 signatures and requesting the implementation of Dog Control Orders on public paths, shopping areas and in recreational areas.

Whilst there was no speaker to the petition, two public questions were also received on the subject of Dog Control Orders from Denise Allman. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon) read the questions on behalf of Denise Allman, which were as follows:

“Sheffield Dog Warden Service has stated that they receive at least 1 complaint a day in respect of dogs not on a lead, creating a variety of problems from dog on dog attacks to older and disabled people getting injured. Within the last year, Sheffield Dog Wardens visited Manchester to observe their practice in respect of Dog Control Orders. Sheffield Dog Warden Service informed [her] that in their opinion, Manchester’s Dog Control Orders are effective, since they do not see one dog without a lead and to emulate this practice in Sheffield would make Sheffield Dog Warden Service to the public more productive and efficient. In view of these findings, why did Sheffield City Council decide not to use relevant legislation to implement Dog Control Orders?”

“Many Councils, such as Coventry City Council have consulted their citizens in respect of introducing Dog Control Orders. Since this petition is just a “snap shot” of the strength of feeling, it has provoked public discussion, particularly in the Wadsley and Hillsborough area (including Hillsborough Library discussion group) about the need for the Council to promote responsible dog ownership through the use of Dog Control Orders. Would Sheffield City Council consider carrying out a similar city wide exercise using all methods of communication, to ensure that those without computer access/skills are included in the consultation process?”

The Council referred the Petition and questions to Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene. Councillor Dunn stated that the Council was examining a consultation process relating to Dog Control Orders and that she would keep in contact with the petitioner. She confirmed that different methods of communication would be considered.

4.3.2 Petition Objecting to the Decision to remove the 60+ Age Designation at Painted Fabrics Estate, Norton

The Council received a petition containing 86 signatures and objecting to the decision to remove the 60+ age designation applied to flats at Painted Fabrics Estate, Norton.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Harry Harpham, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods. Councillor Harpham stated that he had received the petition and telephone calls on this subject and the consultation, which was ongoing. He stated that he had asked for a meeting with the Lead Petitioner to discuss the issues which had been raised.

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 Questions

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

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

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

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

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that

(a) it be noted that the Leader had, with effect from 18th November 2014, appointed Councillor Jayne Dunn to serve as the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene replacing Councillor Jack Scott and, accordingly, Councillor Dunn will serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee and the Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee;

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

(c) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc:-

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee - Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to fill a vacancy

Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee - Councillors Jackie Satur, Tony Downing and Sioned-Mair Richards to fill vacancies

Corporate Parenting Board - Councillor Martin Smith to replace Councillor Penny Baker

Senior Officer Employment Committee - Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Jack Scott

Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions - Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Jack Scott

(d) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies as follows:-

Fairer Charging Commission - Councillor Adam Hurst to fill a vacancy

Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd	- Remove Councillor Jayne Dunn to create a vacancy
Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee	- Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Jack Scott
Sheffield Clean Air Partnership	- Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Jack Scott

(e) approval be given to attendance at meetings of Local Area Housing Forums being recognised as an approved duty for the purposes of the payment of Members' allowances.

## **7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR SHEFFIELD 2014**

- 7.1 The Director of Public Health, Dr Jeremy Wight, presented the Director of Public Health Annual Report for Sheffield 2014 'Climate Change and Health'. Dr Wight outlined health indicators for 2009-10 and 2010-12 in Sheffield and the comparative data for England, including in relation to life expectancy, early deaths from heart disease, strokes and cancer, infant deaths and injuries and deaths caused by road traffic accidents. He also illustrated inequality in life expectancy for women and men.
- 7.2 The report focussed upon climate change as the biggest public health challenge of the twenty-first century which could potentially threaten all of the core determinants of a healthy life such as clean water supplies, adequate, healthy food supplies, shelter and norms of social behaviour in a civilised society. Climatic changes caused by the emission of greenhouse gases could lead to an increase in global temperatures of 2 degrees Celsius by 2050. The potential effects of hotter drier summers and milder and wetter winters on public health were outlined, which included heat related deaths, winter deaths from severe cold, psychological effects of flooding and disruption of food supplies, amongst others. The impact would be greatest on the most vulnerable people.
- 7.3 In responding to climate change, the report asserted that adaptation was required to manage the unavoidable; and mitigation to avoid the unmanageable. Actions which helped to adapt or mitigate in relation to climate change might also have health benefits. Such actions were to insulate homes, plan for extreme weather, reduce meat consumption and active, not motorised, transport.
- 7.4 Recommendations were proposed in response to following issues:
- Active Travel
  - Reduce Meat Consumption
  - Warmer Homes
  - Strengthen the Local Economy
  - Develop a Low Carbon Health and Social Care Economy
  - Prepare for Extreme Weather Events
  - Design Healthy Urban Spaces and Places

- 7.5 Members of the Council asked questions and raised issues in relation to the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, a summary of which is outlined below:-

Questions/Comment

- 7.6 Global warming was the subject of some contradictory evidence and was an issue which received national and international attention. In Sheffield, there were particular local concerns about people's health and the effect on health of deprivation in areas such as Firth Park, which was the second most deprived ward in the City. Conditions were considered to be worsening as a result of Government policy. Mental health was also of concern. Whilst the Report's recommendations addressed a reduction in meat consumption, in reality, there were days on which some people did not eat a meal.
- 7.7 Whilst the conclusions contained in the report might be agreed with, there were some areas of disagreement. Globalisation, according to the report, had a tendency to lead to increased inequalities. Contrary to this assertion, globalisation might be said to lift people out of poverty through the ability to trade. The focus of the report on climate change meant that a wider view had been taken of public health, when it may have been better to take a narrower one.
- 7.8 It was important to identify the link between climate change and health and solutions to issues relating to climate change could also contribute to better health. There was a recommendation to increase the number of 20mph zones, although an objective should be to move to 20mph zones throughout Sheffield. Whilst the recommendation concerning food concentrated on the NHS, it was also important to make the City more self-sufficient in locally grown food, which was less expensive.

Response

- 7.9 Dr Wight responded that he agreed that macro policy and reductions in welfare would have a potentially adverse effect on the health of those people who were affected. However, whilst the Annual Report could have focussed upon that issue, it was something on which the Reports had focussed in previous years. Whilst the Director of Public Health was in a privileged position to write with a degree of independence, it was also necessary to say something different and challenging. It was accepted that many people's circumstances were not beneficial to good health. It was also the Council's responsibility to look forward to an environment that it wished to leave for people in the future.
- 7.10 A broad view was taken on the wider social causes of ill health. The recommendation concerning 20mph zones could be further refined and he accepted that the greater number of 20mph zones there where, the better. Greater self-sufficiency in relation to food production might mean that peoples' gardens, allotments and local farms were better utilised and people were encouraged to purchase locally produced food.

