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### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Denise Fox)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Anne Murphy)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Andy Nash Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Andy Bainbridge Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Kieran Harpham Magid Mah	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald Chris Peace	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Robert Murphy Moya O'Rourke	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Adam Hanrahan Anne Murphy Craig Gamble Pugh	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING**

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

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

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked \* on the agenda.

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## **FACILITIES**

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
8 JUNE 2016**

**Order of Business**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

To receive the records of the proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, and the annual meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

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

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

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

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

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

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

(NB. Minutes of recent meetings of the two South Yorkshire Joint Authorities have been made available to all Members of the Council via the following link -

<http://sheffielddemocracy.moderngov.co.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13165&path=0>)

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

To consider any changes to the memberships and arrangements for meetings of Committees etc., delegated authority, and the appointment of representatives to serve on other bodies.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) places on record its thanks to everyone involved in conducting the recent local elections;
- (b) notes that preparing for and running an election is a very complex process requiring commitment, teamwork and professionalism;
- (c) further notes that, during polling day, teams in 214 polling stations across the city provided fantastic support to voters, and the votes were verified, counted and adjudicated professionally at the count;
- (d) also places on record its thanks to the people of Sheffield who exercised their democratic right to vote and to signal their confidence in the current Administration by providing it with a substantial majority;
- (e) believes that, despite having to contend with unprecedented levels of cuts handed down by the current Government and previous Coalition Government, the current Administration has a proud record of achievement over the last five years; and
- (f) notes the current Administration's determination to continue standing up for Sheffield and retain its ambition for the city following its recent election victory.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) is concerned by recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showing the disability employment gap – the difference in employment rates between disabled and non-disabled people – is widening;
- (b) agrees with Mark Atkinson, chief executive of disability charity Scope, that: “current measures to support disabled people into employment aren't working”;
- (c) believes that policies implemented by the Government, such as the abolition of the Independent Living Fund and the decision to cap Access To Work payments, will make it harder for people with disabilities to get into work;

- (d) further expresses its concern about Work Capability Assessments and the private providers who run them, noting a report released by the National Audit Office in January which found that under Maximus - the new providers of Work Capability Assessments - while cost has almost doubled, there remains a backlog of 280,000 cases and individuals are still having to wait an average of 23 weeks for decisions to be made on whether they will be entitled to Employment and Support Allowance;
- (e) notes the work Sheffield City Council is doing to support people with disabilities back into employment, including:-
  - (i) its action to bring resources together from various Council portfolios to better target spending; and
  - (ii) new initiatives to better support people with learning disabilities and mental health conditions to secure work;
- (f) welcomes the current Administration's pledge to double the number of people with disabilities moving into employment in Sheffield; and
- (g) calls on the Government to overhaul the assessments system and cancel the planned cuts to Employment and Support Allowance that will take up to £30 a week from people with disabilities.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) notes with regret the decision by the Government to relocate 247 jobs in the Business, Innovation and Skills office from Sheffield to London and the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations;
- (b) further regrets the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies and the 831 jobs at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (c) calls on the Administration to do all it can with other partners to support those facing job losses across the city to help them find alternative employment and/or training;
- (d) believes that despite these setbacks, Sheffield has a lot of potential to be a great city with great opportunities - in particular:-
  - (i) two world class universities and one of the highest graduate retention rates in the country;
  - (ii) a fantastic location close to other northern cities and 25 minutes' drive to a world class airport; and

- (iii) a worldwide reputation as a green city;
- (e) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;
- (f) believes this a crucial time for Sheffield, with the recent devolution deal, which will devolve powers from Westminster to politicians in our region, giving local people more power over our own destiny;
- (g) notes the Centre for Cities report "*A Century of Cities*", on the importance of knowledge based industries for improving wealth and prosperity in cities, and the Tech North report "*The Digital Powerhouse*", on how the public sector can supercharge the tech economy of the north;
- (h) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield's economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies; and
- (i) calls on the Administration to:-
  - (i) work across political party and with local industry to promote Sheffield more as the place in the north to invest, grow and do business; and
  - (ii) ensure one full Council meeting a year is a 'State of Sheffield' business event, where local business report back on what improvements have been made and what Sheffield City Council needs to do extra in the coming year to support business, enterprise and innovation in the City.

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE WILSON**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that 1 July 2016 will mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme – one of the bloodiest battles in World War One in which around a million men were killed or wounded;
- (b) remembers the sacrifice made by those that fell over the 141 days of fighting, and the suffering of the many who were wounded and survived;
- (c) notes the events taking place in Sheffield to commemorate the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme, including the Centenary Field Event at Weston Park on Friday 1 July 2016; and
- (d) further notes events taking place in France, including at Sheffield

Memorial Park, Serre, where the 12th (Sheffield City) and 13th and 14th (Barnsley) Pals Battalions were decimated on 1st July 1916, at which Sheffield will have a presence with the Lord Mayor in attendance.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) condemns the Government's decision to press ahead with relocating 247 jobs at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills from Sheffield to London;
- (b) extends its sympathy to the workers affected;
- (c) believes this decision to relocate the department responsible for building the 'Northern Powerhouse' flies in the face of the Government's 'Northern Powerhouse' rhetoric;
- (d) notes the overwhelming case to retain the jobs in Sheffield put forward by the staff affected, trade unions, councils across the city region, the Local Enterprise Partnership, wider business community and MPs, based on it saving money for the Government, its importance for our local economy and it helping to retain talent in Sheffield; and
- (e) further notes that:-
  - (i) despite repeated requests, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, refused to meet with the Leader of the Council to discuss this issue;
  - (ii) the Leader of the Council has also written to the Chancellor and Commercial Secretary to the Treasury expressing her dismay at this decision; and
  - (iii) the Council will do everything it can to put in place support for local people to find new employment in the city as quickly as possible.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) asserts that Sheffield City Centre is the preferred location for a HS2 station, over Meadowhall;
- (b) notes that HS2 Ltd's own research shows a city-centre station for Sheffield will bring much better prospects of regeneration to the City



Centre; it would create 6000 more jobs and over 1000 more new homes than an out of town parkway location at Meadowhall;

- (c) notes that the Government's plans for the Northern Powerhouse Rail are based upon city centre to city centre connectivity, and siting HS2 in Sheffield City Centre would form the Leeds to Sheffield leg of the Government's plan for Transport for the North, saving the tax payer money in the long run;
- (d) notes the report in the Sheffield Telegraph on 16th May 2016 that Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, said that Sheffield risks losing out on a HS2 Station altogether because the region's Labour politicians can't agree on where it should be;
- (e) therefore calls for the Council to write to all South Yorkshire Council Leaders, including the mayor of Doncaster, and South Yorkshire MPs, asking them to back HS2 in Sheffield City Centre; and
- (f) calls on the Administration to set up a cross party task force, including other council leaders, MPs and senior politicians, to work together to lobby the Government for a city centre HS2 station.

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

That this Council:-

- (a) regrets that the First Three Past the Post system was used to elect the members of the Council last month, believing this to be undemocratic, unfair and unrepresentative, and that its use damages the public perception of our democratic system;
- (b) believes that the use of a Proportional Representation system would have resulted in a council more representative of the way that the people of Sheffield voted, and would have ensured that every voter feels they have a voice to represent them on the Council;
- (c) further believes that by electing the council through Proportional Representation, there would be more co-operation and consensus in decision making, and that the people of Sheffield would benefit from a more efficient and transparent council;
- (d) notes that the Labour Group's majority on this Council is more disproportional than the Conservative Party's majority in Parliament, with a Gallagher disproportionality index of 16.8, compared to 9.8 for the Conservatives in Westminster;
- (e) notes that Proportional Representation is used to elect local councillors in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as well as members of the London Assembly, Welsh

Assembly and Scottish Parliament;

- (f) believes that there is no convincing argument against the use of Proportional Representation, except that it preserves the dominance of the one party that benefits from it most; and
- (g) furthermore, calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, requesting that Sheffield City Council be allowed to trial a Proportional Representation system for electing councillors.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the increased amount of graffiti in Sheffield in recent years;
- (b) believes that this graffiti reflects badly on our city and would give a bad impression to visitors of a city that does not care about its image;
- (c) notes that this has been noticed by many people, including the local press, resulting in a campaign by The Star newspaper;
- (d) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the City Centre; and
- (e) calls on the Administration to devolve centrally held monies for graffiti removal to local Ward pots, so local councillors and communities can take targeted and effective action.



Chief Executive

Dated this 31 day of May 2016

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 6 July 2016 at the Town Hall**

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

You **must**:

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

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

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

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

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
  - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
  - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
  - the landlord is your council or authority; and
  - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
  - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
  - (b) either -
    - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
    - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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

You have a personal interest where –

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

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

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

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

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

Further advice can be obtained from Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance on 0114 2734018 or email [gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk).

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# Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Friday 18 March 2016, at 5.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

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

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Julie Gledhill Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Steve Wilson	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof
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6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Chris Peace	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker  Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Sarah Jane Smalley Robert Murphy Lewis Dagnall	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain, Councillors Pauline Andrews, Isobel Bowler, John Campbell, Paul Wood, Katie Condliffe, Rob Frost and Joyce Wright.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**3. SHEFFIELD CITY REGION (SCR) DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT:  
RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL**

Public Questions

3.1 Public Question in respect of Support for People with Disabilities

- 3.1.1 Adam Butcher asked how the Council would support people with disabilities to read the Devolution Agreement and explain the process so that they could engage with the Council once the Agreement was signed?

- 3.1.2 Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of the Council, thanked Mr Butcher for the question commenting that it was especially topical given that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had recently set a budget which would put people with disabilities in even more difficult circumstances.

- 3.1.3 Councillor Dore further added that with Mr Butcher's assistance if he were prepared to offer this, and through the Cabinet Members for Health, Care and Independent Living and Children, Young People and Families, Councillors Mary Lea and Jackie Drayton, any information could be reproduced in different formats to enable people with disabilities to understand what the Agreement meant to them.

- 3.1.4 The content of the Agreement outlined how it would help people with disabilities through the funding for skills to support the people considered furthest away from the job market. Every attempt would be made to engage with people with disabilities in respect of the Agreement so they could participate in how it was taken forward.

3.2 Public Questions in respect of Devolution Agreement

- 3.2.1 Nigel Slack commented that broken promises, pledges and targets litter the last six years of Coalition and a majority Conservative Government. Just in respect of the Northern Powerhouse commitment we have seen infrastructure delays, civil service job losses, and an austerity agenda way longer than promised and even more savage in the haemorrhaging of spending power from Councils in the North. With this in mind he asked a number of questions relating to the proposed

Devolution Agreement as follows:-

Does the Council believe it can trust the current Government to honour its commitments with respect to this so-called 'Devolution' deal?

The Mayoral role (including veto matters) is to be defined by a City Region Constitution. Who will design that Constitution and who will have the final say on the content? Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (SCRCA) or a Minister?

How does stripping the Council of responsibility for all schools fit in with the commitment to skills training in SCRCA?

With the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) setting the "funding envelope" for employment support, what is to stop them from applying austerity cuts to this funding in future years? And will SCRCA under co-design of these services effectively hand SCRCA the responsibility for sanctions and the punitive 'workfare' system? Can you trust Ian Duncan Smith?

Matters on the housing fund and 'Joint Assets Board' remain uncertain, will these be agreed before implementation of this agreement?

Government commitments on transport are beyond the next elections and therefore easy to make, but having reneged on other commitments to rail electrification, can they be trusted?

The Government have already cut jobs in the City Region and future commitments appear subject to austerity measures, true or false?

Closing a local BIS (Business, Innovation and Skills) office rather weighs against this commitment wouldn't you say?

How does the Budget announcement on small business rates affect the commitment to SCRCA control of business rates? What will be the financial impact on the City Region?

Overall therefore, this Council is being asked to commit to a proposal that is incomplete and vague in many areas of its commitment to the City Region. He recognised that it has some good ideas and proposals for business and economic development but if, by the time the order is placed before Parliament to establish this agreement, the uncertainties are not clarified will the SCRCA and more importantly this Council still be prepared to follow through?

3.2.2 In response, Councillor Julie Dore welcomed Mr Slack's political statement which she viewed as factual. She did not trust the current Government based on their actions whilst in power. The SCRCA had a Constitution which was in the process of being amended. The City Region had two conditions which the Constitution needed to reflect. Councillor Dore was not prepared to sign off the Devolution Agreement in October 2015 until the conditions were met.

3.2.3 The main changes to the SCRCA Constitution had been agreed – who had

access to the Single Pot Investment Fund, who were the Constituent Members, how to ensure the Mayoral Veto was removed and the model of governance. That was not to say that the Constitution wasn't liable to change over time.

- 3.2.4 Mr Slack could be reassured that the Devolution Deal would be delivered through the SCRCA Constitution. The Government had given their approval for the issues to be addressed through the Constitution and if the Government changed their minds over this there would be no Deal.
- 3.2.5 Sheffield would continue to support the SCRCA as it had proved that it could make collective decisions in the interests of the regional economy. Evidence of that could be seen through projects such as the Chesterfield Waterfront and projects within Sheffield. The Government had made it clear that there would be no Deal without an Elected Mayor and that was for Members to consider at today's meeting.
- 3.2.6 The recent Government announcement in relation to the complete academisation of schools was not a major surprise and Councillor Dore believed this was only announced at this point as the Government were failing on their own targets and needed an announcement in the Budget to distract from this. The City Council had consistently raised issues of concern about the academy programme and would continue to make the case for the 16-18 budget which was fundamental to the skills program.
- 3.2.7 In relation to employment, it would have been desirable for the SCRCA to take control of the Work Programme, as Councillor Dore believed this had failed, particularly in relation to those furthest away from the job market. Despite this, there was a wish to influence the design of the Work Programme as there was nothing to stop the Government from cutting funding for this. Councillor Dore would not be involved in any design for sanction arrangements.
- 3.2.8 There was no funding for housing as part of the Agreement. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had offered this to Greater Manchester as part of their Deal but realised due to the large amount of money involved this couldn't be replicated in other Deals. The SCRCA had made the case for devolved housing funding and would continue to do so.
- 3.2.9 The SCRCA had pressed for joint working with the Government on the Joint Assets Board. The highest bidder may not always be the most appropriate company to manage an asset for the region and a company offering innovative proposals may be better for the region.
- 3.2.10 Councillor Dore did not trust the Government in relation to transport as she had not trusted the last Coalition Government but the SCRCA had no choice but to work with them. There was a Regional Transport Fund where decisions were made in the interests of the region. The SCRCA would continue to make bids for funding and press the Government on issues of local concern such as HS2 and Transport for the North.
- 3.2.11 In respect of Trade and Investment, everything was subject to austerity

measures. Within this deal around £900m of funding had been agreed over a thirty year period. The money would be spent on the understanding that funding would be coming in throughout that period. This had been signed off by the Treasury so any change to this would effectively be the Government reneging on the Agreement.

- 3.2.12 In respect of the closure of the BIS Office, Councillor Dore and the SCRCA would continue to make their position clear; this decision was against the interests of the region and a contrast to the Government rhetoric of the Northern Powerhouse.
- 3.2.13 It was not yet clear what the financial impact of the Budget announcement would be on the City Region. The money collected in the City did not cover Council expenditure. Current modelling had suggested a break even budget in a few years' time based on money collected from Business Rates. The localisation of business rates was not part of this Agreement. The Government had made it clear in its Autumn Statement that all Local Authorities needed to be self-financing and self-sufficient.

#### Ratification of the Proposal

- 3.3 It was formally moved by Councillor Julie Dore and formally seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, that the following recommendations of the report of the Chief Executive, now submitted, as relates to the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Devolution Agreement be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That the City Council:-

- (a) notes the significant changes made to the terms of the proposed Devolution Agreement that Sheffield has pursued since its announcement in October 2015;
- (b) notes the views and comments made by local residents, businesses, and community organisations through the SCR devolution consultation, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, and the views of Sheffield's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report;
- (c) endorses the proposed Devolution Agreement in line with the principles and amendments secured since October 2015; and
- (d) delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Director of Legal and Governance, the authority to take forward and conclude the Devolution Agreement, consent to the enabling Orders and agree the terms of the SCR Constitution in line with the principles outlined in this report.”

