

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 7 October 2015, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Talib Hussain)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Julie Gledhill Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nasima Akther Nikki Bond Mohammad Maroof
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Alan Law Garry Weatherall	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Aodan Marken 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 Chris Peace	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Robert Murphy Sarah Jane Smalley	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
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> Dianne Hurst Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Isobel Bowler and Lynn Rooney.

Due to the absence of the Lord Mayor during the first part of the meeting, the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) took the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Murphy declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the item numbered 11 on the Summons (Notice of Motion concerning energy efficiency of housing) on the grounds that he is employed in the solar energy industry.

Councillor Terry Fox declared a personal interest in the item numbered 10 on the Summons (Notice of Motion concerning the Trade Union Bill) as he was the National President of NACODS (National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers).

Councillor John Campbell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the item numbered 10 on the Summons (Notice of Motion concerning the Trade Union Bill) as he was Unison Staff Side Chair, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Councillor Richard Crowther declared a personal interest in the item numbered 16 on the Summons (Notice of Motion concerning the Ecclesall Road Sorting Office).

Councillor Nasima Akther declared a personal interest in the item numbered 9 on the Summons (Housing Of Asylum Seekers: G4S' Performance on the Home Office's Compass Contract) as a Trustee of the City of Sanctuary.

Councilor Katie Condliffe declared a personal interest in the item numbered 17 on the Summons (Women's Institute Centenary) as a member of the Women's Institute.

Councillor Julie Dore declared a personal interest in the relation to the Public Questions item on the subject of Driver Only Trains, as she was a Director of Rail North.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Gill Furniss, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 September 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) announced that she had appointed Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards to act as Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods during the period of absence of Councillor Isobel Bowler.

4.2 Victoria Cross Commemoration

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) announced that the laying of a commemorative stone to remember Acting Sergeant John Crawshaw Raynes (Royal Field Artillery) who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1915 for his actions during the First World War, would take place on Monday 12 October 2015 at 11.00am at the War Memorial in Barker's Pool.

4.3 Petitions

4.3.1 Petition Opposing the Proposed Closure of the Sheffield South West Delivery Office

The Council received an electronic petition containing 839 signatures opposing the proposed closure of the Sheffield South West Delivery Office on Ecclesall Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Steph Gale who stated that she had begun the petition on 'change.org' to raise awareness in relation to the proposed closure of the Sorting Office. The petition had now collected over 800 signatures and messages of support. There had been no publicity concerning the proposed closure. The Delivery Office was well used by people to collect parcels and was well located for public transport and parking.

The proposed alternative facility was at Pond Street, which it was considered would not be convenient for people who used the Delivery Office on Ecclesall Road and would not be as accessible for people who were elderly or disabled people due to its location and opening hours and would contribute to congestion and pollution in the city centre. She expressed concern that the issues of cost were being put ahead of services to customers and also stated the proposals were short sighted if the Royal Mail sought to protect its parcel delivery service as other delivery companies delivered parcels. She asked the Council to support the petition expressing concern at the proposal by Royal Mail to close the South-West delivery office on Ecclesall Road, and requesting that, should the closure go ahead, suitable arrangements are made for local residents to collect parcels from an alternative site in the Ecclesall area.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development and Deputy Leader. Councillor Bramall stated that there was a Notice of Motion concerning the proposed closure of the Ecclesall Road Delivery Office, which was to be considered at this meeting of the Council and which supported the position taken by the petition. The Council would do what it could to raise the issue and to get the right result.

4.3.2 Petition Opposing the Cuts to Concessionary Travel for Children, Elderly and Disabled

The Council received a petition containing 365 signatures opposing cuts to concessionary travel for children, elderly and disabled.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Jeremy Short who stated that further cuts to services were planned. There had been inadequate consultation and relatively few people were aware of the proposed changes. This had not been announced by the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive on 1st September. It was acknowledged that the Passenger Transport Authority had a difficult task and that a significant number of its staff posts which might have undertaken consultation and engagement, had been made redundant. The consultation questionnaire asked people to identify where and relation to which groups, cuts should be made, but there was not an option in the questionnaire for 'no cuts'. The City Region Devolution Deal, whilst it would include additional funding, represented little in the context of the cuts which had already been made. He asked the Council to stand up to the government in relation to the cuts and to suspend any further cuts pending real consultation in relation to the transport network.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Councillor Fox stated that the Passenger Transport Executive had lost approximately 50 percent of its staff in the past few years. An announcement was made concerning consultation at the Combined Authority Transport Committee meeting on 1st September and there would be opportunity for the public to address the Committee at the forthcoming meeting on 12th October. There had been 1,500 replies to the consultation, to date and Members would take into account the results of the consultation. He said that the representations made at this meeting would be included as part of the responses to consultation and that he would also speak with the Interim Director General of the Passenger Transport Executive, David Young.

4.3.3 Petition Requesting Warm Homes, Good Jobs and Safe Pensions

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 803 signatures requesting warm homes, good jobs and safe pensions.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Joan Miller, who stated that the Council should make it a priority to undertake a targeted programme of home insulation in Sheffield given the knowledge of the effects of climate change, which were already becoming apparent. There was he said enough carbon to result in a two percent increase in temperatures in 17 years. The matter concerned humanity and was urgent. He said that it was in cities that much of the action relating to the climate would take place. There was a lot of evidence that investing in climate action will be good for health, employment and the economy, whilst contributing to savings on energy bills. He said that fuel poverty was a scandal which impacted upon people's health and wellbeing and that one of the benefits of home insulation was that it would help improve health, particularly of vulnerable people and help them save money on energy costs. It was suggested

that a financial instrument was created to bring about action on climate change and the local pension fund should be used to invest in buildings and transport for the future.

The Council referred the petition to Councillors Jayne Dunn, Leigh Bramall and Ben Curran, Cabinet Members for Housing, Business, Skills and Development and Finance and Resources, respectively.

Councillor Ben Curran stated that the issues which had been raised concerning the effects of climate change becoming apparent were very important. He acknowledged the campaign for the pension fund to divest from fossil fuels and that alternatives to such investment needed to be found. The South Yorkshire Pensions Authority was also concerned with its fiduciary duty. Pension funds could also have a role in investing in infrastructure and he made reference to the Canadian pension fund which had invested in Birmingham International Airport. He believed there was resource in the pensions fund and he had asked officers to look at infrastructure works which were required and to put those to the Pensions Authority.

Councillor Leigh Bramall stated that jobs would be created through investment and it was important that the economy grew and there were skilled jobs, including in the area of improving energy efficiency and that he agreed with the premise of the case which the petitioners had made.

Councillor Jayne Dunn stated that the Green Commission was examining issues such as fuel poverty and there were things that could be done collectively to deal with actions relating to climate change and fuel poverty. The Council had invested £100 million in replacing roofs on housing in the City and would install heat meters in 6,000 homes. The private housing sector also needed to take similar action.

4.3.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Increase the Number of Syrian Refugees Welcomed to the City

The Council received a petition containing 33 signatures requesting the Council to increase the number of Syrian refugees welcomed to the City.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mr Phillis Andrew. He requested that the Council match the generosity shown by Sheffield people to refugees by significantly increasing the number of Syrian refugees welcomed to Sheffield, as a City of Sanctuary, under the Government's Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme over the next 5 years. It was planned to welcome 400 people to the City over five years, and the Council was asked to increase that number. The Council was also asked to request the Government to take a fair share of refugees who were already in Europe and who had fled the circumstances of war and persecution in Syria. He noted that donations had been made by people in Sheffield and South Yorkshire to help support refugees. The petitioners requested the Council to write to the Prime Minister and call upon the Government to give protection to refugees at Calais to be admitted to the UK to make their claims for protection and asylum. A rally and march would be held on Saturday 10 October at 11am.