Questions/Comment

- 7.11 Some people did not have the luxury of reducing their consumption of meat or growing their own food. The City should look at what could be done to help people who used food banks and increase the amount of fruit and vegetables that people ate.
- 7.12 Whilst it was agreed that climate change was an important subject, the Annual Report might have provided comment on what was happening in Sheffield, including progress concerning existing strategies, for example smoking cessation programmes, the increase of liver disease and the teenage pregnancy strategy.
- 7.13 Some policy and environmental issues were not necessarily in the gift of the Council and given the limited resources available, consideration should be given to where the Council should focus effort in terms of improving public health.

Response

- 7.14 Dr Wight stated that some of the public health grant had been used to give advice to people who were using food banks. The City's food strategy included an aim of increasing the production and uptake of fresh food. A written update on public health programmes would be provided separately to Members of the Council.
- 7.15 Dr Wight said that one consequence of climate change was the acidification of the sea and the effect on fish. Increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere had a detrimental effect on fish stocks. In relation to obesity, this was the result of physical inactivity and poor diet. Obesity resulted in between 500 and 800 deaths each year. He stated that it was part of a Director of Public Health's role to identify future public health problems and whilst climate change might not kill people now, if no action was taken, the prospects for the future were bleak.

Questions/Comment

- 7.16 There was gap in life expectancy between the area of Wincobank and Dore and Totley, which had not decreased. Public health issues included child mortality, mental health, teenage pregnancy and drug abuse and research had shown that some of these problems were being made worse by government policy. Older people were affected by poor mental health and children had been affected by the closure of Surestart provision. A unified approach was required to address the gap and the transfer of public health to the Council was expected to bring about change.
- 7.17 Air pollution was significant issue affecting people's health. A question was asked as the extent to which air pollution resulted from the railways.
- 7.18 The report referred to an estimated 580 deaths a year, which could be prevented if diets complied with national nutritional guidelines. Food banks were a relatively recent thing and in one area, young people were attending youth provision which also provided something for them to eat.

Response

- 7.19 Dr Wight stated that he agreed that the health inequalities which existed were a disgrace and reflected people's life opportunities and consequent lifestyles. There were a number of previous Annual Reports which had focussed upon those inequalities. A Health Inequalities Action Plan had been produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board and was being implemented. He said that he would look at the issue of the proportion of air pollution which was due to the railways.

The occurrence of food poverty and need for food banks was of great concern and an indictment of society. Everything would be done to address the issue of food poverty and the Council had implemented advice services for people using foodbanks.

Questions/Comment

- 7.20 The Council's focus was to address the health inequalities in the City. However, people may lose sight of issues relating to climate change as they did not appear to be as immediate and it was also important that this was also brought to people's attention. The Council might consider what it could ask the Government to do in relation to climate change and also consider how to inform people and change behaviours.
- 7.21 Whilst the general thrust of the report might be accepted, there could have been more attention given to Sheffield. The reliability of some data in report may be open to argument. For example, the assertion that only 25 per cent of adults in Sheffield eat five more portions of fruit or vegetables a day. In hospital, people were offered a variety of food to encourage them to eat. Targets should be produced for the recommendations in the report and thought should be given as to how the progress of the recommendations could be monitored.
- 7.22 A question was asked as to whether the recommendation about integrating adaptation principles into the local planning framework includes transport planning, including walking and cycling?

Response

- 7.23 Dr Wight stated that the Government should make more efforts to securing international agreement to reductions in carbon emissions. People could be informed and educated to help make changes and it was important for them to understand the rationale for change. This could be supplemented with legislation or environmental changes that helped to bring about behavioural change.
- 7.24 The transport system could be engineered so that public transport takes priority over private transport and walking and cycling take priority over both.
- 7.25 The assertion that 25 percent of adults obtained 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day was based on self-reported figures and there was a tendency for people to overstate what was perceived to be a "good" answer. However, the same method was used throughout the country, so the results could be compared.

There was no reason why hospitals could not decide to have a meat-free day each week.

- 7.26 Recommendations from previous annual reports had accumulated over time and an audit of them could be done. A report back on previous year's recommendations was made in each subsequent annual report.

Questions/Comment

- 7.27 Questions were asked as follows: Where was life expectancy improving? Would it have been possible to produce a report on climate change and health jointly with other Directors of Public Health?
- 7.28 There was a connection between prevention and public health, for example improving the standard of housing to bring about health improvement.
- 7.29 The Council was working with cycling groups to help encourage cycling activity. The Council also had a responsibility to promote journeys by bus, tram and train and investment in such transport infrastructure needed to be balanced with other modes of transport including cycling. Many people were not necessarily able to cycle. Public transport was also vital in providing access to employment. People also walked between different modes of transport, of which London was a good example. Air quality was a particular concern. A multi-modal approach had been adopted to shift journeys away from the car. Action could also be taken in relation to the economy and low carbon sector. Nuclear energy was carbon free and the engineering industry in the City might contribute to that sector.
- 7.30 There were financial implications within some of the proposed recommendations and these might mean that resources would need to be diverted from another service or area of expenditure.

Response

- 7.31 Dr Wight stated that life expectancy was increasing across the City but the gap between certain geographical areas was not reducing. He confirmed that he would have liked to have produced a report jointly with other Directors of Public Health.
- 7.32 He agreed that public transport use should be encouraged both in respect of being more active and in improving the economy and confirmed that by 'motorised transport' was meant private motorised transport.
- 7.33 With regard to nuclear power, continuing to rely on fossil fuels was environmentally dangerous and a mix was required of methods of energy generation. There were though clearly different opinions in relation to nuclear energy.
- 7.34 The report was about climate change and health, which was a subject, the impact of which we would all experience and therefore had a wide audience. It was the most disadvantaged who would potentially suffer most as a consequence of

climate change. The recommendations had not been explicitly costed. However, it would not necessarily cost hospitals more to implement a meat-free day each week. It was accepted that some of the recommendations would have financial implications.