- 3.3.1 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, seconded by Councillor Anne Murphy, that the recommendations set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, as relates to the Sheffield City Region (SCR)

Devolution Agreement, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the ambitious economic strategies of the present Administration including the Innovation District, Olympic Legacy Park, Outdoor Economy Strategy, city centre masterplan, delivering the best apprenticeship record of the Core Cities, developing innovative programmes to support business such as the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, RISE Graduate Programme and SME projects;
- (b) strongly supports the principle of devolution to cities and city regions as crucial to tackling the unequal economy that exists in the United Kingdom;
- (c) believes that fundamental to achieving this is the rebalancing of investment which is currently heavily skewed towards London and the South East at the expense of northern towns and cities particularly in areas such as transport infrastructure investment, with well documented statistics such as a spend per head of £3,095 in London compared to £395 per head in Yorkshire and the Humber;
- (d) welcomes the role that Sheffield City Council has played under the present Administration of working with Core City partners over a number of years to raise the profile of cities as central in driving growth and moving devolution to English cities up the political agenda and recalls the work of Core Cities prospectus for Growth published in 2013, the RSA Growth Commission chaired by the now Lord O'Neill as important developments of setting the agenda;
- (e) further acknowledges that under this Government and the previous Coalition Government, the funding that was made available by the last Labour Government for economic development has been cut dramatically, citing for example Yorkshire Forward which had a budget of £277 million per year but was abolished by the Coalition Government;
- (f) believes that in light of this it is important that local partners do everything possible to bring all investment that is available into this region, noting that whilst the additional funding available through this settlement is £30 million per year or £900 million over 30 years is considerably less than was made available for Regional Economic Development by the last Labour Government, this is the funding that is being put on the table and the alternative is nothing;
- (g) believes that there are a number of important policy areas which could be immediately devolved including the devolution of 16-19 skills policy, housing and extra investment into the single pot which would provide extra funding for economic development;
- (h) welcomes that the devolution deal does not include proposals to

devolve more of the Government's austerity agenda, where they are increasingly attempting to pass on responsibility for the funding deficiencies they have created across a number of key public services and have tried to pass responsibility on to local councils, requiring councils to implement Government policies that target the most vulnerable in society;

- (i) is deeply suspicious of the Chancellor's "Northern Powerhouse" which despite heavy rhetoric lacks substance and consistently fails to deliver the investment needed to grow the economy in the north of England and points to the following:
  - (i) Abolishing the Regional Development Agencies which provided funding needed for regional economic development;
  - (ii) The abolition of the loan to Sheffield Forgemasters;
  - (iii) The Northern Powerhouse Minister being unable to define which areas of the country are in the Northern Powerhouse;
  - (iv) Freezing the electrification of the Midland Mainline upgrade only to reinstate it with delayed timescales;
  - (v) Continued heavy cuts to councils in the north, a policy that originated under the Coalition Government, at the same time as producing an emergency "bailout" fund at the eleventh hour which predominantly benefited Conservative controlled councils and Sheffield did not receive a penny;
  - (vi) Proposing a parkway HS2 station for Sheffield located at Meadowhall, costing the region 6,500 jobs compared to a Sheffield city centre station;
  - (vii) The decision to move BIS jobs from Sheffield to London, effectively relocating the Northern Powerhouse Department away from Sheffield to London; and
  - (viii) The decision to commit £27 billion to developing Crossrail 2 for London at the same time as only commissioning feasibility studies for crucial Transport for the North Projects;
- (j) however, commits to continue to work with other cities to influence Government to prioritise policies that help to develop key economic sectors, devolve more control over key economic drivers and secure as much investment as possible to Sheffield;
- (k) notes concerns that have been raised about the devolution process which has ultimately been determined by the Government and fully agrees that the piecemeal and ad-hoc approach by the Government has generated patchwork results and believes a constitutional convention that could have considered issues more comprehensively would have been preferable to the process followed by the Government, however again acknowledges that the options available to Sheffield were to co-

operate with the Government process or refuse and accept that we would be walking away from the funding and investment on offer;

- (l) further believes that whilst the City Region consultation was also imperfect, any imperfections were largely a consequence of the laborious timescales set by government and despite this people have had the opportunity to put forward their views and notes efforts made by the council to consult through hosting a public scrutiny meeting which allowed members of the public to ask questions and included witnesses including the Leader of the Council, the Council's Chief Executive, the Chair of Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership and representative of a much respected national think tank all of whom were questioned by elected members, in addition to the other public meetings that have taken place in the city over recent months which have received considerable input and support from the Council;
- (m) confirms as a matter of fact that without accepting the Chancellor's demand for a directly elected mayor Sheffield would not have been able to secure the devolution deal;
- (n) (a) Whilst reiterating that a regional mayor would not be the preferred option of any of the City Region partners, it is only being accepted because if it was not, Sheffield City Region would lose the funding on the table and the Government have also made it clear areas not accepting a mayor would not be included in future devolution deals going forward, accepts the following:
  - (i) The Mayor proposed in 2012 would have taken responsibility for currently held council functions therefore moving powers away from local people and in effect pushing power and influence upwards and further away from local people;
  - (ii) The Mayor proposed in this devolution proposal is only responsible for functions that are being devolved down from central government, therefore taking responsibilities and funding that is currently decided on in Westminster and Whitehall and moving it to Sheffield City Region and will not take any decision that is currently within the remit of Sheffield City Council meaning no powers are being moved up; and
  - (iii) The Mayor can be outvoted by the Combined Authority in the areas they have been given responsibility for, providing checks and balances in the system;
- (o) welcomes the intervention of the Leader of the Council in calling for changes relating to the governance to be met before Sheffield would commit to the deal and believes that these were important conditions to provide a more coherent, workable and democratic system;

- (p) recognises that the conditions set out by the Leader have been met as the prospect of a South Yorkshire only mayoral model where the people of South Yorkshire would have a mayor but other parts of the region wouldn't has also been resolved with Chesterfield and Bassetlaw proposing to become full members of Sheffield City Region, whilst Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales joining the proposed North Midlands deal meaning their role as non-constituent members of the Combined Authority will fall outside those policies the mayor has responsibility for;
- (q) the issue of mayoral veto has now been resolved, this is important as the system that the Government wanted us to have would have given the mayor the opportunity to veto every decision of the Combined Authority;
- (r) welcomes the work that was undertaken by Sheffield working with partners to make these changes happen, principally through the amendment to the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 which allowed district councils to determine their Combined Authority membership;
- (s) thanks local MP Clive Betts for his constructive role in helping to promote the amendment working to get a better deal for Sheffield and also acknowledges the support given by the Government to the amendment;
- (t) welcomes the proactive approach of the present Administration in standing up for Sheffield and working to secure the changes needed, in stark contrast to the opposition groups who instead choose to simply pontificate on the sidelines and attempt to score political points;
- (u) further welcomes the decision taken by Chesterfield Borough Council to become full constituent members of the Sheffield City Region and praises the leadership demonstrated by Councillor John Burrows in achieving this;
- (v) further welcomes that Bassetlaw District Council are also expected to become full constituent members of the Sheffield City Region and praises the leadership demonstrated by Councillor Simon Greaves in achieving this;
- (w) believes that these districts joining the Sheffield City Region as full constituent members is fantastic news for the whole city region and reiterates that this is about co-operation based around economic functioning areas and is not motivated by changing local government or geographical county boundaries;
- (x) further believes that to realise the economic potential of Sheffield pan northern and national transport infrastructure projects are crucial to



providing the connectivity Sheffield needs to secure jobs and investment including the necessary HS2 and HS3 links alongside other key projects identified in Transport for the North;

- (y) Reiterates the need for Sheffield to be given a city centre HS2 station which will deliver 6,500 additional jobs for the city region, creating more jobs in every part of the city region than the current Meadowhall proposal supported by HS2 Ltd, this Government and the previous Coalition Government;
- (z) supports the recent calls made for HS2 Ltd to review station location options in a similar exercise to the recent Leeds review and puts on record its praise for the campaign which has been strongly led by the Sheffield Star newspaper and numerous members of the local business community including Richard Wright, Executive Director, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce;
- (aa) welcomes the commitment secured in the Sheffield City Region Devolution proposal that if the Government agree to devolve to another area something that has not been included in Sheffield City Region's current proposed deal, discussions should also be reopened with the Sheffield City Region;
- (bb) supports the fact that the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal has been deliberately developed as an economic deal giving more local control over some of the policy areas that are most important in securing economic growth, infrastructure, transport, business support, skills, employment and investment;
- (cc) reiterates its belief that accepting this devolution agreement does not compensate for the Government's abject failure to take action to support the steel industry in Sheffield and across the country and their failure to develop a comprehensive industrial strategy to support the development of manufacturing;
- (dd) however, believes that if the Council were to walk away from this proposed deal now, all that will be achieved is the rejection of the funding that is available for economic development and it would leave local people worse off;
- (ee) notes the significant changes made to the terms of the proposed Devolution Agreement that Sheffield has pursued since its announcement in October 2015;
- (ff) Notes the views and comments made by local residents, businesses, and community organisations through the SCR devolution consultation, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, and the views of Sheffield's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report;

- (gg) endorses the proposed Devolution Agreement in line with the principles and amendments secured since October 2015; and
- (hh) delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Director of Legal and Governance, the authority to take forward and conclude the Devolution Agreement, consent to the enabling Orders and agree the terms of the SCR Constitution in line with the principles outlined in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted.

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (i), (j), (cc) and (ff) and against the remaining paragraphs of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

- 3.3.2 It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, that the recommendations set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, as relates to the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Devolution Agreement, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes any and all devolution of powers and funding from Government to a more local level and believes that further devolution to city regions is important for our economic future;
- (b) is disappointed by our Council Leader's failure to fully engage the public on such a historic and important decision for our city's future;
- (c) however, notes the views and comments made by local residents, businesses, and community organisations through the SCR devolution consultation, who managed to get their views heard in the limited time frame, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, and the views of Sheffield's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report;
- (d) thanks former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP for laying the foundations for further devolution to Sheffield during his time in Government through the landmark City Deal and Growth Deals;
- (e) notes with concern the Administration's lukewarm reception to the devolution deal, in particular the late setting of the date for this meeting;
- (f) regrets that the deal was rushed and believes that our Region's leaders bowed to pressure from the Rt. Hon. George Osborne to sign the deal when they still had reservations to fit in with the Conservative Party conference timetable, and therefore weakening our position to bargain for a better deal;

- (g) is disappointed with the lack of ambition from both the Administration and the Government which is shown in the content of this deal and would have liked to have seen additional powers devolved to City Region level, such as 14-19 skills;
- (h) notes with concern that the details of the agreement and enabling Orders surrounding devolution are unclear and we are being asked to approve something when we don't know the full details;
- (i) believes that negotiations on the agreement and enabling Orders should be open to include all parties and business leaders in the Sheffield City Region and not be conducted behind closed doors by our Chief Executive and Leader of the Council;
- (j) believes that our Council Leader's cries of victory last week were slightly premature given that the proposed deal remains largely the same and that the order has yet to be put to Parliament or agreed by the other authorities;
- (k) however, supports the Devolution deal as it stands as the only deal available to Sheffield at this time under the circumstances; and
- (l) delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with all Members of the Council and the Director of Legal and Governance, the authority to take forward and conclude the Devolution Agreement, consent to the enabling Orders and agree the terms of the SCR Constitution in line with the principles outlined in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted.

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

(Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (f), (g), (h) and (i) and against all of the remaining paragraphs of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

3.3.3 It was then moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Aodan Marken, that the recommendations set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, as relates to the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Devolution Agreement, be replaced by the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that minor changes have been made to the terms of the proposed Devolution Agreement since its announcement in October 2015 and believes that there remain too many unanswered questions on important issues arising from this agreement;
- (b) strongly supports in principle the devolution of power to local and regional areas such as Sheffield and the Sheffield City Region as a means to enhance local democracy and provide greater control for local

people over the affairs that affect their areas, but does not believe this Agreement delivers on these goals – and believes that in fact some aspects of the proposed deal, like planning functions, represent greater centralisation of existing powers away from local authorities;

- (c) notes that the extra funding promised by central government as part of this devolution deal does not even come close to offsetting crippling cuts that continue to be made to the funding of local authorities like Sheffield, and fears that the current Government is seeking to pass on additional responsibilities to local government without providing adequate funding to fulfil them;
- (d) notes the views and comments made by local residents, business owners, and community organisations through the SCR devolution consultation, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report and in particular that “respondents [were] predominantly more negative of the proposal for an elected mayor in SCR than they are elsewhere about devolution”;
  - (i) believes that this feedback is in line with the result of the 2012 referendum in which Sheffield people overwhelmingly voted against the creation of the post of an executive mayor for Sheffield City Council, and that when taken together the SCR devolution consultation and 2012 referendum result show that strong feeling exists within Sheffield against the centralisation of powers in the hands of a single individual; and
  - (ii) therefore believes that any devolution deal with central government that includes provision for an elected mayor should not be adopted without a further referendum on the proposal being carried out;
- (e) therefore rejects the proposed Devolution Agreement, and urges other local authorities in the Sheffield City Region to do the same;
- (f) urges the Administration to return to negotiations with central government with a view to securing a better deal for the people of Sheffield, with the starting position that no deal will be signed that includes an elected mayor unless a further referendum first determines that this is desired by Sheffield people, and;
- (g) instructs officers to send copies of these recommendations to the Leaders of all local authorities in the Sheffield City Region and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-
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- (a) welcomes the ambitious economic strategies of the present Administration including the Innovation District, Olympic Legacy Park, Outdoor Economy Strategy, city centre masterplan, delivering the best apprenticeship record of the Core Cities, developing innovative programmes to support business such as the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, RISE Graduate Programme and SME projects;
- (b) strongly supports the principle of devolution to cities and city regions as crucial to tackling the unequal economy that exists in the United Kingdom;
- (c) believes that fundamental to achieving this is the rebalancing of investment which is currently heavily skewed towards London and the South East at the expense of northern towns and cities particularly in areas such as transport infrastructure investment, with well documented statistics such as a spend per head of £3,095 in London compared to £395 per head in Yorkshire and the Humber;
- (d) welcomes the role that Sheffield City Council has played under the present Administration of working with Core City partners over a number of years to raise the profile of cities as central in driving growth and moving devolution to English cities up the political agenda and recalls the work of Core Cities prospectus for Growth published in 2013, the RSA Growth Commission chaired by the now Lord O'Neill as important developments of setting the agenda;
- (e) further acknowledges that under this Government and the previous Coalition Government, the funding that was made available by the last Labour Government for economic development has been cut dramatically, citing for example Yorkshire Forward which had a budget of £277 million per year but was abolished by the Coalition Government;
- (f) believes that in light of this it is important that local partners do everything possible to bring all investment that is available into this region, noting that whilst the additional funding available through this settlement is £30 million per year or £900 million over 30 years is considerably less than was made available for Regional Economic Development by the last Labour Government, this is the funding that is being put on the table and the alternative is nothing;
- (g) Believes that there are a number of important policy areas which could be immediately devolved including the devolution of 16-19 skills policy, housing and extra investment into the single pot which would provide extra funding for economic development;
- (h) welcomes that the devolution deal does not include proposals to devolve more of the Government's austerity agenda, where they are increasingly attempting to pass on responsibility for the funding deficiencies they have created across a number of key public services

and have tried to pass responsibility on to local councils, requiring councils to implement Government policies that target the most vulnerable in society;

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    - (viii) The decision to commit £27 billion to developing Crossrail 2 for London at the same time as only commissioning feasibility studies for crucial Transport for the North Projects;
- (j) however, commits to continue to work with other cities to influence Government to prioritise policies that help to develop key economic sectors, devolve more control over key economic drivers and secure as much investment as possible to Sheffield;
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been preferable to the process followed by the Government, however again acknowledges that the options available to Sheffield were to co-operate with the Government process or refuse and accept that we would be walking away from the funding and investment on offer;

- (l) further believes that whilst the City Region consultation was also imperfect, any imperfections were largely a consequence of the laborious timescales set by government and despite this people have had the opportunity to put forward their views and notes efforts made by the council to consult through hosting a public scrutiny meeting which allowed members of the public to ask questions and included witnesses including the Leader of the Council, the Council's Chief Executive, the Chair of Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership and representative of a much respected national think tank all of whom were questioned by elected members, in addition to the other public meetings that have taken place in the city over recent months which have received considerable input and support from the Council;
- (m) confirms as a matter of fact that without accepting the Chancellor's demand for a directly elected mayor Sheffield would not have been able to secure the devolution deal;
- (n) whilst reiterating that a regional mayor would not be the preferred option of any of the City Region partners, it is only being accepted because if it was not, Sheffield City Region would lose the funding on the table and the Government have also made it clear areas not accepting a mayor would not be included in future devolution deals going forward, accepts the following:
  - (i) The Mayor proposed in 2012 would have taken responsibility for currently held council functions therefore moving powers away from local people and in effect pushing power and influence upwards and further away from local people
  - (ii) The Mayor proposed in this devolution proposal is only responsible for functions that are being devolved down from central government, therefore taking responsibilities and funding that is currently decided on in Westminster and Whitehall and moving it to Sheffield City Region and will not take any decision that is currently within the remit of Sheffield City Council meaning no powers are being moved up
  - (iii) The Mayor can be outvoted by the Combined Authority in the areas they have been given responsibility for, providing checks and balances in the system;
- (o) welcomes the intervention of the Leader of the Council in calling for changes relating to the governance to be met before Sheffield would commit to the deal and believes that these were important conditions to

