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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING**

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

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

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## **FACILITIES**

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
7 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Order of Business**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

To receive the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

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

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

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ADAM HANRAHAN**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that Sheffield is world famous for its pubs and real ale, and last year was named by the New York Times as the beer capital of Britain;
- (b) acknowledges the recent report by Sheffield University and Sheffield City Region "A snapshot of the beer industry in the Sheffield City Region" reaffirmed that Sheffield is the real ale capital of the world - and can also stake a claim to being the birthplace of the UK craft beer revolution;
- (c) finds it troubling that despite Sheffield's claims to excellence in the brewing industry, many of our city's community pubs are under threat from closure and notes that an alarming 68 pubs in Sheffield have closed since 2011, with many turning into convenience stores under permitted development rights;
- (d) notes the recent decision by Wandsworth Council in south London which has told the owners of 120 select bars and pubs that they have to seek councillors' approval before changing the building's use or knocking it down;
- (e) calls on this Authority to explore adopting a similar policy and protect a number of our city's pubs from development due to their historic or architectural value or because they make a positive contribution to their community; and
- (f) also calls on this Authority to take into account Asset of Community Value status as a material consideration when applications for change of use are made in respect of pubs with such status.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the historic 60 year partnership between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group;
- (b) believes that this is the biggest Chinese investment deal of its kind to be made by a UK city outside of London and is the first deal of its kind to be made by a UK city;
- (c) notes that the 60 year commitment secures a stream of investment into the city for the next generation, and is likely to mean a whole range of projects become viable because of the long-term nature of the relationship;

- (d) believes that the deal will be important in helping to grow the city's economy and could create thousands of jobs for the people of Sheffield;
- (e) notes that the agreement between Sheffield City Council and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group has been over 18 months in the making and thanks all involved for their hard work in bringing the agreement forward;
- (f) welcomes the commitment of Mr Wang, Chairman of the Board and President of Sichuan Guodong Construction Group, to Sheffield and welcomes these comments he has made about the city - "Sheffield really does stand out amongst all UK cities as an outstanding business investment. This agreement illustrates our confidence in Sheffield as a city going from strength to strength, with real growth potential. We are looking forward to being a part of this over the coming decades.";
- (g) welcomes that the agreement with Sichuan Guodong Construction Group is running parallel to increasing civic and cultural ties between Sheffield and the city of Chengdu and welcomes the prospect of further mutually beneficial collaboration between the two cities; and
- (h) will write to Mr Wang to demonstrate the Council's full support for the partnership and looks forward to growing the working relationship between the city and Sichuan Guodong Construction Group to support many positive developments in the City.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that central government is responsible for ensuring that a national system of social care is in place that provides care for people who need it, and reiterates concerns that the well documented national crisis in social care highlights their failure to do this;
- (b) regrets that the Government has failed to act to address this crisis and despite numerous warnings, the situation is getting worse not better;
- (c) is concerned by the findings of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services' Budget Survey Report 2016, which show that funding for social care is failing to match increased needs for, and costs of, care for older and disabled people;
- (d) agrees with the ADASS that "we are at the tipping point where

social care is in real jeopardy and this impacts on the millions of people needing care and support”;

- (e) also notes a recent report by the Health Select Committee showing that increasing numbers of people with social care needs are no longer receiving the care they need because of a lack of funding, causing considerable distress to the individuals and families concerned and resulting in additional costs to the NHS;
- (f) believes that one of the primary causes of the crisis is the devastating cuts made to local government over the past six years and recalls comments by former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Sir Danny Alexander, that local government had 'borne the brunt' of deficit reduction under the previous coalition government;
- (g) is therefore extremely concerned that the Government's plans to abolish Revenue Support Grant, in the misguided belief that local services can be adequately funded by Council Tax and Business Rates alone, will inevitably lead to more cuts to care and putting many councils at breaking point;
- (h) notes that there are many complex challenges facing social care, such as the impact of an ageing population and the recent increase in the national minimum wage;
- (i) wholeheartedly supports measures to increase wages for carers, however, believes the Government has completely failed to address the impact that its changes to the minimum wage will have on care services;
- (j) welcomes the commitment of the present Administration and councils across the country to protect services for the most vulnerable, noting that Sheffield has proportionally given greater protection to care than most services, however, due to the level of cuts imposed by Government, it has not been possible to protect services completely and therefore believes a change of approach nationally is needed;
- (k) believes that whilst they are welcome, the Government's initiatives to tackle the care crisis, such as the Better Care Fund and social care levy, merely tinker around the edges and do not address its failure to adequately fund the social care system; and
- (l) urges the Government to increase investment in social care as a matter of urgency, which as a start could be achieved through front loading the Better Care Fund, in line with the Local Government Association's recommendations.