Questions/Comment

- 7.35 It was considered that the recommendations would benefit from SMART (to mean Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic and Time –related) targets. A question was asked as to how the recommendation “Sheffield People Should” might be measured.
- 7.36 The report highlighted an important challenge which the world faces but it was important to know how this would affect the people of Sheffield. The recession, budget cuts and cost of living were all factors which had affected people. 23 per cent of children in Sheffield were living in poverty, compared to a national average of 18 per cent. The Institute of Fiscal Studies had predicted that, by 2020, some 33 percent of children would be living in poverty. Safeguarding was something that the Council undertook for the future of the City’s children. Poverty affected parenting, housing, food and aspects of a child’s cognitive development. Poverty and unemployment were the biggest challenges to the City and the Director of Public Health Annual Report was a potential source of evidence by which the Council could focus its strategy.
- 7.37 Questions were asked as to whether the priorities from the last year’s Annual Report were completed and if funding would be directed to address them; and whether it was considered that climate change was the biggest public health challenge in Sheffield at this time.
- 7.38 Were there aspects of recommendations from previous reports of the Director of Public Health and those relating to climate change and health which could be interwoven? There was, for example, a link between the amount of money that people had to spend on fresh fruit and vegetables and reductions in their income, employment and poverty. A question was asked as to the challenges and threats arising from the devolution of decision making to a City Region.

Response

- 7.39 Dr Wight acknowledged that the recommendations as set out in the report were not compliant with the SMART approach. They were broad recommendations and did not comprise an action plan. He commented that holding the people of Sheffield to account was challenging.
- 7.40 He agreed that the best start in life for children was very important and work had been carried out in this area in preparation for the bid to the Lottery Fund. Everything possible had to be done to give children the best start in life but it was also our duty to seek to ensure that the environment they will live in as adults was conducive to a civilised society.
- 7.41 The priorities which had been set out in the previous year’s Annual Report still

remained. Climate change was the most important public health issue “of this century” and not the immediate ‘here and now’. It was the definitive public health issue of this century. Nonetheless, poverty remains a fundamental public health problem.

- 7.42 Dr Wight said that if powers were devolved to a City Region level, they could be used to help structure the economy and get people out of poverty. At the same time, powers which might become available could improve resilience to climate change.

Questions/Comment

- 7.43 Some recommendations related to problems which the Council was already seeking to address, such as 20mph zones, fuel poverty and flooding. A report on the impact of the Government’s welfare reforms could be something that should be sent to Government.
- 7.44 There was a high incidence of diabetes amongst Asian people and this had not improved over time and been the subject of a study in Sharrow but was also true in other areas. This was of particular concern because diabetes may lead to other illness including a heart attack or stroke.
- 7.45 The recently established Green Commission for Sheffield was considering issues which were also outlined in the Director of Public Health Annual Report.
- 7.46 A question was asked as to the priority being given to the problem of young people becoming addicted to ‘legal highs’ which might harm young people and their family relationships.

Response

- 7.47 Dr Wight responded that the impact of welfare reforms upon the health of those affected was negative and the Faculty of Public Health had collectively expressed such a view. He confirmed that he would also seek to ensure that the Government was aware of the adverse impact on health of its programme of welfare reform.
- 7.48 He said that people who were more physically active could reduce the risk of diabetes. There was also a more specific community wellbeing programme in Sharrow which was designed to work with particular communities, including people in the Asian community, and develop links with other programmes.
- 7.49 Dr Wight stated that legal highs were the subject of a public health programme and there was a team in the Council’s Children, Young People and Families portfolio which commissioned services to deal with substance misuse which was looking at the problem of legal highs, whereas other public health issues such as smoking, physical inactivity and poor air quality cause many hundreds of deaths per year, so it needed to be treated proportionately.

Questions/Comment

- 7.50 From a global perspective, climate change was potentially the biggest issue facing the world's poor but health inequalities was the issue of immediate concern in Sheffield. Whilst there were a number of recommendations with which one might agree and upon which the Council was already taking action, the recommendation concerning the implementation of a meat-free day each week was problematic. This had been attempted in Brighton, for example, and it had not been successful. There was also concern in relation to the cost of the proposals within the recommendations.
- 7.51 There were some recommendations in the 2013 Report which were not included in the 2014 report, including those relating to tobacco, obesity and diabetes.
- 7.52 There was the question of what the Council was able to achieve and the immediate issues it faced relating to health included whether people had enough to eat. Legal highs were of concern to parents and Members received casework relating to that issue.

Response

- 7.53 Dr Wight responded that he accepted that much work had been done on some of the issues which his report had highlighted. There were, for instance, less winter deaths in Sheffield than in other cities due to the effective insulation of homes. In relation to the recommendation concerning eating less meat, he said that he would like to think that Sheffield would go about such a change in the right way, by setting an objective, consultation and talking with those people who were likely to be affected. Whilst the recommendations were not costed in the Report, there would be a further step in the process to do that. Some would be at no cost or bring about a cost saving. There may not be a need to stop doing something else in order to afford to fund the activity in the recommendations. It was a choice to write about climate change and public health, which was an opportunity to put a different perspective on public health.

Questions/Comment

- 7.54 Climate change was a serious issue and it was disappointing that the driving force behind change had been missed, which was that an individual's life circumstances impacted upon their capacity to change. People's needs were to be warm, fed and safe. The problem of health inequalities might have been more clearly linked to climate change. Inequalities might serve to prevent people from taking an active part in helping to solve climate change.
- 7.55 A report had been published, which was entitled Due North and which examined health equity in the north. The Health and Wellbeing Board had considered issues highlighted within that report and there was a corresponding action plan.
- 7.56 Climate change was an important issue, especially for the future health of the population and it was hoped that a report would be made concerning the progress on the recommendations.

Response

- 7.57 Dr Wight stated that people's immediate concerns would determine how they behaved. There were links between climate change and health and practical things that could be done to help with regard to both. He commented that he had submitted the Due North Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. He hoped that the recommendations could be taken forward.
- 7.58 The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked Dr Wight for presenting the Director of Public Health Annual Report to Council.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN**

**Devolution**

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the growing recognition of "agglomeration economics" and its role in helping London and the South East to grow faster than the north of England;
- (b) notes that journey times, by road and rail, between northern cities are slower than comparable journeys in the south east of England or in comparable regions such as the Randstad, Netherlands or Rhein-Ruhr, Germany;
- (c) notes that the UK is one of the most centralised states in Europe, with decision-making and investments spending dominated by London and the South-East;
- (d) believes that investment in transport connections across the north of England is vital to the goal of rebalancing the economy and bringing more investment and jobs to the north;
- (e) believes that devolution of economic levers to city regions and combined authorities is a small but essential part of a more comprehensive devolution agenda including public services, rural areas and devolved assemblies;
- (f) welcomes broadly the 'Devo Manc' settlement for Greater Manchester, in particular including the power to regulate the bus network, but has reservations about the elected Mayor model;
- (g) calls for the current Administration to back similar devolution of powers to Sheffield City Region;
- (h) however, recognises that the domination of local authorities and combined authorities by any one party out of proportion to its share of the vote would

inevitably weaken governance, and therefore calls for electoral reform in local government to prevent one-party fiefdoms;

