



Council

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
6 JULY 2016**

Order of Business

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 8th June 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. PROPOSED MERGER OF THE COUNCIL'S AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

Report of the Acting Executive Director, Resources.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that improved high speed rail connectivity is vital to rebalancing the UK economy and securing economic growth in the North;
- (b) notes that HS2 Ltd has decided to opt for a HS2 city centre station location and believes that - if confirmed by Government - this represents significant and welcome news for Sheffield and the City Region;
- (c) notes the huge economic benefits a city centre station will bring to Sheffield and the City Region, including creating 6,000 more jobs and 1,000 more new homes than an out of town location at Meadowhall, and believes this is more important than ever at a time of significant economic uncertainty following the EU referendum result;
- (d) understands that having a high speed rail line running into the centre of Sheffield will make a significant contribution to the regeneration and transformation of the city centre;
- (e) notes the work the current Administration has constantly undertaken to make the case and fight for a city centre station location;
- (f) also notes the contributions made by private sector stakeholders and the Star newspaper in pushing for a city centre station location;
- g) in contrast, recalls that the Government's proposal for the Meadowhall location was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall;
- (h) further recalls comments by the previous Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location: "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a

better location."; and

- (i) believes the Administration's actions on HS2, alongside work to secure HSBC in the city centre, the launching of the work to create Europe's first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District and the Olympic Legacy Park, the launch of the city's branding as The Outdoor City and recent work to secure major investment in the city from Chengdu, all demonstrate this Administration's determination to create jobs and be ambitious for the city, and calls on the opposition parties to support these initiatives, alongside work to support small business and improve our skills base, and stop talking the city down to score political points.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CRAIG GAMBLE PUGH

That this Council:-

- (a) is very concerned by the increases in hate crime reported in the days following the EU referendum and condemns those who use the referendum as cover to seek to hurt and divide our communities;
- (b) was appalled by the attack on a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, USA on 12 June 2016 in which 49 people were killed and 53 others were injured;
- (c) fully condemns hate crime in all its forms, including crimes that are targeted at a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:
 - (i) Disability;
 - (ii) Race or ethnicity;
 - (iii) Religion or belief;
 - (iv) Sexual orientation;
 - (v) Transgender identity;
- (d) is concerned that 284 hate crimes were recorded in Sheffield by South Yorkshire Police in 2014/15 – a 22% increase on the previous year;
- (e) is committed to defending the rights of everyone in Sheffield to live their lives free from fear and discrimination;
- (f) acknowledges the work the Council and its partners are doing to combat hate crime in the city, including:-

- (i) raising the profile of hate crime, including publicity materials and briefings for community forums;
 - (ii) the Hate Crime Strategic Group's work to identify new ways of increasing 3rd party reporting centres;
 - (iii) the Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel work to review hate crimes and incidents and share best practice; and
 - (iv) the work being done by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to ask communities how they would find it best to report hate crime and hate incidents; and
- (g) encourages the public to report hate crime to the police or to local agencies and community organisations, including Sheffield City Council, Victim Support and Citizens Advice Bureaux, who can report incidents of hate crime to the police on behalf of a member of the public.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the result of the EU referendum;
- (b) condemns the reported rise in racially motivated abuses and attacks on people perceived as immigrants, as racists have been emboldened by the referendum result;
- (c) affirms that Sheffield is a tolerant and inclusive city where racial abuse and violence will not be tolerated and where all EU citizens remain welcome;
- (d) believes that the narrow margin of 52-48% (51-49 % in Sheffield) represents a weak mandate;
- (e) believes that the key promises of the "Leave" campaign on immigration and funding of the NHS unravelled within hours of the result;
- (f) notes early signs of a significant negative impact to the UK economy in the falling pound, the declining stock market, and the downgrading of the UK's credit rating;
- (g) believes that some "Leave" voters will have voted for the open, free-trading, service-sector-based economy proposition of Daniel Hannan, MEP, and Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics, Cardiff University; others for the protectionism and socialism of Labour Leave; others still for the apparent xenophobia of Nigel Farage, MEP and Leader of UKIP; and that these are

irreconcilable positions, making it impossible for any Leaver-led government to satisfy the 52%;

- (h) believes that it would be wrong to ignore the 48%, and to regard Brexit as settled, but rather that supporters of EU membership should campaign to try to win back more support, and that if public opinion changes, there should be an opportunity at the ballot box to remain in or rejoin the EU;
- (i) believes that it is in Sheffield's best interests for the UK to remain full members of the EU, and therefore welcomes the Liberal Democrats' policy commitment for the UK to remain in or rejoin the EU;
- (j) believes that with the "Leave" proposition so ill-defined and poorly mandated, and with Government so rudderless, it is more vital than ever for opposition parties, core cities, devolved administrations and others to make clear their demands for a UK withdrawal negotiating position that defends the interests and values of the people they represent; and
- (k) calls on the Administration to demand of the Government in particular that access to the EU marketplace for our manufacturing, participation in EU science programmes, co-operation on security, and regional regeneration funding are not lost as a result of UK withdrawal from the EU.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN MISKELL

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the publication of the Government's White Paper, "Educational Excellence Everywhere", and its intention to force all schools to become academies by 2022;
- (b) welcomes the White Paper's focus on those parts of the country still lagging behind in terms of educational attainment;
- (c) however, believes that wasting £1.3 billion on an unnecessary top-down reorganisation of schools is the wrong approach, particularly at a time when funding per pupil is set to fall in real terms;
- (d) notes that around 85% of local authority maintained schools are good or outstanding, and believes the Government's proposals are not supported by any evidence that academy status in and of itself improves standards of education;
- (e) believes these proposals do nothing to address the pressures being faced by schools today - huge teacher shortages, real terms cuts to school budgets and major overhauls to curriculums, assessments

and exams - and could actually make these problems worse;

- (f) notes that when all schools are academies, national arrangements about the running of schools will not apply;
- (g) notes a recent report by the National Audit Office showing that teacher shortages in England are growing and the Government has missed recruitment targets for four years, and believes these plans will do nothing to improve the problems around teacher recruitment and retention;
- (h) acknowledges the work Learn Sheffield is doing to tackle teacher shortages in Sheffield, including working with partners to develop a strategy which makes it easier for individuals to identify the best route into teaching for them and support schools in retaining teachers;
- (i) believes that parents and local communities should be at the heart of the school system and was therefore disappointed to see that 50,000 parent volunteers could find themselves removed from governing bodies following the Government's plan to scrap the requirement for schools to have parent governors;
- (j) notes that the proposals have attracted widespread opposition from parents, school staff, governors, headteachers and MPs and Councillors from across the political spectrum; and
- (k) will therefore work with other councils, trade unions, parents and governor groups to oppose the provisions in the White Paper.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LISA BANES