The Council referred the petition to The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore. Councillor Dore stated that in relation to the number of Syrian refugees that the UK Government was prepared to welcome, it was right to put pressure on the Government to increase the overall number of people that they would accept. The Council was offering to resettle Syrian refugees and further reference to this issue was set out at Notice of Motion 9 on the Summons for this meeting of the Council. Sheffield was a friendly and welcoming city with an exemplary reputation with regard to resettling refugees who had fled war and persecution. The City had a good relationship with the civil service, Migration Yorkshire, third sector organisations and others. The most recent crisis involving refugees from Syria had put the issue at the top of the agenda and Sheffield was an example of best practice from which other places sought to learn and realise the benefits which resettled peoples brought to the city. Whilst the efforts of the Government were welcomed in so far as they went, the Council had made representations to Government in respect of the numbers of refugees that should be resettled in the UK over 5 years.

The Council would resettle refugees in the Sheffield, within available capacity and would also make sure they are properly supported by appropriate funding. The number of people to be resettled would be extended, if possible. The Home Office had written to the Council and would guarantee the first 12 months of funding for the resettlement of Syrian refugees and would provide additional funding. The Council was clear that people who were refugees had often gone through experiences which meant they needed support beyond a 12 month period or continuous support. Councillor Dore said that the contributions of those organisations supporting the petition were welcomed and that the Council would continue to work with them.

4.4 Public Questions

4.4.1 Public Questions Concerning Syrian Refugees

John Grayson asked if the petitioners could invite councillors and officers of the Council present to join them on a march up the Moor and rally on the Town Hall steps on Saturday 10 October at 11.00am saying "Sheffield welcomes refugees". He asked if they might also invite the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, the City of Sanctuary, to say a few words to those who marched and would rally on 10th October.

A question was asked as to whether the Council agreed that migrants and refugees have helped to build Sheffield, working in hospitals and NHS, care homes, universities, schools, factories and businesses and if the Council also agreed, in representing the City of Sanctuary in the UK, that immigration by refugees, migrant workers and international students has been good for Sheffield.

Councillor Julie Dore referred to her previous answer and said that there were great and positive benefits and contributions brought to Sheffield by immigrants and refugees who settled in the City. The Lord Mayor would determine whether or not he would be able to attend the march and rally on 10th October. She said that

she would speak with Cabinet Members to see whether a representative would be able to attend that event.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Equality commented that he believed families who had migrated to the City made a very valuable contribution. He commented on a recent speech made by the Home Secretary on 6 October, which he stated was a retrograde step. He supported the comments made by Councillor Dore.

4.4.2 Public Questions Concerning Trees

Phil Shaddock asked the following questions on behalf of John Dryden:
Minutes were produced for the first meeting of the Tree Forum. However, no minutes were produced in respect of the second Tree Forum meeting in September. He asked the reason for this and why the public were not informed that no minutes would be taken.

Ariane Brumwell asked why the Council felt that trees in some parts of Nether Edge should be pulled up and asked for a written response.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, stated that he would provide a written response to the question from Ariane Brumwell. With regards the Tree Advisory Forum, minutes were taken of the first Forum meeting and it had been difficult to reach consensus as to what comprised an agreed version of those minutes which could be said to be an accurate record of the meeting. At the second Forum in September, he had said that this issue would be addressed later at that meeting. However, unfortunately this did not happen in the context of the presentations on the agenda at that Forum meeting. Councillor Fox proposed that, for the third meeting of the Forum, there would be a different format. He said that he would meet again with presenters and others to make sure what they intended to say was properly captured. He had also received correspondence with regard to the second Forum expressing alternative views.

4.4.3 Public Question Concerning Fuel Poverty

Jenny Patient asked whether, in terms of public health outcomes, the Council's research had discovered any better programme of investment than home insulation to reduce fuel poverty.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Equality, stated that the recommendations of the Green Commission were awaited. There had been an earlier report entitled 'Out of the Cold into the Warm'. The Council was developing a fuel poverty strategy this year and the Marmot review had said that 25 percent of deaths were attributable to living in cold homes. The Council had worked with South Yorkshire Energy Centre to identify and to support vulnerable households, including the giving of debt and welfare advice. He confirmed that he would provide a written response to the question.

4.4.4 Public Question Concerning Air Pollution

Dave Dilner stated that a report published on 18th February 2013 by Sheffield First Partnership showed that respiratory disease caused by air pollution in Sheffield resulted in over 500 premature deaths and had cost the local economy £160 million per year. Sheffield had one of highest incidence of child respiratory disease. An article in the Yorkshire Post had said that Sheffield was on the danger list in relation to air pollution. He asked what the Council had to say about these issues and commented on the contribution to an increase in air pollution of the loss in urban tree canopy cover.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, stated that he suffered from a respiratory disease. He made reference to the earlier petition which had been submitted to the Council in respect of climate change. The nature of the action by the Council was generational. In 2006, it had been highlighted that the City would potentially loose up to 75 percent of its trees, if no action was taken. In 2015, the Council had planted 50 thousand trees and created 17 new woodland areas for the future. There were other initiatives which were being developed, including a bid for electric vehicles, low emission zones, an air quality action plan and work by the Combined Authority on integrated transport. The Council took the issue of air pollution seriously and was working with others in this regard.

4.4.5 Public Questions Concerning Devolution

Martin Brighton stated that a document would shortly be released comprising the public record quotes of senior elected members and especially the Council Leader, expressing their opposition to an elected executive mayor, praising the electors for rejecting an elected executive mayor in a local referendum, and praising that the LEP (Local Area Partnership) proposal would continue without the imposition of an elected executive mayor.

Mr Brighton asked the following questions:

1. At what meeting, attended by whom, and when, and why, was the decision taken to abandon its core democratic principles, go against their own public policies, betray the wishes of their electors who once trusted them, and surrender to the Tory financial blackmail by accepting the conditions to get what is, in the bigger scheme of things over 30 years, not a big deal?
2. How can the Local Enterprise Partnership imposition be described as devolution if, conditional upon that claimed devolution, the expressed wishes of those to whom power is falsely alleged to be devolved are being ignored and what does this say about the political integrity and respect for democracy of the national and local political parties?

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that as regards her position on the referendum for an elected city mayor, she did oppose that, because all of the power would be placed in the hands of an individual and, with the proposal for a city mayor, there were no corresponding increased powers, responsibilities or funding beyond what the Council already had. Whereas, the proposals as recently announced with regard to devolution were very different.

The Sheffield City Region, comprised areas including South Yorkshire Authorities and some authorities in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The proposals were that the City Region would gain certain additional powers, funding and responsibilities, which would be passed from the Government. Under the proposals, the local authorities within the City Region would not cede powers to the elected mayor as it was considered that each local authority was best placed to decide upon local matters.