- (i) calls for the Government to adopt fiscal rules such that borrowing for investment that brings a direct economic return is to be exempt from a balanced budget rule;
- (j) backs the "One North" transport proposals, in particular:
  - (i) a new 125mph trans-pennine rail route linking Manchester with Leeds, Sheffield and Hull, serving passengers and freight;
  - (ii) bringing forward commencement of the Sheffield-Leeds section of HS2;
  - (iii) further investment in the Hope Valley line in addition to the 'northern hub' improvements;
  - (iv) better highway connectivity between Sheffield and Manchester; and
  - (v) welcomes the increasing rate of transport investment by Central Government outside of London, and calls for this to be accelerated; and
- (k) calls for work towards the adoption of a single Oyster-style card for public transport across the north of England and agrees with the comments of the Chair of the City Region Transport Group that "only London-style franchising gives you London-style simple Oyster ticketing".

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) believes it should be a top priority to address the economic imbalance in the country and regrets that over the past four years the Government has failed on this issue and the inequality between London and the rest of the country has got worse not better;
- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;
- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City's economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;

- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;
- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down governance model;
- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable; and
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (l) as follows:-

- (l) welcomes the forthcoming investment of £170 million on the A57, A628 and A628 Trans-Pennine route, including a bypass for the village of Mottram, and in addition a study into the feasibility of building a Trans-Pennine tunnel to address the strategic gap between Sheffield and Manchester, and which would transform capacity and reduce congestion whilst still preserving the splendour of the Peak District.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (j) as follows:-

- (f) however, believes that the only way to ensure that devolution is effective and legitimate is to open up the process to public scrutiny and participation;

- (g) therefore notes with deep concern that 'devolution deals' for the Sheffield City Region and other areas of England are being rushed through without public input or democratic oversight;
- (h) calls upon the Administration to ensure that any 'devolution deal' that includes Sheffield is not struck behind closed doors, but is instead subject to input and scrutiny by the public and elected members from the earliest stage;
- (i) calls upon the Government to establish a Constitutional Convention to consider the future constitutional structure of the United Kingdom and its constituent nations, regions, and local authorities, in an open and comprehensive way;
- (j) supports investment in rail and public transport links and incentivising cycling and walking in the North of England, including:
  - (i) a new 125mph trans-pennine rail route linking Manchester with Leeds, Sheffield and Hull, serving passengers and freight;
  - (ii) further investment in the Hope Valley line in addition to the 'northern hub' improvements;
  - (iii) the Government's forthcoming Cycling Delivery Plan to deliver ambitious growth in cycle use; and
  - (iv) welcoming the increasing rate of transport investment by Central Government outside of London, and calls for this to be accelerated; and

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

Following a Right of Reply by Councillor Joe Otten, the original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:

- (a) believes it should be a top priority to address the economic imbalance in the country and regrets that over the past four years the Government has failed on this issue and the inequality between London and the rest of the country has got worse not better;
- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;

- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City's economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;
- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;
- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down governance model;
- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable;
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away; and
- (k) welcomes the forthcoming investment of £170 million on the A57, A628 and A628 Trans-Pennine route, including a bypass for the village of Mottram, and in addition a study into the feasibility of building a Trans-Pennine tunnel to address the strategic gap between Sheffield and Manchester, and which would transform capacity and reduce congestion whilst still preserving the splendour of the Peak District.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (d), (h) and (k) and against paragraphs (a) to (c), (e) to (g), (i) and (j) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (e) and (h) and abstained on paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (i), (j) and (k) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be

recorded.

3. Councillors Pauline Andrews and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and against paragraphs (d) and (k) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

**Redistribution of Wealth**

At the request of Councillor Pat Midgley and with the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion Numbered 9 on the Summons for this meeting was withdrawn.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA**

**National Health Service**

It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Jenny Armstrong, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that in a report by the Times newspaper in October 2014, it was claimed that the Government did not understand its own NHS reforms and that the top-down reorganisation which cost £3 billion was a “total car crash” and a “huge strategic error”;
- (b) notes that the Government’s catastrophic project of NHS reorganisation, which cut 6,000 nurses has been criticised by experts and senior doctors, who say that A&E departments are operating without safe staffing levels;
- (c) condemns the crisis in A&E which has meant that for the last 12 months, the Government has allowed almost one million people to wait more than 4 hours to be seen in A&E, more to wait on hospital trolleys before being admitted and more to be kept in ambulance queues outside of our hospitals;
- (d) condemns the cuts to elderly care, putting even greater pressure on A&E when their essential care is unavailable at home;
- (e) notes that more than 4,000 NHS staff have been laid off, only to be rehired by the Government, many on six figure salaries;
- (f) notes that under this Government more patients are waiting for longer due to the scrapping of the previous Government’s guarantee for a GP appointment in 48 hours, and now 60% of patients are unable to see their GP within 2 days;
- (g) believes that the previous Government rescued the NHS after years of Conservative Party neglect; and
- (h) welcomes Ed Miliband’s promise to invest an extra £2.5 billion in a new

Time to Care Fund to support 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5,000 more caseworkers and 300 more midwives.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Vickie Priestley, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) notes that the Coalition Government has increased funding for the NHS - a policy that was not offered by the Labour Party in 2010 and that there are 21,431 more nurses compared to 10 years ago and that the total employed in 2013 was an increase on the previous year;
- (b) notes the scaremongering by the Labour Party and others over the effects of the Health and Social Care Act can now be seen to be unfounded, irresponsible and cruel;
- (c) notes the consistently weaker performance of the unreformed Welsh NHS run by the Labour controlled Welsh Assembly;
- (d) welcomes the introduction of the first waiting time targets for mental health;
- (e) welcomes the extra funding for the NHS in the Autumn Statement, and believes that this would not have been possible without having achieved the fastest economic growth in the G7; and
- (f) welcomes the Liberal Democrat call for £1 billion in extra funding for the NHS in every year of the next Parliament.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (j) as follows:-

- (f) notes that the share of NHS spending on General Practice has fallen steadily from 10.75% in 2005/6 to the current 8.4% and that the recent Deloitte report showed that extra funding in primary care would allow GPs to offer more appointments, saving money elsewhere in the NHS;
- (g) notes that despite their 1997 manifesto pledge to "restore the NHS as a public service working co-operatively for patients, not a commercial business driven by competition" the previous Government, under the guise of choice and competition, introduced market structures, foundation trusts, GP consortia and private corporations into commissioning, which increased management costs, reduced democratic control and laid the foundations for further privatisation of provision by the current Government;