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are around 36,000 privately rented properties in Sheffield;
- (b) further notes that the number of people living in private rented accommodation in Sheffield has doubled over the last 10 years and continues to be on the rise;
- (c) notes that a lack of social housing properties, rising house prices and the difficulty in accessing mortgages, mean that many people, particularly the young or vulnerable, have no choice but to live in private sector rental accommodation;
- (d) believes that the rising demand for rented homes is pushing up costs and allowing some landlords and letting agents to take advantage of tenants who have relatively little power to object to high prices or poor conditions, or to make choices about which letting agent to use;
- (e) notes the Private Member's Bill, proposed by Liberal Democrat Lord Baroness Oly Grender, the 'Renter's Rights Bill' which proposes the Government adopt a number of measures to address that current imbalance of power between renter and landlord by:-
  - (i) banning letting fees for renters;
  - (ii) giving renters access to an open register of rogue landlords;
  - (iii) bringing in compulsory electrical safety checks in rented homes; and
  - (iv) preventing rogue landlords from obtaining an HMO licence; and
- (f) therefore, calls on the Administration to write to the Government to support the 'Renter's Rights Bill'.

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA**

That this Council:-

- (a) celebrates the success of Team GB at the Rio 2016 Olympics achieving second place in the medal table and notes that the Paralympic Games are currently underway;
- (b) takes particular pride in the success of Sheffield's Jessica Ennis-Hill and Bryony Page for winning silver in the Heptathlon and



Trampoline respectively;

- (c) notes that many athletes from across the country have trained at Sheffield's world class English Institute for Sport and believes that this is testament to Sheffield as a city of sport; and
- (d) believes that the people of Sheffield are extremely proud of all of our athletes who have represented both the city and the country and congratulates the athletes, and all who have supported them, for their success.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the success of Tramlines festival which took place across the city between 22-24 July 2016;
- (b) thanks all staff and volunteers who worked incredibly hard to make the festival a great success;
- (c) thanks the residents of Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe for their support and understanding, and helping make the event such a success; and
- (d) welcomes the increased city centre footfall that such events provide, and the positive impacts for the local economy.

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

That this Council:-

- (a) requests that officers collate a detailed inventory of European Union (EU) funded ongoing and pending projects benefiting Sheffield, with the overview for post-"Brexit" continuity;
- (b) calls on the Government to ensure that the stated payment to the EU (of £350m before rebate/£240m after rebate, per week, of which £165m per week is returned "re-packaged" as EU funding to the UK), must be redistributed, post-"Brexit", to demonstrably benefit every community within the UK, and believes that, in simple terms, the amount of money available to invest in the UK could increase significantly after "Brexit" in comparison to the current level of "so called EU funding";
- (c) calls on the Administration to work cross party to plan ahead for the city's future regional needs, with close co-operation with Sheffield City Region, and make any new investment asset work;
- (d) further believes the £240m payment to the EU per week should,

post-“Brexit”, be used to benefit all our ailing and failing industries, including agriculture and fisheries, the rusting steel industry, and a patched up NHS, as well as to help with social care, the overloaded and underfunded education system and maybe even a fresh review of "Clean Coal" in the UK, plus assist local projects such as the extension of Sheffield's Supertram network to Doncaster/Sheffield Airport, as well as the north of the city, including links to Deepcar, Stocksbridge, Grenoside and Chapeltown;

- (e) believes that it is grossly unfair that a few multi-national corporations have been able to access all the benefits of our thriving British consumer market without making a proper contribution to the cost of British society, and that the public has every right to be angry about this;
- (f) believes that, if the Labour Party's ideology of nationalising some of these ailing industries has any credibility, the time is approaching for serious consideration on these issues, but that a more realistic regeneration measure would be low interest business loans, especially to a revived fishing fleet; and
- (g) wishes to see the restoration of full British tax sovereignty, which we lost when we signed up to the EU, and see a Treasury Commission set up to monitor the effectiveness of the new Diverted Profits Tax and to bring in any further measures necessary to prevent large multinational corporations using aggressive tax avoidance schemes.



Chief Executive

Dated this 30 day of August 2016

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 5 October 2016 at the Town Hall**

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

You **must**:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You have a personal interest where –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 6 July 2016, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

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**1. FORMER COUNCILLOR ISOBEL BOWLER**

- 1.1 Following the recent passing of former Councillor, Isobel Bowler, Members observed a minutes silence in her memory and tributes were paid to her later in the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nasima Akther, Talib Hussain, Mazher Iqbal, Abdul Khayum, Zahira Naz, Mohammad Maroof, Abtisam Mohamed, Moya O'Rourke and Paul Scriven.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 3.1 Councillor Ben Miskell declared a personal interest in Notice of Motion 11 'Government White Paper: Educational Excellence Everywhere' (See Minute 13 below) due to his employment as a Schoolteacher.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

- 4.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Olivia Blake, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Petitions

5.1 Petition requesting 10mph Speed Limit on Forge Lane

- 5.1.1 The Council received a petition, containing 67 signatures, requesting a 10mph speed limit on Forge Lane.