- provide a more coherent, workable and democratic system;
- (p) recognises that the conditions set out by the Leader have been met as the prospect of a South Yorkshire only mayoral model where the people of South Yorkshire would have a mayor but other parts of the region wouldn't has also been resolved with Chesterfield and Bassetlaw proposing to become full members of Sheffield City Region, whilst Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales joining the proposed North Midlands deal meaning their role as non-constituent members of the Combined Authority will fall outside those policies the mayor has responsibility for;
  - (q) the issue of mayoral veto has now been resolved, this is important as the system that the Government wanted us to have would have given the mayor the opportunity to veto every decision of the Combined Authority;
  - (r) welcomes the work that was undertaken by Sheffield working with partners to make these changes happen, principally through the amendment to the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 which allowed district councils to determine their Combined Authority membership;
  - (s) Thanks local MP Clive Betts for his constructive role in helping to promote the amendment working to get a better deal for Sheffield and also acknowledges the support given by the Government to the amendment;
  - (t) welcomes the proactive approach of the present Administration in standing up for Sheffield and working to secure the changes needed, in stark contrast to the opposition groups who instead choose to simply pontificate on the sidelines and attempt to score political points;
  - (u) further welcomes the decision taken by Chesterfield Borough Council to become full constituent members of the Sheffield City Region and praises the leadership demonstrated by Councillor John Burrows in achieving this;
  - (v) further welcomes that Bassetlaw District Council are also expected to become full constituent members of the Sheffield City Region and praises the leadership demonstrated by Councillor Simon Greaves in achieving this;
  - (w) believes that these districts joining the Sheffield City Region as full constituent members is fantastic news for the whole city region and reiterates that this is about co-operation based around economic functioning areas and is not motivated by changing local government or geographical county boundaries;
  - (x) further believes that to realise the economic potential of Sheffield pan



northern and national transport infrastructure projects are crucial to providing the connectivity Sheffield needs to secure jobs and investment including the necessary HS2 and HS3 links alongside other key projects identified in Transport for the North;

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- (z) supports the recent calls made for HS2 Ltd to review station location options in a similar exercise to the recent Leeds review and puts on record its praise for the campaign which has been strongly led by the Sheffield Star newspaper and numerous members of the local business community including Richard Wright, Executive Director, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce;
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- (cc) reiterates its belief that accepting this devolution agreement does not compensate for the Government's abject failure to take action to support the steel industry in Sheffield and across the country and their failure to develop a comprehensive industrial strategy to support the development of manufacturing;
- (dd) however, believes that if the Council were to walk away from this proposed deal now, all that will be achieved is the rejection of the funding that is available for economic development and it would leave local people worse off;
- (ee) notes the significant changes made to the terms of the proposed Devolution Agreement that Sheffield has pursued since its announcement in October 2015;
- (ff) notes the views and comments made by local residents, businesses, and community organisations through the SCR devolution consultation, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, and the views of Sheffield's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report;

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| (hh) | delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Director of Legal and Governance, the authority to take forward and conclude the Devolution Agreement, consent to the enabling Orders and agree the terms of the SCR Constitution in line with the principles outlined in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted. |

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

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| For paragraphs (b), (c), (j), (cc) and (ff) of the Motion (67) | - | The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur, Ray Satur, Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Vickie Priestley, Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley. |
| Against paragraphs (b), (c), (j), (cc), (ff) of the Motion (3) | - | Councillors Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.   |
| Abstained on the Motion (0)                                    | - | Nil   |
| For paragraphs (g), (m), (n), (u),                             | - | The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor   |

(v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), (dd), (gg), (hh) of the Motion (64)

Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur, Ray Satur, Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker and Vickie Priestley.

Against paragraphs (g), (m), (n), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), (dd), (gg), (hh) of the Motion (7)

Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster, Sarah Jayne Smalley, Robert Murphy, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained of the Motion (0)

Nil

For paragraph (i) of the Motion (55)

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima

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- Against paragraph (i) of the Motion (16) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.
- Abstained on the Motion (0) - Nil.
- For paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), (h), (k), (l), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t) and (ee) of the Motion (51) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Alan Law, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.
- Against paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), (h), (k), (l), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t) and (ee) of the Motion (20) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Vickie Priestley, Aodan Marken, Brian

Webster, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Abstained on the Motion (0) - Nil.

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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 6 April 2016, 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 &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Julie Gledhill Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson	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> Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Garry Weatherall	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; 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	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Richard Crowther Keith Davis
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Geoff Smith Anne Murphy	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> Jenny Armstrong 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**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Campbell, Sarah Jane Smalley, Alan Law, Joyce Wright and Lynne Rooney.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

2.2 Item 9: Notice of Motion Concerning the Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy

The following Members declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the above item as set out below and did not speak or vote on that item of business:-

Councillor Ibrar Hussain - As a Taxi Driver

Councillor Mohammad Maroof - As a Taxi Driver

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain - As a Taxi Driver

Councillor Gill Furniss declared a personal interest in the above item on the grounds that her Son in Law is employed as a Taxi Driver.

2.3 Item 12: Notice of Motion Concerning Business Rate Localisation and Rate Relief

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

Councillor Paul Wood - Owner of a Licensed Premises

Councillor Neale Gibson - Small Business Owner

2.4 Item 17: Notice of Motion Concerning Private Rented Properties

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

Councillor Cliff Woodcraft - Wife is a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Jack Clarkson - As a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Colin Ross - As a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Josie Paszek - As a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Bob Johnson - As a Private Sector Landlord

Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed - Wife is a Private Sector Landlord



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| Councillor Leigh Bramall                 | - | As a Private Sector Landlord       |
| Councillor Dianne Hurst                  | - | As a Private Sector Landlord       |
| The Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain | - | Wife is a Private Sector Landlord  |
| Councillor Mary Lea                      | - | Mother lives in rent free property |
| Councillor Mazher Iqbal                  | - | As a Private Sector Landlord       |

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 February 2016 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on 4 March 2016 (Budget Meeting) be approved as true and accurate records.

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

- 4.1 Prior to the commencement of the Public Questions and Petitions item, the Lord Mayor stated that, on the advice of the Chief Executive, the public questions received from Mr Brighton would not be dealt with at the meeting for the reasons previously conveyed to Mr Brighton by the Council's Monitoring Officer, and that, instead, Mr Brighton would receive a written response in due course.

#### **Petitions**

#### **4.2 Petition in respect of Attacks on Local Democracy**

- 4.2.1 The Council received a petition, containing 112 signatures, opposing attacks on local democracy.
- 4.2.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by June Cattell. She commented that she was speaking on behalf of the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign in response to what she believed was the Government trying to stop Councils making ethical decisions on procurement and pensions fund investment.
- 4.2.3 She referred to a note recently circulated by the Government which she believed had the intention of aiming to stop Councils making ethical decisions on procurement and which was contrary to the localism agenda promoted by the Government. 26,000 people had recently signed a petition opposing the move.
- 4.2.4 The announcement outlining the changes had recently been made by Matthew Hancock M.P in Israel and came at a time where Councils were increasingly trying to make a stand against companies violating international law.

- 4.2.5 Sheffield had a proud history of standing up to regimes such as the apartheid regime in South Africa. Ms. Cattell therefore hoped that the Councillors would adopt a similar position in this instance. The principles under attack were crucial to local democracy and Ms. Cattell believed there should be a Full Council debate and the Council should oppose the changes proposed by the Government.
- 4.2.6 Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, thanked Ms. Cattell for the petition. It was an issue he was aware of and he shared Ms. Cattell's concerns. He had raised the issue with Louise Haigh M.P who was a member of the Shadow Cabinet Office team.
- 4.2.7 This was an issue of localism and the Council should be allowed to take decisions on who it could do business with. The Council should be aware of the impact its decisions made on other towns and cities and the global community. The Council did not invest in workers' pensions and did not invest in companies which breached international law.
- 4.2.8 Councillor Curran added that the Council did have some legacy contracts and a full review into Ethical Procurement had been undertaken which would be reported back following the local elections.
- 4.3 Petition in respect of Burngreave Vestry Hall
- 4.3.1 The Council received a petition, containing 411 signatures, calling on the Council to save Burngreave Vestry Hall for the community to use, stop the eviction of the existing tenants and users of the building and opposing any lease or letting agreement which changed the big hall into small spaces and removed open public use of the big hall.
- 4.3.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mohammed Issa. He commented that the petitioners were opposed to any changes to the tenancy agreement at the Vestry Hall. He recognised that significant cuts had been made to the Council's budget, but £5m had been invested into the Hall from the Burngreave New Deal for Communities funding.
- 4.3.3 Mr Issa believed the community had a right to have a say over the use of the building and called on the Council to develop a community led solution where the whole of the hall could be used by the community.
- 4.3.4 In response, Councillor Ben Curran stated that no decisions had been taken about the future use of the hall and only initial discussions had been held with the Citizens Advice Bureau. He was surprised to hear that no new bookings were being taken for use of the hall and he would look into that. No firm commitments could be made about the future but Councillor Curran would meet with community groups to try and agree a way forward.
- 4.4 Petition in respect of Speed Reduction Measures on Dyke Vale Road

- 4.4.1 The Council received a petition, containing 967 signatures, requesting speed reduction measures on Dyke Vale Road.
- 4.4.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Laura Day. She commented that local residents, as well as herself, had had concerns over the safety of Dyke Vale Road for some time. Incidents on the road had appeared on the front cover of The Star newspaper twice in recent times.
- 4.4.3 One of the major problems was speeding vehicles. The top of the road was a 30mph speed limit but this changed to 20mph near Miss Day's house. Vehicles were not adhering to this limit and there had been a number of accidents and damage to Miss Day's personal property including significant damage to her car and also a hire car used by her. As she was medically trained, Miss Day had also had to administer urgent medical attention at the scene of accidents on the road.
- 4.4.4 Miss Day added that there were two parks nearby to the road which were very popular, particularly in the warm weather. As these were often used by children, the danger caused to them by the speeding vehicles was significant. There was also difficulty parking on the road, adding to the danger. Miss Day called on the Council to introduce speed reduction measures on the road before there was a fatality.
- 4.4.5 In response, Councillor Terry Fox, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, commented that he was aware of issues on the road from stories in the local press and discussions he had had with local Ward Councillors. He would be happy to meet on site with petitioners and local Ward Councillors to see if anything could be done and to try and agree a way forward. However, he could not commit to anything at this stage as the Council received a number of similar requests across the City and, with the budget cuts, resources were tight. Nevertheless, he would arrange a meeting on site to discuss options with petitioners and local Ward Councillors.
- 4.5 Petition in respect of the Footpath between Ecclesall Church and the War Memorial, Ecclesall Road South
- 4.5.1 The Council received a petition, containing 176 signatures, requesting the Council to reinstate the footpath between Ecclesall Church and the War Memorial, Ecclesall Road South.
- 4.5.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kathleen Hebdon. She commented that many people had difficulty using the Public Right of Way up to Ecclesall Church as the steeper part of it had not been resurfaced. This Public Right of Way was the preferred route of many up to the Church.
- 4.5.3 There were a number of retirement properties nearby and, as a result, lots of elderly people used the Right of Way. The Church itself was an asset to the City and the yard was kept in excellent condition by volunteers. The ascent of the path was difficult, without the poor condition, with slopes at different rates. She was aware of a number of people who had slipped on the path including young

mothers with prams. She therefore requested that the path offer a safe winter surface with a texture which it would be expected to help prevent slipping. A top layer of asphalt would not suffice.

4.5.4 Councillor Terry Fox responded that he understood the difficulties in getting up and down the path. The street light nearby had recently been repaired which it was hoped would improve the situation. He would arrange a meeting with Streets Ahead and petitioners and local Ward Councillors to try and find a solution and a way forward.

4.6 Petition in respect of Parking Spaces around Tinsley Green Park

4.6.1 The Council received a petition, containing 750 signatures, requesting the Council to stop reducing parking spaces around Tinsley Green Park.

4.6.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Zafar Khoukar. He commented that he had been a resident of Tinsley for the last 16 years. A local school was currently under construction in Tinsley Green Park to which many residents were opposed, particularly considering the already heavy parking in the area.

4.6.3 Mr Khoukar further commented that local residents were very concerned about proposals to introduce double yellow lines near the school which would make parking problems in the area even worse. He requested that the Council work with local residents to try and find a solution and for the Cabinet Member to meet with local residents on site to listen to the views of the people of Tinsley.

4.6.4 Councillor Terry Fox commented that the Traffic Regulation Order for the double yellow lines was currently out for consultation where the views of interested people, including local residents, were sought. He had also spoken to local Ward Councillors regarding the proposals.

4.6.5 All responses to the consultation would be taken into consideration and the final recommendations would be included in a report which would be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet Highways Committee where local residents would be welcome to attend and make representations to Councillor Fox. No date for this Committee had yet been confirmed. Councillor Fox looked forward to hearing all views on the consultation and he would be in contact with the petitioner to arrange a meeting on site.

4.7 Petition in respect of the Cutting of Activity Sheffield Staff

4.7.1 The Council received a petition, containing 220 signatures, opposing the cutting of Activity Sheffield staff.

4.7.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.7.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, the Acting Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

4.8 Petition in respect of Parking for Workers in the Carbrook Area

4.8.1 The Council received an electronic petition, containing 21 signatures, requesting more parking for workers in the Carbrook area.

4.8.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.8.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

4.9 Petition in respect of the Proposed Demolition of Cambridge Street and Surrounding Areas

4.9.1 The Council received a petition, containing 20 signatures, requesting the Council stop the proposed demolition of Cambridge Street and surrounding areas.

4.9.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.9.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development.

4.10 Petition in respect of Parking Controls and Permits around Hillsborough Stadium

4.10.1 The Council received a petition, containing 37 signatures, requesting the Council address parking problems and permits around Hillsborough Stadium.

4.10.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

4.10.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Terry Fox, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

**Public Questions**

4.11 Public Question in respect of Private Hire Vehicle Consultation

4.11.1 Mohammed Yasin stated that he was the President of the GMB Taxi branch, and had intended to attend the Council Meeting today to express concerns at the proposals, currently out to consultation, of changes to Private Hire Vehicle Licenses. However, he had now been informed that the more difficult elements for Taxi Drivers, such as the proposal for age limits of vehicles to be cut to one year, had been removed from the consultation and he therefore thanked Councillors for this as he believed that this would be a policy which could have put many Taxi Drivers out of business.

4.11.2 Councillor Leigh Bramall thanked Mr Yasin for his comments and commented that he had spoken to Mr Yasin on a number of occasions regarding this issue and others. The Council always welcomed constructive feedback, so he was happy to withdraw the elements referred to from the consultation.

4.11.3 Councillor Bramall encouraged everyone to put their views forward as part of the consultation so that things could move forward in the best way possible for everyone.

4.12 Public Question in respect of Land Moved into Parks

4.12.1 Martin Lawton commented that he understood that land had been moved into parks in the last five years and he asked how much land has been transferred to parks and how much if any into the Graves Charity?

4.12.2 Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, Acting Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, responded that she had discussed the issue with Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, and Councillor Roy Munn. She confirmed that the amount of land in parks had been increased, but could not provide the exact amount, so would provide this in a written response to Mr Lawton.

4.13 Public Question in respect of Housing Leak

4.13.1 Valerie Wilson referred to an incident at her house on Easter Monday where a water leak at her house had leaked onto her bed. She had rung the Council's Emergency Repairs line but was told no one could come out to inspect the leak as it was a Bank Holiday. The Call Centre was also based in Newcastle and not Sheffield.

4.13.2 As a result of this, Mrs Wilson had to ring the Fire Brigade who also attempted to contact the Council to send someone round. However, this was also unsuccessful so, eventually, the Fire Service sent someone round to Mrs Wilson's house. Mrs Wilson was aware of an elderly resident living nearby who had experienced similar problems. She therefore asked why there was no longer an Emergency Repairs Service on Bank Holidays and why the Call Centre had been moved to Newcastle?

4.13.3 Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing, acknowledged that what Mrs Wilson had described was unacceptable. All calls were recorded and, if what was said was correct, people would be held to account. She would follow it up to ensure that if people had incidents in the future on Bank Holidays they could be assured that they would be dealt with.