- (h) notes that the recent Five Year Forward Plan for the NHS estimates that the gap between resources and patient needs will be £30 billion by 2020/21 unless demand, efficiency and funding are addressed;
- (i) notes that NHS staff morale is at an all time low and that staff shortages have forced hospital trusts to use agency staff at much greater cost, and therefore supports the call by low paid NHS staff for at least a 1% pay increase; and
- (j) recognises that the NHS will only survive and prosper when there is:
  - (i) a whole hearted commitment to reverse privatisation;
  - (ii) reduced demand by creating the conditions for good health and quality of life; and
  - (iii) a management structure which removes the use of targets, incentives and competition and restores professional values and cooperation, so that the needs of patients are met in a timely, efficient and holistic manner, thereby reducing waste.

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) notes that in a report by the Times newspaper in October 2014, it was claimed that the Government did not understand its own NHS reforms and that the top-down reorganisation which cost £3 billion was a “total car crash” and a “huge strategic error”;
- (b) notes that the Government’s catastrophic project of NHS reorganisation, which cut 6,000 nurses has been criticised by experts and senior doctors, who say that A&E departments are operating without safe staffing levels;
- (c) condemns the crisis in A&E which has meant that for the last 12 months, the Government has allowed almost one million people to wait more than 4 hours to be seen in A&E, more to wait on hospital trolleys before being admitted and more to be kept in ambulance queues outside of our hospitals;
- (d) condemns the cuts to elderly care, putting even greater pressure on A&E when their essential care is unavailable at home;
- (e) notes that more than 4,000 NHS staff have been laid off, only to be rehired by the Government, many on six figure salaries;
- (f) notes that under this Government more patients are waiting for longer due to the scrapping of the previous Government’s guarantee for a GP

appointment in 48 hours, and now 60% of patients are unable to see their GP within 2 days;

- (g) believes that the previous Government rescued the NHS after years of Conservative Party neglect; and
- (h) welcomes Ed Miliband's promise to invest an extra £2.5 billion in a new Time to Care Fund to support 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5,000 more caseworkers and 300 more midwives.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (e), against paragraphs (f) and (g) and abstained on paragraph (h) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Pauline Andrews and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and against paragraphs (g) and (h) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

3. Councillors Andrew Sangar, Sue Alston, John Campbell, Joe Otten, Richard Shaw, David Barker, Gill Furniss, Harry Harpham, Ben Curran, Qurban Hussain and Mary Lea, having declared disclosable pecuniary interests in the above item of business took no part in the vote thereon.)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON**

### **Local Democracy**

It was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that local authorities should be transparent and accountable;
- (b) believes that authorities dominated by a single political party are in particular danger of slipping into bad practices, weak governance and reduced scrutiny;
- (c) regrets the changes made by this Administration in recent years that have resulted in it exercising greater control over a reduced scrutiny resource;
- (d) regrets the changes to the order of notices of motion introduced by this Administration which significantly restricted the opportunities for the Administration's policies relating to Sheffield to be debated in full Council;
- (e) believes that it is important for backbench Councillors of all parties to have effective roles within the Council, and for decisions to be made in public fora accessible to members of the community, and regrets much of this has been lost with the abolition of Community Assemblies; and
- (f) believes that the holding of Council meetings in the daytime makes them inaccessible to most members of the public, noting that Community

Assembly meetings were successfully held in the evening, and therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to bring forward proposals for more meetings to be held in the evenings.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-

- (g) further requests that the current review of Local Area Partnerships being carried out by the Sustainable City Team include:
  - (i) an evaluation of whether enough support is being allocated for effective engagement with community organisations and the third sector at a time where more is being expected of them due to economic pressures; and
  - (ii) an evaluation of whether different wards require different levels of support, based not only on IMD data, but the size and variety of communities they serve.

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

The original Motion was then put to the vote and negated.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEOFF SMITH**

### **Volunteering**

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Smith, seconded by Councillor Pat Midgley, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that 5th December is International Volunteer Day and places on record its gratitude for the tremendous contribution volunteers and voluntary sector groups make to the city and welcomes the opportunity through National Volunteer Day to recognise their efforts;
- (b) welcomes that there are many opportunities to volunteer in the city, and welcomes the work of groups such as the Sheffield Volunteer Centre, Volunteers Supporting Families, Sheffield Help Yourself and the National Volunteering Database for the work they do to promote volunteering in the city;
- (c) notes that there are a number of volunteering opportunities with Council projects in local parks, libraries, schools, sporting events and projects and Criminal Justice Panels and places on record its thanks to all volunteers who support this work; and
- (d) thanks everyone involved in voluntary work for their efforts and resolves to continue to work closely in partnership with the voluntary sector.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:
  - (d) however believes that local people should not be presented with the impossible choice of either working for free at jobs that were previously undertaken by highly skilled and professional paid employees, or else see local services lost altogether;
  - (e) believes that the Council owes it to volunteers and the communities they serve to provide them with adequate support, including training and development opportunities;
  - (f) therefore calls upon the Administration to, at a minimum, explore options to ensure that where volunteers are undertaking roles in Co-Delivered and Associate library branches they are supported by on-site, paid librarians; and
2. The re-lettering of the original paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (g).

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) notes that 5th December is International Volunteer Day and places on record its gratitude for the tremendous contribution volunteers and voluntary sector groups make to the city and welcomes the opportunity through National Volunteer Day to recognise their efforts;
- (b) welcomes that there are many opportunities to volunteer in the city, and welcomes the work of groups such as the Sheffield Volunteer Centre, Volunteers Supporting Families, Sheffield Help Yourself and the National Volunteering Database for the work they do to promote volunteering in the city;
- (c) notes that there are a number of volunteering opportunities with Council projects in local parks, libraries, schools, sporting events and projects and Criminal Justice Panels and places on record its thanks to all volunteers who support this work; and
- (d) thanks everyone involved in voluntary work for their efforts and resolves to continue to work closely in partnership with the voluntary sector.