- 5.1.2 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Graham Waddicor. He commented that he had been a long standing resident in the area. Forge Lane was a one track lane which led on to a housing development. There had been a rise in levels of speed and traffic for people going into the estate. Introducing a 10mph speed limit in the first instance would reduce speed and the possibility of accidents. Mr Waddicor also commented that at the nearby junction people frequently turned right against the flow of traffic and he therefore requested a no right turn at this location.

- 5.1.3 Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business and Economy, responded to the petitioner in the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. He stated that the Council were



clear in their commitment to road safety. A 20mph programme was being rolled out across the City and Councillor Bramall understood that Forge Lane would be included in this in due course. Councillor Bramall could not confirm if a 10mph limit would be possible but the petition would be passed on to Councillor Iqbal for his consideration.

5.2 Petition in respect of the Number 55 Bus Service

5.2.1 The Council received a petition, containing 23 signatures, requesting action in connection with the number 55 bus service.

5.2.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

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

5.3 Petition in respect of Ecclesall Infant School

5.3.1 The Council received a petition, containing 250 signatures, objecting to the proposed extension of Ecclesall Infant School.

5.3.2 There was no speaker to the petition.

5.3.3 The Council referred the petition to Councillor Jackie Drayton, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families.

Public Questions

5.4 Public Question in respect of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

5.4.1 Adam Butcher asked what the Council and partners were doing to make sure that there were 136 suites for children in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services?

5.4.2 In response, Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, acknowledged that this was an important issue, and one which had been raised at a recent meeting of the Children's Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board during a presentation by Stamp (Support, Think, Act, Motivate, Participate) - a group of young people aged 14-25 working to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of young people across the City. Councillor Drayton indicated that the Council was working with partners with a view to securing additional funding for mental health services within schools, and a particular initiative was work involving the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board, CAHMS and the Police to address concerns regarding detainment in police cells of young people with mental health problems.

5.4.3 She concluded by indicating that she would investigate the specific matter raised by Mr. Butcher and provide him with a more detailed response.

5.5 Public Question in respect of High End University Scientific and Medical Research

5.5.1 Mary Williams asked what steps can the Council take to protect high end university scientific and medical research previously generously funded by the European Union?

5.5.2 In response, Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of the Council, commented that, in view of its own budgetary pressures, the Council would be unable to replace any funding lost from the European Union. She referred to the topicality of the issue raised by Ms. Fahey, which had been the subject of discussion on a recent BBC Newsnight broadcast, where the Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield Hallam University had stated that the University had already lost funding for 4 research projects since the outcome of the referendum on EU membership on 23rd June. The Leader reported that the Council would be working with relevant partners to do all that was within their powers to ensure, as far as possible, the continuation of the funding provided for the benefit of the City. In terms of efforts to secure new funding for research and development in the City, the Leader stated that the Council would continue to explore ways to attract inward investment into the City, and, by way of an example, referred to her recent visit to China, along with the Deputy Leader, to strengthen the City's connections in that country with a view to securing business investment and research and development funding.

5.6 Public Question in respect of the SEND Reforms

5.6.1 Tracey Fahey asked how is the Council implementing the SEND reforms with the impending Ofsted/CQC inspection, and if the inspection was to start on Monday, would the Council be ready for the inspection?

5.6.2 In response, Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families) acknowledged that the move from statements of special educational need to health and care plans did represent a major reform in the country, and that local authorities across the country were finding the change to be a challenging one to manage. The Council did have concerns about the extent of the work involved, and had allocated more staff to undertake the work. She added that, as with all major change initiatives, lessons were being learnt and adaptations introduced as the work progressed, and this would continue during this period of transition.

5.7 Public Question in respect of Council Housing

5.7.1 Mick Daniels asked what was happening in relation to the Council Housing section of the Council? Staff were stressed and did not know whether they had a job. The Council had previously stated that Housing Plus would be implemented in August/September and it had now been moved back to October.

5.7.2 Mr Daniels added that staff and tenants did not know what was happening. Tenants could no longer speak to the staff that they had in the past. He therefore asked if the Council could inform tenants exactly what was happening?

5.7.3 Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing, responded that Housing Plus would be rolled out in September and tenants' representatives would be fully

involved in the process. Staff were being fully supported and the Council was attempting to identify new roles where possible. A full update would be provided at the next City-Wide Forum. If Mr Daniels had any specific questions he was welcome to email them to Councillor Dunn.