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that, on balance, it was in the best interest of Sheffield for the UK to remain in the European Union;
- (b) however, respects the outcome of the EU referendum and believes that we must work to ensure all communities pull together as a city to move forward; and
- (c) requests officers to examine the implications of the vote for Sheffield to ensure that our city can prosper outside of the European Union.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the tragic murder of Jo Cox MP, who was killed in her West Yorkshire constituency whilst carrying out her duties;
- (b) believes that this was an act of terror by someone who was filled with hate for democracy and decency, which was exacerbated by the current political climate in this country and the divisive rhetoric used by both mainstream and non-mainstream far-right political parties; and
- (c) resolves to work in the spirit of Jo Cox to work together with politicians of all colours who want to stand up for the vulnerable and fight against injustice and hate.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises and accepts the democratic will of the people of the City of Sheffield and the United Kingdom as a whole to leave the European Union;
- (b) believes that this was the right choice for the country, as it will allow us to take back control of important areas of policy and implement the laws that are best suited to the needs of the United Kingdom;
- (c) believes that the people of Sheffield have rebelled against the traditionally dominant parties, and shown that on issues of vital importance to the future of the country they are at odds with the views of the local Labour and Liberal Democrat establishment;
- (d) notes that the vast majority of votes for “Leave” in Sheffield came from areas that traditionally vote for the Labour Party, and therefore believes it is clear that the Party has lost touch with its grassroots voters and supporters;
- (e) further notes that the “Leave” campaign won in some areas traditionally held by the Liberal Democrats, such as Stannington and Graves Park, despite that Party being amongst the most pro-European in Britain;
- (f) believes that the “Remain” campaign had no positive message for the people of this country, and attempted to frighten them into voting for the EU with threats of poverty, pestilence and “world war three”;
- (g) is proud that the “Leave” campaign offered a positive vision for Britain’s future, in which the country can open itself up to trade with the world, implement a fair and sustainable immigration policy, and focus British taxpayers’ money on their priorities; and

- (h) looks forward to the day when the United Kingdom reclaims its independence from the European Union, and once again becomes an important global economic and political power.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BARKER

That this Council:-

- (a) believes the local taxi trade provides an important and highly valued service to the people of Sheffield;
- (b) notes the work the Council is doing with the local taxi trade to achieve high standards for quality and safety of the public;
- (c) feels this work is being undermined by Government legislation, particularly by the De-Regulation Act (2015) which came into force last October;
- (d) believes the De-Regulation Act puts the public at risk by:-
 - (i) allowing drivers who do not meet the standards the Council requires local operators to adhere to, to work in the City; and
 - (ii) preventing the Council from taking enforcement action against these drivers;
- (e) also notes that the De-Regulation Act allows operators from outside of the local licensing authority to accept bookings, whereas before, operators were only allowed to sub-contract bookings within their own area;
- (f) is concerned by reports from the local taxi trade of an influx of out of town operators working in the city, and fears that this could result in large operators using a loss leader approach to drive out local operators;
- (g) believes reduced competition, which would follow the displacement of local operators, would be to the detriment of local business and passengers; and
- (h) calls on the Government to reconsider its approach to the regulation of the taxi trade and act to give local operators and passengers greater protection.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that a prolonged period of economic and political uncertainty is bad for the country and bad for Sheffield;

- (b) further notes that the competition for inward investment is likely to intensify over the next few years;
- (c) believes that this could put a number of strategically important projects at risk, including HS2, HS3 and the Sheffield Retail Quarter;
- (d) calls on the members of all political parties represented on the Council to unite to promote Sheffield as an excellent place to invest and do business; and
- (e) requests the Leader of the Council to set up a cross-party working group with local businesses to develop new initiatives to improve the city economy.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the recent City Initiatives for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CITIE) report, 'Northern Powerhouse Analysis', which suggests that free Wi-Fi in Sheffield city centre could help increase productivity and help to ease digital exclusion for lower income households; and
- (b) calls on the Administration to:-
 - (i) adopt the aim of establishing free Wi-Fi in Sheffield city centre as part of its Smart City Framework; and
 - (ii) work with private businesses and investors, Sheffield City Region and Government to form a strategy to get free Wi-Fi in the city centre.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

That this Council:-

- (a) believes we all owe a debt to those who serve, or have served, and their families, as recognised by the Armed Forces Covenant and our own local Community Covenant;
- (b) is concerned that local authorities, national government, charities and other service providers are not yet fully able to meet the needs of our Armed Forces community, as accurate information about this group just isn't available;
- (c) regrets that we don't actually know exactly how many veterans, reservists and dependants there are in the UK - let alone our local

community - or what their needs might be;

- (d) notes that the only way that comprehensive information of this kind could be achieved would be through the inclusion of questions about the Armed Forces community in the next national census, and supports The Royal British Legion's call for the UK, Scottish and Northern Ireland governments to commit to this modest addition to the census;
- (e) further notes that the census is not due until 2021, but understands that the Office for National Statistics, National Records Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency have already begun consulting on its content; and
- (f) recognises that it will ultimately be for national politicians to decide the content of the next census, but believes that, by this Council committing to supporting the inclusion of the question on the Armed Forces community as the next census is trialled and developed, this stance would be invaluable in the coming months and years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Rotherde". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Chief Executive

Dated this 28 day of June 2016

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 7 September 2016 at the Town Hall

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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.

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Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 8 June 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

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1. FORMER COUNCILLOR BERNARD KIDD

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Denise Fox) reported with sadness, the death of former Councillor Mr. Bernard Kidd, who had served as a Member of the Council from 1967 to 1975. Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in his memory.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Isobel Bowler, Tony Damms, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Bryan Lodge and Moya O'Rourke.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 4.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18th March 2016, the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 6th April 2016 and the annual meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2016 be approved as true and accurate records.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Petitions

5.1.1 Petition requesting Road Safety Improvements Outside Ecclesfield School

The Council received an electronic petition, containing 240 signatures, requesting road safety improvements outside Ecclesfield School.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Mr Joel Wirth, Headteacher of the School. He commented that in his 5 years at the school, there had been 6 incidents of students being hit by cars on their way to or from school. Earlier this year one student had received potentially life-changing injuries as a result of being hit by a car near the zebra crossing outside the school, which he stated was poorly-positioned. Mr Wirth had spoken to the student concerned and she had urged the Council's support in ensuring that action was taken now to prevent the future serious or fatal injury of students in the school.