### 13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

#### Devolution (2)

It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that a renewed debate around the UK's constitutional settlement, including the devolution of powers to regional and local authorities, is taking place following the seismic shock to the political establishment of the close-run Scottish referendum;
- (b) notes that in a ComRes poll published on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 82% of respondents supported greater devolution of powers over tax raising, education and policing to local areas, indicating overwhelming public support for substantial devolution;
- (c) believes that local and regional government are the proper home for many powers that are currently held at Westminster, and that these powers should be devolved to the local or regional bodies that are best placed to exercise them;
- (d) believes that local and regional government provides unique opportunities for public participation, transparency and accountability;
- (e) therefore believes that nothing should be done centrally if it can be done equally well, or better, locally;
- (f) however believes that the only way to ensure that devolution is effective and legitimate is to open up the process to public scrutiny and participation;
- (g) therefore notes with deep concern that 'devolution deals' for the Sheffield City Region and other areas of England are being rushed through without public input or democratic oversight;
- (h) calls upon the Administration to ensure that any 'devolution deal' that includes Sheffield is not struck behind closed doors, but is instead subject to input and scrutiny by the public and elected members from the earliest stage; and
- (i) calls upon the Government to establish a Constitutional Convention to consider the future constitutional structure of the United Kingdom and its constituent nations, regions, and local authorities, in an open and comprehensive way.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) believes it should be a top priority to address the economic imbalance in the country and regrets that over the past four years the Government has failed on this issue and the inequality between London and the rest of the

country has got worse not better;

- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;
- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City's economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;
- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;
- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down governance model;
- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable; and
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away.

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

(Note: Councillors Pauline Andrews and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and against paragraph (d) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

It was then moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) and (g) as

follows:-

- (f) calls for the current Administration to back devolution of powers to Sheffield City Region; and
- (g) however, recognises that the domination of local authorities and combined authorities by any one party out of proportion to its share of the vote would inevitably weaken governance, and therefore calls for electoral reform in local government to prevent one-party fiefdoms.

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

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 should be a top priority to address the economic imbalance in the country and regrets that over the past four years the Government has failed on this issue and the inequality between London and the rest of the country has got worse not better;
- (b) regrets that the Government has drastically cut funding to local authorities in the north and the funding available for regional economic development, and believes this has contributed to making the situation worse not better;
- (c) welcomes that the Leader of the Council has played a strong role in developing the One North proposals which focus on city centre to city centre connectivity across the north of England;
- (d) believes that city centre connectivity is fundamental to the future of the City's economy and strongly urges the Government to give Sheffield a city centre HS2 station;
- (e) regrets that yet again the Government has this week talked about announcements and feasibility studies to address the issue of trans-Pennine connectivity rather than taking action to address it;
- (f) welcomes that Leaders of the Sheffield City Region have led with innovative proposals to secure greater economic powers for Sheffield City Region and calls upon the Government to meet the asks of Sheffield City Region;
- (g) notes that the composition of the Combined Authority is the democratically elected Leaders of the Councils and, as a supporter of democracy, accepts that ultimately the people of Sheffield City Region decide who the Leaders of their local authorities are;
- (h) believes that Sheffield City Region should be given the same level of powers as Manchester without having to adopt an imposed top-down

governance model;

- (i) notes that the pace of the negotiations have been determined by the Government's timetable; and
- (j) believes it is important that the Council takes a practical approach to securing power from Central Government and maintains that devolution will not lead to powers transferring from a local level upwards, only from Central Government down, which means that the Council is not giving powers away.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (d) and (h) and against Paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (g), (i) and (j) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (e) and (h) and abstained on paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (i) and (j) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

3. Councillors Pauline Andrews and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and against paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

##### **Social Housing Allocations**

It was moved by Councillor Jack Clarkson, seconded by Councillor Pauline Andrews, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that this Council should give preference in respect of social housing allocations to local people, whose parents or grandparents have lived in the area for a considerable time;
- (b) is concerned that young families, especially young single parents, are being allocated Council properties through the bidding process, that involves them having to travel very long distances away from their native communities and employment, when immediate family and close friends could indeed assist with child care arrangements and emotional support where necessary;
- (c) believes the housing bidding process should take into account local people's connections to the area that they reside in, the distance of their employment, and family connections;
- (d) is appalled that residents with a history of anti-social behaviour and other

undesirable activities, are often re-allocated properties in local communities in preference to local residents who have been on the housing waiting list for long periods of time, and believes this is unfair and a more robust approach should be enforced to ensure fairness;

- (e) is saddened that many of the age banded properties are being sacrificed for the sake of general needs allocations, and that many elderly tenants' lifestyles and health will be drastically affected by this new policy, and believes that elderly people should be entitled to peace and quiet; and
- (f) notes that UKIP would encourage housing authorities to be more open and transparent in relation to housing allocations.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Harry Harpham, seconded by Councillor Chris Weldon, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) reaffirms the existing policy that the priority for social housing allocations be primarily based around need of the applicant;
- (b) will always try to take into account preferences for location, however, regrets that the ultimate problem is the lack of affordable housing and particularly a lack of social housing across the country;
- (c) regrets that this Government's policies have made the problem worse, such as encouraging the mass sell-off of housing stock, without using the funds to invest in replenishing the stock, and also its failure to instigate a significant shift in the number of affordable homes being built;
- (d) further regrets that the knock on impact of this is increasing amounts of money being spent on housing benefits, which is leading to greater dependency on landlords who can profit from the lack of social housing, such as UKIP's housing spokesperson who is reported to have earned nearly £750,000 in rent payments funded by housing benefits from occupants, and believes this money would be better spent on building more social housing;
- (e) welcomes the Lyons Housing Review and the commitment by the Labour Party to build 200,000 new homes a year by the end of the next parliament and address the country's housing crisis, which this Council believes the present Government have failed to address;
- (f) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to put in place plans to increase Council housing stock by at least 700, in addition to working to support the development of the Sheffield Housing Company which is creating thousands of new homes across the city;
- (g) acknowledges that for action to be taken on a much greater scale, the devolution of the funding for regeneration and housing is needed, and

supports Sheffield City Region in their attempts to obtain greater local control over the housing fund;

- (h) is extremely concerned by any attempts to use the Government's failure to deliver social housing to attack groups such as single parents or to create division between different communities;
- (i) notes that where tenants breach their tenancy agreement and behave in a way that is disruptive to their local community, appropriate actions are taken to protect the quality of life of their neighbours, including evictions where this is appropriate; and
- (j) notes that housing allocations policy is fully open and transparent through the Council's Allocations Policy, which was recently subject to a cross party scrutiny review.