4.14 Public Question in respect of Burngreave Vestry Hall

4.14.1 Kaltune Elmi asked how much would the Council save by relocating existing organisations and by bringing other organisations into Vestry Hall?

4.14.2 Councillor Ben Curran stated that he could not confirm the exact saving as no decision had been taken in respect of the future use of the hall. The level of savings would need to be looked at when considering its future use. If savings could be made from the running costs of a building, this would be better for the City than having to make savings from a particular service.

4.15 Public Question in respect of Sheffield's Green Infrastructure

- 4.15.1 Helen Mcilroy commented that many graduates from the City choose to live in Sheffield but work in Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham etc. as Sheffield was a pleasant place to live. One of the things which made it special was its green infrastructure. Had the Council considered the potential damage which would be done to the local economy from the loss of green infrastructure?
- 4.15.2 Councillor Ben Curran commented that Sheffield had two great universities which attracted people from all over the world. The Council acknowledged the benefit which its green infrastructure had and it was looking to enhance that and make it more accessible, such as in the work undertaken on The Outdoor City. There was also many other attractions which retained people in the City once they had graduated.
- 4.15.3 The money coming into the City Council was from Council Tax and Business Rates with the rest going to Government so the impact in monetary terms would be negligible but this could be looked into. There was a wish to keep people in the City and this could be seen through schemes such as the Innovation District, The RISE Graduate Scheme and the campaign to have the station for HS2 in the City Centre. There was also a Keep Sheffield Working Fund. Overall, there was an awful lot of work being done to make Sheffield a better place to work and keep people living in the City, including young graduates.
- 4.15.4 Councillor Leigh Bramall added that the Outdoor City Strategy had recently been approved. The Peak District was a major attraction in the City and the Council was developing the walking and cycling infrastructure and had worked with UK Athletics to create the biggest run route in the country.
- 4.15.5 Councillor Bramall further commented that the Council was committed to enhancing and protecting parks. 50,000 new trees had been planted and, through Streets Ahead, trees were being maintained on highways. Work was being undertaken with local and national organisations and Councillor Bramall looked forward to progressing with those initiatives.
- 4.15.6 Councillor Jayne Dunn also commented that she had recently Chaired the Council's Green Commission involving a number of private and public sector partners. A lot of good work had been undertaken through that and the outcomes would be published shortly, which would add to the unique green infrastructure which existed throughout the City.
- 4.16 Public Question in respect of Double Yellow Lines near Tinsley Green Park
- 4.16.1 Nasim Akther referred to the proposal to introduce double yellow lines near Tinsley Park School. She commented that she understood and appreciated the safety issues involved but asked if the Cabinet Member would reconsider the proposal and meet residents on site to discuss the issue, as many residents were concerned as parking was also an issue in the area?
- 4.16.2 Councillor Terry Fox responded that, as he had said to the petitioner earlier in the meeting, there was a balance to be struck between people who lived in the

area and the wider community. The proposals were out for consultation and no decision had been made. Councillor Fox had also had discussions with local Ward Councillors about the proposals.

4.16.3 Final proposals would be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Highways Committee which would take into consideration the consultation responses. Everything would be taken into consideration but the key issue was ensuring child and road safety and that needed to be balanced against the needs of the local community. Councillor Fox encouraged residents to continue to respond to the consultation and a meeting on site could be arranged with local residents.

4.17 Public Question in respect of Comments at Full Council Meeting on 3 February 2016

4.17.1 David Dilner commented that at the last Full Council meeting, on 3 February 2016, Councillor Terry Fox referred to an incident involving a white van on Spurr Street, Heeley, seemingly implying involvement by campaigners. When challenged by the Public Gallery, the Deputy Lord Mayor requested that the challenger be seated stating 'Sit down, he was not referring to you personally, he was referring to you all.' Will those remarks now be withdrawn?

4.17.2 Councillor Terry Fox stated that he could not speak on anything regarding trees whilst there was an ongoing legal process and a written response would be provided to Mr Dilner.

4.18 Public Question in respect of Sheffield Retail Quarter (SRQ)

4.18.1 Nigel Slack commented that, with the International Monetary Fund's Managing Director, Christine Lagarde, suggesting further cutting world growth forecasts and George Osborne's pals in China being in recession (even if they won't admit it) the prospect of a City supporting its essential public services purely on local tax receipts by 2020 must be worrying.

4.18.2 Mr Slack added that the City Region deal was a small boost to investment but is as nothing compared to the cuts to local budgets over the last 6 years. Add to this a flat retail economy and the appropriate response to the regeneration of the City Centre may not be a single massive developer that will take their rents to that other place (South) but a longer term vision that will put Sheffield developers, architects and construction businesses in the driving seat, so retaining rent receipts in the City and boosting the local economy more directly. Since the Council have yet to name a major developer partner for the SRQ, will the Council consider this option again and with some urgency?

4.18.3 Councillor Leigh Bramall acknowledged that the global economy at the present time was extremely uncertain. This was a reason why it was more important than ever for Sheffield to put in place the right measures to grow its economy for people's security and for the Council to have more money to enable it to protect people in the City.

4.18.4 Councillor Bramall further commented that the Council was a partner in the



Sheffield Retail Quarter scheme. This meant it shared some of the risks but also took some of the rewards. A business case would be made for the SRQ and costs would be factored into building the scheme in the first place.

- 4.18.5 The more successful the scheme, the more income from business rates the Council would receive, which could be put back into Council services. An ambitious scheme was needed and to be delivered as quickly as possible, with 2019 being the current target date in its quickest form.
- 4.18.6 The scheme would also create jobs which could help to lift people out of poverty and would help to attract more inward investment. Councillor Bramall hoped that a significant number of local businesses would be involved in the scheme and local businesses would also benefit from the increased footfall that the scheme would bring. The certainty from rents would also allow businesses to carry the risks associated with smaller shops.
- 4.18.7 Councillor Bramall wanted to see a mixed economy in the City Centre to create a vibrant, dynamic City Centre. The Council was currently in discussions with a major blue chip company in relation to the scheme which would help to secure and attract jobs to the City. If the scheme was delivered successfully this would cement the prosperity of the City Centre for years to come.

#### 4.19 Public Question in respect of Commercial Services

- 4.19.1 Nigel Slack commented that he has been an advocate for greater transparency in outsourcing and contracts for a number of years. It was nice for Mr Slack to see that some of the political parties were starting to highlight this problem too. With austerity cuts affecting the Council's commercial services alongside other departments, how was the Council's ability to oversee and monitor contracts and performance being affected?
- 4.19.2 Councillor Ben Curran responded that Commercial Services had faced big reductions, as many internal facing departments of the Council had done. He acknowledged that there were tipping points but these hadn't been crossed in Commercial Services so they could still adequately oversee and monitor contracts.
- 4.19.3 Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of the Council, added that levels of business rates coming into the Council could appear to be worrying at a time when public services were becoming dependent on them. Councillor Colin Ross, Leader of the Main Opposition Group, had brought a Motion to this meeting regarding business rates. The Labour amendment to that motion recognised the contribution of small businesses to the local economy and highlighted that changes announced in the Government's recent Budget announcement were a concern. It welcomed Business Rate localisation, but called on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensured that local authorities had appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services.
- 4.19.4 The Council believed there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places had the necessary funding to deliver

services. Sheffield was not alone in this view and was working with Core Cities in discussions with Government and would continue to fight the City's cause.

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

### **Private Hire Operator and Vehicle Policies**

5.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Pat Midgley and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be amended as Notice of Motion 9 had generated significantly increased attendance by members of the public and it was therefore deemed appropriate to take this motion as the next item of business.

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

- (a) notes the consultation currently taking place on the Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Policy;
- (b) notes that Liberal Democrat Councillors have been contacted by hundreds of people within the taxi and private hire vehicle profession who have voiced their objections to these proposals;
- (c) believes that some of the suggested changes to the Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy will make the taxi profession unviable for many people;
- (d) notes in particular the proposal to change the age of vehicles able to register as private hire vehicles from under 5 years old to under 1 year old and the length of time a vehicle can remain licensed from 9 years to 7 years will make private hire vehicle drivers liable for huge unnecessary costs;
- (e) believes the Council should be taking other measures to tackle air pollution such as improving cycle links and public transport to tackle problems with air pollution rather than through an attack on taxi and private hire vehicle drivers; and
- (f) therefore calls on the Administration to immediately drop these proposals and go back to the drawing board.

5.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall seconded by Councillor Nasima Akther, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (j) as follows:-

- (b) notes that Licensing is a statutory function of the Council, designed to maintain public confidence in trades that require a license to operate, and that Licensing should therefore be operated transparently and correctly,

with decisions based on Licensing Policy;

- (c) notes the current consultation on draft proposals for a revised set of private hire vehicle standards, and confirms that each member of the cross-party Licensing Committee was given the opportunity to comment on the content of the consultation and whether it should be put to the taxi trade for views, with no objections being raised by any members;
- (d) notes that Labour administrations have demonstrated a commitment to listen to previous consultations on Licensing, most recently on the driver standards consultation, with significant changes being made in response to feedback from the taxi trade;
- (e) confirms that the relevant Cabinet Member has received representations from Labour Councillors representing their constituents, as well as from the trade unions and trade bodies, around a small number of the proposals in the current consultation, and therefore confirms that, once again, this Administration will listen, and confirms that proposals around vehicle age and permanent company logos have been withdrawn from the consultation altogether, and thanks all those who have fed back their genuinely held views;
- (f) also confirms that it believes the current consultation should be completed to assess views on the vast majority of proposals that have not elicited a significant number of responses with a clear view;
- (g) confirms that issues around air quality remain important but that they should be addressed via a comprehensive policy which is being developed, requiring a range of measures across the Council and city partners;
- (h) deplores the way the Liberal Democrats have used the consultation to seek to gain political advantage, by flag waving in public, despite the Administration being unaware of any Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Licensing Committee objecting to any proposals in the consultation prior to its publication, and furthermore confirms that no Liberal Democrat Councillor has made any contact with the relevant Cabinet Member to represent the trade or public on this issue, in contrast to the trade unions, trade bodies and Labour councillors;
- (i) further believes that the Liberal Democrats should be judged by their failure to genuinely attempt to raise the issues of concern with the Cabinet Member, versus the actions of the Liberal Democrats when they were last in power, which included many current Lib Dem Councillors, when they withdrew the cap on the number of taxi operating licenses despite vociferous opposition from the taxi trade and drivers, who clearly stated that it would lead to significant oversupply of taxis thereby drastically reducing the ability of taxi drivers to make a decent and fair living from the trade; and

- (j) further notes that it was also the subsequent Labour Administration that listened to the taxi trade and reinstalled a taxi licence cap, and therefore believes it is clear which administration will genuinely work with the taxi trade to deliver a high quality taxi service for the people of Sheffield whilst responding to the legitimate concerns of the taxi trade and drivers.

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

5.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (f) and (g) and abstained on paragraphs (d), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

5.5 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of original paragraph (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (h) as follows:-

- (f) notes that in addition to the age restrictions on licensed vehicles, many within the taxi profession are also concerned about plans for permanent signage, which they fear will lead to their vehicles becoming targets for thefts and vandalism;
- (g) notes that this Administration, following feedback and media interest, have suspended these issues from the consultation for the time being; and
- (h) calls on the Administration to fully drop these contentious proposals, instead of merely suspending them until after the local elections.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes the consultation currently taking place on the Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Policy;
- (b) notes that Licensing is a statutory function of the Council, designed to maintain public confidence in trades that require a license to operate, and that Licensing should therefore be operated transparently and correctly, with decisions based on Licensing Policy;
- (c) notes the current consultation on draft proposals for a revised set of private hire vehicle standards, and confirms that each member of the cross-party Licensing Committee was given the opportunity to comment on the content of the consultation and whether it should be put to the taxi trade for views, with no objections being raised by any members;

- (d) notes that Labour administrations have demonstrated a commitment to listen to previous consultations on Licensing, most recently on the driver standards consultation, with significant changes being made in response to feedback from the taxi trade;
- (e) confirms that the relevant Cabinet Member has received representations from Labour Councillors representing their constituents, as well as from the trade unions and trade bodies, around a small number of the proposals in the current consultation, and therefore confirms that, once again, this Administration will listen, and confirms that proposals around vehicle age and permanent company logos have been withdrawn from the consultation altogether, and thanks all those who have fed back their genuinely held views;
- (f) also confirms that it believes the current consultation should be completed to assess views on the vast majority of proposals that have not elicited a significant number of responses with a clear view;
- (g) confirms that issues around air quality remain important but that they should be addressed via a comprehensive policy which is being developed, requiring a range of measures across the Council and city partners;
- (h) deplores the way the Liberal Democrats have used the consultation to seek to gain political advantage, by flag waving in public, despite the Administration being unaware of any Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Licensing Committee objecting to any proposals in the consultation prior to its publication, and furthermore confirms that no Liberal Democrat Councillor has made any contact with the relevant Cabinet Member to represent the trade or public on this issue, in contrast to the trade unions, trade bodies and Labour councillors;
- (i) further believes that the Liberal Democrats should be judged by their failure to genuinely attempt to raise the issues of concern with the Cabinet Member, versus the actions of the Liberal Democrats when they were last in power, which included many current Lib Dem Councillors, when they withdrew the cap on the number of taxi operating licenses despite vociferous opposition from the taxi trade and drivers, who clearly stated that it would lead to significant oversupply of taxis thereby drastically reducing the ability of taxi drivers to make a decent and fair living from the trade; and
- (j) further notes that it was also the subsequent Labour Administration that listened to the taxi trade and reinstated a taxi licence cap, and therefore believes it is clear which administration will genuinely work with the taxi trade to deliver a high quality taxi service for the people of Sheffield whilst responding to the legitimate concerns of the taxi trade and drivers.

- 5.8 (Notes 1. Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) and abstained on paragraphs (d), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.
2. 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 Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraph (a) and against paragraphs (b) – (j) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.
3. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) and Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Mohammad Maroof, having declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item of business, did not speak or vote on this item, and the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) took the Chair for the duration of the item.)

**6. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS: NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE**

**UK Steel Industry**

- 6.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain) announced the proposal that an urgent item of business be considered at this point in the proceedings. Council Procedure Rule 26 states that “An item of business may be considered at a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee as a matter of urgency, where it has not been possible to give five clear working days’ notice, on the recommendation of the Chair, but the reason for such urgency must be recorded in the minutes. Any non-confidential or non-exempt report relating to such item must be made available for public inspection once it has been issued.
- 6.2 The Leader of the Council (Councillor Julie Dore) had requested that the Council considers an additional Notice of Motion concerning the UK Steel Industry, following the news after the Council agenda had been published, of risks to TATA Steel plants across the UK. In view of the nature of the issue and its relevance to Sheffield, plus the timing of the developments, the Lord Mayor stated that he was satisfied that there were clear reasons for taking the Notice of Motion as an urgent item of business.
- 6.3 The proposed Motion was circulated to all Members of the Council on 5 April 2016 and was published on the Council’s website. Copies of the Motion were made available in the Council Chamber and Public Gallery.
- 6.4 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Richard Crowther, that this Council:-
- (a) is deeply concerned at the prospect of major job losses at Stocksbridge, Rotherham and other locations, following Tata Steel’s decision to pull out of its UK steel operations;
  - (b) reiterates the sentiments passed in previous Council motions, and once

again urges the Government to:-

- (i) provide support for a business rate cut for the steel industry;
  - (ii) give the steel industry a break from green taxes and high energy bills;
  - (iii) take urgent action to stop the dumping of cheap Chinese steel;
  - (iv) make a commitment to use British steel for all major infrastructure and construction projects; and
  - (v) look to use British-made steel in all government backed contracts;
- (c) deplores the Government's efforts to overhaul anti-dumping rules that would have helped the EU to raise retaliatory tariffs against Chinese steel similar to the level of those adopted by the US;
- (d) believes the Government's inaction shows they lack an industrial strategy and have no interest in supporting strategic national industries like steel;
- (e) believes the Government's unwillingness to save the steel industry adds weight to former Work and Pensions Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan-Smith MP's comments that the Conservative Party do not care for people who do not vote for them;
- (f) recalls the decision made by the Coalition Government to cancel an £80m loan to Sheffield Forgemasters which would have allowed the Company to be one of only two in the world able to make forgings large enough for the nuclear industry;
- (g) also believes that the Coalition Government did nothing to promote an industrial strategy;
- (h) believes that steel is an industry of huge strategic importance, and demands that the Government acts now to do whatever it takes to protect the steel industry, including considering nationalisation; and
- (i) recalls the successful temporary nationalisations that took place under the last Labour Government, including when it stepped in to save organisations of vital importance, including British Energy.