Councillor Dore said that the Government position was that the City Region would need an elected mayor, whilst the City Region local authorities believed that the Combined Authority represented an effective way of delivering the various devolution proposals, without the need for an elected mayor. However, the Government had said that the establishment of an elected mayor was a condition of the proposed additional powers and funding for the City Region and this was the basis of the negotiations with them.

It was considered that the City Region had at this time, extracted as much power and funding as possible from the negotiations. A democratic process would take place and the final devolution deal would be subject to approval by Council and a major consultation with other stakeholders and Councillor Dore said that she looked forward to people participating in that process.

4.4.6 Public Questions Concerning BME Network

Mr Brighton stated that another apparently abandoned central tenet of this administration is that it claims to devolve democracy to the communities and support self-management, self-determination and community empowerment.

Mr Brighton asked in reference to the BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) Network as one example:

1. Why, with what authority and under which Council policy, can an elected member arbitrarily decide to impose its own leadership on a community group, attempt to financially cash-starve the organisation into submission, disempower the community the group represents, exclude the community group from engagement in the 'partnership' consultative decision-making processes, exclude the group from consideration to deliver contracts, and make top-down dictatorial decisions as to the structure and financing of the group?

2. With BME unemployment for the under 25's at 56%, and a BME population in affected areas up to 19.6%, has the Council carried out an impact assessment for its decision, such as the effect of removing the voice and influence of the BME Network, the long-term effect of acting contrary to the wishes of the members of the BME Network, and the effective exclusion from the £6million Council-controlled Big Lottery funds?

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Equality, stated that he would provide written responses to Mr Brighton's questions. He stated that the Council did not control money relating to grants from the Big Lottery as community groups could apply for such grants. With reference to the

Work Programme, Councillor Iqbal stated that he was looking at people who were furthest from the labour market, including groups such as BME communities, carers and people with learning disabilities. It was hoped that the devolution deal would contribute to this outcome as well. As with any grant, there were conditions. If these conditions are not adhered to, problems would need to be rectified and a decision made as to whether funding should continue or be terminated. A further conversation would be needed between him and that organisation.

4.4.7 Public Question Concerning School Places

Kaltun Elmi stated that there was a problem of less school places in Burngreave and families were forced to send their children to schools far away. Single mothers struggled to manage taking young children to different schools and there were some children who were not offered places at all. She asked what was being done to address the issue.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that the birth rate in the city which was significantly higher than the national average. There was pressure on school places in the North East and South West areas of the city. Unfortunately, families were in the position of having to send their children to schools outside the catchment area. Consultation was being undertaken on expanding capacity in those areas.

Regarding children not in school, she explained that there was an independent appeals process through which parents could appeal in respect of school places. She was aware that some families were still waiting for their case to be heard.

Councillor Jackie Drayton said that every child should have been offered a school place. She stated that if names and details were provided of children who had not been offered a place, she would follow up these cases to ensure they had been offered a place.

She stressed that every child should be in school, even if it was not the school which the parents initially wanted.

4.4.8 Public Question Concerning Driver Only Trains

Craig Johnston stated that he represented the RMT (National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers) and he asked, in relation to the Council's involvement with the Rail North project, whether the Council supported Government proposals to introduce driver only trains and to scrap guards on a large proportion of trains as part of the Northern Rail franchise. He asked if the Council would support rail workers and proposed that meetings of Rail North should be held in public.

Richie Veitch stated that in the proposals for the new Northern Rail franchise, there was a the recommendation to remove guards from fifty percent of services as there are occasions when guards allegedly cause delay to services because of revenue collection duties. He asked how many minutes' delay is caused to rail services because of this.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that she was a Director of Rail North. Proposals had been submitted to the Department of Transport by political leaders in northern local authorities to give local people greater power to control the quality and price of rail franchises. Although the Government declined this initial proposal, it did propose that they work with the Government on issues such as timetables, fares and infrastructure.

Councillor Dore stated that personally she wished to see more guards on trains and the best possible journeys for passengers. She explained that Rail North was not responsible for contract specification and it was the Department for Transport which would agree the contract for the Northern Rail franchise and decide the contract specification. Rail North was seeking a chairperson and that group was tasked with ensuring that it continued to strive for better quality and that services were managed and maintained.

4.4.9 Public Question Concerning Green Jobs and Climate Change

Susannah Diamond asked if it was possible for the Council to make use of existing Council reserves to provide low interest loans to Sheffield householders to improve energy efficiency, reduce fuel poverty and the associated health issues, and provide individuals with more money in their pockets to contribute to a viable local economy.

Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that the use of Council reserves was probably not possible. The Audit Commission had recommended that between 3-4 percent represented a prudent reserve. The City Council held 2.4 percent back in reserve, which was lower than in other core cities and he referred to the financial context of Government funding cuts. There was some merit in the proposal, but the use of the Council reserves was in place to respond to emergency circumstances and not the right way to achieve the improvements relating to energy efficiency. Sheffield Money offered low interest loans to individuals.

4.4.10 Public Questions Concerning Post Trauma Stress Disorders

Rev Dr Leonora Charles Loughred stated that people who were refugees or those seeking asylum had often been the subjects of horrendous experiences and were vulnerable to post trauma stress disorders. Research was needed into this condition and consideration given to the treatment of people that experienced post-traumatic stress disorder. She asked what the Council was doing about this issue.

Councillor Mary Lea, Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living, responded that this was a serious problem, particularly in relation to people who were refugees or asylum seekers. Abuse or other traumatic experience could result in psychosis or post trauma stress disorder. There was research in this regard. Health and social care services could provide treatment and support, including in some cases, an individual budget to support them. The Health and Wellbeing Board had a work stream relating to emotional resilience and wellbeing

which was looking at services and support in this area. Councillor Lea said that she would make sure that the issues relating to post trauma stress disorder in refugees and asylum seekers was raised with the relevant bodies.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that people who were refugees or asylum seekers would be supported by the Gateway project in respect of housing, health, education and language support. It was also recognised that ongoing support was required for people, including for children as there was evidence that children who had experienced trauma could be affected in their adulthood. There had been a school pilot in relating to low level mental health support, early intervention and prevention, which was also being undertaken in other schools.

4.4.11 Public Questions Concerning Mount Pleasant Development on Sharrow Lane

Jonny Douglas asked a number of questions concerning the Mount Pleasant development on Sharrow Lane and in particular relation to the declared status of the exclusivity contract, which had been cited as preventing talks or receipt of information; a moratorium on proceeding until the matter was investigated properly and all interested parties given a fair hearing and the chance to have proposals properly considered.

Nigel Slack also asked questions concerning the Mount Pleasant House development and what he referred to as an apparent contradiction between information given at Cabinet on 22nd July 2015 and a subsequent email of 24 September.

Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, stated that the matter and procedure adopted was to be examined by the Council's Internal Audit team, who were independent to those already involved and he would not predetermine the outcome of the audit but gave an assurance that the matter would be followed up. He said that the three week period of reprieve could be extended beyond the meeting date of 3rd November. It was important he said that people went ahead with the application for an asset of community value.

Councillor Jayne Dunn, the Cabinet Member for Housing stated in relation to Mr Slack's question that the use of the word 'terms' at Cabinet on 22 July had referred to heads of terms or a non-binding agreement. Contracts relating to land and property would have to be made in writing.

4.4.12 Public Question Concerning an Integrated Transport System

Jennifer Carpenter stated that, in view of the announcement of devolved powers to the Combined Sheffield City Region Authority, will the City Council press for an integrated transport system that is reliable, minimally polluting and offers an attractive alternative to car transport.

Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport stated that this would be the case and the Council would work with many partners to deliver those things.

4.4.13 Public Question Concerning Recording of Meetings

Nigel Slack stated that at the Cabinet meeting on the 16th September he was accused by a Council Officer of supplying "...misinformation..." to another member of the public putting a question that day. He said this was done in a forum where neither he nor the questioner was able to challenge the accusation. He referred to an e-mail from a Cabinet Member supporting the accusation. He asked whether, as a result of this and with reference to a Council Officer saying one thing in public and something contradictory in private, did the Council think it appropriate for members of the public to record meetings wherever possible.

Councillor Julie Dore responded that she did not recollect the conversation referred to by Mr Slack at the 16 September meeting of the Cabinet and had also looked at the minutes of that meeting. With regard to the recording of meetings, people were permitted to record at Council meetings such as Cabinet, Council and scrutiny meetings. If there was a move away from people recording at the discretion of the chair account would need to be taken of the nature of business and the audience and including when others did not wish for their contribution to be recorded, so a balanced approach was required.

4.4.14 Public Question Concerning Devolution

Nigel Slack stated that, following the signing of initial agreement to the Chancellor's so called 'devolution' deal for the City Region:

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1. Could the Council confirm whether there will be a full debate in this chamber in respect of the deal?
2. Will Councillors get a free vote on the issue or will the whip be employed?
3. Will the Council's decision be binding on the Leader when at the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority meetings?
4. Did the Leader feel as uncomfortable as she looked when sat next to grinning Gideon?”

Councillor Julie Dore stated that in view of the magnitude of the decision relating to devolution, collective responsibility would need to be taken by Members and such a decision would not be subject of a free vote. The proposals document stated that any decision was subject to Council approval.

Councillor Dore stated that she did feel somewhat uncomfortable on that occasion, but that it was her job to get the best deal for the people of Sheffield and it did not actually matter if she was uncomfortable.

4.5.1 Petition

Petition Requesting Speed Reduction Measures on Loxley Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing 13 signatures requesting speed reduction measures on Loxley Road.

The petition was referred to Councillor Terry Fox, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

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

Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed asked questions relating to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and concerning (a) under which financial standing order a payment of overtime was made to senior officers and (b) whether there had been any discussion of those payments in the Policy Development Group and, if so, was this before the response to a Freedom of Information Request had brought to light the payments.

Councillor Sioned Mair Richards, Chair of the South Yorkshire Fire Authority Audit Committee responded that the Audit Committee of the South Yorkshire Fire Authority had requested that an inquiry be held with regard to all of the issues by the Authority's Internal Audit. Members of the Audit Committee had been kept apprised of the action taken in respect of this matter and a report would be made to the Fire Authority Audit Committee by the end of November 2015.

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

6. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

RESOLVED: That on the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss (a) the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc. be approved:

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Councillor Sheila Constance to replace Councillor Steve Jones

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Remove Councillor Sheila Constance to create a vacancy

Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee - Councillor Terry Fox to fill a vacancy

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

Transport 4 All - Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy

- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy

Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy

Football Association Trust - To appoint Councillor Anne Murphy

(c) it be noted that the Leader of the Council had appointed Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards to act as Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that this Council adopts the changes to the Financial Procedure Rules (Financial Regulations) in Part 4 of the Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, and its Appendices A and B, and notes the minor/ consequential changes to the Constitution made by the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, under delegated authority, as outlined in the report and its Appendix C.

(Note: the Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) took the Chair from this point in the meeting).

8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

European Union Membership

It was moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Keith Davis, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that UKIP's position has been quite unfairly and misleadingly labelled 'anti-Europe', but that the Party is not 'anti-Europe', although it is firmly opposed to political integration within Europe;
- (b) regrets that, back in 1972, British citizens were told we were joining a 'common market', but that what we actually joined was a supranational political union where, we believe, we have lost our rights of self-government in the stealth creation of a united states of Europe, which has its own flag, national anthem, parliament, central bank, court of justice, a vast civil service, and fledgling military and police forces;
- (c) notes that the tentacles of the European Union stretch into almost every area of our national life, for example, the EU has significant influence over British financial services, fishing, energy and trade; it seeks to dictate UK business and employment legislation and immigration rules; and it seeks greater control over our law enforcement services, our foreign affairs and tax policy;
- (d) further notes that there is a significant momentum behind plans for a EU-wide army and police force, and that the EU 'shares' responsibility with Britain for many other policy areas, including animal welfare, consumer protection, public health, space programmes, social policy, humanitarian aid and vocational training, to mention but a few;
- (e) further regrets that on these and many other issues, our elected Westminster politicians are effectively impotent; and believes they pretend to have the power to influence these matters, but actually they have none, and it is what this Council believes to be an out-of-sight, unaccountable, pan-European bureaucratic elite which has the final say and they do not consider Britain's best interest; and
- (f) expresses the wish for Great Britain to be a free and fair, independent, sovereign democracy, to leave the EU and re-join the world, and believes that Britain has nothing to lose and everything to gain by this action.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Nikki Bond, 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:-

- (a) believes that Britain should remain a member of the European Union (EU);
- (b) notes that the EU accounts for nearly half the UK's exports and believes

Britain's membership of the EU is vital for the future success of this country's economy;

- (c) further notes the economic benefits membership of the EU has brought to Sheffield, including provision of funding through the European Regional Development Fund;
- (d) believes that Britain's membership of the EU also helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, terrorism, tax havens and the current refugee crisis;
- (e) fears the Prime Minister's renegotiation with other EU leaders will result in a poorer deal for British workers; and
- (f) calls on the Prime Minister to use his renegotiation to pursue a social Europe, including the strengthening of employment rights and an end to the exploitation of migrant workers.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, 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:-

- (a) believes that Britain stands taller in the world when we stand tall among our neighbours by playing a leading role in the European Union (EU), as we did with the development of the Single Market;
- (b) notes that as the European Union has developed, the powers of nation states have only been pooled where the nation states themselves identified a strong national interest in doing so, and that unanimous agreement of the governments of member states is, and will remain, the basis for any powers exercised by EU institutions;
- (c) welcomes the Single Market and the free movement of labour for making a positive contribution to the prosperity of, and opportunities available to, the British people;
- (d) further welcomes EU action in fighting crime, and protecting consumers, workers and the environment, and investment in infrastructure and science and technology, recognising that in all these areas we can achieve more working together than we can alone;
- (e) acknowledges that there is no need for, and there are no plans for, an EU army, and recognises the benefits of NATO membership and of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the cost and capability benefits of bilateral co-operation with France on defence procurement and operations;

- (f) acknowledges that the EU is not perfect, but in order to change, reform and improve the institution, we must remain an active member;
- (g) regrets the failure of the UK parliament to use all the powers available to it for the scrutiny of EU legislation, and the poor attendance record of UKIP MEPs when matters affecting British interests are being debated; and
- (h) fears that Britain leaving the EU would lead to the break-up of the UK, as Scotland and Northern Ireland will vote to stay in, and the marginalisation of "little England" in a world dominated by large trading blocs, and calls instead for greater unity in the free world; supporting the EU as a beacon of peace, freedom, democracy, human rights and prosperity in a world contested by warring and oppressive forces.