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

(Notes: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), (i) and (j) and against paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (h) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and abstained on paragraph (d) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) reaffirms the existing policy that the priority for social housing allocations be primarily based around need of the applicant;
- (b) will always try to take into account preferences for location, however, regrets that the ultimate problem is the lack of affordable housing and particularly a lack of social housing across the country;
- (c) regrets that this Government's policies have made the problem worse, such as encouraging the mass sell-off of housing stock, without using the funds to invest in replenishing the stock, and also its failure to instigate a significant shift in the number of affordable homes being built;
- (d) further regrets that the knock on impact of this is increasing amounts of money being spent on housing benefits, which is leading to greater dependency on landlords who can profit from the lack of social housing, such as UKIP's housing spokesperson who is reported to have earned

nearly £750,000 in rent payments funded by housing benefits from occupants, and believes this money would be better spent on building more social housing;

- (e) welcomes the Lyons Housing Review and the commitment by the Labour Party to build 200,000 new homes a year by the end of the next parliament and address the country's housing crisis, which this Council believes the present Government have failed to address;
- (f) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to put in place plans to increase Council housing stock by at least 700, in addition to working to support the development of the Sheffield Housing Company which is creating thousands of new homes across the city;
- (g) acknowledges that for action to be taken on a much greater scale, the devolution of the funding for regeneration and housing is needed, and supports Sheffield City Region in their attempts to obtain greater local control over the housing fund;
- (h) is extremely concerned by any attempts to use the Government's failure to deliver social housing to attack groups such as single parents or to create division between different communities;
- (i) notes that where tenants breach their tenancy agreement and behave in a way that is disruptive to their local community, appropriate actions are taken to protect the quality of life of their neighbours, including evictions where this is appropriate; and
- (j) notes that housing allocations policy is fully open and transparent through the Council's Allocations Policy, which was recently subject to a cross party scrutiny review.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Diana Stimely, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), (i) and (j) and against paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (h) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (j) and abstained on paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

### **Council Tax Levels**

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

- (a) notes that there is an indicative £1.9m contained in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for the assumed Council Tax Freeze Grant expected to be offered by the Coalition Government for 2015/16;
- (b) further notes that Council Tax remains one of the most regressive taxes in the country and that increasing Council Tax puts proportionally more costs onto lower income households;
- (c) believes that freezing Council Tax is a straight forward method of helping households across Sheffield; and
- (d) urges all groups on the City Council to take up the Council Tax Freeze Grant when submitting their Council budget proposals for the Financial Year 2015/16.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) regrets that yet again the Coalition Government continue to make unprecedented cuts to the Council's budget and that these cuts are disproportionately targeted at local authorities like Sheffield;
- (b) notes the independent research carried out by the Sheffield Political Economy & Research Institute of the University of Sheffield which confirmed "there is a clear pattern to the cuts experienced by local authorities in England: Councils in the North, in more deprived areas, and/or controlled by Labour have, generally speaking, seen more significant reductions in spending power than those in the South, in more affluent areas, and/or controlled by the Conservatives or Liberal Democrats.";
- (c) regrets that this has forced another huge budget gap for the upcoming financial year and notes that the Council is estimated as having a £63 million budget gap for 2015/16;
- (d) regrets that the main opposition group's motion offers no suggestions to help the Council meet the cuts that have been forced by the Coalition Government and calls on the opposition to outline how they would meet the huge financial challenge facing the Council;
- (e) further notes that Members can watch the budget video by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5GD2Roeg8Y>, and would advise all Members to watch the video, particularly Members of the main opposition group who continue to be in denial about the scale of the cuts facing the Council;
- (f) welcomes the Guardian newspaper's description of this video as "A catchy,

engaging yet shocking cartoon outlining the crisis facing Sheffield” in a recent article entitled “Councils are in crisis – and it happened on Nick Clegg’s watch”;

- (g) is shocked that the main opposition group have the audacity to talk about ‘regressive taxes’ when they have supported a Government who have cut taxes for millionaires and refused to introduce a mansion tax at the same time as cutting tax credits for some of the lowest paid and increasing VAT;
- (h) notes that despite the unprecedented level of cuts facing the Council, the present Administration have frozen Council tax for the past four years; and
- (i) believes that this demonstrates that the present Administration do not have a record of increasing Council tax, however accepts that currently no political group has come forward with proposals to produce a balanced budget and therefore it is not possible to rule Council tax increases in or out at this stage, and notes that this is consistent with the approach taken by the Administration at this stage in the budget process in previous years.

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

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (h) and abstained on paragraphs (d) to (g) and (i) of the above amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that yet again the Coalition Government continue to make unprecedented cuts to the Council’s budget and that these cuts are disproportionately targeted at local authorities like Sheffield;
- (b) notes the independent research carried out by the Sheffield Political Economy & Research Institute of the University of Sheffield which confirmed “there is a clear pattern to the cuts experienced by local authorities in England: Councils in the North, in more deprived areas, and/or controlled by Labour have, generally speaking, seen more significant reductions in spending power than those in the South, in more affluent areas, and/or controlled by the Conservatives or Liberal Democrats.”;
- (c) regrets that this has forced another huge budget gap for the upcoming financial year and notes that the Council is estimated as having a £63 million budget gap for 2015/16;
- (d) regrets that the main opposition group’s motion offers no suggestions to help the Council meet the cuts that have been forced by the Coalition Government and calls on the opposition to outline how they would meet the

huge financial challenge facing the Council;

- (e) further notes that Members can watch the budget video by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5GD2Roeg8Y>, and would advise all Members to watch the video, particularly Members of the main opposition group who continue to be in denial about the scale of the cuts facing the Council;
- (f) welcomes the Guardian newspaper's description of this video as "A catchy, engaging yet shocking cartoon outlining the crisis facing Sheffield" in a recent article entitled "Councils are in crisis – and it happened on Nick Clegg's watch";
- (g) is shocked that the main opposition group have the audacity to talk about 'regressive taxes' when they have supported a Government who have cut taxes for millionaires and refused to introduce a mansion tax at the same time as cutting tax credits for some of the lowest paid and increasing VAT;
- (h) notes that despite the unprecedented level of cuts facing the Council, the present Administration have frozen Council tax for the past four years; and
- (i) believes that this demonstrates that the present Administration do not have a record of increasing Council tax, however accepts that currently no political group has come forward with proposals to produce a balanced budget and therefore it is not possible to rule Council tax increases in or out at this stage, and notes that this is consistent with the approach taken by the Administration at this stage in the budget process in previous years.

Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (h) and abstained on paragraphs (d) to (g) and (i) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SARAH JANE SMALLEY**

### **Cycling**

It was moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, that this Council:-

- (a) affirms its commitment to Sheffield City Council's Vision for Excellent Transport in Sheffield: *We need to change the culture of how we use our roads, so that people are no longer afraid to cycle or allow their children to do so. Our streets, roads and local communities need to become places for people, where cycling and walking are safe and normal;*
- (b) regrets that only 11% of Sheffield City Councillors have signed up to support the Space for Cycling campaign, making Sheffield the lowest ranked of eight major English cities committing to space for cycling, as per the recent report from the national cycling charity CTC;

- (c) notes that other core cities including Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, spend in excess of £10.00 per head on capital funding for cycling including Highways, as they were successful in winning Cycle City Ambition Grants, which Sheffield City Council decided not to bid for;
- (d) regrets that Sheffield City Council spends only £1.89 per head on capital funding for cycling, including Highways, which is significantly lower than the £10.00 per head recommended by the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group's report;
- (e) commits to responding positively to the Government's Cycling Delivery Plan (expected early December) which invites local authorities to submit expressions of interest in partnering with the Government to deliver ambitious growth in cycle use;
- (f) welcomes feedback from Cycle Sheffield, CTC and individuals heralding Sheffield City Council's Cycle Inquiry as a good practice example of capturing evidence, input and expertise;
- (g) is concerned that policy agreement is not turning into action, as demonstrated by slippage against the recommendations and delivery milestones agreed by the Cabinet in July 2014 relating to the Cycling Inquiry Report as follows:
  - (i) the Sheffield Cycle Group with Cycle Sheffield and in consultation with partners and the public, and/or a cross-departmental Council working group chaired by Transport Planning consulting with partners has not been established;
  - (ii) the drawing up of the revised Sheffield Cycle Action Plan, plan of the strategic cycling network and delivery plan by the groups in paragraph (g)(i) above was timetabled to take place Sept-Nov 2014 but haven't been carried out, making .....
  - (iii) ..... consultation on the Cycling Action Plan and Delivery Plan and Consultation on Network Plan due in January 2015, with approval April – June 2015 unlikely, based on current performance;
- (h) is further concerned that some recommendations from the report have not been carried out in earnest, or in full consultation with partners, organisations and others as per the report's commitment, indicated by the following:
  - (i) the Cycling Champions have not regularly attended Cycle Forum meetings or established regular diarised meetings with partners such as Cycle Sheffield or CTC to ensure that the recommendations from the report are being progressed;
  - (ii) the Council did not seek input to any response to the DfT

consultation on Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2015 (TSGRD) despite commitment to helping to encourage and enable cycling through DfT regulation on allowing separate traffic lights for cycling;

- (iii) whilst a Cycle Audit process has been developed and is being applied to all new highway schemes, it includes no scale or metrics and therefore carries negligible weight; this is despite recommendations at Cycle Forum for a more stringent procedure and existing good practice which has been developed and could be easily replicated, for example from the London Cycle Design Standards and/or Welsh Active Travel Bill Guidance;
- (iv) Highways Engineers have not received any Continuous Professional Development/Workplace Development to ensure that they can bring the new Transport Vision into reality in relation to Cycle Design;
- (i) therefore urges the Administration to establish the Sheffield Cycle Group as per its commitment;
- (j) further urges the responsible Cabinet Member to ensure that progress against the Cycling Inquiry recommendations and Delivery Milestones is made publicly available on at least a bi-monthly basis, and which will include the communication of recommended actions and actions taken to remedy slippages;
- (k) calls for Highways guidance to be amended to ensure that the Transport Vision in paragraph (a) above is considered and relevant action taken from a pre-planning stage;
- (l) requests that all Highways Engineers receive Cycle Design Training, so that this is properly considered from a pre-planning stage; as an example, Sustrans offers such training, endorsed and certified by the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation;
- (m) notes the publication of the document "Making Space for Cycling; A guide for new developments and street renewals", published by Cyclenation and supported by Bike Hub, CTC, British Cycling, Cycling Embassy of Great Britain, London Cycling Campaign, CPRE and Cambridge Cycling Campaign, and commits to promoting its active use in Highways planning; and
- (n) encourages Members to sign up to support the CTC Space for Cycling campaign, in addition to supporting this Motion.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, 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 addition of the following words therefor:-

- (a) confirms the present Administration's commitment to significantly increasing the numbers of people cycling in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Get Britain Cycling report that put forward a series of recommendations to increase cycling provision in Britain;
- (c) further notes that Sheffield was unique among the big cities in setting up an all-party Cycling Inquiry, working with Cycle Sheffield, to consider how the issues set out in the Get Britain Cycling report should be taken forward and implemented in Sheffield, and confirms that all 18 recommendations from the report were signed up to by the current Administration, with a full report due in summer 2015 to set a timetable and pathway as to how each recommendation will be implemented;
- (d) notes that the Cycling Inquiry does not sit in isolation but instead builds upon actions already underway to boost cycling including:
  - A commitment – ahead of many other cities - to progressively roll out 20mph areas to cover the whole city;
  - A continued commitment to the Cycle Boost scheme, which has now more than doubled the number of people cycling to work;
  - Investment in new cycle routes across the city;
  - Supporting the development of a new Cycle Hub at Sheffield train station and ongoing work to develop further hubs in the south of the city and at Meadowhall;
  - Installation of new bike pumps for public use around the city centre; and
  - Support for the Tour de France coming to the city; and
- (e) given this record and commitment to an increased focus on cycling, therefore regrets that such a simplistic mechanism as the number of Councillors who have signed up to the Space for Cycling campaign has been used as a barometer for the city's record on cycling.

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) confirms the present Administration's commitment to significantly increasing the numbers of people cycling in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Get Britain Cycling report that put forward a series of recommendations to increase cycling provision in Britain;
- (c) further notes that Sheffield was unique among the big cities in setting up an all-party Cycling Inquiry, working with Cycle Sheffield, to consider how the

issues set out in the Get Britain Cycling report should be taken forward and implemented in Sheffield, and confirms that all 18 recommendations from the report were signed up to by the current Administration, with a full report due in summer 2015 to set a timetable and pathway as to how each recommendation will be implemented;

- (d) notes that the Cycling Inquiry does not sit in isolation but instead builds upon actions already underway to boost cycling including:
- A commitment – ahead of many other cities - to progressively roll out 20mph areas to cover the whole city;
  - A continued commitment to the Cycle Boost scheme, which has now more than doubled the number of people cycling to work;
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  - Installation of new bike pumps for public use around the city centre; and
  - Support for the Tour de France coming to the city; and
- (e) given this record and commitment to an increased focus on cycling, therefore regrets that such a simplistic mechanism as the number of Councillors who have signed up to the Space for Cycling campaign has been used as a barometer for the city's record on cycling.

(Note: Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) abstained on paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)