The school's situation and its increasing popularity had brought a number of problems. The school's main exit faced Chapeltown Road, a major arterial route into and out of the City. Although the speed limit had been reduced to 30 miles per hour for a stretch that included the school, petitioners did not believe this offered adequate protection for young people and other road users at critical times of the day. From 3:00 to 3:10pm, 1400 students leave the school site. At this time, both sides of the road were thronged with parked cars. The petitioners believed the single zebra crossing was incorrectly positioned as students leaving school needed to cross either the entrance or exit to the site in order to get to a crossing that lay in the opposite direction to their journey.

To address the problems, the petitioners requested the installation of additional traffic-calming measures at the critical 20 minute period at the end of school. They believed that a time-limited reduction of the speed limit to 15 or 20mph under flashing beacons would have a profound impact on general safety around school.

Secondly, the petitioners urged a comprehensive review along Chapeltown Road during this same period with considerations given to making this a no parking zone. Thirdly, petitioners asked that this same review considered repositioning or widening the current zebra crossing so that safe road crossing was encouraged. They also asked that this same review considered placing additional pavement barriers near the school in order to funnel children towards safe crossings.

Finally, petitioners asked that this same review considered how the queues that developed at bus stops along Chapeltown Road might be better facilitated. Petitioners believed that this review should consider deepening pavements and widening bus shelters (perhaps enhanced by additional pavement barriers) so that students were not compelled to stand on the road (nor pedestrians to walk onto it) while waiting for a bus or using the pavement.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. Councillor Iqbal thanked Mr Wirth for the petition. He commented that he understood the concerns of the petitioners. However, the Council had seen unprecedented cuts over the past 6 years. The Council had previously employed School Travel Advisers but no longer had the funding for these. However, Councillor Iqbal said he had taken the issues on board and would discuss matters with Council officers.

5.1.2 Petition Requesting the Council to Save Greenhill's Trees

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 733 signatures requesting the Council to save Greenhill's trees. There was no speaker to the petition, although an accompanying statement had been submitted by Debbie Elsdon.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment.

5.1.3 Petition Requesting the Council to Stop Cutting Down Mature Trees in Sheffield

The Council received an electronic petition containing 316 signatures requesting the Council to stop cutting down mature trees in Sheffield. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment.

5.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Stop Reducing Parking Spaces in Tinsley

The Council received an electronic petition containing 48 signatures requesting the Council to stop reducing parking spaces in Tinsley. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

5.1.5 Petition Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Hutcliffe Wood Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing 48 signatures requesting a pedestrian crossing on Hutcliffe Wood Road. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

5.2 Public Questions

5.2.1 Public Question in respect of Proposed Closure of BIS (Department for Business Innovation and Skills) Office

Adam Butcher asked what the Council was going to do to help the men and women of the BIS Office in Sheffield. How did this decision relate to the so-called Northern Powerhouse?

Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development and Deputy Leader, commented that most people outside of the Government thought that it was a shocking decision to close the BIS office. He had worked with local MPs and the PCS (Public and Commercial Services) Union to look at the rationale for the decision and this had shown that it will actually cost the Government more to move the BIS office.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, had written on several occasions to Sajid Javid MP, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, who had taken the decision, to request a meeting with him. Mr Javid had responded that he had no time in his diary for a meeting over a 4-5 month period, including when he had recently visited Sheffield.

During this visit, Councillor Bramall had managed to speak to Mr Javid to highlight the damage the decision was causing to the Northern Powerhouse and the families of the people who worked at the BIS office. Mr Javid acknowledged this but then proceeded to ignore requests to reverse the decision.

Councillor Bramall would continue to work with Trade Unions and others to try and reverse the decision. The decision was he said a “kick in the teeth” for staff in the City and undermined the idea of a Northern Powerhouse. He said he would work closely with staff to try and find other high quality employment in the City.

5.2.2 Public Question in respect of Public Engagement

Nigel Slack commented that, as a result of the local elections, and others in May, this was the first Full Council meeting of substance since April 6th. The last Cabinet meeting was on 9th March and the next will be on 22nd June. That was 2 months without Full Council and 13 weeks or a quarter of a year without Cabinet. Whilst Mr Slack recognised that Council business did not grind to a complete halt during this period, much of the public engagement, particularly when you add in all the scrutiny and other committees that have to be reformed with new members, does come to a halt.

Mr Slack said that over a normal 4 year ‘by thirds’ election cycle it could be that 6 months of Full Council and 9 months of Cabinet meetings were lost. This loss of business time and public engagement was not, in Mr Slack’s opinion, good for either the economy or the engagement of the people of the city. Was it any wonder, he said, that again turnout had fallen to 35%.

Mr Slack said that we were again faced with a Council of Members elected by some 1 in 4 of the voters and in City Ward by less than 1 in 10. Mr Slack said that he believed this could not be good for democracy or any Administration’s supposed mandate. There were many arguments for changing to ‘All Out’ elections once every 4 years and only the idea of elections as annual opinion polls seems to be the argument for retaining election ‘By Thirds’.

A recent Festival of Debate event saw more than 50% of an informed audience support this change.

Mr Slack therefore asked will the Council agree to look more seriously at the election system for the City and to take advice from experts in the field rather than just the party political tribes that did battle in this Chamber.

In response the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, welcomed Mr Slack’s wish to engage with the Council. The turnout in the recent Local Elections had been 35% and the Council should be doing all it could to encourage people to vote. She did not necessarily agree that participation in Cabinet and Council was a reason people did not choose to vote and this was more to do with people’s general trust in politicians and the Electoral system.

Council and Cabinet meetings were not necessarily the best means of engaging with the public. The primary role of the Council Meeting was to agree on business and not many decisions were taken in the Chamber although there were some useful debates. One of the reasons for the Administration introducing Cabinet in the Community was to increase public engagement. This had been done every year for the last 5 years and the Cabinet were constantly looking at ways to improve engagement with the public.