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

(Note: The above amendment was carried in addition to the earlier amendment (moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Nikki Bond). Accordingly, paragraphs (a) to (h) of the above were renumbered as additional paragraphs (g) to (n) in the Substantive Motion.)

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Aodan Marken, seconded by Councillor Rob Murphy, 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:-

- (a) welcomes the fact that there will be an opportunity for the people of the UK to democratically settle the question of the UK's continued membership of the European Union (EU), via a referendum;
- (b) does not believe it is reasonable to lay the blame for all the UK's ills on the EU, but does believe that it has been decisions by successive UK governments that have left this country with, for example: a lax tax policy system that allows multinational corporations to pay a smaller percentage of income than most British citizens; marketization in the NHS; and a tripling of tuition fees;
- (c) believes that membership of the EU is on balance positive for the UK, including by making possible cross-border regulation to protect people's health, the environment, and consumers, and hopes that UK citizens will decide to remain within the EU;
- (d) notes the benefits that EU membership brings to the city of Sheffield, including by providing funding for projects like the Community Network Programme, Grey to Green Phase 1 and the Remediation of Don Valley Stadium, through the European Regional Development Fund;
- (e) celebrates all EU students that make, and have made, Sheffield their home for the duration of their study, and the contribution that they make to the city's economic and cultural vibrancy;

- (f) believes that, despite these benefits, the EU in its current form is an undemocratic and unaccountable institution, and that if it is to survive the EU must be significantly reformed so that it becomes more democratic, more transparent, and better at supporting the needs of all citizens of Europe; and
- (g) will work to enfranchise as many Sheffield residents as possible before the EU referendum to ensure that they can vote on this crucial issue, and will aim to significantly improve on the low turnout of 35.82% during the EU Parliament elections in May 2014.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that Britain should remain a member of the European Union (EU);
- (b) notes that the EU accounts for nearly half the UK's exports and believes Britain's membership of the EU is vital for the future success of this country's economy;
- (c) further notes the economic benefits membership of the EU has brought to Sheffield, including provision of funding through the European Regional Development Fund;
- (d) believes that Britain's membership of the EU also helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, terrorism, tax havens and the current refugee crisis;
- (e) fears the Prime Minister's renegotiation with other EU leaders will result in a poorer deal for British workers;
- (f) calls on the Prime Minister to use his renegotiation to pursue a social Europe, including the strengthening of employment rights and an end to the exploitation of migrant workers;
- (g) believes that Britain stands taller in the world when we stand tall among our neighbours by playing a leading role in the European Union (EU), as we did with the development of the Single Market;
- (h) notes that as the European Union has developed, the powers of nation states have only been pooled where the nation states themselves identified a strong national interest in doing so, and that unanimous agreement of the governments of member states is, and will remain, the basis for any powers exercised by EU institutions;

- (i) welcomes the Single Market and the free movement of labour for making a positive contribution to the prosperity of, and opportunities available to, the British people;
- (j) further welcomes EU action in fighting crime, and protecting consumers, workers and the environment, and investment in infrastructure and science and technology, recognising that in all these areas we can achieve more working together than we can alone;
- (k) acknowledges that there is no need for, and there are no plans for, an EU army, and recognises the benefits of NATO membership and of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the cost and capability benefits of bilateral co-operation with France on defence procurement and operations;
- (l) acknowledges that the EU is not perfect, but in order to change, reform and improve the institution, we must remain an active member;
- (m) regrets the failure of the UK parliament to use all the powers available to it for the scrutiny of EU legislation, and the poor attendance record of UKIP MEPs when matters affecting British interests are being debated; and
- (n) fears that Britain leaving the EU would lead to the break-up of the UK, as Scotland and Northern Ireland will vote to stay in, and the marginalisation of "little England" in a world dominated by large trading blocs, and calls instead for greater unity in the free world; supporting the EU as a beacon of peace, freedom, democracy, human rights and prosperity in a world contested by warring and oppressive forces.

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

For the Motion (77)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Rob Frost, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Diane Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff

Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, John Campbell, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe, Vickie Priestley, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Against the Motion (3) - Councillors Pauline Andrews, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained the Motion (0) - Nil.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

Syrian Refugees

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) more than 4 million Syrians have been forced to flee their homeland over the last five years as a result of the Syrian war; and
 - (ii) although the vast majority of Syrian refugees are living in temporary camps in neighbouring countries such as Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, increasing numbers are seeking sanctuary in Europe;
- (b) believes the Government's response to the refugee crisis has been grossly inadequate and calls on the Government to do more;
- (c) is proud of Sheffield's reputation as the 'City of Sanctuary', having participated in the Government's Gateway Protection Programme for the last 11 years;
- (d) believes Sheffield has a strong tradition of helping those fleeing war and persecution, and believes our city should play its part in the current crisis;
- (e) welcomes the Council's offer to the Government to resettle Syrian refugees this year and notes that the costs involved in supporting these families for the first year will be met by the Government;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(f) is in dialogue with the Government about meeting any additional costs of resettlement, if the needs of the new arrivals require;(g) thanks local people for their generosity in donating items at the Town Hall including tents, sleeping bags and winter clothing for vulnerable people stranded in refugee camps in France; and(h) thanks the volunteers, voluntary sector, and those who give funding to them to help refugees in our city, including Voluntary Action Sheffield, Assist, City of Sanctuary, Northern Refugee Centre and many others. |
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(Note: Councillors Pauline Andrews, Keith Davis and John Booker voted for Paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (f) to (h) and abstained on Paragraphs (c) and (e) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL WOOD

Trade Union Bill

It was moved by Councillor Paul Wood, seconded by Councillor Bob Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) objects to the proposed amendment to the Trade Union Bill, which it believes is an unnecessary attack on workers' rights and civil liberties that undermines the collective bargaining powers of trade unions;
- (b) is totally opposed to this draconian proposal;
- (c) notes that this country has a proud tradition of liberty and democracy built up over many years, of which trade unions play a key role;
- (d) believes that these proposals indicate the Government's intention to weaken trade unions, resulting in making it easier to attack workers' rights and pay and conditions of employment; that the Bill clearly demonstrates that this Government is not on the side of working people; and that the proposals would weaken the ability for workers to have a voice that is heard and represented by their trade union in the negotiation and protection of their terms and conditions of employment;
- (e) further believes that these are unfair and undemocratic changes and will make it much harder for public sector workers, who have suffered many years of pay restraint, to ever take industrial action over pay or challenge the behaviour of bad employers, and that it will make it more difficult for trade unions to organise, protest and reflect their members' points of view, and therefore the proposals represent attacks on civil liberties; and
- (f) calls on the Government to think again and reconsider these plans.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraph (f) as a new paragraph (g):-

- (f) notes that these proposals were blocked by the Liberal Democrats in the last Government.