6.5 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, 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 with regret the decision of TATA steel to sell their UK operations including their Steelworks in Stocksbridge and Rotherham;

- (b) notes that steel is an important national industry with particular relevance to Sheffield and the wider Sheffield City Region;
- (c) believes it is vitally important for the UK's long term prospects and our long term industrial strategy that the UK retains its capacity to produce steel;
- (d) calls on the Government, in the event that a buyer can't be found to take over TATA steel immediately, to step in and take over until a buyer can be found so the plants can remain open in the short term and to take on pensions liabilities to encourage a buyer to take over TATA;
- (e) also calls on the Government to mandate that the new infrastructure commission led by Lord Adonis ensures that British produced steel should be given every opportunity and where appropriate, priority, in procurement for new infrastructure that Lord Adonis and the Government will be signing off;
- (f) believes that the Government is being half hearted about its intentions;
- (g) therefore calls on Sheffield City Region and Sheffield City Council to set up a task force with other local councils, trade unions, community and individuals to work on an urgent action plan on mitigating the issues that will arise if TATA were to close, including skills, enterprise opportunities, debt, Job Match and community building; and
- (h) calls on the Administration to bring a report to the Cabinet as a matter of urgency on this issue and to include consideration of appropriate funding from itself and partners.

6.6 Following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment was put to the vote and negatived.

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

For the amendment (21) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker

Against the amendment (53) - 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, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ian Saunders, Bryan Lodge, Karen



McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Lewis Dagnall, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur

Abstained on the amendment (3)

- Councillors Aodan Marken, Brian Webster and Robert Murphy

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) is deeply concerned at the prospect of major job losses at Stocksbridge, Rotherham and other locations, following Tata Steel's decision to pull out of its UK steel operations;
- (b) reiterates the sentiments passed in previous Council motions, and once again urges the Government to:-
  - (i) provide support for a business rate cut for the steel industry;
  - (ii) give the steel industry a break from green taxes and high energy bills;
  - (iii) take urgent action to stop the dumping of cheap Chinese steel;
  - (iv) make a commitment to use British steel for all major infrastructure and construction projects; and
  - (v) look to use British-made steel in all government backed contracts;
- (c) deplores the Government's efforts to overhaul anti-dumping rules that would have helped the EU to raise retaliatory tariffs against Chinese steel similar to the level of those adopted by the US;
- (d) believes the Government's inaction shows they lack an industrial strategy and have no interest in supporting strategic national industries like steel;

- (e) believes the Government's unwillingness to save the steel industry adds weight to former Work and Pensions Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan-Smith MP's comments that the Conservative Party do not care for people who do not vote for them;
- (f) recalls the decision made by the Coalition Government to cancel an £80m loan to Sheffield Forgemasters which would have allowed the Company to be one of only two in the world able to make forgings large enough for the nuclear industry;
- (g) also believes that the Coalition Government did nothing to promote an industrial strategy;
- (h) believes that steel is an industry of huge strategic importance, and demands that the Government acts now to do whatever it takes to protect the steel industry, including considering nationalisation; and
- (i) recalls the successful temporary nationalisations that took place under the last Labour Government, including when it stepped in to save organisations of vital importance, including British Energy.

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

For paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) and (i) of the Motion (75) - 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, Rob Frost, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, 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, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith

Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur

- Against paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) and (i) of the Motion (0) - Nil
- Abstained on paragraphs (a) – (e), (h) and (i) of the Motion (0) - Nil
- For paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Motion (60) - 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, 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, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson, Richard Crowther, Keith Davis, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur
- Against paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Motion (15) - 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 Ayriss, Denise Reaney and David Baker
- Abstained on paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Motion (0) - Nil

## **7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **7.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **7.2 Questions**

7.2.1 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.

### **7.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

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

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

8.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc.

Children, Young People and Family - Remove Joan Stratford as a Co-Support Scrutiny and Policy Opted Member for the Diocese of Development Committee Sheffield to create a vacancy

(b) note that in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 20 May 2015, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointment:-

Access Liaison Group - Remove Councillor Tony Downing to create a vacancy.

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

### **Performance of the Administration**

9.1 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, that this Council:-

(a) recalls that central government has taken away around a half of its funding to the Council, resulting in the current Administration having to make savings of over £300m since the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition

came to power in 2010;

- (b) further recalls comments by the former Liberal Democrat MP and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Rt. Hon. Sir Danny Alexander, that local government has “borne the brunt of deficit reduction” under the coalition government;
- (c) regrets that the current government are continuing the approach to local government that was established by the coalition, decimating funding for local government, making significant cuts to provision in many services inevitable;
- (d) understands that these government cuts have made it impossible for the Council to continue to provide the same level of services, which has meant tough decisions have had to be taken about which services to protect and which ones have had to be cut; and
- (e) notes that despite these challenges the current Administration has balanced the books each year it has controlled the Council, and believes that the current Administration has retained its ambition for the city in these difficult times and has got significant achievements, including:
  - (i) protected child safeguarding from budget cuts;
  - (ii) achieved the best record for apprenticeships among the Core Cities;
  - (iii) helped to deliver Europe’s first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District;
  - (iv) established Sheffield Money as an alternative to exploitative payday lenders; and
  - (v) delivered the Streets Ahead project, which has resurfaced 350 miles of road and 600 miles of pavement.

9.2 Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, 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 poor political leadership and management, not solely Government cuts are the root cause of most of Sheffield’s problems, and that, after five years of financial reductions from central Government, the present Administration should have been far more innovative and found new ways of working on a reduced budget, which shows real political leadership in difficult times rather than wasting so much time complaining and blaming everybody else;
- (b) notes the admission by the former Labour Shadow Chancellor of the

Exchequer, the Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP, made prior to the May 2015 general election, that he would, given the chance, axe another £3.3bn from local government budgets;

- (c) believes that although Sheffield City Council has faced cuts from central Government, the present Administration has made politically motivated cuts and have made unpopular decisions to cut funding for libraries and parks and allowed cuts to be made to bus services, whilst continuing to spend money wastefully on their pet projects;
- (d) believes that the Streets Ahead project was only made possible thanks to Sheffield Hallam MP, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, who secured a £1.2 billion grant from central government as Deputy Prime Minister, without which the project could not go ahead;
- (e) believes that this Administration has failed to correctly manage the Amey Streets Ahead contract as many areas of the City have faced delays in work and hundreds of healthy mature highway trees have been felled and the current Administration has done everything it can to jump to the defence of Amey, rather than representing the wishes of the people and holding them to account and further believes that this is yet again another example of poor leadership from the current Administration; and
- (f) believes that Sheffield now is in need of real political leadership and innovation to deal with the situation Sheffield finds itself in, rather than the approach of the present Administration which is to just continue to explain what the present situation is.

9.3 Following a right of reply from Councillor Julie Dore, the amendment was put to the vote and negatived.

9.3.1 (Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (f) and abstained on paragraphs (a) and (d) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) recalls that central government has taken away around a half of its funding to the Council, resulting in the current Administration having to make savings of over £300m since the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition came to power in 2010;
- (b) further recalls comments by the former Liberal Democrat MP and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Rt. Hon. Sir Danny Alexander, that local government has “borne the brunt of deficit reduction” under the coalition government;
- (c) regrets that the current government are continuing the approach to local

- government that was established by the coalition, decimating funding for local government, making significant cuts to provision in many services inevitable;
- (d) understands that these government cuts have made it impossible for the Council to continue to provide the same level of services, which has meant tough decisions have had to be taken about which services to protect and which ones have had to be cut; and
- (e) notes that despite these challenges the current Administration has balanced the books each year it has controlled the Council, and believes that the current Administration has retained its ambition for the City in these difficult times and has got significant achievements, including:
- (i) protected child safeguarding from budget cuts;
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  - (iv) established Sheffield Money as an alternative to exploitative payday lenders; and
  - (v) delivered the Streets Ahead project, which has resurfaced 350 miles of road and 600 miles of pavement.

9.4.1 (Note: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the substantive motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CATE MCDONALD**

### **Chancellor's Budget 2016-17**

10.1 It was moved by Councillor Cate McDonald, seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, that this Council:-

- (a) expresses its dismay at the incompetence and unfairness of the Chancellor George Osborne's 2016/17 Budget, in particular the decision to cut £4.4bn from disability benefits which would have left 370,000 disabled people £3,500 a year worse off;
- (b) believes the decision to cut Personal Independence Payments for disabled people and those with chronic health problems to fund lower rates of Capital Gains Tax for the wealthiest is indicative of the Conservatives' warped priorities and shows 'compassionate conservatism' to be nothing more than empty rhetoric;

- (c) welcomes the Chancellor's u-turn on this decision, but believes he should apologise for the fear and worry his plans have caused many thousands of disabled people;
- (d) notes analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies which shows that over 80p in every £1 spent on raising thresholds and allowances in this budget will go to the top half of households and more than 30p will go to the UK's richest 10%, and is disappointed that the Government appear to be continuing the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition government's policy of balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest;
- (e) notes findings from The Centre for Welfare Reform that disabled people bore 29% of all cuts under the coalition government, despite accounting for just 8% of the population; and
- (f) recalls cuts implemented under the coalition government which impacted disproportionately on the most vulnerable in society, including:
  - (i) the bedroom tax - two thirds of the tenants hit by this are from households that contain someone who has a disability;
  - (ii) cutting social care by £3.5bn, leading to a situation in which two out of five disabled people in this country are now unable to eat, wash, dress or get out of the house due to underfunded services in their area;
  - (iii) cutting Remploy – a scheme that helped disabled people into work;
  - (iv) cutting Working Tax Credits for low-paid workers;
  - (v) overseeing a huge increase in punitive benefit sanctions; and
  - (vi) scrapping Council Tax Benefit.

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

1. the deletion of all the words after "10%" in paragraph (d); and
2. the deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (j) as follows:-
  - (e) believes that cuts such as these would not have happened with the Liberal Democrats in Government and notes former Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP's comments that he had blocked similar measures whilst in Coalition;



- (f) notes further research by the IFS in their report 'Are we 'all in this together'?' which says that "there has been a considerable equalisation of the income distribution in the years since the recession ..... On some measures, inequality is now at a 25 year low";
- (g) notes that the same report projects that 'we should expect much of the recent fall in inequality to be undone over the next five years,' and recognises that this shows clear water between the previous Coalition Government's policies and the current Government's;
- (h) believes that this Administration and the Labour Party have shown outstanding hypocrisy in deploring the 'Bedroom Tax', given the fact that a Labour Government introduced a similar policy - the 'Local Housing Allowance' - in 2008, which was a restriction on Housing Benefit for tenants of private landlords "to provide an incentive for those on Housing Benefit to find cheaper accommodation.";
- (i) believes that many of the problems with social housing today is a direct result of the previous Labour Government's failure to build enough homes to be available for social rent, meaning many families have to live in overcrowded homes and there aren't smaller homes available for social tenants who have surplus rooms to move into; and
- (j) notes the parliamentary Labour Party's abstention on the Work and Welfare Bill and that Labour Lords failed to back a fatal motion tabled by the Liberal Democrat Lords that would have killed the Bill altogether, shows the Labour Party's indifference to welfare cuts and believes that this Administration are in no position to criticise the Liberal Democrats.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) expresses its dismay at the incompetence and unfairness of the Chancellor George Osborne's 2016/17 Budget, in particular the decision to cut £4.4bn from disability benefits which would have left 370,000 disabled people £3,500 a year worse off;
- (b) believes the decision to cut Personal Independence Payments for disabled people and those with chronic health problems to fund lower rates of Capital Gains Tax for the wealthiest is indicative of the Conservatives' warped priorities and shows 'compassionate conservatism' to be nothing more than empty rhetoric;
- (c) welcomes the Chancellor's u-turn on this decision, but believes he should apologise for the fear and worry his plans have caused many thousands of disabled people;

- (d) notes analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies which shows that over 80p in every £1 spent on raising thresholds and allowances in this budget will go to the top half of households and more than 30p will go to the UK's richest 10%, and is disappointed that the Government appear to be continuing the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition government's policy of balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest;
- (e) notes findings from The Centre for Welfare Reform that disabled people bore 29% of all cuts under the coalition government, despite accounting for just 8% of the population; and
- (f) recalls cuts implemented under the coalition government which impacted disproportionately on the most vulnerable in society, including:
  - (i) the bedroom tax - two thirds of the tenants hit by this are from households that contain someone who has a disability;
  - (ii) cutting social care by £3.5bn, leading to a situation in which two out of five disabled people in this country are now unable to eat, wash, dress or get out of the house due to underfunded services in their area;
  - (iii) cutting Remploy – a scheme that helped disabled people into work;
  - (iv) cutting Working Tax Credits for low-paid workers;
  - (v) overseeing a huge increase in punitive benefit sanctions; and
  - (vi) scrapping Council Tax Benefit.

10.4.1 (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 and David Baker voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and against paragraphs (d) to (f) of the substantive motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN**

### **Housing and Planning Bill**

11.1 It was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, that this Council:-

- (a) reiterates its opposition to the Government's damaging Housing and Planning Bill and is concerned the Bill will lead to a reduction in the number of social homes in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Administration's support for 'Kill the Bill' – a national campaign

opposing the Housing and Planning Bill, and a rally organised by Sheffield Trades Union Council and Sheffield Defend Council Housing, due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 outside Sheffield Town Hall; and

- (c) welcomes the Administration's commitment to increase the Council housing stock by 1,000 units over the next four years.

11.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows:-

- (b) notes that the Coalition Government oversaw the biggest net increase in social housing for 30 years; and
- (c) notes that despite the Administration's alleged commitment to increasing social housing, and nationally social house building being at a 30 year high, independent figures show that these are empty words from the Administration, as during the last 4 years, 270 homes for social rent have been completed in Sheffield, whilst nearby Rotherham, Leeds and Wakefield have had 280, 340 and 1020 homes completed, respectively.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) reiterates its opposition to the Government's damaging Housing and Planning Bill and is concerned the Bill will lead to a reduction in the number of social homes in Sheffield;
- (b) notes the Administration's support for 'Kill the Bill' – a national campaign opposing the Housing and Planning Bill, and a rally organised by Sheffield Trades Union Council and Sheffield Defend Council Housing, due to take place on 1st April 2016 outside Sheffield Town Hall; and
- (c) welcomes the Administration's commitment to increase the Council housing stock by 1,000 units over the next four years.

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

### **Minimum Standards Construction Site Charter**

12.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that:
  - (i) the health and safety of all construction workers is paramount; and
  - (ii) all workers should be fairly rewarded for their efforts;
- (b) therefore welcomes the current Administration's decision to adopt a Minimum Standards Construction Site Charter that clearly sets out the standards expected for construction sites and the employment rights of construction workers; and
- (c) looks forward to working with contractors to deliver the standards set out in the Charter.

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

#### **Business Rate Localisation and Rate Relief**

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

- (a) welcomes the news in the budget that small businesses will be exempt from paying business rates, which had been called for before the budget by Liberal Democrat leader, Tim Farron MP;
- (b) believes that small businesses are at the heart of every local economy and by taking them out of paying business rates, they will have more time and money to invest in growing their businesses and employing more local people;
- (c) however, is concerned with the impact this will have on local government finance, when retention of business rates replaces the Local Government Finance Settlement local government is set to lose nearly £2 billion in 2020;
- (d) notes the Chancellor made no commitment to making up the shortfall from business rates to councils in the future;
- (e) believes the tax rate relief for small businesses needs to be funded sustainably and there must be measures introduced to redistribute business rate income so areas with low business rates are not penalised; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to pull together a cross-party delegation to go and speak to the Treasury to voice our concerns about these potential hidden cuts to local government funding.

13.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, 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 small businesses to be the backbone of the economy, and believes the Government should be doing more to create a supportive environment in which small businesses can grow and create jobs;
- (b) however, is concerned that the changes made to Business Rate thresholds in the Budget has the potential to restrict the financial capacity of local authorities to invest in public services once Business Rate income is fully devolved;
- (c) welcomes Business Rate localisation, but calls on the Government to develop a model for Business Rates that ensures that local authorities have appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services;
- (d) is concerned that the transition from the current grant funding model to full Business Rate localisation will create significant risk for local financing and notes the Administration's commitment to work with Government to ensure Sheffield does not suffer a 'cliff-edge' effect between 2019 and 2020 which could have major implications for local services;
- (e) believes there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places have the necessary funding to deliver services; and
- (f) notes that the Administration is in dialogue with the Treasury through the Core Cities group to better understand the implications of full localisation of Business Rates.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) believes small businesses to be the backbone of the economy, and believes the Government should be doing more to create a supportive environment in which small businesses can grow and create jobs;
- (b) however, is concerned that the changes made to Business Rate thresholds in the Budget has the potential to restrict the financial capacity of local authorities to invest in public services once Business Rate income is fully devolved;
- (c) welcomes Business Rate localisation, but calls on the Government to

- develop a model for Business Rates that ensures that local authorities have appropriate funding capacity to deliver local public services;
- (d) is concerned that the transition from the current grant funding model to full Business Rate localisation will create significant risk for local financing and notes the Administration's commitment to work with Government to ensure Sheffield does not suffer a 'cliff-edge' effect between 2019 and 2020 which could have major implications for local services;
  - (e) believes there must be a redistributive mechanism built into the new model to ensure that all places have the necessary funding to deliver services; and
  - (f) notes that the Administration is in dialogue with the Treasury through the Core Cities group to better understand the implications of full localisation of Business Rates.