Scrutiny Committees engaged with the public through Task and Finish Groups and the Local Area Partnerships had opportunities for public engagement. The fact that 50% of those at the Festival of Debate event supported electoral change also showed that 50% did not. The electoral system was reviewed to see if it was right for the City at that point in time.

The Council had also been forced to reduce the number of meetings it held as the staff that facilitated these meetings had been reduced as a result of the cuts imposed by the Government and front line services had been protected.

5.2.3 Public Question in respect of Appointment of new Chief Constable

Nigel Slack commented that the agenda for the next Police and Crime Panel presented two papers on the replacement of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire. The first detailed the procedure for calling for the resignation of the Chief Constable. The second detailed the procedure for the appointment of the new Chief Constable. The first required the Police and Crime Commissioner to get the Police and Crime Panel's opinion on the matter of the call for resignation and then take the final decision on the call for resignation. The second stated that the recruitment process in respect of the new Chief Constable had started. He said that this seemed incompatible with both natural justice and the statutory obligations in the first paper.

Mr Slack asked whether the Council would ask their representatives on this Scrutiny Panel to challenge this apparent 'rubber stamp' exercise to prevent the further erosion of trust in the whole Police administration.

Councillor Julie Dore responded that she had requested that the meeting be deferred or some of the items removed from the agenda as new Members had not had time for a full briefing on the issues concerned. The current incumbent Chief Constable had announced he was due to retire in November and the recruitment process had started at that point. The other issue would be discussed at the Police and Crime Panel.

5.2.4 Public Question in respect of New Retail Quarter

Nigel Slack stated that, having seen this morning's press release on the Retail Quarter 'partner' it was not the worst choice that could have been made. The developer involved appeared to use the right buzzwords – sensitive/sustainable/innovative. There still, however, seemed to be a homogenous design style to many of their individual schemes and the string of high street retailers they bragged about suggested that Sheffield would be

creating a City Centre facsimile of many other Cities. He asked how the Council will ensure that the developer delivered on the buzzwords and respect the variety and the living heritage of the City Centre.

Councillor Leigh Bramall commented that he was pleased that a strategic development partner for the New Retail Quarter had been announced and detected a grudging acceptance of this from Mr Slack. This time the Council will be a direct partner in the scheme which had to be economically viable and the scheme would be delivered by the development partner.

He said that it was sometimes erroneous to suggest that all independent shops did not accept larger chains. For example at The Moor the bigger shops provided footfall for more independent shops. A balance needed to be struck and Councillor Bramall recognised the need for independent shops as well as bigger chains. The Sheffield Retail Quarter was a very complex project but the Council was doing the right things to bring this to fruition and Councillor Bramall said he was determined to get there.

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

6.1 Urgent Business

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

6.2 Questions

6.2.1 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.

6.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

6.3.1 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).

7. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

7.1 On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc.

Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Michelle Cook to replace Councillor Adam Hurst

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| Licensing Committee | - Councillors Adam Hurst and Andy Bainbridge to replace Councillors Michelle Cook and Abtislam Mohammed |
| Audit Committee | - Remove Councillor Isobel Bowler to create a vacancy |
| Standards Committee | - Councillor Vickie Priestley to replace Councillor David Baker; Councillors David Baker and Andrew Sangar to fill Substitute Member vacancies |
| Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Substitute Members | - Councillors Sue Auckland, Bob Pullin and Colin Ross to fill vacancies |
| Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members | - Councillors Vicky Priestley and Bob Pullin to fill vacancies |
| Health and Wellbeing Board | - Remove Councillor Jayne Dunn to create a vacancy |
| Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education | - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy |
| Local Area Partnership Chair's Group | - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy |
| Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Kieran Harpham to fill a vacancy |
| Burngreave Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Talib Hussain to fill a vacancy |
| City Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Robert Murphy to fill a vacancy |
| Gleadless Valley Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Lewis Dagnall to fill a vacancy |
| Nether Edge and Sharrow Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Mohammad Maroof to fill a vacancy |
| Park and Arbourthorne Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Jack Scott to fill a vacancy |
| Richmond Local Area Partnership Lead Ward Member | - Councillor Dianne Hurst to fill a vacancy |

- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Peter Rippon to fill a vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill a vacancy
- Castlegate Member Working Group - Councillors Lisa Banes, Penny Baker and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Sue Alston and Martin Smith to fill vacancies
- Cycle Forum - Councillor Steve Wilson to replace Councillor Peter Price and Councillors Richard Shaw and Magid Magid to fill vacancies
- Environmental Performance Working Party - Councillor Robert Murphy and Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancies
- Fairer Charging Commission - Councillor Sue Auckland to fill a vacancy
- Fairtrade Working Group - Councillor Magid Magid to fill a vacancy
- Member Development Cross Party Working Group - Councillor Alison Teal to fill a vacancy
- Planning Policy Advisory Group - Councillors Steve Ayris, David Baker, Roger Davison and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group - Councillor Roger Davison to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor George Lindars-Hammond
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Councillor Bob Pullin to fill a vacancy
- Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy
- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy
- Groundwork Sheffield Trust - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy

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| Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service | - | Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor David Barker |
| Learn Sheffield | - | Councillor Jackie Drayton to replace Councillor Chris Peace |
| Mental Health Partnership Board | - | Councillor Andy Nash to fill a vacancy |
| Parkwood Landfill Liaison Group | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |
| Sheffield 0-19+ Partnership Board | - | Councillor Steve Ayris to fill a vacancy |
| Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust | - | Remove Councillor Bryan Lodge to create a vacancy |
| Sheffield Theatres Trust | - | Councillor Pat Midgley to replace Councillor Josie Pasek |
| Sheffield Lyceum Trust Ltd. | - | Councillor Josie Pasek to replace Councillor Pat Midgley |
| ACIS Local Management Committee | - | Councillor Dianne Hurst to replace Councillor Paul Wood |
| Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |
| South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group | - | Remove Councillor Jackie Satur to create a vacancy |
| South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives | - | Councillor Ian Saunders to replace Councillor David Barker |
| Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board | - | Councillors Dawn Dale, Mark Jones and Abdul Khayum to replace Councillors Tony Damms and Alan Law and fill a vacancy |
| Transport 4 All | - | Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to replace Councillor Tony Downing |
| University Technical College Trust Board | - | Remove Councillor Ian Saunders to create a vacancy |
| Yorkshire and the Humber Tobacco Governance Board | - | Councillor Tony Downing to fill a vacancy |

8. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JULIE DORE

Municipal Elections 2016

- 8.1 It was moved by Councillor Julie Dore, seconded by Councillor Lisa Banes, 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.
- 8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Andy Nash, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (k) as follows:-
- (d) however, believes that the 'First Past The Post' electoral system, which discriminates against voters for most political parties and promotes a political culture which ignores voters in safe seats, is unfit for purpose;
 - (e) believes that the Administration's choice of the first council motion on the agenda for this meeting has typified this complacency and shown how out of touch with the electorate they really are, at a time when Sheffield is facing job losses and crucial decisions on the future of this city, their priority is to congratulate themselves on their re-election, despite only receiving 38.2% of the vote and were the only party to lose seats;
 - (f) recognises the need to reform British politics to make it more representative and more empowering of our citizens so it commands greater public confidence and engagement;

- (g) notes the need for change has been recognised, with the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly using the hybrid Additional Member System, to produce more proportional results, and with the British elections to the European Parliament using Closed List Proportional Representation;
- (h) notes that the Single Transferrable Vote system is used for local elections in Scotland and in both Northern Irish local elections and the Northern Ireland Assembly;
- (i) notes both Shadow Chancellor, John MacDonnell MP, and Sheffield Central MP, Paul Blomfield's call for the Labour Party to adopt support for Proportional Representation as official party policy, in a letter to Party Leader, the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Corbyn MP, earlier this year;
- (j) therefore, calls for the introduction of the Single Transferrable Vote system:-
 - (i) for local elections in England and Wales;
 - (ii) for Westminster elections; and
 - (iii) for European Parliament elections; and
- (k) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the leaders of all political parties represented in the UK Parliament.

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

(NOTE: Councillors Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (d), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k), against paragraph (j) and abstained on paragraph (e) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: 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;

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- (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.

(NOTE: 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Paul Scriven, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and against paragraphs (d) to (f) of the motion and asked for this to be recorded; and

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and abstained on paragraphs (d) to (f) of the motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

9. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLOR AND SHEFFIELD MP, HARRY HARPHAM

9.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillor and Sheffield MP, Harry Harpham, who had sadly passed away on 4th February 2016. Mr. Harpham had served as a Member of the Council from 2004 to 2015 and as Deputy Leader of the Council from May 2012 to March 2015. In May 2015, he was elected as Member of Parliament for the Brightside and Hillsborough Constituency of Sheffield.

10. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

10.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillors who had retired or had not been re-elected at the Municipal elections held in May 2016. These were former Councillors Jenny Armstrong, Nikki Bond, John Campbell, Katie Condliffe, Sheila Constance, Rob Frost, Gill Furniss MP, Julie Gledhill, Ibrar Hussain, Steve Jones, Aodan Marken, Roy Munn, Denise Reaney, Sioned-Mair Richards, Lynn Rooney, Ray Satur MBE, Sarah Jane Smalley, Geoff Smith, Brian Webster and Joyce Wright.

10.2 It was **RESOLVED:** that the thanks of this Council be given to all of those former Members of the Council for their hard work and service to the City of Sheffield.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

Work Capability Assessments

- 11.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, 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.
- 11.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
- (h) but recognises there are some people for whom paid employment will

never be a realistic option and that the duty of an inclusive society is to meet the needs of everyone - however disadvantaged - who has the dignity of being human.

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

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

RESOLVED: 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;
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 - (i) its action to bring resources together from various Council portfolios to better target spending; and
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- (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; and
- (h) but recognises there are some people for whom paid employment will never be a realistic option and that the duty of an inclusive society is to

meet the needs of everyone - however disadvantaged - who has the dignity of being human.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED

Job Losses and Job Creation

12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, 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.

12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) notes that the Council is working with partners to put in place a programme of immediate support, linking staff affected to other job vacancies, providing training opportunities and supporting people that may wish to start their own business;
2. the deletion of paragraph (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
 - (i) recalls the harm the previous Coalition Government inflicted on the local economy when it:-
 - (i) cut funding for regional economic growth through the abolition of Yorkshire Forward; and
 - (ii) cut the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which has dramatically reduced the amount of funding available for the Council to support local businesses;
 - (j) notes that the Council is already engaging with local businesses to develop its understanding of what more the Council can do to support business, including engagement through the Business Advisory Panel, the Sheffield City Region Growth Board and regular contact with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cutlers Company; and
 - (k) further notes that the Administration is working with partners to grow the local economy and working with industry to promote Sheffield as a place

to invest and notes:-

- (i) that over the past 12 months the inward investment team have supported five new significant investments and expansions which will create up to 400 new jobs in the city, including global law firm, Fragomen, who have created 100 new jobs; and
- (ii) the recent North Shoring event, held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Law Society which raised awareness of the benefits Sheffield has for legal services firms and was attended by intermediaries who work alongside law firms and foreign direct investment agencies whose clients are looking to expand into the UK.

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

(NOTE: Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson and Keith Davis abstained on paragraph (k) and voted for the remainder of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes 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) notes that the Council is working with partners to put in place a programme of immediate support, linking staff affected to other job vacancies, providing training opportunities and supporting people that may wish to start their own business;
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 - (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;
- (i) recalls the harm the previous Coalition Government inflicted on the local economy when it:-
 - (i) cut funding for regional economic growth through the abolition of Yorkshire Forward; and
 - (ii) cut the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which has dramatically reduced the amount of funding available for the Council to support local businesses;
- (j) notes that the Council is already engaging with local businesses to develop its understanding of what more the Council can do to support business, including engagement through the Business Advisory Panel, the Sheffield City Region Growth Board and regular contact with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cutlers Company; and
- (k) further notes that the Administration is working with partners to grow the local economy and working with industry to promote Sheffield as a place to invest and notes:-
 - (i) that over the past 12 months the inward investment team have supported five new significant investments and expansions which will create up to 400 new jobs in the city, including global law firm, Fragomen, who have created 100 new jobs; and
 - (ii) the recent North Shoring event, held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the Law Society which raised awareness of the benefits Sheffield has for legal services firms and was attended by intermediaries who work alongside law firms and foreign direct investment agencies whose clients are looking to expand into the UK.

