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**Wednesday 8 September 2021  
2.00 pm**

**Ponds Forge International Sports  
Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1  
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## COUNCIL

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### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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## PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at <http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=154>. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked \* on the agenda.

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If you would like to attend the meeting, you must register to attend by emailing [committee@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:committee@sheffield.gov.uk) at least 2 clear days in advance of the date of the meeting. This is necessary to facilitate the management of attendance at the meeting to maintain social distancing. In order to ensure safe access and to protect all attendees, you will be required to wear a face covering (unless you have an exemption) at all times within the venue. It is also recommended that you undertake a Covid-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Test within two days of the meeting. You can order tests online to be delivered to your home address, or you can collect tests from a local pharmacy or from the English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield S9 5DA. Further details of these tests and how to obtain them can be accessed here - [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

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**COUNCIL AGENDA  
8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Order of Business**

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**1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**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.

(NOTE: There is a time limit of one hour for the above item of business. In accordance with the arrangements published on the Council's website in relation to meetings of the Council held whilst social distancing and other public health safety measures still apply, questions/petitions are required to be submitted in writing, to [committee@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:committee@sheffield.gov.uk), by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.)

**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://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13165&path=0>)

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "HOUSING AND THE LOCAL PLAN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the population of Sheffield is predicted to grow by approximately 90,000 over the next twenty years and a shortage of decent housing will have a profound effect on economic growth, social mobility and health;
- (b) agrees that Sheffield will require more than 40,000 new homes over the next 20 years;
- (c) agrees that the location, mix and affordability of that housing will have a huge impact on the future prosperity and quality of life for its citizens;
- (d) notes that the Local Plan has been in development since 2012, with delay after delay leaving Sheffield in a position where we will become increasingly defenceless against inappropriate development;
- (e) notes the overwhelming public response to the 2020 Issues & Options Consultation in favour of higher density, walkable neighbourhoods primarily focussed in and around the city centre and Attercliffe;
- (f) further notes that development in these locations are particularly sustainable due to excellent transport links and existing infrastructure, and with good opportunities for affordable and accessible housing;
- (g) agrees that it must listen to the people of Sheffield and commits to developing a Local Plan based on this spatial strategy; and
- (h) further commits to issuing the draft Local Plan for consultation within the next six months.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "'RIGHT TO FOOD' - WORKING TOGETHER TO TACKLE FOOD POVERTY IN THE CITY, AND TO DEVELOP A LOCAL FOOD ACCESS PLAN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MILSOM AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE WILSON**

That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that we are seeing a crisis of food poverty borne out of political choices and systemic failings from successive governments since austerity began;
- (b) believes that food poverty should never be seen as inevitable, and notes that from 1997 to 2010 poverty reduced significantly (for instance the Institute for Fiscal Studies notes that the number of children in relative poverty fell by over 1.1 million from 1997-2010), showing that with sufficient political willpower these issues can be tackled;
- (c) notes that after a decade of government-imposed austerity, child poverty and food hunger has increased significantly, and led to a precarious situation for many, even before the pandemic struck;
- (d) believes that the pandemic has exacerbated problems and pushed more people into food poverty, with perhaps the worst yet to come, and though it is hard to quantify the extent of food poverty in Sheffield we know the following:-
  - (i) around 24,000 children are currently eligible for Free School Meals and therefore at risk of going hungry during the school holidays, with this number rising; and
  - (ii) according to data collected by Voluntary Action Sheffield from 19 food banks, between 13th April 2020 and 8th June 2020 the number of households supported increased by just over 92% from 1144 to 2202 households; it is well acknowledged that this does not represent the full picture of emergency food aid during this time – and shows supply, not level of need, which could be much higher;
- (e) condemns the Government for the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit, which will come into effect from 6th October 2021, noting the following:-
  - (i) universal credit is claimed by more than 5.5 million households across the UK;
  - (ii) the Joseph Rowntree Foundation - a charity which researches poverty - states millions of households will face an income loss equivalent to £1,040 a year;
  - (iii) the charity Citizens Advice has warned that a third of people on Universal Credit will end up in debt due to the reduction, which will inevitably lead to more people being reliant on food banks; and
  - (iv) the 5-week wait for Universal Credit impacts people's ability to pay bills and buy food, and believes that this wait is wholly

unjustifiable and should be scrapped;

- (f) notes that the cross-party Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee established a working group to look at the Council's response to Food Poverty in Sheffield, and that this first phase looked at the Council's strategic role in relation to food poverty, and with organisations working in this space on food projects;
- (g) believes that all recommendations from the Food Poverty Working Group's report should be adopted in full;
- (h) believes that, as noted in the Scrutiny Committee's report, tackling food poverty requires a citywide effort, across the Council and public services, the VCF, communities and business, with a long term, structural approach to find lasting solutions and that, as such, the Council should adopt a Local Food Access Plan;
- (i) believes that this would help the Council, community organisations and other partners to work together to identify risks, assess the current response and coordinate action, with an understanding that those involved can achieve more by acting together than they could by acting separately, and helping to strengthen 'food poverty alliances' (the many different networks in the city working to combat food poverty and hunger);
- (j) believes that tackling food poverty is not a standalone issue and is underpinned by wider socio-economic factors, and as such the development of a Food Access Plan must be part of the Council's forthcoming Poverty Summit, which will in turn lead to the development of co-ordinated work to tackle inequality in the city;
- (k) gives its support to The Right to Food campaign, a national campaign which argues that the 11 million people in food poverty should be central to this strategy, and that 'Right to Food' should be enshrined into law - clarifying government's obligations on food poverty and introducing legal avenues to hold government bodies accountable for violations; and
- (l) calls for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into the National Food Strategy, and asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to make this case.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE GILLIGAN**

That this Council:-



- (a) notes that in 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities' so localities can play their part in delivering the UK's 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement;
- (b) further notes that, in May 2021, the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, said collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit - "Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around";
- (c) believes that, despite these agreements and statements, there is still no formal relationship allowing joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action;
- (d) therefore resolves to add this Council's voice to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, and others, for a joint local and national government taskforce to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions; such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable; and
- (e) will therefore ask the Chief Executive to write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "INVESTING IN EARLY YEARS - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICK ROONEY**

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the early years are critical for a child's development and childcare is a fundamental building block of our economy and further believes that over the last decade, early years services have been neglected by the Government;
- (b) notes with concern the report 'Closed Doors' by Action for Children, which considered children's centre usage between 2014/15 and 2017/18 and stated "Despite the importance of children's centres to many families, their existence is under threat. Years of funding cuts

have left councils with little choice but to reduce children's centre budgets. As resources become increasingly stretched, a number of centres have closed. Many of those that remain have been forced to reduce the level of service on offer.”;