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER**

##### **Transparency and Accountability in the Provision of Public Services**

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

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) across the country, many public services have been outsourced to private sector providers - with the Financial Times reporting that local government outsourcing doubled in the last Parliament ([www.ft.com/content/244f0bd8-eccb-11e4-a81a-00144feab7de](http://www.ft.com/content/244f0bd8-eccb-11e4-a81a-00144feab7de));
  - (ii) outsourcing has often failed to deliver the expected savings to the taxpayer, and failed to lead to better service provision - and that in-house provision can provide better value for money and more flexibility at a time of severe budget cuts, according to the Association for Public Service Excellence ([www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-Catalogue201223.pdf](http://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-Catalogue201223.pdf)); and
  - (iii) research by the independent campaign group, We Own It, shows that the public have very little trust in outsourcing companies, want to see more transparency and accountability over outsourcing contracts, and want public ownership to be the default for running services (<http://weownit.org.uk/privatisation/outsourcing>);
- (b) believes that:

- (i) transparency is needed in the provision of public services, public service contracts and performance and financial data of providers should be available, and that freedom of information legislation should apply to private companies running public services;
  - (ii) accountability is needed in the provision of public services, the public must be consulted about what they want from their services both in general and before any outsourcing or privatisation, and there should be a right to recall private providers of public services when they do a bad job; and
  - (iii) people, not profit, need to be the priority in public service delivery, with public ownership the default (so a public interest case must be made for any outsourcing or privatisation), there should always be an in-house bid on the table if services are contracted out (or an explanation given why not), and social value must be a priority whenever contracts are awarded; and
- (c) resolves to:
- (i) support the We Own It campaign 'Our Services Our Say' (<http://weownit.org.uk/public-solutions/our-services-our-say>); and
  - (ii) provide a brief statement to We Own It explaining what the Council is doing in practice to work towards the principles of transparency, accountability and people before profit, for publication on the We Own It website.

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

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a)(ii) and (iii) and the addition of a new paragraph (a)(ii) as follows:-
  - (a)(ii) when outsourced contracts have been properly managed, outsourcing has helped to deliver better council services, particularly in times of financial difficulty;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) and paragraph (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b)(ii) and (c) as follows:-
  - (b)(ii) believes that a responsible city council should not take an ideological stance on whether insourcing or outsourcing is the best approach, but should look at services on a case by case basis and make the right decision to deliver the best outcome for service users at the best price for tax payers; and
  - (c) calls on the Administration to take a national lead on Freedom of

Information for outsourcing of local services and to resolve that from now on, when new contracts are put out to tender from Sheffield City Council, service providers must agree to sign up to Freedom of Information rules that apply to the Council as a condition of winning a contract.

- 14.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was negated.
- 14.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, 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 local people should have a say in how public services are run, which is why the Administration is bringing forward a range of measures to secure greater local and democratic control of public services;
  - (b) acknowledges that having council services delivered in-house is always the Administration's first consideration, but understands that this is not always feasible and cannot always deliver value for money for local people, and that each project is considered on its own merits;
  - (c) notes that the Administration has, over the last five years, brought a number of services back under Council control, including council housing and the council tax and housing benefit contact centre, and further notes the Administration's intention to bring more services back in-house, including the housing repairs and maintenance service and the management of council properties; and
  - (d) believes firmly in the principles of transparency and accountability in the provision of local services, and notes:-
    - (i) the Council publishes as much data and contractual information as possible;
    - (ii) the impending publication of the Council's Ethical Procurement Strategy which will reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability;
    - (iii) that all private contracts are subject to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and the Council's contract register is published and available online; and
    - (iv) that the Council is working with its major contractors to publish its contracts.
- 14.5 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 14.6 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 local people should have a say in how public services are run, which is why the Administration is bringing forward a range of measures to secure greater local and democratic control of public services;
  - (b) acknowledges that having council services delivered in-house is always the Administration's first consideration, but understands that this is not always feasible and cannot always deliver value for money for local people, and that each project is considered on its own merits;
  - (c) notes that the Administration has, over the last five years, brought a number of services back under Council control, including council housing and the council tax and housing benefit contact centre, and further notes the Administration's intention to bring more services back in-house, including the housing repairs and maintenance service and the management of council properties; and
  - (d) believes firmly in the principles of transparency and accountability in the provision of local services, and notes:-
    - (i) the Council publishes as much data and contractual information as possible;
    - (ii) the impending publication of the Council's Ethical Procurement Strategy which will reinforce the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability;
    - (iii) that all private contracts are subject to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and the Council's contract register is published and available online; and
    - (iv) that the Council is working with its major contractors to publish its contracts.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

### **Health and Social Care Investment**

15.1 It was moved by Councillor John Booker, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the medical profession takes an oath, "First do no harm", and believes that it is a pity that the Secretary of State for Health, the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, and the Conservative Party don't take the same

oath before they implement their policies in relation to the NHS;

- (b) also believes that Great Britain's beloved NHS, our most important institution, founded over sixty years ago, a real victory for the citizens of our country, is itself in need of emergency care;
- (c) further believes that our ageing population, the worrying numbers of people suffering chronic, long-term conditions, and the population explosion, are bringing the NHS closer to the abyss;
- (d) notes that the NHS needs an investment of at least £13 billion over the next five years, and believes that taxes must rise in order to meet this cost; that we need up to 20,000 more nurses, 3,000 more midwives, and 10,000 more GPs, and that in order to assist with this recruitment we could waive university tuition fees for new medical students who commit to working in Great Britain for a period of time; that taking care of taxpayers' money must be a priority, making sure it is spent on front line patient care; and that the long term practice of spending as much on consultants fees as we do on the purchase of life saving drugs must stop;
- (e) expresses frustration over the Coalition Government's wasted billions on a top-down reorganisation of the NHS, and over the drastic cuts to the social care budget, that now results in elderly people remaining in hospital longer than they need to;
- (f) regrets the real problem of so-called "health tourism", noting that, every year, the NHS spends approximately £2 billion treating those ineligible for free care, and that there is already a shortage of emergency medical consultants in our Accident and Emergency departments, and that patients who cannot get a GP appointment often turn up at A&E instead;
- (g) expresses concern over the spectre of the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP), this proposed EU/USA free trade agreement that is being negotiated secretly, which may force us to put many of our public services up for sale to US companies, thereby allowing the possibility of large parts of the NHS being privatised, and believes that all political parties and all citizens of Great Britain must stand together as one in defiance of this potentially disastrous event;
- (h) recognises that, according to Age UK, 900,000 older people between the ages of 65 and 89 have social care needs that are not met, and notes that residential care, nursing care, home care, day care and equipment budgets have been cut and that these cuts impact on the NHS, with one million hospital bed days being lost every year when patients cannot be discharged because there is no after-care service available to them, and believes that we need a fully integrated health and social care service; and
- (i) believes that the way we look after the sick, the vulnerable and the

elderly is a direct mark of how civilised and caring we are as a society, and that collecting the right amount of tax from multi-national companies and wealthy individuals must be a priority, and our fixation with foreign wars and doomsday weapons must stop; and further believes that life is more important than death, and we need a policy of welfare not warfare.

15.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, 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) recalls that it was the Labour Party that founded the NHS, and further recalls the last Labour Government's impressive record on health, including record levels of investment, a huge increase in overall satisfaction with the NHS, and significant reductions in waiting lists and waiting times;
- (b) is concerned with the current state of the NHS – public dissatisfaction up and waiting times up, and staff morale down, and believes the NHS is not safe in this Government's hands;
- (c) is saddened that the NHS is in the midst of the longest and deepest squeeze on its finances in a generation, and believes that with demand rising, the NHS must be funded and staffed properly;
- (d) condemns comments made in 2014 by Paul Nuttall, Deputy Leader of UKIP: "I would like to congratulate the coalition government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service";
- (e) sends its support to junior doctors in their fight for adequate pay and conditions and urges the Government to return to the negotiating table;
- (f) notes the conclusion of a 2015 London School of Economics research paper examining the record of the Coalition Government on social care - that "spending cuts imposed by the Coalition intensified the pressure on social services from 2010 onwards";
- (g) notes that overall spending on social care fell by 13% over the Coalition's five years in office, during which time the number of people aged 65 and over increased by 10%;
- (h) further notes the number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell by one quarter between 2009/10 and 2013/14, from 1.7 million to below 1.3 million;
- (i) is concerned that record numbers of patients are getting stuck in hospital despite being fit to leave, and notes that 160,000 bed days were taken up in hospitals in England during October 2015 by patients who were unable to be discharged safely – the highest number since records began;

- (j) notes that the Administration is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group and doing everything it can to mitigate the Government's failure and tackle the issue of "bed blocking" in Sheffield; and
- (k) calls on the Government to undo the damage done to our health and care systems during the five years of neglect under the Coalition by providing adequate levels of funding to ensure that all those in need of treatment and care receive it.

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

15.3.1 (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b) to (k) and abstained on paragraph (a) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

15.4 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, 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) thanks the many migrant NHS workers for their continuing hard work and dedication, which the NHS depends upon to function;
- (b) notes the comments of Stephen Nickell, a senior economist who is on the board of the Office for Budget Responsibility, that the NHS would be "in dire straits" without migrant workers;
- (c) notes that the NHS was founded on 3 core principles:-
  - (i) that it meets the needs of everyone;
  - (ii) that it be free at the point of delivery; and
  - (iii) that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay; and
- (d) notes that UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, was secretly filmed in 2012 telling UKIP supporters that - "I think we are going to have to move to an insurance-based system of healthcare. Frankly, I would feel more comfortable that my money would return value if I was able to do that through the marketplace of an insurance company, than just us trustingly giving £100bn a year to central government and expecting them to organise the healthcare service from cradle to grave for us."

15.4.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and the mover of the amendment (Councillor Sue Alston), the amendment was altered so as to propose the four paragraphs as additional paragraphs to the motion, and not to replace the motion.)

- 15.5 On being put to the vote, the altered amendment was carried.
- 15.6 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 it was the Labour Party that founded the NHS, and further recalls the last Labour Government's impressive record on health, including record levels of investment, a huge increase in overall satisfaction with the NHS, and significant reductions in waiting lists and waiting times;
- (b) is concerned with the current state of the NHS – public dissatisfaction up and waiting times up, and staff morale down, and believes the NHS is not safe in this Government's hands;
- (c) is saddened that the NHS is in the midst of the longest and deepest squeeze on its finances in a generation, and believes that with demand rising, the NHS must be funded and staffed properly;
- (d) condemns comments made in 2014 by Paul Nuttall, Deputy Leader of UKIP: "I would like to congratulate the coalition government for bringing a whiff of privatisation into the beleaguered National Health Service";
- (e) sends its support to junior doctors in their fight for adequate pay and conditions and urges the Government to return to the negotiating table;
- (f) notes the conclusion of a 2015 London School of Economics research paper examining the record of the Coalition Government on social care - that "spending cuts imposed by the Coalition intensified the pressure on social services from 2010 onwards";
- (g) notes that overall spending on social care fell by 13% over the Coalition's five years in office, during which time the number of people aged 65 and over increased by 10%;
- (h) further notes the number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell by one quarter between 2009/10 and 2013/14, from 1.7 million to below 1.3 million;
- (i) is concerned that record numbers of patients are getting stuck in hospital despite being fit to leave, and notes that 160,000 bed days were taken up in hospitals in England during October 2015 by patients who were unable to be discharged safely – the highest number since records began;
- (j) notes that the Administration is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group and doing everything it can to mitigate the Government's failure and tackle the issue of "bed blocking" in Sheffield;

- (k) calls on the Government to undo the damage done to our health and care systems during the five years of neglect under the Coalition by providing adequate levels of funding to ensure that all those in need of treatment and care receive it;
- (l) thanks the many migrant NHS workers for their continuing hard work and dedication, which the NHS depends upon to function;
- (m) notes the comments of Stephen Nickell, a senior economist who is on the board of the Office for Budget Responsibility, that the NHS would be "in dire straits" without migrant workers;
- (n) notes that the NHS was founded on 3 core principles:-
  - (i) that it meets the needs of everyone;
  - (ii) that it be free at the point of delivery; and
  - (iii) that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay; and
- (o) notes that UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, was secretly filmed in 2012 telling UKIP supporters that - "I think we are going to have to move to an insurance-based system of healthcare. Frankly, I would feel more comfortable that my money would return value if I was able to do that through the marketplace of an insurance company, than just us trustingly giving £100bn a year to central government and expecting them to organise the healthcare service from cradle to grave for us."

15.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (b) to (o) and abstained on paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS**

### **Illegal Off Road Motorcycling**

16.1 It was moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, seconded by Councillor Zoe Sykes, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises and condemns the anti-social behaviour caused by illegal motorcyclists and quadbike riders, including damage to woodland and parks, noise nuisance, and a lack of respect for other park users; and
- (b) welcomes the Council's action alongside the Police, as part of a city-wide group, to tackle this issue.

16.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), paragraph (a) of the Motion as

published in the Council Summons was altered by the addition of the words “and quadbike riders” after the words “illegal motorcyclists”.)

16.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows:-

(c) believes the current Administration has also shown a complete lack of respect to the park users of Sheffield by:-

(i) selling off Cobnar Cottage which falls within the bounds of Graves Park Trust and which was gifted to the people of Sheffield by Alderman J.G Graves to be used as park land in perpetuity;

(ii) building the new Tinsley School on part of Tinsley Recreational Ground, the only publicly accessible green space in the Tinsley area; and

(iii) considering the disposal of other so called 'liabilities'; and

(d) commits that it will not sell off any further park land or any publicly owned open space.

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

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

For the amendment (19) - Councillors Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker.

Against the amendment (55) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Talib Hussain), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) and Councillors Julie Dore, Jack Scott, Julie Gledhill, Roy Munn, 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, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Steve Wilson, Garry Weatherall, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Chris Peace,

Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Tony Downing, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Mohammad Maroof, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Rippon, Leigh Bramall, Tony Damms, Gill Furniss, Richard Crowther, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Zoe Sykes, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Ray Satur.

Abstained on the amendment (0) - Nil

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) recognises and condemns the anti-social behaviour caused by illegal motorcyclists and quadbike riders, including damage to woodland and parks, noise nuisance, and a lack of respect for other park users; and
- (b) welcomes the Council's action alongside the Police, as part of a city-wide group, to tackle this issue.

## 17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MICK ROONEY

### Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Club

17.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Mick Rooney, seconded by Councillor Peter Price, that this Council:-

- (a) sends its congratulations to the Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Club who recently became the first team to win five Elite League titles; and
- (b) acknowledges the skill of the players and Paul Thompson, Head Coach and General Manager, and his coaching staff.

## 18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE AYRIS

### Private Sector Housing Standards

18.1 It was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield, around 16% of our city's population, double the amount 10 years ago



and almost as many are living in social housing;

- (b) notes that a lack of social housing properties, rising house prices and the difficulty in accessing mortgages mean that many people, particularly the young or vulnerable, have no choice but to live in private sector rental accommodation;
- (c) despite this growth in the sector, private sector housing remains 'Cinderella' to social housing in terms of Council time and investment, and currently the Council generally only provides a reactive service to problems in private sector housing in line with its statutory duties;
- (d) notes that there are many good landlords in Sheffield who provide excellent, affordable accommodation and a good service to their tenants;
- (e) believes that prevention is better than a cure and that we, as the city council, should find a way of working with landlords and using the skills and experience of the many good landlords in our city to drive up standards in the sector; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to work with the appropriate scrutiny committee to develop proposals and consult the public and landlords on what can be done to improve the standards of landlords and private sector housing in Sheffield.