(NOTES: 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue

Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) to (h) and against paragraphs (c) and (i) to (k) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded;

2. Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (g) to (k) and abstained on paragraphs (e) and (f) of the substantive motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR STEVE WILSON

100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

13.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Steve Wilson, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, 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

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

Relocation of Department for Business, Innovation & Skills Jobs

14.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, and formally seconded by Councillor Chris Peace, 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.

14.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (l) as follows:-

- (e) further notes the decision of HSBC to relocate 595 jobs from Sheffield and Tankersley to international locations, the redundancies at Polestar, resulting in 613 redundancies, and the 831 jobs still at risk at TATA in Stocksbridge;
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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;
- (h) believes that this is demonstrated in the new and exciting developments in Sheffield City Region, with the proposed £300 million expansion to Meadowhall;

- (i) 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;
- (j) 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
- (k) believes that both of these issues are vital to Sheffield’s economy due to the abundance of technology and creative companies; and
- (l) 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.

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

(NOTE: Councillors John Booker, Jack Clarkson, Keith Davis, Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (e) to (g) and (j) to (l) and abstained on paragraphs (h) and (i) of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: 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.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND

HS2 Station Location

15.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and formally seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, 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.

15.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, and formally seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (h) as follows:-

- (d) deplores what could be taken as threats made by the Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, that if Sheffield will not accept the Meadowhall station location, which is bad for Sheffield, they will give the region no station at all, and believes this is particularly appalling given her complete failure to act on the steel crisis and her Department's decision to relocate 247 jobs in her department from Sheffield to London;
- (e) regrets that the Government and HS2 Ltd's proposal for the Meadowhall location instead of the city centre was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall back in 2013;
- (f) believes that the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam has failed to stand up for Sheffield and is responsible for the fact that the previous coalition government pursued Meadowhall as the station location and notes the following comments by the Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a better location.";
- (g) notes that the Administration has always made representations to all local stakeholders, including Council Leaders and MPs, calling on them to support a city centre option and that, in recent months, efforts have focused around gaining their support for a review of station locations similar to the review undertaken in Leeds to ensure that decisions are taken based on evidence, and resolves to write to all City Region Council Leaders and MPs asking them to support this approach; and
- (h) confirms that there is already joint working in the City Region which is actively lobbying both Government and HS2 Ltd, which includes the Council and key city stakeholders, and believes it is extremely concerning that instead of supporting and participating in this productive work, the main opposition group engage in petty party politics.

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

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

RESOLVED: 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) deplores what could be taken as threats made by the Business Minister, the Rt. Hon. Anna Soubry MP, that if Sheffield will not accept the Meadowhall station location, which is bad for Sheffield, they will give the region no station at all, and believes this is particularly appalling given her complete failure to act on the steel crisis and her Department's decision to relocate 247 jobs in her department from Sheffield to London;
- (e) regrets that the Government and HS2 Ltd's proposal for the Meadowhall location instead of the city centre was formulated under the Coalition Government, with the previous Deputy Prime Minister launching proposals for the HS2 station at Meadowhall back in 2013;
- (f) believes that the previous Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Sheffield Hallam has failed to stand up for Sheffield and is responsible for the fact that the previous coalition government pursued Meadowhall as the station location and notes the following comments by the Deputy Prime Minister about the Meadowhall location "If you look at those balance of effects of one location versus another, most fair-minded people would conclude, as the Department for Transport has, that this is a better location.";
- (g) notes that the Administration has always made representations to all local stakeholders, including Council Leaders and MPs, calling on them to support a city centre option and that, in recent months, efforts have focused around gaining their support for a review of station locations similar to the review undertaken in Leeds to ensure that decisions are taken based on evidence, and resolves to write to all City Region Council Leaders and MPs asking them to support this approach; and
- (h) confirms that there is already joint working in the City Region which is actively lobbying both Government and HS2 Ltd, which includes the Council and key city stakeholders, and believes it is extremely concerning that instead of supporting and participating in this productive work, the main opposition group engage in petty party politics.

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16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER

Electoral Systems

16.1 It was formally moved by Councillor John Booker, and formally seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, 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.

16.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Zoe Sykes, and formally seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble, 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 there are a range of views on different electoral systems, both between and within political parties;
- (b) recalls the referendum on the alternative vote method that took place in 2011 and that the proposal to introduce AV was rejected by the electorate;
- (c) finds it ironic that UKIP favours proportional representation - the same system used in the European Parliament – over the traditional British first-past-the-post voting system; and
- (d) believes the people of Sheffield gave a clear mandate to the Labour Party in the recent local elections and that UKIP always manage to find an excuse for their own electoral failures.

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

16.4 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 a range of views on different electoral systems, both between and within political parties;
- (b) recalls the referendum on the alternative vote method that took place in 2011 and that the proposal to introduce AV was rejected by the electorate;
- (c) finds it ironic that UKIP favours proportional representation - the same system used in the European Parliament – over the traditional British first-past-the-post voting system; and
- (d) believes the people of Sheffield gave a clear mandate to the Labour Party in the recent local elections and that UKIP always manage to find an excuse for their own electoral failures.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BAKER

Graffiti Removal

- 17.1 It was formally moved by Councillor David Baker, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, 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.
- 17.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Nasima Akther, and formally seconded by Councillor Tony Downing, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-
- (a) notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country;
 - (b) notes the Administration's commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the city, including working closely with the police, Sheffield Business Improvement District and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;
 - (c) further notes the Administration is looking into the possibility of introducing longer-term measures including using anti-graffiti paint and installing CCTV;
 - (d) also notes the on-going Clean Sheffield campaign, which will continue to explore ways in which the Council can tackle litter and graffiti in the city;
 - (e) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the city centre;

- (f) appeals to the people doing graffiti to stop, as not only do they risk getting a criminal record, but it is also an unnecessary drain on Council resources;
- (g) urges people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed;
- (h) thanks the public for reporting graffiti which enabled us to respond to more than 1,700 requests across the city last year; and
- (i) believes the current approach - responding to people reporting directly to the Council, thereby enabling resources to be deployed in the areas it is required - is the right one, and does not believe another tier of bureaucracy is required.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country;
- (b) notes the Administration's commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the city, including working closely with the police, Sheffield Business Improvement District and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;
- (c) further notes the Administration is looking into the possibility of introducing longer-term measures including using anti-graffiti paint and installing CCTV;
- (d) also notes the on-going Clean Sheffield campaign, which will continue to explore ways in which the Council can tackle litter and graffiti in the city;
- (e) thanks the recent investment by the Sheffield Business Improvement District into removing graffiti from commercial properties in the city centre;
- (f) appeals to the people doing graffiti to stop, as not only do they risk getting a criminal record, but it is also an unnecessary drain on Council resources;
- (g) urges people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed;
- (h) thanks the public for reporting graffiti which enabled us to respond to more than 1,700 requests across the city last year; and