- (c) notes recent research which highlights that nationally over 1,000 Sure Start Centres have been lost since 2010 and believes that this is the legacy of the coalition government's reckless austerity policies targeting cuts at children most in need, and in addition, notes that 12,000 early education and childcare providers have been lost since 2015 and 30,000 more early years providers are at risk of closure within a year;
- (d) is concerned that the sector has been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 and believes that, although early years providers were relied upon to enable key workers to continue to work during the pandemic, they received insufficient financial protection;
- (e) welcomes that Sheffield City Council provided additional support for the publicly funded hours (over and above national guidance), however, believes that the Government failed early years providers providing little support for the paid provision;
- (f) is concerned that the insufficient increase in funding, historical underfunding, increasing costs and impact of Covid-19, means that early years' providers in Sheffield will be faced with financial sustainability issues across the childcare sector and that it is also becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain staff due to the early years providers' inability to pay competitive rates;
- (g) believes Sheffield continues to be underfunded as compared to other local authorities, with the disparity in Sheffield's hourly Funded Early Learning (FEL) rate compared to other core cities, with Bristol receiving £5.69 an hour for three and four year olds, which is 21% higher than Sheffield's rate of £4.71 per hour; Nottingham receives £5.06 per hour, Newcastle £5.05, Manchester £5.01, Leeds £4.95 and Birmingham £4.85, and only Liverpool receives less, at £4.69;
- (h) notes that Sheffield also receives a lower rate for two year olds at £5.36 per hour, compared to £5.59 in Bristol, £5.46 in Manchester, £5.40 in Birmingham, £5.39 in Nottingham and £5.38 in Liverpool, with Leeds and Manchester also receiving £5.36 per hour;
- (i) supports Sheffield trade unions in their petition to Government to significantly increase funding in Early Years, which states that the current levels of funding for early years education and care are insufficient to provide the high quality services young children in Sheffield deserve, and supports their call for:-

- (i) increased investment to ensure Sheffield deploys the highly qualified workforce required to improve the quality of service to young children;
  - (ii) recognition of the professional role of early years workers; and
  - (iii) fair pay for all early years workers that properly rewards their skills and qualification; and
- (j) calls on the Government to address this disparity and provide Sheffield with a fair funding deal in addition to the additional investment needed to ensure every child can recover the learning and social development lost in the pandemic and has the chance to reach their full potential.

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

To receive the record of the proceedings of the special meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

## **11. 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.



Gillian Duckworth  
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 31 day of August 2021

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 6 October 2021**

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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 Audit and 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 10

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held on Thursday 18 March 2021, at 5.00 pm, as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Baker, Julie Dore and Alan Law.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Council.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES**

- 3.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4 (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) and 11 (Motions which may be moved without notice):-

(a) Council Procedure Rule 17.5 be suspended to remove the 2 minute time limit on the speeches of the movers and seconders of amendments and a new time limit be set whereby a total of 20 minutes will be shared by the mover and seconder of each amendment, and all other speakers shall have 2 minutes;

(b) Council Procedure Rule 17.6 be suspended to remove the 25 minute time limit for the item of business; and

(c) Council Procedure Rules 17.7(d) and 17.12(a) be suspended to remove the right of reply for the mover of the motion.

- 3.2 It was formally moved by Councillor Tony Damms and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the following recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17th March, 2021, arising from its consideration of a joint report of the Executive Director, People Services, and the Director of Legal and Governance, setting out a proposal to empower communities by shifting power from the Town Hall to communities in every part of the City, be approved:-

“RESOLVED: That the Council approves the establishment of seven Local Area Committees and approves the draft Area Committee Terms of Reference and Area Committee Procedure Rules attached to this report at Appendix 1 and 2 as changes to the Constitution, together with any minor consequential amendments, to take effect from the Annual Meeting of the Council”

- 3.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Paul Wood, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th March 2021, as relates to the Establishment of Local Area Committees, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs as follows:-

(b) notes that this Administration is revolutionising how citizens can influence the decisions that matter to communities, committing to a modern way of engaging, empowering and enabling residents to shape their local areas;

(c) notes that the new Local Area Committees will engage, enable, and empower communities across the city with increasing control over decision making, marking a major shift in power to communities with a rolling programme of devolution over the next 12 to 18 months;

(d) believes that this is far from a return to Community Assemblies, and that the new arrangements will go much further than they ever did in empowering committees and making the Council more accountable and closer to local needs;

(e) notes that the Committees will:

(i) be the principal means by which the Council engages, empowers, enables, and seeks the active participation of all residents and community organisations on any topic of local interest;

(ii) actively utilise all available communication methods, including social media, improved local websites and blogs and where possible the use of virtual meeting technology;

(iii) provide a geographical framework that, over time, will be used to prioritise and direct the local delivery of an increasing number of Council services;

(iv) oversee the production of a co-produced annual Community Plan, with local Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations, with a strong commitment to delivery from Council services and partner organisations, the Community Plans will reflect resident priorities;

(v) ensure that plans have ambitious but achievable improvement targets that have been agreed with the community, feeding into, and influencing the strategic plans of the Council;

(vi) work with local partners and stakeholders to ensure services are joined up and operating effectively in line with the needs of local communities;

(vii) work closely with Parish councils and bring forward matchfunding to deliver local projects;

(viii) work in consultation with local Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations to ensure greater efficiency of resources, improved services, and a stronger local voice;

(ix) monitor and hold to account those who are responsible for delivering on the Community Plans actions and performance targets both SCC and

partner organisations;

(x) meet a minimum of four times a year, with the public and petitioners able to make direct ask of them; and

(xi) be empowered to set priorities and direct resources;