18.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (d) as follows:-

- (b) recalls the Coalition Government's decision to implement deep cuts to grant funding for social housing, which made it much more difficult for councils and housing associations to build affordable homes;
- (c) notes action the current Administration has taken to improve standards in the private rented sector, including:-
  - (i) introducing a Selective Licensing Scheme in Page Hall to great effect, with 96% of privately rented properties in that area now compliant;
  - (ii) launching Snug - a flagship student housing scheme where properties that are good quality and well managed get a certificate; Sheffield is the only local authority in the country to inspect every home before issuing the certificate, and around 12,000 students are now safer in their homes as a result;
  - (iii) becoming the first local authority outside of London to enforce the Lettings Agents' Redress Scheme to enforce standards and

protect tenants; and

- (iv) supporting the growth of the private rented sector team and providing extra resources to target some neighbourhoods where private landlords or properties are causing problems; and
- (d) further notes the Administration's commitment to continue working with the public and landlords to improve the private rented sector in Sheffield.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield, around 16% of our city's population, double the amount 10 years ago and almost as many are living in social housing;
- (b) recalls the Coalition Government's decision to implement deep cuts to grant funding for social housing, which made it much more difficult for councils and housing associations to build affordable homes;
- (c) notes action the current Administration has taken to improve standards in the private rented sector, including:-
  - (i) introducing a Selective Licensing Scheme in Page Hall to great effect, with 96% of privately rented properties in that area now compliant;
  - (ii) launching Snug - a flagship student housing scheme where properties that are good quality and well managed get a certificate; Sheffield is the only local authority in the country to inspect every home before issuing the certificate, and around 12,000 students are now safer in their homes as a result;
  - (iii) becoming the first local authority outside of London to enforce the Lettings Agents' Redress Scheme to enforce standards and protect tenants; and
  - (iv) supporting the growth of the private rented sector team and providing extra resources to target some neighbourhoods where private landlords or properties are causing problems; and
- (d) further notes the Administration's commitment to continue working with the public and landlords to improve the private rented sector in Sheffield.

18.4.1 (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 and David Baker voted for paragraph (a) and against paragraphs (b) – (d) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Aodan Marken, Robert Murphy and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c)(i) - (iii) and (d) and abstained on paragraph (c)(iv) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded).

## **19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH**

### **“Sheffield Pound” Community Currency Initiative**

19.1 It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that part of what makes Sheffield so special and unique is our local independent businesses and the community spirit in supporting those businesses;
- (b) believes that by keeping wealth in our city, the Sheffield Pound will improve our local economy and in turn create more local jobs for local people;
- (c) believes that a ‘Sheffield Pound’, a ‘community currency’ that can be used as an alternative to Sterling within our city, would be a boost to our local economy by keeping money circulating in Sheffield;
- (d) notes other areas have launched similar schemes which have proven both successful and popular, such as the ‘Bristol Pound’ in 2012; and
- (e) calls on the Administration to work with community groups to explore the possibility of establishing the ‘Sheffield Pound’.

19.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (e) as follows:-

- (b) notes the recent reports of the suggested benefits of community currencies;
- (c) believes the Sheffield Pound may have a role to play in supporting local businesses;
- (d) notes the Sheffield Executive Board has looked at this issue in the past; and

- (e) requests that the Sheffield Executive Board works with local stakeholders to re-examine if this initiative would be beneficial to the City and the local economy.

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

19.4 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 part of what makes Sheffield so special and unique is our local independent businesses and the community spirit in supporting those businesses;
- (b) notes the recent reports of the suggested benefits of community currencies;
- (c) believes the Sheffield Pound may have a role to play in supporting local businesses;
- (d) notes the Sheffield Executive Board has looked at this issue in the past; and
- (e) requests that the Sheffield Executive Board works with local stakeholders to re-examine if this initiative would be beneficial to the City and the local economy.

## **20. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR AODAN MARKEN**

### **Decision Making on Ethical and Environmental Issues**

20.1 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Aodan Marken, seconded by Councillor Brian Webster, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with concern what this Council believes to be a troubling pattern by the current Government of reducing local decision-making power on important ethical and environmental issues;
- (b) believes that this pattern is illustrated by, among other things:-
  - (i) the issue of planning guidance in August 2015 stating that if local planning authorities do not approve or reject planning applications for fracking wells within 16 weeks, ministers can intervene;
  - (ii) plans announced in November 2015 to grant the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government the "power of

- intervention” over locally taken investment / divestment decisions with respect to the Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS), where those decisions are taken wholly or largely on ethical or environmental grounds;
- (iii) proposals reported in the Daily Telegraph newspaper in January 2016 to “bring commercial shale production [fracking] within the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning regime”, which would remove decisions on fracking-related planning applications from local authority control entirely; and
  - (iv) the publication of procurement guidance in February 2016 asserting that it is “inappropriate” for public bodies, including local authorities, to undertake procurement boycotts unless these are in line with nationally-directed foreign policy decisions;
- (c) believes that these steps by Government represent a concerted attack on local democracy and demonstrate that the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s claimed pursuit of a “devolution revolution” is a sham, with the localisation or centralisation of powers used opportunistically to pursue the Government’s ideological agenda;
- (d) believes that it is not only right but essential that the ethical and environmental concerns of local people and (where relevant) pension scheme members be taken into account when decisions are taken that impact them, and that this is most effectively done when decisions are wherever possible taken locally;
- (e) calls upon the Administration to oppose the Government’s efforts to remove locally-held powers over ethical and environmental decision-making in areas such as fracking, investment and procurement; and
- (f) directs officers to send copies of this motion to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

## **21. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAULINE ANDREWS**

### **Membership of the European Union**

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

- (a) believes that the United Kingdom should vote to leave the European Union and that by leaving the EU, the UK would be safer, stronger, financially better off and free, and that only by leaving can we regain our national democracy, and further believes that the best people to govern Britain are the British people, and that British laws should be

- decided by our own democratically elected parliament;
- (b) recognises that the EU Membership Referendum is a once in a generation opportunity to take back our own country;
  - (c) regrets that £17 billion a year is sent to the European Union from the British tax payer, and notes that this amount of money could build 750 new schools, or 10 new state of the art hospitals and could cover the costs for a period of 25 years of employing 2,000 qualified nurses, or 2,000 trained police officers, or 1,500 GPs, or 2,000 trained soldiers;
  - (d) notes that the UK is the 5th largest trading nation in the world, and believes that we don't need to be in a political union in order to trade;
  - (e) further notes that by being outside of the European Union, Britain would regain its power to negotiate its own trade deals;
  - (f) believes the European Court of Human Rights has become a danger to British democracy and that the UK would be better off without it, allowing British judges to decide how our own laws are implemented;
  - (g) believes that by being outside the European Union, Britain would have the power to choose who comes into the UK, whereas, whilst members of the European Union, we have no say, and notes that the European Union has publicly stated that the UK has absolutely no chance of changing EU freedom of movement;
  - (h) believes that a vast influx of unskilled labour does not benefit ordinary people in our country, as jobs are put at risk and wages undercut;
  - (i) also believes that, with the huge numbers of migrants that have entered our country in the last decade, this puts tremendous pressure on our scarce resources, schools, housing, transport and jobs market;
  - (j) notes that mass immigration can lead to access to free education, health care and benefits for many non-contributors;
  - (k) regrets that while we are a part of the EU we also have to abide by the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and cannot withdraw from this and the Court's demands;
  - (l) notes that Britain, once a great sea-faring nation with the greatest trading seaborne empire the world has ever seen, is now reduced to importing fish to satisfy rising domestic demand, with the fish imported being caught in what was previously our fishing waters and subsidised with our own taxpayers' money;
  - (m) believes that we can only stop this by leaving the EU and reclaim what is ours;

- (n) also believes that if we were out of the European Union we could make our own global trade deals, govern ourselves, control our borders and make massive savings; and
  - (o) further believes that by being outside of the EU political union, the UK would thrive.
- 21.1.1 (Note: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Pauline Andrews), paragraph (c) of the Motion as published in the Council Summons was altered by adding the word “or” between each of the purposes mentioned in that paragraph for which £17 billion could be used.)
- 21.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Steve Wilson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words:-
- (a) believes that by being part of the European Union we are safer, stronger and financially better off, and that we should vote to remain in the European Union;
  - (b) believes that we are financially better off by remaining in the EU and notes that:-
    - (i) the EU is Britain’s biggest trading partner;
    - (ii) millions of jobs are linked to our EU membership;
    - (iii) £26.5 billion is invested in Britain by EU countries every year;
    - (iv) almost half of all of Britain’s exports go to the EU; and
    - (v) exports to the EU are worth £227 billion a year to the British economy;
  - (c) believes that Britain’s membership of the EU helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, tax evasion and terrorism;
  - (d) believes that we are safer by remaining in the EU and notes that thousands of criminals, including terrorists, have been arrested under the European Arrest Warrant;
  - (e) believes that being in the EU enhances Britain’s global influence; and
  - (f) notes the EU’s contribution to advancing worker’s rights, including the right to holiday pay, paid maternity and paternity leave, anti-discrimination laws, equal pay and protection for agency workers.

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

21.4 Whereupon, it was 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 the United Kingdom should vote to remain in the European Union, for the benefit of our future prosperity and security, as a statement of support for peace and co-operation in Europe and of solidarity against the terrorists and demagogues of the world;
- (b) believes that this referendum is only happening because of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP's weakness in the face of his right-wing backbenchers; and that the UK's interests have been subordinated to a strategy for managing the Conservative party;
- (c) notes that for a £340 contribution per household to the EU budget, the UK gains £3000 per household in trade, investment, jobs and lower prices as a result of the EU;
- (d) believes that the UK would continue to secure better trade agreements with the rest of the world negotiating as part of the world's largest single market, and would be in a weaker position negotiating alone;
- (e) supports the continued UK membership of the European Convention on Human Rights, and moral leadership in advancing human rights around the world, whether or not the UK remains in the EU;
- (f) notes that 2.2m UK citizens exercise the right to live elsewhere in the EU, and believes that the freedom to work and travel in the EU is a benefit to all EU citizens, UK included;
- (g) welcomes the 2013 reforms of the Common Fisheries Policy and recognises that co-operation on fisheries is necessary to prevent catastrophic overfishing;
- (h) believes "Brexit" would put at risk co-operation on policing, terrorism and intelligence; and that it is in the UK's interest to remain in the measures in this area that we have chosen to opt into;
- (i) believes that co-operation on intelligence, terrorism and policing is particularly important to maintain while Europe is under the threat of terrorist attack, and that co-operation is not improved by tearing up the good measures that we have agreed to;
- (j) believes that we should stand by the people of Brussels and Paris following recent attacks, practically and symbolically, and that any sign of us turning our backs on them, such as "Brexit", would only delight terrorists and would make us all less secure;



- (k) believes “Brexit” would put at risk UK access to the EU single market, threatening 45% of our exports, and notes that, in contrast, only 16% of exports from the rest of the EU come to the UK;
- (l) notes that access to the EU single market, in the cases of Norway and (partially) Switzerland, requires following all of the EU trade rules without having any say in them, allowing free movement of labour, and making payments into the EU budget;
- (m) notes that any trade agreement between the UK and the rest of the EU would require agreement of all 27 remaining EU member states, not all of whom may be motivated primarily by trade, and many of whom are likely to be concerned to save face, maintain free movement, and/or reduce the risk of other countries seeking a better deal by threatening exit;
- (n) notes that Sheffield in particular has benefited from over £1bn of investment from the EU since the 1990s, including in the Advanced Manufacturing Park, Sheffield Station and the Winter Gardens; and
- (o) further notes that, as a city with strong universities, Sheffield benefits disproportionately from EU research funding, including 30% of the University of Sheffield's research funding.

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

21.6 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 by being part of the European Union we are safer, stronger and financially better off, and that we should vote to remain in the European Union;
- (b) believes that we are financially better off by remaining in the EU and notes that:-
  - (i) the EU is Britain’s biggest trading partner;
  - (ii) millions of jobs are linked to our EU membership;
  - (iii) £26.5 billion is invested in Britain by EU countries every year;
  - (iv) almost half of all of Britain’s exports go to the EU; and
  - (v) exports to the EU are worth £227 billion a year to the British economy;

- (c) believes that Britain's membership of the EU helps to tackle issues that transcend national borders, such as climate change, tax evasion and terrorism;
- (d) believes that we are safer by remaining in the EU and notes that thousands of criminals, including terrorists, have been arrested under the European Arrest Warrant;
- (e) believes that being in the EU enhances Britain's global influence; and
- (f) notes the EU's contribution to advancing worker's rights, including the right to holiday pay, paid maternity and paternity leave, anti-discrimination laws, equal pay and protection for agency workers.

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 18 May 2016, at 11.30 am, 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>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Andy Nash Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Andy Bainbridge Steve Wilson	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Nasima Akther Mohammad Maroof Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Shaffaq Mohammed Paul Scriven	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst Peter Rippon
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Michelle Cook Kieran Harpham Magid Mah	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Lewis Dagnall Cate McDonald Chris Peace	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Robert Murphy Moya O'Rourke	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Adam Hanrahan Anne Murphy Craig Gamble Pugh	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Keith Davis
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Lisa Banes Terry Fox Pat Midgley	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Tony Downing	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Zoe Sykes
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Isobel Bowler and Richard Crowther.

**2. TO ELECT A LORD MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor Talib Hussain, the retiring Lord Mayor, took the Chair and the Chief Executive announced that the first business to be transacted was the election of a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year.

Whereupon it was:-

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion of Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison that Councillor Denise Fox be elected Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Councillor Denise Fox, the Lord Mayor Elect, then made and subscribed to the declaration required by law to qualify her to act as Lord Mayor.

Whereupon the retiring Lord Mayor vacated the Chair, which was then taken by Councillor Denise Fox, the Lord Mayor.

**3. TO MOVE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR AND LADY MAYORESS**

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Price, seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that the best of thanks of this Council under the Common Seal be presented to Councillor Talib Hussain and Mrs Yasmin Hussain for the able and very satisfactory manner in which they have performed their various official duties as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of this City during the past year.

**4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Josie Paszek, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that Councillor Anne Murphy be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Councillor Anne Murphy, the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect, then made and subscribed to the declaration required by law to qualify her to act as Deputy Lord Mayor.

At this point in the proceedings, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting reconvened at 2.00 pm.

**5. TO APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that Councillor Julie Dore be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

**6. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF CABINET AND CABINET ADVISER APPOINTMENTS, THE LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS, AND SHADOW CABINET APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that the City Council:-

- (a) notes the Leader's notification of the appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members, including their portfolio areas of responsibility, and the appointment of Cabinet Members to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee (including substitutes), and approves the appointment of Cabinet Advisers, all as detailed in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
- (b) notes that the Leader's scheme of delegation currently in operation for the discharge of Executive functions will continue, other than in relation to the names and remits of some of the Portfolios of the Cabinet Members, which will be required to be changed to reflect the appointments now made by the Leader, and these will be published and circulated to all Members in the near future;
- (c) notes the main opposition group's notification of the Leader of the Opposition and approves the appointment of Shadow Cabinet Members, as detailed in the schedule circulated at the meeting; and
- (d) notes that the effect of these appointments upon the Special Responsibility Allowance element of the budget for Members' Allowances is an increase of £9,084 over a full year (excluding NI costs, as applicable), due to the payment of an extra Band A allowance for an additional Cabinet Member from the number appointed in 2015/16, with that cost to be met from within the cash limit for the Members' Allowances budget through management actions to contain expenditure over the course of the year.