5.8 Public Question in respect of Care and Support

5.8.1 Diane Box commented that The Care Act 2014 promoted a single legal framework for charging for care and support. She therefore asked a number of questions:-

- Has the disability related expenditure criteria changed since April 2016?
- What is the criteria for the use of baby wipes, plastic gloves and cream to be included in disability related expenditure when evidenced with receipts?
- What is the criteria for a soft diet to be included as disability related expenditure when evidenced with receipts and a report from a professional or medical body?
- The local authority has the discretion whether to charge when deciding on a formal assessment. Why has the local authority chosen to apply further charges?
- Why are the statistics for energy lost for type and area of housing not available to be shown in a financial assessment to the person being assessed as their representative? Why is benefits advice not offered by an assessor?
- Does the local authority pride itself on a fair treatment for all?
- Is there an independent body on the decision making panel that is not employed or acting on behalf of the local authority?

5.8.2 Councillor Cate McDonald, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, commented that Ms. Box had submitted a number of detailed questions and therefore written responses would be provided to these. There had been no changes to policy. The Council had a Fairer Contributions policy which was available for inspection on the Council's website.

5.8.3 Councillor McDonald added that all service users should be offered advice and support in relation to welfare benefits. All assessments needed to be undertaken on an individual basis. The Council also had a Fairer Charging Commission which involved users and user groups.

5.9 Public Question in respect of Impact of 'Brexit'

5.9.1 Nigel Slack asked a number of questions in relation to the impact of the recent national referendum on EU membership as follows:-

- How much EU investment/funding was received by the City in 2015-16?
- How much EU funding is slated for 2016-17?

- The Government had already refused to guarantee £180m of EU funding after Brexit. What will be the impact if this funding fails to arrive?
- What impact is Brexit likely to have on potential investors outside the EU if Brexit happens?
- Did the Council discuss the potential impact and make any contingency plans for this 'Leave' result before the referendum?
- Where does this result leave the City's 'devolution' deal?

5.9.2 Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of the Council, responded that there were a number of groups and organisations who were asking where they could access funding that had previously come to them from the EU and the Government had no answers for that. This showed the disgraceful situation the Government had created whilst having made no preparations for a leave vote. Councillor Dore recalled many leave campaigners saying during the campaign that the funding would still be available and they should now answer how the European funding would be replaced.

5.9.3 Councillor Dore added that there was a motion on the agenda for the meeting today tasking officers with producing a report to be submitted to Cabinet and Full Council as to what the impact of the leave vote would be on Sheffield. The City Region had been asking the same questions as regards the impact.

5.9.4 Councillor Dore did not believe there would be any impact on the current devolution deal. It may impact on the £30m of funding for infrastructure and skills. With the loss of European funding it would make things more difficult. Councillor Dore saw the difficulty with the previous Coalition Government in respect of the distribution of European funding and she believed South Yorkshire was dealt a very bad deal.

#### 5.10 Public Question in relation to Sheffield Executive Board

5.10.1 Nigel Slack asked what is happening to Sheffield First and the Sheffield Executive Board? The Sheffield Executive Board had not had a public meeting since July 2015. If the website was to be believed, there hadn't been a meeting since January. What was once an open public meeting that welcomed the public presence had now become what appeared to be a secret cabal of City leaders discussing City policies with no public scrutiny. Was this acceptable to the Council?

5.10.2 Councillor Julie Dore responded that the Sheffield Executive Board had been replaced by the Partnership Board who had an independent Chair which was Lord Blunkett. Comments Mr Slack had made in respect of public access would be forwarded on to him. The Partnership Board brought together many partners across the City. However, they did not make any decisions, the aim was to collectively decide how the City could move forward.

#### 5.11 Public Question in respect of Taxi Licensing

- 5.11.1 Nigel Slack commented that he was interested to see item 15 on the agenda was a call from Councillor Barker to take steps on the out of town taxis that were an ever increasing presence on the streets of the City. We had also seen that one of Rotherham's Commissioners had admitted that despite improving their own taxi licensing protocols, in the wake of the Rotherham scandal, they were unable to prevent taxis registered elsewhere from plying their trade in the town.
- 5.11.2 Mr Slack added in the wake of Rotherham CSE concerns, he asked a question at Cabinet on 17 September 2014 about the issue, where the answer he received confirmed the same problem for the City.
- 5.11.3 Mr Slack added to this line of questioning at the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority meeting on 6 October 2014, in the hope that a consistent approach might be developed. Mr Slack believed the response was unhelpful and despite the Chair asking member Councils to provide individual responses, via the SCRCA Monitoring Officer, he never received any response from any Council. Will the Council therefore include the City Region in the circulation of the outcome of this motion and perhaps an amendment to encourage them to take this more seriously and act, as a Combined Authority, even if it is, strictly speaking, outside their remit?
- 5.11.4 Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Environment, acknowledged that there was an ever increasing number of Hackney Carriages following a High Court judgement a few years ago to confirm that Hackney Carriages could trade as Private Hire cabs across the country. This had been further extended by the Deregulation Act which meant that private hire companies could subcontract to operators outside of the City.
- 5.11.5 Councillor Lodge added that the problem arising from this was that powers were not extended to local authorities to regulate these private hire cabs. Sheffield had increasingly seen private hire cabs from outside areas and officers were speaking to those authorities concerned in relation to regulation powers.
- 5.11.6 Consultation was being undertaken on the code of conduct for taxi licenses. The Council was working with the trade and acknowledged that there was an impact on those working in Sheffield and the safety of the public. Officers regularly shared information and good practice with other authorities.
- 5.12 Public Question in respect of EU Funding
- 5.12.1 Martin Brighton stated that, following the Brexit vote, the published £140m allocated but not yet dispensed to Sheffield was likely to be lost, and he asked how will the money be made up?
- 5.12.2 Councillor Julie Dore stated that the Council could not make up the money. Prior to the start of the previous Coalition Government the Council received around £600m of revenue funding. Since then the budget had been reduced to around £300m which represented a 50% cut and as a result it was impossible for the Council to make up the funding. The Council would do everything it could to