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3.4 It was then then moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th March 2021, as relates to the Establishment of Local Area Committees, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs

as follows:-

1. Believes that decisions by democratically elected politicians should be made at the lowest practical level, so that individuals and communities are empowered over decisions which affect their lives;
2. Reminds the Council of the poorly thought out and unnecessary scrapping of community assemblies by the majority group in 2013, which resulted in the re-centralisation of power and decision-making to the leader and cabinet;
3. Notes the limited effect the local area partnerships have made to the work of the Council and the city, despite great efforts by some elected members of all parties and some council officers;
4. Notes the work of successive cabinet members since 2013; Councillors Iqbal, Richards, Scott, Blake, Steinke, and Fox; in drawing up plans to devolve some power or money to local area committees or similar, and notes with disappointment and dismay that none of their proposals found their way to a cabinet report for seven years;
5. Notes that the 'Big City Conversation' attempted to ask Sheffield residents about their view on council governance but did not expressly engage citizens with the devolution of council decision making powers to local area committees;
6. Believes that the Council is only debating this now because of the efforts of 'It's Our City' in bringing a petition of more than 5% of Sheffield voters to demand a change in the governance of the city council; and is shocked that the majority group is refusing to take a position in the referendum despite the initial trigger of the petition being their own heavy-handed, centralised rule of the Council followed by their complete failure to discuss the proposals with the petitioners;
7. Sees the actions of the majority group as a cynical attempt to mislead the people of Sheffield that they have a thought through plan to devolve powers to local area committees;
8. Recalls that Community Assemblies were introduced in May 2009 after twelve months preparatory work, and therefore rejects the need for any extension beyond May 2022 for the introduction of new local area committees;
9. Notes that the main opposition budget amendment would have added an extra £500,000 to local area committees as well as increasing the neighbourhood portion of CIL from 15% to 30% for use by local communities, substantial devolution of Local Transport Plan Funding, and created a fund available to local councillors to use on projects and capital investments in their wards through boosting ward pots to £10,000 in every ward;

10. Believes that the proposals in the report before the Council today are incomplete; lacking details of any proposed responsibilities, structure, boundaries, or budgets of these local area committees;

11. Requests that council officers draw up detailed proposals and implementation plans for the new local area committees, to be called community assemblies, using the current seven groupings of four wards in each of the existing local area partnerships so that the scheme can be quickly established; and that the plans recognise the importance of partnerships with community, voluntary, and faith groups, and that regular updates are brought back to elected members between now and full implementation in May 2022; and

12. Requests that council officers understand that the devolved powers and budgets must, as a minimum, be greater than those of the community assemblies when they were abolished in 2013; and that there must be a concomitant decrease in the powers of the centre, whether cabinet or committees. There should be a presumption in favour of decision making powers at the community assembly level, in respect of service delivery and specific services.

3.5 It was then moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, as an amendment, that the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 17th March 2021, as relates to the Establishment of Local Area Committees, be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That the Council", and the addition of the following words:-

1. Believes the Administration's rush to get this new system approved is politically motivated;

2. Notes community and faith groups' calls for full public consultation on the proposals in the email to all councillors from Centre for Welfare Reform, Faithstar, It's Our City! and Opus;

3. Believes that genuinely carrying out council functions at a local level is a positive way of engaging more people with the decisions that affect them and their communities;

4. Therefore believes it is vital to encourage as much participation as possible, as a system forced upon the city without any consultation with councillors or communities is not genuine and cannot be truly representative;

5. Believes the Administration's top-down approach is flawed and notes that the existing system of Local Area Partnerships already sets a framework for locality working - if it were properly resourced;

6. Condemns the Administration for consistently reducing funding, resources, staff and responsibilities to neighbourhood working over the last



ten years;

7. Condemns the reckless use of precious financial reserves that have been preserved throughout the austerity years and the pandemic that could have been spent on social care, supporting the most vulnerable, addressing the climate and biodiversity emergency or anything else;

8. Is concerned that the equality impact assessment mentioned in the report has not been carried out, despite a statement to the contrary;

9. Is concerned about the potential for gerrymandering in the as yet undefined boundaries of the local areas, which is fundamental to the distribution of council resources across the city; and

10. Resolves to consult the public fully on these proposals after the governance referendum and local elections in May.

3.6 After contributions from another 41 Members, the amendment moved by Councillor Bob Johnson was put to the vote and was carried.

3.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

For the amendment (25) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Against the amendment (51) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Chris Rosling Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jim

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Abstained from voting on the amendment (0)                      NIL

3.8 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:

(a) approves the establishment of seven Local Area Committees and approves the draft Area Committee Terms of Reference and Area Committee Procedure Rules attached to this report at Appendix 1 and 2 as changes to the Constitution, together with any minor consequential amendments, to take effect from the Annual Meeting of the Council;

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held on Wednesday 31 March 2021, at 2.00 pm, as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Bob Pullin Richard Shaw	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Andy Bainbridge Vic Bowden Moya O'Rourke	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Peter Garbutt Jim Steinke Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Bob McCann Chris Rosling-Josephs	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Barbara Masters Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i> Ben Miskell Jack Scott
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Talib Hussain Mark Jones	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Cate McDonald Paul Turpin	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Ruth Mersereau Martin Phipps	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayris	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Penny Baker Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Anne Murphy	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Julie Grocutt Francyne Johnson
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> Tony Downing Kevin Oxley Gail Smith	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Alan Hooper Adam Hurst Mike Levery
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1 In relation to agenda item 6 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Thanking The City's Workers and Demanding Pay Justice For Them") (item 8 of these minutes), (a) the following Members declared personal interests for the reasons stated:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Kevin Oxley	He is employed in the public sector
Councillor Sue Alston	She is employed in the NHS
Councillor Andrew Sangar	His wife is employed in the NHS
Councillor Mike Drabble	He is employed in the NHS, is a member of the Unison Union and receives a local government pension
Councillor George Lindars-Hammond	His partner is employed in the NHS and he is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Mary Lea	She receives a pension from the NHS
Councillor Ben Curran	His wife is employed in the NHS
Councillor Joe Otten	His wife is employed in the NHS
Councillor Tim Huggan	His wife is employed in the NHS
Councillor Penny Baker	She receives a pension from the NHS
Councillor Gail Smith	She receives a pension from the NHS
Councillor Talib Hussain	His wife is employed in the NHS and he is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Josie Paszek	She is a member of Unison Union and receives a local government pension
Councillor Cliff Woodcraft	His wife receives a pension from the NHS
Councillor Jayne Dunn	She is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Mark Jones	He is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Tony Damms	He receives a local government pension and is a member of the Unite Union
Councillor Paul Wood	He is a member of the GMB Union



Councillor Garry Weatherall	He receives a local government pension and is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Adam Hurst	He receives a local government pension and is a member of the GMB Union
Councillor Ian Auckland	He receives a local government pension and a pension as a Trustee
Councillor Mohammed Mahroof	He is a non-executive director and trustee of Sheffield Hospitals Charity which supports the NHS, and in the future will receive a local government pension
Councillor Colin Ross	He receives a local government pension
Councillor Bob McCann	His daughter is employed in the NHS
Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards	She receives a local government pension
Councillor Jackie Drayton	She receives a local government pension and is a member of Unison Union
Councillor Vickie Priestley	She receives a local government pension
Councillor Anne Murphy	She will soon be in receipt of an NHS pension and is a member of Unison Union
Councillor David Baker	He receives a local government pension
Councillor Alan Hooper	His wife receives a local government pension
Councillor Angela Argenzio	She is a member of the Unite Union
Councillor Peter Garbutt	His wife receives a local government pension
Councillor Dianne Hurst	She receives a local government pension
Councillor Sue Auckland	She receives a local government pension as a Trustee
Councillor Cate McDonald	She receives a local government pension and is a member of Unison Union
Councillor Abdul Khayum	He receives a local government pension and is a member of the GMB Union

Councillor Julie Grocutt	She and her husband receive a pension
Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed	He will receive a local government pension in the future

(b) Councillor Terry Fox declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Friends of the NHS, the Unison and NACODS Unions and he receives a local government pension.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jack Clarkson, Lewis Dagnall, Julie Dore and Sophie Wilson.