(Note: Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis and John Booker voted against paragraph (d) of the Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS, CABINET ADVISERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 2016/17**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>Cabinet:-</b>		
<b>Portfolio:-</b>		
<b>Leader</b>	Councillor Julie Dore	Park & Arbourthorne
<b>Business and Economy</b>	Councillor Leigh Bramall (Deputy Leader)	Southey
<b>Children, Young People and Families</b>	Councillor Jackie Drayton	Burngreave
<b>Community Services and Libraries</b>	Councillor Jack Scott	Park & Arbourthorne
<b>Culture, Parks and Leisure</b>	Councillor Mary Lea	Darnall
<b>Environment</b>	Councillor Bryan Lodge	Birley
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	Councillor Ben Curran	Walkley
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Councillor Cate McDonald	Gleadless Valley
<b>Housing</b>	Councillor Jayne Dunn	Southey
<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>	Councillor Mazher Iqbal	Darnall
<b>Cabinet Highways Committee</b>	Cllrs Leigh Bramall, Ben Curran, Mazher Iqbal and Bryan Lodge	
<i>Cabinet Highways Committee Substitute Members:-</i>	Cllrs Julie Dore, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Mary Lea , Cate McDonald and Jack Scott	

<b>Cabinet Advisers:-</b>		
<b>Portfolio:-</b>		
<b>Business and Economy</b>	Councillor Lewis Dagnall	Gleadless Valley
<b>Children, Young People and Families</b>	Councillor Chris Peace	Gleadless Valley
<b>Community Services and Libraries</b>	Councillor Diane Hurst	Richmond
<b>Culture, Parks and Leisure</b>	Councillor Mike Drabble	Richmond
<b>Environment</b>	Councillor Tony Downing	Mosborough
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	Councillor Adam Hurst	West Ecclesfield
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Councillors Olivia Blake and Anne Murphy	Walkley; Crookes & Crosspool
<b>Housing</b>	Councillor Karen McGowan	Birley
<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>	Councillor George Lindars-Hammond	Hillsborough

**APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW CABINET MEMBERS 2016/17**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>Spokespersons (Shadow Cabinet)</b>		
<b>Portfolio:-</b>		
<b>Leader</b>	Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed	Ecclesall
<b>Business and Economy</b>	Councillor Martin Smith	Dore & Totley
<b>Children, Young People and Families</b>	Councillor Steve Ayriss	Graves Park

<b>Community Services and Libraries</b>	Councillor Vickie Priestley	Stannington
<b>Culture, Parks and Leisure</b>	Councillor Roger Davison	Ecclesall
<b>Environment</b>	Councillor Joe Otten	Dore & Totley
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	Councillor Penny Baker (Deputy Leader)	Stannington
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Councillor Bob Pullin	Beauchief & Greenhill
<b>Housing</b>	Councillor Richard Shaw	Beauchief & Greenhill
<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>	Councillor Ian Auckland	Graves Park

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES IN 2016/17 AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THOSE COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that the City Council:-

- (a) notes the political proportionality framework and the illustrative example of how this may be applied in 2016/17, as set out in the report circulated with the agenda for this meeting;
- (b) agrees that the terms of reference of Council Committees in 2016/17 be as currently set out in the Constitution;
- (c) (i) approves the sizes of individual committees to be subject to proportional balance in 2016/17 and the initial allocation of seats to political groups on individual committees before final adjustment, as set out in the report; (ii) agrees that, in order to ensure that each political group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all Committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, (A) the Green Group's adjustment of two seats be from the Planning and Highways Committee and the Licensing Committee, with those two seats being allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group and (B) the UKIP Group's adjustment of two seats be from the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and the Senior Officer Employment Committee, with those two seats being allocated to the Labour Group;
- (d) agrees to disapply proportionality to the Senior Officer Employment Sub-



Committees and the Appeals and Collective Disputes Sub-Committees for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.2.3 of the report, and to the Standards Committee for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.3.2 of the report;

- (e) notes that the effect upon the Special Responsibility Allowance element of the budget for Members' Allowances of the establishment of Council Committees for 2016/17 and the appointments proposed to be made later this day to the positions of Chairs of those Committees, is cost neutral; and
- (f) determines that in the event of any changes to the political composition of the Council occurring during the course of the Municipal Year, political proportionality be reviewed by the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.

**MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2016/17**

Title/Post	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green/UKIP/Other
<b>Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees:-</b>			
<p><b>(1) Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Committee</b>                      (Chair = Lead Member for Scrutiny; membership includes the Chairs of the 4 Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees)</p>	<p>Cllrs Tony Damms, George Lindars-Hammond, Pat Midgley, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Josie Paszek, Ian Saunders and Steve Wilson</p>	<p>Cllrs Ian Auckland and Steve Ayris</p>	<p>Cllr Douglas Johnson; Cllr John Booker</p>
<p><b>(2) Children, Young People and Family Support</b></p>	<p>Cllrs Andy Bainbridge, Olivia Blake, Terry Fox, Craig Gamble Pugh, Kieran Harpham, Karen McGowan, Mohammad Maroof, Abtisam Mohamed, Josie Paszek and Ian Saunders</p>	<p>Cllrs Steve Ayris, Colin Ross and Cliff Woodcraft</p>	<p>Cllr Alison Teal; Cllr John Booker; Jules Jones (Parent Governor Representative - to 31/7/16); Gillian Foster, (Diocese Rep); (1 Diocese Rep Vacancy); Alison Warner (School Governor Representative); Alice Riddell (Healthwatch –</p>

<p><b>(3) Economic and Environmental Wellbeing</b></p>	<p>Cllrs Lisa Banes, Neale Gibson, Diane Hurst, Talib Hussain, Abdul Khayum, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ben Miskell, Chris Peace, Steve Wilson and Paul Wood (1 vacancy)</p>	<p>Cllrs Ian Auckland, Andy Nash and Martin Smith</p>	<p>Observer)  Cllr Robert Murphy</p>
<p><b>(4) Healthier Communities &amp; Adult Social Care</b></p>	<p>Cllrs David Barker, Mike Drabble, Adam Hurst, George Lindars-Hammond, Pat Midgley, Anne Murphy, Zahira Naz, Moya O'Rourke, Jackie Satur and Garry Weatherall</p>	<p>Cllrs Sue Alston, Shaffaq Mohammed and Bob Pullin</p>	<p>Cllr Douglas Johnson; Cllr Pauline Andrews; Alice Riddell and Helen Rowe (HealthWatch Representatives - Observers)</p>
<p><b>(5) Safer and Stronger Communities</b></p>	<p>Cllrs Nasima Akther, Michelle Cook, Richard Crowther, Lewis Dagnall, Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Tony Downing, Mark Jones, Peter Rippon and Zoe Sykes</p>	<p>Cllrs Sue Auckland, Adam Hanrahan and Richard Shaw</p>	<p>Cllr Magid Mah; Cllr Keith Davis</p>
<p><i>Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members:-</i></p>	<p>Cllrs Karen McGowan, Anne Murphy and Peter Rippon (2 vacancies)</p>	<p>(5 vacancies)</p>	<p>Cllrs Douglas Johnson, Mah Magid, Rob Murphy and Alison Teal; Cllrs Pauline Andrews, John Booker, Jack Clarkson and Keith Davis</p>

<b>Statutory/Regulatory Committees:-</b>			
<b>Planning and Highways Committee:-</b>	Cllrs Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Adam Hurst, Diane Hurst, Alan Law, Zahira Naz, Peter Price, Peter Rippon, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Zoe Sykes	Cllrs Ian Auckland, David Baker, Roger Davison and Joe Otten	Cllr Jack Clarkson
<i>Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members:-</i>	Cllrs Mike Drabble, Robert Johnson, Abtisam Mohamed and Garry Weatherall (1 vacancy)	(5 vacancies)	Cllr John Booker
<b>Licensing Committee</b>	Cllrs David Barker, Michelle Cook, Neale Gibson, Kieran Harpham, Alan Law, George Lindars-Hammond, Abtisam Mohamed, Anne Murphy, Moya O'Rourke and Josie Paszek	Cllrs Bob Pullin, Andy Nash, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft	Cllr Jack Clarkson
<b>Audit Committee</b>	Cllrs Isobel Bowler, Diane Hurst, Robert Johnson and Josie Paszek	Cllrs Penny Baker and Paul Scriven	Independent Co-optees - Elizabeth Stanley (to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017) (1 vacancy)
<b>Admissions Committee</b>  <i>(Substitute Members to be appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson, as appropriate)</i>	Cllrs Nasima Akther, Craig Gamble Pugh, Talib Hussain, Chris Peace and Chris Rosling-Josephs	Cllr Andrew Sangar and Joe Otten	

<b>Senior Officer Employment Committee</b>	Cllrs Leigh Bramall, Ben Curran, Julie Dore, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Bryan Lodge, Cate McDonald and Jack Scott (1 vacancy)	Cllrs David Baker, Penny Baker and Shaffaq Mohammed	Cllr Magid Mah;
<b>Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee</b>	Cllrs Tony Damms, Tony Downing, Neale Gibson, Talib Hussain, Pat Midgley, Peter Price, Peter Rippon and Jackie Satur (2 vacancies)	Cllrs David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley	Cllr Alison Teal; Cllr Pauline Andrews
<b>Standards Committee</b>	Cllrs Ben Curran, Alan Law, Mary Lea, Bryan Lodge and Pat Midgley	Cllrs David Baker, Penny Baker and Shaffaq Mohammed	John Atkinson, Alan Casbolt and Edward Fleming (Independent co-optees) and 1 Parish/Town Council co-optee (to be selected from a pool of 3 representatives – Councillors Michael Appleby, Karen Southwood and Nigel Owen)
<i>Standards Committee Substitute Members:-</i>	Cllrs Olivia Blake and Peter Price	(2 vacancies)	
<b>Standards Committee Consideration Sub-Committee</b>	3 Members of the Standards Committee and 1 Non-voting Co-Opted Member (Where a Parish or Town Council matter is being considered, a representative of the Parish or Town Councils should also be present)		
<b>Standards Committee Hearing Sub-Committee</b>	3 Members of the Standards Committee and 1 Non-voting Co-Opted Member (Where a Parish or Town Council matter is being considered, a representative of the Parish or Town Councils should also be present)		

<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>	Cllrs Julie Dore, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn and Cate McDonald		
<b>Independent Remuneration Panel</b>			David Baldwin (to 6/2/19) and Mark Power (to 6/2/17) (2 vacancies)

**8. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COUNCIL PANELS, GROUPS ETC AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES FOR 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that:-

- (a) approval be given to the establishment, with the suggested memberships shown, of the Council panels, working groups etc for 2016/17, set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
- (b) approval be given to the appointment of Members to serve on external bodies in 2016/17, also as set out in the schedule now circulated;
- (c) as respects the appointment of Members to its various bodies, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson(s), as appropriate, be authorised to appoint Members to serve on such bodies, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such appointments will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council; and
- (d) as respects the appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson(s), as appropriate, be authorised to nominate representatives to serve on such bodies, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such nominations will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council.

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COUNCIL BODIES ETC AND  
EXTERNAL BODIES 2016/17**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green/UKIP/Other</b>
Complaints Review Panel			1 independent Chair and 2 further independent members
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)	
<b>Local Area Partnership Chairs</b>			
North East	Cllr Peter Price		
East	Cllr Terry Fox		
South East	Cllr Mick Rooney		
Central	Cllr Josie Paszek		
North	Cllr Richard Crowther		
South		Cllr Ian Auckland	
South West		Cllr Andrew Sangar	
Local Area Partnership Chair's Group	Cllrs Richard Crowther, Terry Fox, Josie Paszek, Peter Price and Mick Rooney	Cllrs Ian Auckland and Andrew Sangar	
<b>Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Members:-</b>			
Beauchief and Greenhill		Cllr Andy Nash	
Beighton	Cllr Chris Rosling-Josephs		
Birley	Cllr Karen McGowan		

Broomhill & Sharrow Vale	(1 vacancy)		
Burngreave	(1 vacancy)		
City			(1 vacancy)
Crookes & Crosspool	Cllr Anne Murphy		
Darnall	Cllr Mary Lea		
Dore and Totley		Cllr Colin Ross	
East Ecclesfield	Cllr Steve Wilson		
Ecclesall		Cllr Roger Davison	
Firth Park	Cllr Alan Law		
Fulwood		Cllr Andrew Sangar	
Gleadless Valley	(1 vacancy)		
Graves Park		Cllr Ian Auckland	
Hillsborough	Cllr Josie Paszek		
Manor Castle	Cllr Terry Fox		
Mosborough	Cllr David Barker		
Nether Edge & Sharrow	(1 vacancy)		
Park & Arbourthorne	(1 vacancy)		
Richmond	(1 vacancy)		
Shiregreen and Brightside	Cllr Peter Price		
Southey	Cllr Tony Damms		
Stannington		Cllr Vickie Priestley	
Stocksbridge and Upper Don			Cllr Keith Davis
Walkley	Cllr Neale Gibson		

West Ecclesfield	Cllr Adam Hurst		
Woodhouse	Cllr Mick Rooney		
Access Liaison Group	Cllrs Olivia Blake, and Anne Murphy (1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)	
Adoptions and Fostering Panel	(3 vacancies)	(3 vacancies)	
Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group	Cllrs Tony Downing and Garry Weatherall (1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)
Castlegate Member Working Group	Cllrs Chris Rosling-Josephs and Ian Saunders (1 vacancy)	(2 vacancies)	Cllr Robert Murphy
Community Covenant Working Group	Cllr Tony Damms (1 vacancy)		Mr Clive Skelton
Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions	Cllrs Leigh Bramall, Ben Curran, Julie Dore, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Bryan Lodge, Cate McDonald and Jack Scott		
Corporate Members Group	Cllrs Julie Dore, Leigh Bramall and Peter Rippon	Cllrs David Baker, Penny Baker and Shaffaq Mohammed	Cllr Robert Murphy Cllr Jack Clarkson
Corporate Parenting Board	Cllrs Andy Bainbridge, Jackie Drayton, Craig Gamble Pugh, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Moya O'Rourke and Chris Peace	(2 vacancies)	
Cycle Forum	Cllr Peter Price	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)



Portfolio Joint Consultative Committees:-			
<i>Communities</i>	(1 vacancy)		
<i>Place</i>	(1 vacancy)		
<i>Children, Young People and Families</i>	Cllr Jackie Drayton		
Resources	Cllr Ben Curran		
Environmental Performance Working Party	(3 vacancies)	(2 vacancies)	(1 vacancy)
Fairer Charging Commission	Cllrs Cate McDonald and Anne Murphy	(1 vacancy)	
Fairtrade Working Group	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)
Housing and Neighbourhoods Advisory Panel	Cabinet Member Cabinet Adviser		
Information Services Steering Group	(6 vacancies)	(2 vacancies)	
Member Development Cross Party Working Group	(5 vacancies)	(2 vacancies)	(1 Green vacancy) (1 UKIP vacancy)
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	Cllrs Cate McDonald, Anne Murphy and Peter Rippon	(1 vacancy)	
Planning Policy Advisory Group	(6 vacancies)	(3 vacancies)	(1 vacancy)
Policy Working Group (Labour)	All Members of the Group		
Policy Working Group (Liberal Democrat)		All Members of the Group	

Policy Working Group (Green)			All Members of the Green Group
Policy Working Group (UKIP)			All Members of the UKIP Group
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	(1 vacancy)	(1 vacancy)	
<b>Joint Bodies (no. of places):-</b>			
South Yorkshire Joint Authorities:-			
<i>Fire and Rescue (5)</i>	Cllrs Nasima Akther, Bob Johnson, Jackie Satur and Garry Weatherall	Cllr Steve Ayriss	
<i>Pensions (5)</i>	Cllrs Mohammad Maroof, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Zoe Sykes and Paul Wood	Cllr Andrew Sangar	
South Yorkshire Local Pension Board (1)	Cllr Ben Curran		
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (4)	Cllrs Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain and Mick Rooney	Cllr Joe Otten	
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (1)	Cllr Julie Dore (Substitute Cllr Leigh Bramall)		
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee (5)	Cllrs Mazher Iqbal and George Lindars-Hammond (2 vacancies)	Cllr Ian Auckland	
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee (3)	Cllr George Lindars-Hammond (1 vacancy)	Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee (3)	Cllr George Lindars-Hammond (1 vacancy)	Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	
Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee (2)	Cllrs Bryan Lodge and Jack Scott		

## 9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

**RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that:-

- (a) (i) ordinary meetings of Full Council in the Municipal Year 2016/17 be held in the Town Hall at 2.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday in every month except March, May and August (when no ordinary meeting will be held) and in June 2016 (when the meeting will be held instead on the second Wednesday in the month in order to avoid a clash with the Bank Holiday Monday that will be held in the first week of that month) and, accordingly, the meetings be held on the following dates:-

8th June 2016; 6th July 2016; 7th September 2016; 5th October 2016; 2nd November 2016; 7th December 2016; 4th January 2017; 1st February 2017; and 5th April 2017; plus the provisional dates of 7th June 2017 and 5th July 2017 in the Municipal Year 2017/18;

(ii) the special meeting of the Council for the purposes of approving a Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and setting the Council Tax for the Financial Year 2017/18 be held on Friday, 3rd March 2017 at 2.00 p.m. in the Town Hall; and

(iii) the annual general meeting of the Council in 2017 be held on Wednesday, 17th May 2016 at 11.30 a.m. in the Town Hall; and

- (b) further to Council Procedure Rule 10.2, the formula for the order in which Notices of Motion shall be listed on the Council Summons in the Municipal Year 2016/17 shall be as follows:-

June 2016 -*Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Green/UKIP*, repeated

July - *Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Green/UKIP*, repeated

September-*LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/Green/UKIP*, repeated

October - *Green/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/UKIP*, repeated

November -*Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Green/UKIP*, repeated

December -*LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/Green/UKIP*, repeated

February 2017 - *Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Green/UKIP*, repeated

April - *Labour/Labour/LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem/Green/UKIP*, repeated