access the so-called extra funding and pursue every other possible opportunity for funding. The Council recognised the impact on the recipients of European funding and would see what it could do to continue to deliver services in the way that it had been envisioned previously.

5.13 Public Question in respect of Amey Contract

5.13.1 Martin Brighton commented that, previously, the Council was asked to consider an effective Quality Assurance Management (QAM) system in place for the Amey contract, so as to ensure that the contract was delivered to the right quality, within budget, and on time. The answer was along the lines that there was not enough money for such a system. Given the recent Freedom of Information disclosure about the Amey failures, would this Council please consider, as a Council policy, having an effective QAM system for all contracts?

5.13.2 Councillor Bryan Lodge questioned the need for a Freedom of Information request as if people requested information direct from the Council regarding the Amey contract this would be provided. Contrary to comments made from the M.P. for Sheffield Hallam, the Council was holding Amey to account, and ensuring that they did the work agreed.

5.13.3 The failure rate so far was 1 mile needing to be resurfaced which was around 0.23% of the work done whereas generally the accepted figure nationwide in regards to road resurfacing was 50%. The Council undertook a number of checks of the work through the Client Management Team.

5.13.4 Councillor Lodge acknowledged the disruption the work caused which was why the Council wished to see the work undertaken correctly first time. If people were finding problems with the work this might be for a number of reasons but this should be reported to the Council. If anyone wanted any further information they should contact Councillor Lodge.

5.13.5 Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, added that the Council employed contract managers. It had a range of tools and systems to ensure contractors did their job. Where things were not done right the Council had tools at its disposal to put things right.

5.14 Public Question in respect of Anti-Racism Leaflets

5.14.1 Bob Smith commented that, following an increase in racially motivated assaults, he believed it was the Council's responsibility to take affirmative action to show this behaviour was unacceptable. His suggestion would be to produce a leaflet giving clear steps on how to request help on board public transport in Sheffield. This should be distributed in areas of the City with large migrant communities such as Burngreave or Broomhall as well as distributed through local community groups and religious organisations such as local mosques, SADACCA, etc.

5.14.2 Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing, responded that across the country there seemed to have been an increase in hate crime and this matter would be debated later on in the meeting. The Council's Cohesion and Migration

Board had discussed the impact of the EU Referendum and there didn't seem to have been a spike in incidents in Sheffield.

- 5.14.3 Despite this, Councillor Dunn would encourage people to report any incidents. The City had zero tolerance to hate crime and this would continue to be the case. There was an information pack available for people arriving in the country which had recently been changed to be made available in all relevant languages so people knew where they needed to go to access different information and report hate crime.
- 5.14.4 Councillor Dunn was aware that people did not always know what a hate crime was and in the view of the Council hate crime covered all types of incidents. She would take the idea of the leaflet to the Cohesion and Migration Board but was cautious about the idea of targeting groups and wished to have a consistent policy across the City and any form of bullying would not be tolerated.

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

### **EU Membership Referendum**

- 6.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Penny Baker and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered as Notice of Motion 10 had generated significantly increased attendance by members of the public and it was therefore deemed appropriate to take this motion as the next item of business.
- 6.2 It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, 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.

6.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, seconded by Councillor Jackie Satur, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows:-

- (d) believes that, on balance, it was in the best interest of Sheffield for the UK to remain in the European Union;
- (e) 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
- (f) requests officers to examine the implications of the vote for Sheffield to ensure that our city can prosper outside of the European Union.

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

6.5 It was then moved by Councillor Robert Murphy, seconded by Councillor Magid Magid, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (m) as follows:-

- (g) is pleased that so many residents used their right to vote and believes this reinforces the argument for electoral reform in British elections;



- (h) accepts the campaign has opened up divisions in our society and city, and believes an important first step in healing these is recognising the democratic result of the referendum, however much we may dislike it;
- (i) believes that it is important that politicians both locally and nationally recognise that we are in difficult and potentially dangerous times and we need to act responsibly in the best interests of our city and country;
- (j) will campaign to ensure environmental regulations and workers' rights are not watered down by future governments, and that, as far as possible, the benefits of being part of the EU family are not lost;
- (k) will work to identify all confirmed and anticipated EU funding coming in to the city and seek assurances from central government and the new Prime Minister that this money will be replaced from the savings from EU contributions;
- (l) requests officers to:-
  - (i) identify all confirmed and anticipated EU funding coming to the city;
  - (ii) identify the risks and opportunities for Sheffield in withdrawing from the EU; and
  - (iii) report back to a future meeting of the full Council within three months; and
- (m) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Sheffield Members of Parliament.