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

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) reported that five petitions and questions from thirteen members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. On all five petitions, representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners. All thirteen questioners had been invited to attend the meeting to ask their questions.

### **3.2 Petitions**

#### **3.2.1 Petition Requesting Action to Deter Fly Tipping**

The Council received a petition containing 552 signatures requesting the Council to reintroduce Bring Your Own Rubbish days in Sheffield.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Michelle Hinson, a member of the Sheffield Litter Pickers and the S20/S21 Litter Pickers groups. Ms Hinson stated that she had been part of work removing hundreds of bags of rubbish and fly tipping, which was then reported to the Council or through the Fix my Street app. She said that Sheffield had significant fly tipping and litter issues, which created a lot of work for both the Council and volunteers. Ms Hinson said she had spoken with local residents in her area, and that they suggested the fly tipping was due to low-income households not being able to afford to pay somebody to remove their items. Ms Hinson said she had received good feedback following the Bring Out Your Rubbish days, and that it had drastically reduced fly tipping. Ms Hinson stated she felt reintroducing Bring Out Your Rubbish days would be more cost effective for the Council and would significantly reduce fly tipping and littering. Ms Hinson referenced recent TV programmes, which she said indicated it remained difficult to catch the perpetrators of fly tipping and littering. Ms Hinson suggested prevention was the best way to progress.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change). Councillor Jones thanked Ms Hinson for the petition, and for her work to remove litter. Councillor Jones agreed that prevention was the best way forward. He stated that at the last full Council meeting, proposals were put forward for the establishment of Local Area Committees (LACs). He hoped that through the LACs, Bring Out Your Rubbish days could be established in co-ordination with local Councillors. Councillor Jones said he believed the best way to establish Bring Out Your Rubbish days was at a local level, developed with local communities.

### 3.2.2 Petition Requesting the Council Introduce CCTV in Page Hall

The Council received a petition containing 6 signatures requesting the Council to bring in CCTV in Page Hall.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Damien Callaghan who stated that his father and family had lived there for over 20 years and issues have increased in the area, leading to South Yorkshire Police bringing in an independent police team in the area. Mr Callaghan said that a number of crimes were taking place there, and that CCTV would allow them to identify the perpetrators.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety). Councillor Wood thanked Mr Callaghan for the petition and stated that there were new community safety plans being introduced which would include CCTV which would be trialled in a number of areas. Councillor Wood said that to be effective CCTV needed to be monitored either by the police or Council. He added that if the trials were effective, CCTV would form a tool within the community safety plans which could be deployed into any area of Sheffield. Councillor Wood stated that Local Area Committees would likely be involved in this process to assess whether there was a local need for CCTV.

### 3.2.3 Petition Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Abbey Lane

The Council received an electronic petition containing 5,700 signatures, requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Abbey Lane between Ecclesall Woods.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Chloe Cheeseman, who informed the Council that Ecclesall Woods offers thousands of Sheffield residents the opportunity to visit nature; however, she stated that visiting the woods or its popular discovery centre is not always safe due to crossing Abbey Lane. She added that Abby Lane has a speed limit of 40mph and there are no crossing facilities across that Lane leading to various issues and risks when crossing the road. Ms Cheeseman shared comments from petitioners regarding these risks and stated that the lack of crossing most significantly affects elderly and disabled citizens.

Ms Cheeseman asked the Council to act urgently by investigating and planning

suitable crossing improvements, in consultation with the Friends of Ecclesall Woods group. She asked that a plan be produced which includes a budget by the summer.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development). Councillor Grocutt thanked Ms Cheeseman for presenting the petition, and said she understood the concerns raised. Councillor Grocutt stated that the pandemic had led to an increased number of requests for improved road safety measures throughout Sheffield. She added that the Council would want to encourage an increase in pedestrian activity for leisure purposes and is looking into what measures would be suitable on Abbey Lane to reflect the increased popularity of Ecclesall Woods. She added that there are many points when people using the woods might cross Abbey Lane, and that the Council needs to consider what methods would be suitable to address this increased demand. Councillor Grocutt stated that any measures introduced must be sympathetic to the tree-lined, peaceful location of Abbey Lane. She said that a feasibility study has been commissioned to identify various options to install crossing facilities on Abbey Lane. Councillor Grocutt stated she would keep Ms Cheeseman and the Friends of Ecclesall Woods group updated on this study.

#### 3.2.4 Petition Requesting a Speed Camera in Mosborough

The Council received an electronic petition containing 424 signatures, requesting a speed camera in Mosborough and that the Council work with the police to tackle speeding in Mosborough.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Kurtis Crossland, who began by thanking the Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Dowling) for his work. Mr Crossland informed the Council that he had been contacted by a number of residents in Mosborough whose vehicles had been written off due to speeding in the area. He added that there had been a number of accidents within the last few weeks in the area. Mr Crossland requested that the Council find solutions to these issues in order to improve road safety in the area.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development). Councillor Grocutt thanked Mr Crossland for presenting the position. She informed Mr Crossland and his fellow petitioners that the introduction of speed cameras was managed by South Yorkshire Police as part of the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership. Councillor Grocutt stated that as the Council moves towards Local Area Committees (LACs) it would be possible for a resident to contact their LAC and request that they work with the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership and South Yorkshire Police to look at how these situations can be resolved. She stated that the petition had been forwarded to the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership for their attention; however, she said that petitioners should be aware that there had been an unprecedented increase in these requests and that it may be some time before mobile enforcement occurs in Mosborough. Councillor Grocutt said she had requested that Mosborough be included in the Community Speed Watch initiative. She stated that the initiative had been paused due to COVID-

19 but will recommence once restrictions are lifted.