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

Following a Right of Reply by Councillor Paul Wood, the original Motion was then put to the vote and carried, as follows:-

RESOLVED: that this Council:-

- (a) objects to the proposed amendment to the Trade Union Bill, which it believes is an unnecessary attack on workers' rights and civil liberties that undermines the collective bargaining powers of trade unions;
- (b) is totally opposed to this draconian proposal;
- (c) notes that this country has a proud tradition of liberty and democracy built up over many years, of which trade unions play a key role;
- (d) believes that these proposals indicate the Government's intention to weaken trade unions, resulting in making it easier to attack workers' rights and pay and conditions of employment; that the Bill clearly demonstrates that this Government is not on the side of working people; and that the proposals would weaken the ability for workers to have a voice that is heard and represented by their trade union in the negotiation and protection of their terms and conditions of employment;
- (e) further believes that these are unfair and undemocratic changes and will make it much harder for public sector workers, who have suffered many years of pay restraint, to ever take industrial action over pay or challenge the behaviour of bad employers, and that it will make it more difficult for trade unions to organise, protest and reflect their members' points of view, and therefore the proposals represent attacks on civil liberties; and
- (f) calls on the Government to think again and reconsider these plans.

(Note: Councillor John Campbell, left the meeting during consideration of the above item, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and took no part in the debate or voting thereon.)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

Energy Efficiency Of Housing

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that under Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon Ed Davey MP, the previous Coalition Government advanced the cause of green energy;
- (b) regrets that much of this good work is being undone by the present Government;
- (c) specifically, notes that financial incentives for the installation of solar panels on the roofs of Council houses are being cut from January 2016;
- (d) understands that there are approximately 1,200 Council houses due to have new roofs in the time frame and this provides an ideal opportunity for the solar panels to be installed at the same time;
- (e) believes this would enable Council tenants to benefit from a renewable carbon free energy source and save on their energy bills; and
- (f) therefore calls upon the Administration to act rapidly to make use of the window of opportunity before the financial incentives are withdrawn.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, 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:-

- (a) notes that the previous Coalition Government, of which the Liberal Democrats were a part:
 - (i) cut funding for the Warm Front scheme and the Energy Company Obligation scheme;
 - (ii) abandoned a pledge to make all new homes "zero-carbon" by 2016, allowing housebuilders to pay their way out of their full obligations; and
 - (iii) failed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and introduced what this Council believes to be extraordinarily generous tax allowances for companies getting into exploration for fracking in the 2014 Budget;
- (b) is committed to improving the energy efficiency of Sheffield's housing stock to reduce bills, prevent health problems related to cold and damp housing and cut CO2 emissions;
- (c) welcomes the Administration's ambition to increase Sheffield's energy generating and distribution capacity, including decarbonised, locally generated energy sources, to give Sheffield a competitive advantage over

other locations and support future economic growth; and

- (d) recalls progress made on energy efficiency under the previous Labour Government, in particular through the Decent Homes programme for social housing and Warm Front, which helped over 2 million households improve their energy efficiency and insulation.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (a) notes that the previous Coalition Government, of which the Liberal Democrats were a part:
 - (i) cut funding for the Warm Front scheme and the Energy Company Obligation scheme;
 - (ii) abandoned a pledge to make all new homes "zero-carbon" by 2016, allowing housebuilders to pay their way out of their full obligations; and
 - (iii) failed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and introduced what this Council believes to be extraordinarily generous tax allowances for companies getting into exploration for fracking in the 2014 Budget;
- (b) is committed to improving the energy efficiency of Sheffield's housing stock to reduce bills, prevent health problems related to cold and damp housing and cut CO2 emissions;
- (c) welcomes the Administration's ambition to increase Sheffield's energy generating and distribution capacity, including decarbonised, locally generated energy sources, to give Sheffield a competitive advantage over other locations and support future economic growth; and
- (d) recalls progress made on energy efficiency under the previous Labour Government, in particular through the Decent Homes programme for social housing and Warm Front, which helped over 2 million households improve their energy efficiency and insulation.

(Note: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraph (b) and against all remaining paragraphs of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA

Mental Health

It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Nasima Akther, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year;
 - (ii) the World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020;
 - (iii) mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone;
 - (iv) people with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK; and
 - (v) there is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt;
- (b) believes that:
 - (i) as a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health;
 - (ii) mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning; and
 - (iii) all Councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis; and
- (c) resolves to:
 - (i) sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds;
 - (ii) commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the Council;
 - (iii) seek to identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health;

- (iv) support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces;
- (v) work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community; and
- (vi) work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) and (c) as new paragraphs (c) and (d):-

- (b) welcomes the steps taken under the previous Coalition Government by Liberal Democrat Health Minister, the Rt. Hon. Norman Lamb MP, to tackle inequalities in treatment between physical and mental health, such as:
 - (i) introducing the first waiting time targets for mental health treatment;
 - (ii) putting an extra £1.25bn into children and adolescent mental health services;
 - (iii) improving access to talking therapies and early intervention; and
 - (iv) improving diversion of people with mental health problems from the criminal justice system;

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:
 - (i) 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year;
 - (ii) the World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020;
 - (iii) mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone;
 - (iv) people with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK; and
 - (v) there is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt;

- (b) believes that:
- (i) as a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health;
 - (ii) mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning; and
 - (iii) all Councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis; and
- (c) resolves to:
- (i) sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds;
 - (ii) commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the Council;
 - (iii) seek to identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health;
 - (iv) support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces;
 - (v) work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community; and
 - (vi) work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN

Housing Of Asylum Seekers: G4s' Performance On The Home Office's Compass Contract

RESOLVED: on the Motion of Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, that this Council:

- (a) notes concerns raised by South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group about G4S' performance in their implementation of the Home Office's commercial contract COMPASS to house asylum seekers in Sheffield;
- (b) is pleased that the practice of forced bedroom sharing between unrelated

adults in G4S-managed properties will be stopped following changes to the Council's Houses of Multiple Occupation policy, which is currently out for consultation; and

- (c) asks the Chief Executive to write to the Rt. Hon. James Brokenshire MP, the Minister of State for Immigration, to express the Council's strong concerns at the reported treatment of asylum seekers covered by the COMPASS contract, and call for a review of COMPASS with the well-being and fair treatment of those claiming asylum being its clear priority.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

Sheffield Retail Quarter

It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes that progress is being made and that three potential developers for the Sheffield Retail Quarter have been announced;
- (b) welcomes that a planning application has been made;
- (c) fully supports the concept of enhancing the city centre and retail offer for Sheffield;
- (d) notes that the Council has had high level professional advice to get to this stage, which has resulted in substantial costs for the Council; and
- (e) therefore would expect that we have now reached a stage where the scheme is close to being finalised and would expect no more delays or major alterations to the scheme which would incur further costs.

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

- 1. the replacement in paragraph (d) of the word "Council" by the word "Project" in both uses in that paragraph;
 - 2. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (d) " , as would be appropriate in any project of this nature and believes it would be improper not to do so and could lead to significant risks to the whole project"; and
 - 3. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
- (e) confirms that all costs being incurred are being treated as development costs and therefore the plan is that these will be recovered by the Council

when the development value in the scheme is realised, and that the scheme will only be finalised once the development partner is taken on board and major tenants signed up, for obvious reasons.”