6.5.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Robert Murphy), the amendment as circulated at the meeting was altered so as to propose the seven paragraphs as additional paragraphs to the substantive motion, and not to delete paragraphs (d) to (k) of the motion, as those paragraphs had already been deleted by the passing of the previous amendment.)

6.6 On being put to the vote, paragraphs (j) to (m) of the altered amendment were carried and paragraphs (g) to (i) were negatived.

6.7 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Keith Davis, seconded by Councillor Jack Clarkson, 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 the result of the referendum on membership of the EU, both locally and nationally;
- (b) totally condemns the reported increase in hate crime, whether it be racial or

simply between opposition members of the “Remain”/“Leave” groups, as totally unacceptable;

- (c) believes that Sheffield being “The City of Sanctuary” should continue to support refugees and migrants with legal status, defending and protecting them from racial abuse;
- (d) believes that the “Leave” majority of 52%-48% (51%-49% locally) represents the majority of the British and local people and, as the results fall within the guidelines of the referendum, accepts this result should be upheld irrespective of political belief;
- (e) notes with interest that the early signs of a negative impact have abated and believes that the scaremongering tactics of the “Remain” campaign are being revealed as just that;
- (f) notes the angry response from some “Remain” campaigners and the abuse some “Leave” campaigners have suffered since the “Leave” vote and condemns all such attacks on democracy;
- (g) fully accepts the result of this referendum and pledges to work together, cross party, to implement the necessary actions needed to prepare for “Brexit”;
- (h) respects the choice of our community, with a vast number of votes coming from deprived areas where many migrants are housed;
- (i) believes that this rudderless Government and the weak Opposition, along with all political parties, should now pull together to develop a smooth process for “Brexit” and instigate Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon when it considers it is the right time to do so, thereby commencing the two year exit period;
- (j) suggests this Administration works closely with local companies to ensure they are kept fully aware of progress; and
- (k) believes that whatever the political belief, this Authority will work cross party to support the wishes of the majority of the community to leave the European Union.

6.8 Following a right of reply from Councillor Joe Otten, the amendment was put to the vote and negated.

6.9 The original Motion, as amended, was then put to the vote as a Substantive Motion in the following form:-

“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, on balance, it was in the best interest of Sheffield for the UK to remain in the European Union;
- (e) 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;
- (f) requests officers to examine the implications of the vote for Sheffield to ensure that our city can prosper outside of the European Union;
- (g) will campaign to ensure environmental regulations and workers' rights are not watered down by future governments, and that, as far as possible, the benefits of being part of the EU family are not lost;
- (h) will work to identify all confirmed and anticipated EU funding coming in to the city and seek assurances from central government and the new Prime Minister that this money will be replaced from the savings from EU contributions;
- (i) requests officers to:-
  - (i) identify all confirmed and anticipated EU funding coming to the City,
  - (ii) identify the risks and opportunities for Sheffield in withdrawing from the EU; and
  - (iii) report back to a future meeting of the full Council within three months; and
- (j) requests that a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Sheffield Members of Parliament;

(NOTE: 1. Paragraphs (a) to (g) of the Substantive Motion were carried and paragraphs (h) to (j) were negated.

2. 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 Ayriss, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c) and (g) to (j) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (d) to (f) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

6.10 As a result of the vote, the motion approved was as follows:-

<b>RESOLVED:</b> That this Council:-
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- (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, on balance, it was in the best interest of Sheffield for the UK to remain in the European Union;
- (e) 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;
- (f) requests officers to examine the implications of the vote for Sheffield to ensure that our city can prosper outside of the European Union; and
- (g) will campaign to ensure environmental regulations and workers' rights are not watered down by future governments, and that, as far as possible, the benefits of being part of the EU family are not lost.

## 7. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CRAIG GAMBLE PUGH

### Hate Crime

- 7.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon and seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered as Notice of Motion 9 had generated significantly increased attendance by members of the public and it was therefore deemed appropriate to take this motion as the next item of business.
- 7.2 It was moved by Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, seconded by Councillor Michelle Cook, 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.