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| <p>(i) believes the current approach - responding to people reporting directly to the Council, thereby enabling resources to be deployed in the areas it is required - is the right one, and does not believe another tier of bureaucracy is required.</p> |
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Report to Council

Report of: Acting Executive Director, Resources

Date: 6 July 2016

Subject: Proposed Merger of the Council's Audit and Standards Committees

Author of Report: Paul Robinson – Democratic Services
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Summary:

This report provides details of proposals to (a) merge the Council's Audit and Standards Committees, and revise the Council's Constitution accordingly and (b) recruit to the position of Independent Persons (to assist the Monitoring Officer and Committee when considering complaints about Councillors and Co-opted Members).

Recommendations:

See Section 7 of the report.

Background Papers:

- Constitution of Sheffield City Council.
 - Establishment of Council Committees in 2016/17 – Report to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18th May 2016.
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Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides details of proposals to (a) merge the Council's Audit and Standards Committees, and revise the Council's Constitution accordingly and (b) recruit to the position of Independent Persons (to assist the Monitoring Officer and Committee when considering complaints about Councillors and Co-opted Members).

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is well established and usually meets at least five/six times a year. Its terms of reference are set out in Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution, and relate to the Council's internal audit activity, regulatory framework and risk management, and approving the accounts and considering the external audit of the accounts. Meetings of the Committee are well attended with busy agendas. The membership of the Committee comprises 6 Non-Executive Members of the Council, with proportionality applied, plus 2 non-voting co-opted members each serving a 4-year term of office. The co-optee arrangements have been in operation since 2010. There is currently a co-opted member vacancy.
- 2.2 The Constitution also provides for the establishment of a Standards Committee to determine complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct referred to it by the Monitoring Officer, and to promote high standards of Councillor conduct. The composition, role and functions of the Committee are set out in Article 9 of the Constitution, and its terms of reference are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.
- 2.3 The Standards Committee currently comprises 8 Members of the City Council drawn from the 2 largest political groups on the Council (5 from the Labour Group and 3 from the Liberal Democrat Group), with proportionality dis-applied and a requirement that one Member from each group is to be present at each meeting, plus 3 independent non-voting co-opted members and 1 Parish/Town Council co-optee. The Committee has only met five times since the revised standards arrangements, introduced under the Localism Act 2011, were adopted in 2012.
- 2.4 The Localism Act 2011 required the Council to appoint at least one Independent Person to assist the Monitoring Officer and Standards Committee in considering complaints. In November 2012, the Council appointed Stuart Carvell, Marvyn Moore and David Waxman for 4 years to November 2016 (they were appointed jointly with Barnsley MBC and the South Yorkshire Joint Fire and Rescue and Integrated Transport Authorities). When the posts are re-advertised the current post holders can re-apply. They each receive an allowance equivalent to the co-optees allowance of £707.98 per annum, with the costs being shared by the participating authorities.

3. Proposed Changes and Reasons

- 3.1 It is proposed to merge the Audit and Standards Committees and establish a single Audit and Standards Committee, with effect from 1st September 2016, comprising 7 non-Executive Members of the Council, with proportionality applied, and a maximum of 3 non-voting co-optees. It is the view of the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, as well as the current Chairs of the two Committees, that the relatively low volume of Standards-related business can be accommodated within the work programme and frequency of meetings, of the Audit Committee. A single committee, meeting on a regular basis, will more readily facilitate the consideration of the low level of standards-related business, than has been the case with the stand alone Standards Committee meeting on an ad-hoc basis.
- 3.2 The proposed implementation date of 1st September 2016 will enable recruitment to take place to the vacant non-voting co-optee positions prior to the first meeting of the new single committee. It is proposed that the terms of reference for the new Audit and Standards Committee will be based largely on those in place for the two separate Committees, and will be drawn up by the Director of Legal and Governance in consultation with the Acting Executive Director, Resources, and the current Chairs of the two Committees.
- 3.3 It is not proposed to change the way Standards complaints are dealt with. The Consideration Sub-Committee and the Hearing Sub-Committee, established under the Council's procedure for dealing with complaints regarding city, parish and town councillors and co-opted members, will both be retained as sub-committees of the Audit and Standards Committee.
- 3.4 When the Council established the Standards Committee as part of the revised standards arrangements introduced under the Localism Act 2011, the three independent co-opted members from the previous Committee/Standards regime were retained for the experience they had built up over a number of years. It is not proposed to retain the three independent co-opted members under the single Audit and Standards Committee, as officers believe this role can be undertaken by the two co-optees to be retained from the Audit Committee. The individuals currently serving as the independent co-opted members on the Standards Committee would, however, be able to apply for the two co-opted member vacancies that would exist under the newly established Committee. Furthermore, due to the low volume of Standards-related business, it is not considered necessary to retain the formal Parish/Town Council co-opted representative on the new single Committee, but instead the 3 Parish/Town Councils will be informed when Standards matters are to be considered and invited to jointly send one representative to attend for those items as an observer, as is currently the practice. In addition, the Clerks to the 3 Parish/Town Councils will continue to be informed when a complaint has been received about one of their Councillors.
- 3.5 The term of office for the three Independent Persons expires in November 2016. The view of the Monitoring Officer is that the work can be covered by two Independent Persons and, accordingly, two positions will be advertised shortly.

3.6 The current Chairs of the two Committees, the existing co-optees on the Standards and Audit Committees, the Parish/Town Councils and the three Independent Persons have all been advised of the proposed changes.

4. **Composition of the new Committee and Implications for Places on other Council Committees**

4.1 The requirements set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, require local authorities to allocate seats on Council Committees to political groups on a politically proportionate basis. Political proportionality is dis-applied in relation to the current Standards Committee, but does apply to the current Audit Committee and, accordingly, the 6 seats on the Audit Committee available for Members of the Council do form part of the calculation of the total number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Authority to be allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the full Council.