3.2.5 Petition Requesting that Recycling Centres Open 7 Days a Week and the Reintroduction of Bring Out Your Rubbish Days

The Council received an electronic petition containing 265 signatures requesting that household recycling centres open 7 days a week and that Bring Out Your Rubbish days be reintroduced.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Adil Mohammed, who began by thanking litter picking volunteers. Mr Mohammed stated that there had been a number of issues with accessing recycling centres and disposing of rubbish in Sheffield, which had increased during the pandemic. Mr Mohammed requested that the Council bring back Bring Out Your Rubbish Days and extend the opening hours of recycling centres to 7 days a week. He suggested a booking system could be used at recycling centres and added that these had been used in other Local Authorities.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change). Councillor Jones thanked Mr Mohammed for his petition and for his work removing litter. Councillor Jones stated that the Council had worked hard to keep its services running during the pandemic, and added that Sheffield was one of only two Councils in the country that kept its household waste recycling centres open throughout the pandemic. He added that Sheffield had received national recognition for the work it carried out, and was used as a template to inform Local Authorities in their handling of their recycling centres during the pandemic. Councillor Jones stated he was proud of the work that had been done by Sheffield City Council staff, and all those working at Sheffield recycling sites, and thanked them for their dedication and hard work during the pandemic.

Councillor Jones explained that Sheffield had 5 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), and discussions have been ongoing around how to address local residents' concerns. Councillor Jones announced that following these discussions all sites in Sheffield would now be open 7 days a week, 9.30am-5.30pm, from the 1st of April 2021. He added that the earlier opening times are in response to a consultation which has been in progress for a number of months.

In addition, Councillor Jones stated that the Blackstock Road and Beighton sites would have extended opening hours over the Bank Holiday weekend. He added that the restrictions regarding numbers of people on site would now be lifted. He said face coverings would need to be worn, but more people would now be able to access the sites. Councillor Jones said it would be the responsibility of members of the public to maintain social distancing and added that staff would not be able to assist members of the public in removing items from their vehicles due to increased safety measures.

Councillor Jones added that there would be a trial using Veolia's waste transfer service at Tinsley Park Road to allow people to dispose of waste. He said that

the further extension of opening hours was under review, but any changes would need to be in accordance with planning and site licensing requirements.

In response to the Bring Out Your Own Rubbish days, Councillor Jones referred Mr Mohammed to the answer provided to Ms Hinson.

### 3.3 Public Questions

#### 3.3.1 Public Questions Concerning Cladding, Repairs and Building Safety

Peter Housley asked the following question: 'Many thanks for your involvement with the urgent, ongoing and soon to escalate issues on fire risks in many apartments in Sheffield.'

One of my many questions (as a directly involved leaseholder), is:  
How can so many buildings be built to an inferior standard, with poor workmanship, incorrect design, unsuitable and not up to specification materials?

There are, correctly so, authorities and official bodies in place to monitor, check and sign for these works before being declared safe (Building Control, Architects, surveyors, legal, insurers, developers, NHBC, etc). Where did it all go so very wrong?'

Jennie Garratt (Sheffield Cladding Action Group) asked the following question:-

'We note that Sheffield City Council is due to consider a Motion given by Councillor Paul Wood at the upcoming meeting regarding the cladding and building safety crisis which is impacting thousands of leaseholders and residents in Sheffield.'

We ask: 'Will the Council commit to questioning any developer which applies for construction contracts/planning permission within Sheffield on their suitability for the works if existing residential buildings of theirs have unresolved cladding and/or fire safety issues related to the original construction of the building?'

We do not think it is fair for developers which have left leaseholders in their existing buildings without support in remediating fire safety defects to be granted further work in our city until the urgent remedial work is funded by the responsible party.'

Olivia Hill asked the following questions:-

1. 'How can the Council help spread the word on the severity of the situation to people living in these affected buildings?'
2. 'How can we prevent people unknowingly buying these problem properties (many of which are for sale)? How can estate agents and local law firms ensure people's life savings are making a safe investment?'
3. 'How could the Council support Sheffield CAG. Is there any funding for

volunteer groups such as ourselves? Help with scaling up our activism, support for planning events in future such as protests, etc.'

Phil Carter asked the following question:-

'Re: agenda item on Building Safety, this is so important for thousands of Sheffield leaseholders / voters it should be higher up the agenda. 36 buildings in Sheffield have applied to the Government's Building Safety Fund for grants, in the hope that crippling remediation costs (that the original developers should be paying) are not passed down to them. Lots of words on the agenda about what the Government should be doing, but what about the Council & commitments made months ago to write to those developers & others who were culpable? The Council needs to be as proactive as its City's MPs.'

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) thanked the questioners for their time.

In response to Mr Housley's question, Councillor Wood stated that the deregulation of building control was a factor. He explained that regulations have increasingly become controlled at government level rather than at a local level. Councillor Wood stated that he and the Director of Housing, Janet Sharpe, had meetings with the Government Minister who had agreed to put forward some amendments to the Housing Bill which would give Local Authorities the power to issue a Right to Reside certificate. He added that this was in progress.

In response to Ms Garratt's question, Councillor Wood said that while ever he is the Cabinet Member with responsibility for housing, he would instruct officers to look out for any irregularities in lease holder properties when carrying out any development. He added that he was responsible for social housing, but he would speak to Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) to see what could be done collectively across the entire housing and building sectors. He said that the Council would need to confirm what could be legally done at a local level, but he stated he would support not using contractors who have blatantly disregarded building controls and had taken cheap options in order to maximise profits in the private sector.

In response to Ms Hill's question, Councillor Wood said the Council had supported CAG through lobbying extensively for the funds required to fit alarms in some of the buildings. He stated that there is a £500,000 grant available, and there had been discussions around further grants to allow for more alarms to be fitted in additional buildings. Councillor Wood stated that the Council had recognised 133 buildings which required full investigations. He added that the private rented sector team and private landlord team would investigate each of these buildings to ensure the fire regulations are appropriate. Councillor Wood said that the grants should enable immediate cladding work, however; the grants would not be given for fire safety unless for alarm systems. Councillor Wood stated that the Council had spoken with the CAG almost weekly in order to process grants.

Councillor Wood stated the Council would work with government, lobby in

conjunction with the Cladding Action Group, press for any grants available and would provide all other Council services which include mental health and debt advice. Councillor Wood expressed his sympathy to all those affected.

(NOTE: The questions on the same issue, which had been submitted by Lindsay Hewson and William Martin, but were not asked at the meeting, would receive written responses from the Cabinet Member)

### 3.3.2 Public Questions Concerning the Closure of the John Lewis Store

Nigel Slack asked the following questions:-

1. 'With the closure of the John Lewis store, how can SCC (Sheffield City Council) help ensure that the John Lewis Partnership provides proper support for the employees that are about to be thrown out of a job?'
2. 'What is the financial impact of the loss of rent and rates on the building?'
3. 'Will this be compensated by the penalty clause for the early end of the lease and to what amount?'
4. 'There is a deal of positivity about future uses for the building but much of this will depend on the refurbishment needs of the building. Is the building in need of structural repair as well as refurbishment? What are the current estimates for that refurbishment, and will SCC be carrying that out before future plans are in place?'

Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Business and Investment) was not present at the meeting at this point in the proceedings, therefore the Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) requested that an answer be given to Mr Slack in writing at a later time.

### 3.3.3 Public Questions Concerning Acorn Sheffield

Zobia Rafique asked the following questions:-

1. 'I am aware that some of the Councillors in this meeting are friends or associates of an association called Acorn Sheffield. I am also aware that a few of the Councillors in this meeting have had similar experiences of people hoaxing and turning up outside their homes protesting. You had all condemned this behaviour then, so do you today Councillors of my city also condemn Acorn's action of protesting on this occasion towards me?'
2. 'Acorn failed to investigate this landlord/tenant matter prior to marching to my home and later to accept the DPS (Deposit Protection Scheme) decision. Do you agree that they discriminate against landlords as all bad and act as vigilantes?'
3. 'Do you think that the Council should offer support for not only tenants but



also landlords such as myself who felt particularly targeted due to being not only an Asian but also a female, I was labelled as "one of the 50 rogue Landlords" in a recent protest outside the Town Hall by Acorn?

4. 'Disregarding whether this is a criminal matter or not, do you find this behaviour acceptable?'

Councillor Paul Wood (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) stated that as the questions presented involved a number of organisations including the Council, and due to the fact that these are ongoing matters which could have legal ramifications, he had been advised by the Council's Legal and Governance Service that he could not pass comment on these events. Councillor Wood apologised, and stated he had to respond to the advice given to him by the Council's Legal service.

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) confirmed that Councillor Wood was not able to respond to these questions and stated he would confirm the reasons behind this.

Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed stated that he had received an email from Ms Rafique which he had responded to. He asked for clarification around the legal advice given to Councillor Wood. Councillor Wood stated he would discuss this with Councillor Mohammed following this meeting. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) stated a written response would be provided to Ms Rafique at a later time.

### 3.3.4 Public Questions Concerning the Archiving of Tree Felling Information and Public Questions

Justin Buxton asked the following questions:-

1. 'Further to the 'Archive' that the Council has promised its citizens, of all information relating to the Street Tree felling scandal in Sheffield. Please could the Council categorically confirm and rigorously ensure that ALL information (data as specified by FOIA legislation) held by 'Amey' pursuant to Clause 90.2.1 of the Streetsahead contract is retained and will be archived - over and above any 'Data Retention Policy' agreed between the Council and Amey.'
2. 'Does the Council's action (policy) of reading out public questions submitted to February's Full Council meeting (03/02/2021) demonstrate and prove that it is unnecessary for the questioner to be present at council meetings for both their question(s) and any subsequent response(s) to be minuted?'

Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader of the Council) responded to question two. Councillor Fox thanked Mr Buxton for his question and explained the Public Questions process. He said that the public could submit a public question which would then be sent to the relevant Cabinet Member for a response. Councillor Fox

said he would ask for guidance on whether this would then be included in the minutes and provide this information to Mr Buxton.

### 3.3.5 Public Questions Concerning the Blackstock Road Recycling Facility

Janet Ridler asked the following question:-

‘During the pandemic, capacity at the Gleadless Valley Recycling Centre has been greatly reduced whilst essential social distancing measures have been in place. However, demand for the recycling facility continues to grow and the resulting queues of traffic waiting to use the facility is now causing serious problems for local residents, with local buses having to be diverted and the real possibility of a serious road traffic accident happening on Blackstock Road. This is understandably causing great concern amongst local residents and frustration from people queueing to use the recycling centre but who are being moved on. I would be grateful if the Cabinet Member responsible for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change could please outline what is being done to resolve the problem of lack of capacity at the Blackstock Road Centre and to relieve the impact that this is having on local residents?’

Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) thanked Ms Ridler for her question. He stated that he was aware that the pandemic had affected the usage of recycling centres, with Blackstock Road’s Centre’s usage increasing. Councillor Jones stated that the Blackstock Road Centre was a small site, used by a large number of people, and more needed to be done to control the traffic around that site. Councillor Jones explained that the road had a number of crossing points and was also on a bus route which caused issues when trying to manage traffic. Councillor Jones stated that the Council had encouraged users of the site to come back at a later time to reduce queuing on the road. He added that opening hours at this site would be extended, and that he would hope these extended hours would have a positive impact on traffic. Councillor Jones said the Council was in conversations with third-party groups to discuss the possibility of further recycling centres being opened in Sheffield and that there was an ongoing trial of pop-up sites. Councillor Jones stated the Council had encouraged people to dispose of their own rubbish where possible and to use sites other than the one at Blackstock Road. Councillor Jones added that should the Council feel that the road traffic conditions were unsustainable, advice would be taken from the police regarding closing these sites at certain times.

### 3.3.6 Public Questions Concerning ‘Best Value’, Freedom of Information Requests and a Labour Councillor

Russell Johnson asked the following questions:-

1. ‘In the context of the Liverpool City Council scandal triggered in part by an investigation into failure to ensure ‘Best Value’, is SCC confident that the destruction of public assets with a CAVAT value of c. £30m during the Tree Felling Fiasco does not constitute a breach of the legal requirement for the Council to secure Best Value in its actions or those undertaken on its

behalf? Furthermore, is the Council aware that the charade (which was a politically driven, less than sincere sham consultation exercise, as clearly and undoubtedly evidenced by facts now available in the public) known as the 'Independent Tree Panel' costing £132K itself may well be deemed unlawful under Best Value obligations? An Elected Member's answer should in this case be supported by a named senior SCC legally qualified Officer: clearly the view of a layperson in a matter such as this would not carry any credibility. Should this be unavailable at the meeting please assure me that a proper written answer will be provided within a reasonable time period and that this will form part of the Meeting Public Record.'

2. 'Please would The Leader explain the Council's alarmingly dismal performance in complying with its legal obligations to provide the public with responses to Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests in a timely manner? Long delays are being experienced even where the work required is minimal and even where the Information Commissioner has expressed concern. Cabinet Members should note that the reason for this systemic obstruction, where given, is not pandemic or staffing capacity related. Is Cllr Johnson aware that this pattern is building suspicion that the Council is seeking to hide incriminating information, and would he not prefer that further reputational damage to his organisation and Party is avoided by demonstrating transparency, honesty and conscientious adherence to the law?'
3. 'Please would Cllr Johnson on behalf of the Cabinet distance himself from the scurrilous tweets made by a back bench Labour Councillor, whom I understand I may not name in a public question, which sought to dishonestly suggest that the It's Our City community group is a front for a political party?'

Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change) stated he could not provide an answer to question one at this time; however, he said he would speak with the legal department and provide a written answer to Mr Johnson when possible.

Councillor Terry Fox (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Deputy Leader of the Council) responded to question two. He stated he would provide Mr Johnson with a full written response. Councillor Fox explained that he had been asked a similar question regarding Freedom of Information requests in Member's Questions, and that he would share this response with Mr Johnson.

In response to question three, Councillor Fox stated he was not on social media but that he or Councillor Bob Johnson (Leader of the Council) would send a full written response to Mr Johnson.

### 3.3.7 Public Questions Concerning Play Streets

Oli Johnson asked the following question:-

'Will the Council put a temporary play street policy into place to make it easier

for residents to apply for regular play streets and to show council level support for the idea?’

Councillor Julie Grocutt (Cabinet Member for Transport and Development) thanked Mr Johnson for his question. Councillor Grocutt stated that she was pleased to hear that Mr Johnson had had a good experience of the Play Street policy. She confirmed that the Council was supportive of Play Streets and said that on the Playing Out website, Sheffield City Council had been confirmed as an active area on the Local Authority map. Councillor Grocutt explained that there was a link on the Playing Out website to Sheffield City Council’s Street Party Licence page. She added that this form should also be used for Play Street applications, and she stated she would instruct officers to clarify that this form is for both Street Party and Play Street applications.

3.3.8 (NOTE: Questions regarding the Council’s decision making structures, which had been submitted by Mark Smith, but which were not asked at the meeting, would receive written responses from the relevant Cabinet Member).

#### **4. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEMANDING AN END TO THE NATIONAL CLADDING SCANDAL"**

4.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms and seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by (a) taking item 9 (Notice of Motion Regarding “Demanding An End To The National Cladding Scandal”) as the next item of business and (b) moving item 6 (Notice of Motion Regarding “Thanking The City’s Workers and Demanding Pay Justice For Them”) to be taken after item 8 on the agenda.

4.2 It was moved by Councillor Paul Wood, and seconded by Jim Steinke, that this Council:-

- (a) notes it is now over three and half years since the tragic Grenfell Tower fire and yet the Government have failed to get to grips with the scandal of dangerous cladding;
- (b) notes that lack of proper action from government over covering the costs has affected Sheffield residents with many having bought their property in good faith, only to face both the immediate cost of having to fund ‘waking watches’, as well as not knowing whether they will one day be confronted by a financially crippling bill from their building owner for remedial works;
- (c) believes it would be distressing to see anyone held to ransom in this way at any time, but it is even more concerning given the current economic uncertainty and pandemic, and that whilst all of this hangs over them, owners in these tower blocks have little chance of selling their flats, and it is not hard to imagine the impact this must be having on the mental

wellbeing of the individuals affected;

- (d) believes it is time for firm action from the Government rather than continued broken promises, to avoid a repeat of the Grenfell Tower tragedy;
- (e) believes that government are not providing the support needed to deal with all the safety problems faced in high-rise homes, including those that relate to non-ACM cladding – such as Sheffield buildings like Metis and Wicker Riverside - and that, furthermore, there is no real help for buildings with other safety issues or buildings under 18 metres in height;
- (f) believes that this is inexcusable, and that the Government must come forward with proposals for comprehensive remediation for safety issues and all buildings, at no cost to leaseholders;
- (g) notes that locally this Administration is fully supporting Sheffield City Council tenants in high-rises and, having checked out all blocks, no further cladding is to be removed, and that all blocks are regularly checked for fire safety protection;
- (h) further notes that, as part of the Housing Revenue Account, the Council will invest £500 million into council housing stock over the next five years, including investment in further health and safety measures such as fire safety improvements;
- (i) notes, however, that far more needs to be done for those in private blocks and notes that the Leader of the Council has confirmed the Council's support for the campaign to 'End Our Cladding Scandal' which demands that Government leads a national effort to ensure safety in all tower blocks, with the prioritisation of those blocks most at risk;
- (j) confirms its backing for Sheffield Cladding Action Group and their calls on the Government to take these 10 steps to end the National Cladding Scandal:-
  - (i) the Government must lead an urgent national effort to remove all dangerous cladding from buildings by June 2022;
  - (ii) the Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless of height, and a range of internal and external fire safety defects, not just cladding;
  - (iii) the Government should provide the money up front and then seek to recover it from any responsible parties or via a temporary levy on development;
  - (iv) social housing providers must have full and equal access to the fund;

- (v) the Government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects;
  - (vi) the Government should cover the cost of interim safety measures;
  - (vii) the Government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared;
  - (viii) a fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months;
  - (ix) mental health support must be offered to affected residents; and
  - (x) protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation; and
- (k) commits to putting this motion and the 10 demands directly to Government.

4.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (j) as new paragraphs (g) to (l);
  - (e) deeply regrets that, because of the cladding crisis, residents in the Wicker Riverside were evacuated during a pandemic, and just before Christmas, and that residents subsequently lived with the fear that they may be asked to evacuate their homes for months;
  - (f) welcomes the installation of the alarm to relieve the waking watch in Wicker Riverside, but believes that, even with the Wicker Riverside having received “emergency” funding for the alarm to be fitted from the Waking Watch Relief Fund, first announced in December, it took far too long to install, with tens of thousands of pounds for the cost of waking watches falling on residents and a real impact to their mental health and sense of security;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (r) as follows:-
  - (m) requests officers investigate how the Council can implement:-
    - (i) requiring freeholders of private or housing association residential blocks taller than eighteen metres in Sheffield to make publicly available periodic fire risk and safety assessments, with a recommendation that this duty does not lead to a disproportionate cost for leaseholders or tenants; and