7.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Magid Magid, seconded by Councillor Robert Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) and (b) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:-
  - (a) is proud that Sheffield is a diverse, tolerant and inclusive city, but is disturbed by the increases in racism, xenophobia and hate crime reported nationally in the days following the EU referendum, and unequivocally condemns those who would 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, as well as by other recent tragic terrorist attacks

including in Ataturk Airport, Istanbul, Turkey on 28 June in which 42 people were killed and 239 people were injured, the suicide attack in Baghdad, Iraq on 3 July in which, currently, 165 people have died, and the deadly attack in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 1 July in which 28 people were killed in a 12 hour siege;

2. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (f) to (h):-

(e) believes that Sheffield City Council has an excellent track record of showing compassion and solidarity for victims of terrorism from other European countries, including by on occasion raising the flags of other nations over the Town Hall following terrorist outrages, and also believes that terrorism knows no borders and demands not only global cooperation to face down terrorism, but also global empathy for its victims;

3. the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-

(i) calls upon the Administration to develop a clear policy for raising other nations' flags over the Town Hall, with a view to ensuring that this Council's commitment to global empathy with the victims of terrorism is reflected through the equitable and non-discriminatory use of this important symbolic gesture.

7.4 Following a right of reply from Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh, the amendment was put to the vote and negated.

7.5 (NOTE: 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 parts 1(a) and (b) and against parts 2 and 3 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: 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.

## **8. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLOR ISOBEL BOWLER**

- 8.1 Members of the Council paid tribute to former Councillor Isobel Bowler who had sadly passed away on 28 June. Councillor Bowler had served as a Member of the Council from May 2010, representing the Mosborough Ward, and had served, from 2012, until recently, as a Cabinet Member, with responsibility for Activity Sheffield, parks and countryside, museums and galleries, libraries, community safety, cohesion and Local Area Partnerships.

## **9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- 9.1 A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated.
- 9.2 Supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, questions relating to urgent business under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii) and questions relating to the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue or Pensions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i), were not able to be asked before the meeting terminated, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 5.5, after four hours and 30 minutes duration.

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

- 10.1 **RESOLVED:** 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.

Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	- Remove Councillor Jackie Satur to create a vacancy
Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members	- Councillors Sue Alston and Adam Hanrahan to fill vacancies
Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members	- Councillor Andrew Sangar to fill a vacancy
Audit Committee	- Councillor David Barker to fill a vacancy
Access Liaison Group	- Councillor Douglas Johnson to be appointed as an additional member of the Group
Corporate Parenting Board	- Councillor Alison Teal to be appointed as an additional member of the Board

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

South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	- Councillor Mazher Iqbal to replace Councillor Mohammad Maroof
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board	- Councillor Peter Price to replace Councillor Dawn Dale

(c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18 May 2016, the Chief Executive had authorised the appointment of Councillor Ian Saunders as the Council's Heritage Champion with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.



**11. PROPOSED MERGER OF THE COUNCIL'S AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

11.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor David Baker, that this 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 that, in order to ensure that each political group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, the final adjustment of one seat, to take effect from 1st September 2016, where the Labour Group is required to give up one seat to be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group, be from the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, and accordingly, appoints Councillor Penny Baker to serve on that Committee with effect from 1st September;
- (e) appoints Councillors Alan Law, Bryan Lodge, Pat Midgley, Josie Paszek and Peter Price as the five Labour Group Members, and Councillors Vickie Priestley and Paul Scriven as the two Liberal Democrat Group Members, to serve on the new Audit and Standards Committee, 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; and
- (j) agrees that these new arrangements be reviewed in a year's time.

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

### **HS2 Station Location**

12.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Rippon, and formally seconded by Councillor Leigh Bramall, 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.

12.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and formally seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (e) to (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:-
  - (e) recognises the work done by the MP for Sheffield Hallam in supporting a city centre site, including lobbying the Secretary of State for Transport;
  - (f) notes that the Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge argues for the location of the HS2 train station to be at Meadowhall, and acknowledges that it is part of democracy that people have a range of opinions and the freedom to express these different views;
2. the relettering of original paragraph (h) as a new paragraph (g); and
3. the deletion of original paragraph (i) and the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
  - (h) believes the hard work of many 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, demonstrates that this city, even with the economic challenges created with leaving the EU, is outward looking, and that local businesses and entrepreneurs are ready to do business with Europe and the World.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-
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- (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.

12.5 (NOTE: Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f), abstained from voting on paragraph (e) and voted against paragraphs (g), (h) and (i) of the motion and

asked for this to be recorded.)

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN MISKELL**

**Government White Paper; Educational Excellence Everywhere**

13.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Ben Miskell, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that this Council:-

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| (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.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LISA BANES**

**EU Membership Referendum (2)**

- 14.1 At the request of Councillor Lisa Banes and with the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion Numbered 12 on the Summons for this meeting was withdrawn in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 17.10 and 11(x).

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

**Murder of Jo Cox MP**

- 15.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, 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.