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:-

<p>RESOLVED: That this Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) welcomes that progress is being made and that three potential developers for the Sheffield Retail Quarter have been announced;(b) welcomes that a planning application has been made;(c) fully supports the concept of enhancing the city centre and retail offer for Sheffield;(d) notes that the Project has had high level professional advice to get to this stage, which has resulted in substantial costs for the Project, as would be appropriate in any project of this nature and believes it would be improper not to do so and could lead to significant risks to the whole project; and(e) confirms that all costs being incurred are being treated as development costs and therefore the plan is that these will be recovered by the Council when the development value in the scheme is realised, and that the scheme will only be finalised once the development partner is taken on board and major tenants signed up, for obvious reasons.
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(Notes: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for Paragraphs (a) to (d) and against paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

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

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

Climate Change

It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing

the world today, and that policy-makers and elected representatives at all levels of government have a moral responsibility to take the necessary actions to mitigate it;

- (b) notes that vital international climate talks ('COP21') are scheduled to start in Paris, France on 30th November 2015, and believes that citizen pressure on all national governments will be crucial to ensure they put forward strong commitments to action on climate in order to help create a zero-poverty, zero-carbon world;
- (c) therefore, calls upon central government to approach the COP21 talks with a commitment to adopting substantial cuts to UK emissions in the short term, taking into account the UK's position as a leading global emitter of greenhouse gases both historically and today, with a view to reaching a global agreement to limit global temperature rises to below 2 degrees Celsius;
- (d) recalls that there is huge job potential from climate action, with the third edition of the 'One Million Climate Jobs' report (supported by trade unions and environmental groups) demonstrating how 150 million new jobs could be created worldwide by an effective mitigation programme, or 1 million in the UK, which could equate to 10,000 jobs in Sheffield;
- (e) believes that city-level action is feasible and can be significant, as shown by Climate Smart Cities worldwide, and that action taken in Sheffield could also contribute towards addressing many other priorities including fuel poverty, poor air quality and local economic regeneration;
- (f) instructs officers to use appropriate opportunities (for example responses to relevant consultations, and discussions on any 'devolution deal') to encourage central government to act on reducing UK emissions, especially calling for government to enable and fund large-scale local energy-savings schemes and renewable energy generation led by local councils;
- (g) urges the Administration to examine how a large-scale climate action programme in Sheffield of home insulation, public transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation could help to deliver the Council's priorities on health, economy and fairness, and to plan how to achieve these benefits;
- (h) believes that the Council should take the opportunity of news coverage of COP21 to increase awareness and interest locally in the need for, and potential benefits of, climate action in Sheffield and nationally, by:
 - (i) responding with energy and imagination to the report of the Green Commission, and publicising how climate action can help Sheffield's citizens; and
 - (ii) using appropriate avenues to publicise the 'Time for the Climate' event on Saturday 28th November 2015, being run by Sheffield

Climate Alliance, to all Council employees, for example through a suitable public display (e.g. a banner on the Town Hall), and in media releases;

- (i) calls on Members to consider participating in the 'Time for the Climate' event on 28th November, and to help to raise awareness of this and the national 'Time to Act' demonstration in London on 29th November, through their networks and with their constituents; and
- (j) instructs officers to send a copy of this motion to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (g) and the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-

(g) looks forward to the findings and recommendations of the Green Commission, which will examine a range of factors, including the role of home insulation, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, and hopes for cross-party consensus to enable the Administration to progress this important agenda; and

2. the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (h) to (j) as new paragraphs (i) to (k):-

(h) was disappointed that the previous Coalition Government cut funding for the Warm Front scheme – an initiative which made a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty;

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for part 2 and against part 1 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

It was then moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) to (j) as new paragraphs (d) to (l):-

- (b) notes that under Liberal Democrat Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt. Hon Ed Davey MP, the previous Coalition Government advanced the cause of green energy through measures such as:
 - (i) investing £37 billion in renewable energy, supporting half a million jobs, reducing our carbon emissions and improving Britain's energy

security;

- (ii) setting up Britain's first Green Investment Bank; and
 - (iii) establishing the first Community Energy Strategy, setting out the role that communities can play in helping to meet the UK's energy and climate change challenges, including supporting a sustainable and secure energy system, reducing UK greenhouse gas emissions, and lowering consumer bills;
- (c) regrets that much of this good work is being undone by the present Government;

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

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

- RESOLVED: That this Council:
- (a) believes that climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing the world today, and that policy-makers and elected representatives at all levels of government have a moral responsibility to take the necessary actions to mitigate it;
 - (b) notes that vital international climate talks ('COP21') are scheduled to start in Paris, France on 30th November 2015, and believes that citizen pressure on all national governments will be crucial to ensure they put forward strong commitments to action on climate in order to help create a zero-poverty, zero-carbon world;
 - (c) therefore, calls upon central government to approach the COP21 talks with a commitment to adopting substantial cuts to UK emissions in the short term, taking into account the UK's position as a leading global emitter of greenhouse gases both historically and today, with a view to reaching a global agreement to limit global temperature rises to below 2 degrees Celsius;
 - (d) recalls that there is huge job potential from climate action, with the third edition of the 'One Million Climate Jobs' report (supported by trade unions and environmental groups) demonstrating how 150 million new jobs could be created worldwide by an effective mitigation programme, or 1 million in the UK, which could equate to 10,000 jobs in Sheffield;
 - (e) believes that city-level action is feasible and can be significant, as shown by Climate Smart Cities worldwide, and that action taken in Sheffield could also contribute towards addressing many other priorities including fuel poverty, poor air quality and local economic regeneration;
 - (f) instructs officers to use appropriate opportunities (for example responses to

relevant consultations, and discussions on any 'devolution deal') to encourage central government to act on reducing UK emissions, especially calling for government to enable and fund large-scale local energy-savings schemes and renewable energy generation led by local councils;

- (g) looks forward to the findings and recommendations of the Green Commission, which will examine a range of factors, including the role of home insulation, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, and hopes for cross-party consensus to enable the Administration to progress this important agenda;
- (h) was disappointed that the previous Coalition Government cut funding for the Warm Front scheme – an initiative which made a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty;
- (i) believes that the Council should take the opportunity of news coverage of COP21 to increase awareness and interest locally in the need for, and potential benefits of, climate action in Sheffield and nationally, by:
 - (i) responding with energy and imagination to the report of the Green Commission, and publicising how climate action can help Sheffield's citizens; and
 - (ii) using appropriate avenues to publicise the 'Time for the Climate' event on Saturday 28th November 2015, being run by Sheffield Climate Alliance, to all Council employees, for example through a suitable public display (e.g. a banner on the Town Hall), and in media releases;
- (j) calls on Members to consider participating in the 'Time for the Climate' event on 28th November, and to help to raise awareness of this and the national 'Time to Act' demonstration in London on 29th November, through their networks and with their constituents; and
- (k) instructs officers to send a copy of this motion to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

(Note: Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (g) and (i) to (k) and against paragraph (h) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ROGER DAVISON

Ecclesall Road Sorting Office

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:

- (a) notes the announcement from the Royal Mail on the proposed closure of the Ecclesall Road sorting office;
- (b) believes the alternative sorting office on Pond Street in the City Centre would lead to difficulties collecting undelivered post and parcels for those in S11 with disabilities or problems with transport arrangements;
- (c) is also worried about parking arrangements for private transport users at the Pond Street office; and
- (d) therefore calls on the Council to:
 - (i) ask the Royal Mail to consider the difficulties the residents of S11 would experience by moving the collection and distribution of mail presently carried out at the above sorting office to Pond Street; and
 - (ii) ask that Royal Mail consults with local people, Council representatives and the local MPs before taking any action.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SUE ALSTON

Women's Institute Centenary

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:

- (a) congratulates the Women's Institute on their Centenary Year and wishes them every success in the future;
- (b) acknowledges the positive impact they have made to the lives of women and families throughout the Country; and
- (c) requests that a copy of this Notice of Motion be forwarded to the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SARAH JANE SMALLEY