4.2 It is proposed to establish the single Audit and Standards Committee with proportionality applied and a membership of 7 (non-Executive) Members of the Council, and a maximum of 3 non-voting co-optees. This would be an increase of 1 seat (from 6 seats to 7 seats) and would increase the total number of seats across all politically proportionate Committees from 144 to 145. The impact of this revised overall number of seats is set out in the appendix to the report and results in the Labour Group being required to give up one seat to be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group. In carrying out this process of adjustment, regard has to be given to the political balance principle that the number of seats on each committee are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council. Therefore, the seat to be given up by the Labour Group can be from any Committee other than the Planning and Highways Committee and the Licensing Committee, as these two Committees have already been subject to an adjustment.

5. **Legal Implications**

5.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report. The proposals to establish a single Audit and Standards Committee do not affect the functions currently undertaken by each Committee, but instead change how the work is undertaken. Therefore, the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to the standards regime continue to be met. The establishment of the single Committee is a matter reserved to the full Council, as are consequential changes to the Constitution to give effect to the new arrangements. The impact of the new arrangements on the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, are picked up in section 4 of the report.

6. **Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no significant financial implications associated with the merger of the two Committees. The volume of activity and number of meetings to support will largely remain as now.
- 6.2 The current Members' Allowances Scheme does not include a special responsibility allowance in relation to the role of Chair of the Audit Committee, nor the role of Chair of the Standards Committee. It is not proposed that a special responsibility allowance will be introduced in relation to the role of Chair of the single Audit and Standards Committee.
- 6.3 However, the two non-voting co-optees on the Audit Committee and the three independent non-voting co-optees on the Standards Committee each receive a Co-optees' Allowance under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme. The Co-optees' Allowance is currently £707.98 per annum. The proposal for the single committee to include a maximum of three non-voting co-optees, represents a reduction of two co-optees, resulting in a saving of £1,415.96 per annum.
- 6.4 The proposal to reduce, from 3 to 2, the number of persons to be appointed as Independent Persons will result in a modest saving - equivalent to a Co-optees' Allowance of £707.98 per annum, shared between the 3 participating authorities.

7. **Recommendations**

7.1 That the Council:-

- (a) approves the proposals set out in the report to merge the Audit Committee and the Standards Committee to form a single Audit and Standards Committee, with proportionality applied and a membership of 7 (non-Executive) Members of the Council, and a maximum of 3 non-voting co-optees;
- (b) approves an implementation date for the new arrangements of 1st September 2016, so as to enable recruitment to the two co-opted member vacancies, and authority be given to the Acting Executive Director, Resources and the Director of Legal and Governance to commence the recruitment process;
- (c) approves that the three Parish/Town Councils be invited to jointly send one representative to attend meetings of the new Audit and Standards Committee when Standards matters are to be considered;
- (d) agrees the final adjustment of one seat (the Labour Group being required to give up one seat to be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group), to take effect from 1st September 2016, to ensure that each 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;

- (e) appoints 7 (non-Executive) Members to serve on the new Audit and Standards Committee (5 Labour and 2 Liberal Democrat Members), and confirms that the current Audit Committee independent co-optee (Elizabeth Stanley) be appointed to serve on the new Committee for the remainder of her current term of office (to 17th May 2017);
- (f) approves that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources be invited to attend meetings of the new Committee as an observer and receive the agenda papers, as is the current practice for the Audit Committee;
- (g) approves that the Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees (each comprising three Members of the parent Committee and 1 Non-voting Co-opted Member) be retained;
- (h) approves the proposal to reduce the number of Independent Persons from three to two, and authorises the Director of Legal and Governance to commence the recruitment process with a view to appointing the two Independent Persons to serve from when the terms of office of the three current Independent Persons ends in November 2016;
- (i) authorises the Director of Legal and Governance to compile and approve the terms of reference for the new Committee (in consultation with the Interim Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the current Chairs of the two Committees) and to revise the Council's Constitution and relevant procedures, as and where appropriate, to reflect the arrangements now approved;
- (j) agrees that these new arrangements be reviewed in a year's time.

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Appendix

Proportional Seat Allocations to Political Groups in 2016/17 (Incorporating Final Adjustments) – As Agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18th May 2016

Committee	Labour	Lib Dem	Green	UKIP	Total
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	7	2	1	1	11
CYP&FS Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
E&EW Scrutiny Cttee	4 0	3	1	4 0	15
HC&ASC Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
S&SC Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
Planning and Highways Cttee	10	3 4	4 0	1	15
Licensing Cttee	10	3 4	4 0	1	15
Audit Cttee	4	2	0	0	6
Admissions Cttee	5	2	0	0	7
Senior Officer Employment Cttee	4 0	3	1	4 0	15
Appeals and Collective Disputes Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
Total Initial Allocation	96	30	9	9	144
Overall Political Balance Requirement	98	32	7	7	144
Adjustments Required	+2	+2	-2	-2	

Labour	144 x 67.86%	=	97.72	(97)	+1	=	98
Liberal Democrat	144 x 22.62%	=	32.57	(32)		=	32
Greens	144 x 4.76%	=	6.85	(6)	+1	=	7
UKIP	144 x 4.76%	=	6.85	(6)	+1	=	7
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Proportional Seat Allocations to Political Groups in 2016/17 - With New Audit and Standards Committee & Incorporating the Final Adjustments Agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18th May 2016

Committee	Labour	Lib Dem	Green	UKIP	Total
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	7	2	1	1	11
CYP&FS Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
E&EW Scrutiny Cttee	4 0 11	3	1	4 0	15
HC&ASC Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
S&SC Scrutiny Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
Planning and Highways Cttee	10	3 4	4 0	1	15
Licensing Cttee	10	3 4	4 0	1	15
Audit & Standards Cttee	5	2	0	0	7
Admissions Cttee	5	2	0	0	7
Senior Officer Employment Cttee	4 0 11	3	1	4 0	15
Appeals and Collective Disputes Cttee	10	3	1	1	15
Total Allocation	99	32	7	7	145
Overall Political Balance Requirement	98	33	7	7	145
Final Adjustments Required	-1	+1	0	0	

Labour	145 x 67.86%	=	98.39	(98)		=	98
Liberal Democrat	145 x 22.62%	=	32.79	(32)	+1	=	33
Greens	145 x 4.76%	=	6.90	(6)	+1	=	7
UKIP	145 x 4.76%	=	6.90	(6)	+1	=	7
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