- 15.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, and formally seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (d) as follows:-

- (b) recognises the significant contributions Jo Cox made in her professional and political career, in particular in her work on international development in standing up for the most vulnerable around the world and her association with Hope Not Hate, fighting against discrimination and racism;
- (c) will continue to support the causes set out above as appropriate; and

- (d) sends its heartfelt condolences to Jo Cox's family, friends and colleagues.
- 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) notes the tragic murder of Jo Cox MP, who was killed in her West Yorkshire constituency whilst carrying out her duties;
- (b) recognises the significant contributions Jo Cox made in her professional and political career, in particular in her work on international development in standing up for the most vulnerable around the world and her association with Hope Not Hate, fighting against discrimination and racism;
- (c) will continue to support the causes set out above as appropriate; and
- (d) sends its heartfelt condolences to Jo Cox's family, friends and colleagues.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JACK CLARKSON**

**EU Membership Referendum (3)**

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

16.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Jack Clarkson), paragraph (e) of the Motion as published in the Council Summons was altered by the removal of the word “notes” and insertion of the word “believes”.)

16.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Lisa Banes, and formally seconded by Councillor Jackie Satur, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) believes that, 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.

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) 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.



- 16.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Pauline Andrews, John Booker and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (b) and (c) and against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DAVID BARKER**

**Impact of the De-Regulation Act 2015 on the Taxi Trade**

- 17.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor David Barker, seconded by Councillor Alan Law, that this Council:-

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| <p>(a) believes the local taxi trade provides an important and highly valued service to the people of Sheffield;</p> <p>(b) notes the work the Council is doing with the local taxi trade to achieve high standards for quality and safety of the public;</p> <p>(c) feels this work is being undermined by Government legislation, particularly by the De-Regulation Act (2015) which came into force last October;</p> <p>(d) believes the De-Regulation Act puts the public at risk by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) allowing drivers who do not meet the standards the Council requires local operators to adhere to, to work in the City; and</li><li>(ii) preventing the Council from taking enforcement action against these drivers;</li></ul> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(g) believes reduced competition, which would follow the displacement of local operators, would be to the detriment of local business and passengers; and</p> <p>(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.</p> |
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**18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH**

**Local Economy**

- 18.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and formally seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, 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.
- 18.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) and (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:-
- (d) therefore welcomes the actions the current Administration is taking to strengthen Sheffield's economy, including:-
    - (i) work to improve Sheffield's skill base;
    - (ii) work to support small businesses;
    - (iii) the campaign to bring HS2 into the city centre;
    - (iv) securing HSBC in the city centre;
    - (v) creating Europe's first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District and the Olympic Legacy Park;
    - (vi) launching the city's branding as The Outdoor City; and
    - (vii) work to secure major investment in the city from Chengdu; and
  - (e) calls on the opposition parties to support these initiatives and stop talking the city down to score political points.
- 18.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 18.4 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the

following form and carried:-

- RESOLVED: That this Council:-
- (a) notes 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) therefore welcomes the actions the current Administration is taking to strengthen Sheffield's economy, including:-
    - (i) work to improve Sheffield's skill base;
    - (ii) work to support small businesses;
    - (iii) the campaign to bring HS2 into the city centre;
    - (iv) securing HSBC in the city centre;
    - (v) creating Europe's first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District and the Olympic Legacy Park;
    - (vi) launching the city's branding as The Outdoor City; and
    - (vii) work to secure major investment in the city from Chengdu; and
  - (e) calls on the opposition parties to support these initiatives and stop talking the city down to score political points.

18.5 (NOTE 1. Councillors Andy Nash, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Adam Hanrahan, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, David Baker, Penny Baker and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (c), abstained from voting on paragraph (d) and voted against paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

2. Councillors Douglas Johnson, Magid Magid, Robert Murphy and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a) and (b) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) to (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

3. Councillors Pauline Andrews, John Booker and Jack Clarkson voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (e) and abstained from voting on paragraph (c) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SHAW**

**City Centre Free Wi-Fi Provision**

- 19.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, and formally seconded by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft, 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.
- 19.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, and formally seconded by Councillor Ian Saunders, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-
- (b) acknowledges that the Administration is currently working with partners, including the Business Improvement District, to pave the way for a city centre wifi project and acknowledges that the Administration has ensured that wifi is available in libraries.
- 19.3 On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.
- 19.4 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) 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) acknowledges that the Administration is currently working with partners, including the Business Improvement District, to pave the way for a city centre wifi project and acknowledges that the Administration has ensured that wifi is available in libraries.



**20. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOHN BOOKER**

**Armed Forces Community and the National Census**

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

20.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Tony Damms, and formally seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a paragraph (g) as follows:-

- (g) notes the Administration's commitment, through the highly regarded Sheffield Community Covenant, to ensure that services recognise the contribution made by the armed forces community and remembers the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces community.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes 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;
- (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; and
- (g) notes the Administration's commitment, through the highly regarded Sheffield Community Covenant, to ensure that services recognise the contribution made by the armed forces community and remembers the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces community.