Highway Trees

It was moved by Councillor Sarah Jane Smalley, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) recalls that, following the submission of a petition of over 10,000 signatures to the full Council meeting on July 1st, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport established a 'Tree Forum' to discuss issues around street

trees in Sheffield;

- (b) further, recalls that the petition that was presented cited the signatories' concerns:
 - (i) over the management of trees in the course of the Streets Ahead contract with highways contractor Amey, especially as it related to the felling of mature, healthy street trees and planting of new tree sapling programme, and;
 - (ii) that there had been insufficient public consultation around the tree felling and replacement programme, including its implementation on individual streets;
- (c) therefore regards the establishment of the Tree Forum as a potential first step in restoring public faith and trust in Sheffield City Council's management of the City's tree stock, including street trees;
- (d) however believes that, under current arrangements, the Tree Forum has not lived up to its potential, and in fact risks serving to validate the current tree felling and replacement policy rather than offering the opportunity for genuine changes to the Council's policy direction to be made;
- (e) notes that the topic of the first Tree Forum on 23rd July 2015 was the Council's 'six Ds' criteria for tree felling, and that the topic of the second Tree Forum on 2nd September was 'sensitive engineering solutions', and further believes that, although these are worthy topics for public discussion and debate as well as expert engagement, it is deeply concerning that they may not have been settled to the Administration's satisfaction prior to the first two and a half years of the Streets Ahead Programme (including mass street tree felling) being conducted;
- (f) therefore urges the Administration to revisit its attitude towards the Tree Forum and to seize the opportunity that further meetings of the Forum could present for genuine and positive engagement with the public on issues surrounding trees, including street trees; and
- (g) further, urges the Administration to ensure that the Tree Forum and the wider public have the opportunity to have a genuine voice in the development of the forthcoming Tree Strategy for Sheffield, whose development was announced by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport on 8th June 2015.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:-

- (d) notes that the Highway Tree Advisory Forum provides a platform for an open discussion about the issues that affect highway trees and to open the

Council to public scrutiny over decisions relating to highway trees;

- (e) further notes that it has provided over 200 members of the public over two meetings with an opportunity to convey their points of view and to hold the Council to account over the highway trees stock, including the Council's 'six Ds' criteria for tree felling and sensitive engineering solutions; and
- (f) remains committed to working with residents and communities to deliver this transformational project, Streets Ahead.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (g) as new paragraphs (d) to (h):-

- (c) (i) believes that a great many of the trees that are condemned on the grounds of "damage to surface" could be spared by sensitive excavation of the roots and modest ramping of the rebuilt footway; and
- (ii) suggests that rigorous application of national guidelines regarding the acceptable limits of ramping on footways is not appropriate, and indeed may look ridiculous next to even the more modest natural gradients of Sheffield;

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) recalls that, following the submission of a petition of over 10,000 signatures to the full Council meeting on July 1st, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport established a 'Tree Forum' to discuss issues around street trees in Sheffield;
- (b) further, recalls that the petition that was presented cited the signatories' concerns:
 - (i) over the management of trees in the course of the Streets Ahead contract with highways contractor Amey, especially as it related to the felling of mature, healthy street trees and planting of new tree sapling programme, and;
 - (ii) that there had been insufficient public consultation around the tree felling and replacement programme, including its implementation on individual streets;

- (c) therefore regards the establishment of the Tree Forum as a potential first step in restoring public faith and trust in Sheffield City Council's management of the City's tree stock, including street trees;
- (d) notes that the Highway Tree Advisory Forum provides a platform for an open discussion about the issues that affect highway trees and to open the Council to public scrutiny over decisions relating to highway trees;
- (e) further notes that it has provided over 200 members of the public over two meetings with an opportunity to convey their points of view and to hold the Council to account over the highway trees stock, including the Council's 'six Ds' criteria for tree felling and sensitive engineering solutions; and
- (f) remains committed to working with residents and communities to deliver this transformational project, Streets Ahead.

(Note: 1. Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (f) and against Paragraphs (d) and (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and against Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

Independent Living Fund

It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with regret the Government's decision to abolish the centrally administered Independent Living Fund (ILF), effective from 1st July 2015, and that responsibility for any continuance of payments to former ILF recipients now lies with local authorities;
- (b) recalls that the ILF had been established in 1988 to help people with disabilities to live independently rather than relying on residential care;
- (c) notes with dismay reports from the disability charity Scope that "the closure of the Independent Living Fund ... [is] likely to lead to fewer disabled people being able to live independently.", and from Disabled People Against Cuts that the impact of the closure of the ILF would be "devastating" to disabled people;

- (d) believes that, wherever appropriate, individuals with disabilities who wish to live independently should be given the support they need to do so;
- (e) therefore believes that, locally, ILF money should be ring-fenced to those individuals who are both eligible for adult social care and who need support to live independently;
- (f) further, calls upon the Government to:
 - (i) reinstate the Independent Living Fund as a centrally administered and paid fund for the support of disabled individuals who wish to live independently; and
 - (ii) failing clause (f)(i) above, to maintain the central government payment to local authorities for the administration of localised ILF payments at at least the 2015 level for at least the duration of the current Parliament; and
- (g) instructs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) regrets that the funding passed down from Government is not recurrent and consequently the Council is projecting funding pressures from 2016/17 as a result of the Government's decision to abolish the Independent Living Fund;
2. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-
 - (f) further notes that social care staff are visiting all individuals who previously received ILF funding and are reviewing their overall needs so that they continue to get the care and support that is right for them and for which they are eligible;

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

It was then moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

- (f) further, calls upon the Government to maintain the central government payment to local authorities for the administration of localised ILF payments at at least the 2015 level for at least the duration of the current Parliament; and

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 for and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:

- (a) notes with regret the Government's decision to abolish the centrally administered Independent Living Fund (ILF), effective from 1st July 2015, and that responsibility for any continuance of payments to former ILF recipients now lies with local authorities;
- (b) recalls that the ILF had been established in 1988 to help people with disabilities to live independently rather than relying on residential care;
- (c) notes with dismay reports from the disability charity Scope that "the closure of the Independent Living Fund ... [is] likely to lead to fewer disabled people being able to live independently.", and from Disabled People Against Cuts that the impact of the closure of the ILF would be "devastating" to disabled people;
- (d) believes that, wherever appropriate, individuals with disabilities who wish to live independently should be given the support they need to do so;
- (e) regrets that the funding passed down from Government is not recurrent and consequently the Council is projecting funding pressures from 2016/17 as a result of the Government's decision to abolish the Independent Living Fund;
- (f) further notes that social care staff are visiting all individuals who previously received ILF funding and are reviewing their overall needs so that they continue to get the care and support that is right for them and for which they are eligible;
- (g) further, calls upon the Government to:
 - (i) reinstate the Independent Living Fund as a centrally administered and paid fund for the support of disabled individuals who wish to live independently; and
 - (ii) failing clause (g)(i) above, to maintain the central government payment to local authorities for the administration of localised ILF payments at at least the 2015 level for at least the duration of the current Parliament; and
- (h) instructs that a copy of this motion be sent to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for Paragraphs (a) to (e), (g) and (h) and abstained on Paragraph

(f) and asked for this to be recorded.)