- (ii) querying developers submitting new planning applications of their suitability to build again in Sheffield, if any previous construction project of theirs is subject to unresolved cladding or other major fire safety issues like compartmentation;
  - (n) notes the results of the mental health study by Dr Martin of the UK Cladding Action Group of those affected by the cladding crisis where 9 in 10 people said their mental health had deteriorated as a direct result of the cladding situation;
  - (o) resolves to consider how the Council could enable access to additional mental health support for those affected by the fire safety crisis, consulting with mental health services (both VCSEs, SCC and NHS) and cladding groups for how this could be best provided;
  - (p) requests that officers report regularly to the relevant committee on the work to remove combustible cladding from residential properties, and address other serious fire safety issues like compartmentation, in Sheffield;
  - (q) resolves to learn the lessons of the perceived lack of communication and transparency with Hanover Tower residents that is believed to have led to tenants' losing trust;
  - (r) resolves to send this motion to all Sheffield MPs and ask that they support amendments to the Fire Safety Bill that seek to prevent the costs of fire safety issues falling on leaseholders, and ask them to ask others in their parties to do the same;
3. the re-lettering of original paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (s) and the addition of a new paragraph (t) as follows:-
- (t) resolves to write to ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to support the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign and publish a database of every affected building, including type, height and cladding material used.
- 4.4 After contributions from nine other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Paul Wood, the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was put to the vote and was carried, with the exception of paragraph (q) in part 2 of the amendment which was negated.
- 4.4.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery, voted for part 1, paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (q) and (r) of part 2 and part 3 of the amendment, and voted against paragraph (p) in part 2 of the amendment, and

asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

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- (b) notes that lack of proper action from government over covering the costs has affected Sheffield residents with many having bought their property in good faith, only to face both the immediate cost of having to fund 'waking watches', as well as not knowing whether they will one day be confronted by a financially crippling bill from their building owner for remedial works;
- (c) believes it would be distressing to see anyone held to ransom in this way at any time, but it is even more concerning given the current economic uncertainty and pandemic, and that whilst all of this hangs over them, owners in these tower blocks have little chance of selling their flats, and it is not hard to imagine the impact this must be having on the mental wellbeing of the individuals affected;
- (d) believes it is time for firm action from the Government rather than continued broken promises, to avoid a repeat of the Grenfell Tower tragedy;
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  - (iv) social housing providers must have full and equal access to the fund;
  - (v) the Government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects;
  - (vi) the Government should cover the cost of interim safety measures;
  - (vii) the Government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared;
  - (viii) a fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months;
  - (ix) mental health support must be offered to affected residents; and

- (x) protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation;
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  - (i) requiring freeholders of private or housing association residential blocks taller than eighteen metres in Sheffield to make publicly available periodic fire risk and safety assessments, with a recommendation that this duty does not lead to a disproportionate cost for leaseholders or tenants; and
  - (ii) querying developers submitting new planning applications of their suitability to build again in Sheffield, if any previous construction project of theirs is subject to unresolved cladding or other major fire safety issues like compartmentation;
- (n) notes the results of the mental health study by Dr Martin of the UK Cladding Action Group of those affected by the cladding crisis where 9 in 10 people said their mental health had deteriorated as a direct result of the cladding situation;
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- (r) commits to putting this motion and the 10 demands directly to Government; and
- (s) resolves to write to ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to support the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign and publish a database of every affected building, including type, height and cladding material used.

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

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

5.2 Written Questions

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated. Supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members until the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

Questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6i), were not able to be asked before the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BUS SERVICES"**

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

- (a) notes the publication by the Department for Transport of "Bus Back Better - National Bus Strategy for England";
- (b) believes that the City Region Mayor must exercise powers to bring bus services back under local control (franchising), at the earliest practicable date, and central government must continue to provide significant funding to revitalise local transport;
- (c) fears that once again the City Region Mayor has "missed the bus" regarding improving bus services in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, as we must, as an alternative, commit by 1st July 2021 to implementation of "Enhanced Partnership" arrangements;
- (d) supports Clive Betts MP's call for the roll-out of Bus Franchising to be speeded up and fully endorses the consistent commitment, over very many years, of the major opposition party to introduce bus franchising in Sheffield;
- (e) believes that excellent public transport and people friendly neighbourhoods are key to reducing pollution, congestion, improving health, and contributing to zero carbon, and notes proposals, made within successive budget amendments proposed by the major opposition party, to devolve funding and powers to Community Assemblies which would have enabled them to introduce local highway schemes, which invariably

aim to make neighbourhoods more accessible by walking and cycling to local services, and discourage very short trips by private car; and

- (f) regrets “eight wasted years” by the Administration, in bringing forward proposals for Local Area Committees, which this Council believes should be called Community Assemblies.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, seconded by Councillor Ben Miskell, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council”, and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes that the city’s bus services have been devastated by central government funding cuts since the formation of the coalition government in 2010, with funding to South Yorkshire’s bus service slashed by 48% - leading to routes reduced and fares going up;
- (b) notes the regional imbalances for bus funding whereby buses in London get the funding equivalent of £76 per head, and yet in Sheffield it is only £5, and believes this is simply unacceptable;
- (c) believes that everything possible must be done to bring greater investment into the city’s bus service and that Sheffield is best served by taking matters into its own hands, and notes the repeated calls from this Administration for re-regulation of the bus services – including franchising – to be considered;
- (d) notes that as a result of the Sheffield Devolution Deal, the Mayor of Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis, and the leaders of the Combined Authority have been able to bring forward much needed investment into the city’s bus service and recently announced increased support for young people with the extension of concessionary travel fares for under 21s;
- (e) notes that South Yorkshire local leaders, including Sheffield, and the Region’s Mayor, are investing £3.2 million to improve the region’s network, as part of the Mayoral Combined Authority’s recovery plan for the region, which will replace up to a third of community transport buses with electric vehicles, upgrade 300 bus shelters, and install electronic displays to 250 bus stops, and notes that the funding for this is a direct result of the Sheffield Devolution Deal;
- (f) notes that in the longer term this Administration is collaboratively working across the region to deliver cheaper fares, improved services and better integration with other transport, as well as widespread conversion to zero-emissions vehicles;
- (g) notes the recent comments from South Yorkshire Leaders and the Region’s Mayor that ultimately, we need a structure that lets us build the service right for the city’s passengers, including the possibility of

franchising;

- (h) commits to building a stronger, greener and fairer economy – and that a sustainable, accessible, affordable and reliable bus network must play a central role in delivering this;
- (i) notes that this Administration is working collaboratively to urgently work on how to implement lessons from the comprehensive review of bus services in South Yorkshire, conducted by Clive Betts MP - looking at fares, services, integration with other transport, and conversion to zero-emissions vehicles;
- (j) believes that Greater Manchester's commitment to franchising is a major shot in the arm for reform, and that the city needs a structure that builds the service we need; and
- (k) believes that as we gradually transition and exit lockdown, we need to be actively encouraging people back onto the buses, and that the Government must recognise the need for increased support - for our Supertram and rail networks - as well as our buses.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Richard Shaw, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows:-

- (g) applauds the decision of the Mayor of Greater Manchester to proceed with arrangements for Bus Franchising; and
- (h) believes that following the pandemic there is a real opportunity to revolutionise public transport and that the Council and the Sheffield City Region Mayor need to act now to futureproof Sheffield's public transport system.

6.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Ian Auckland, the amendment moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt was put to the vote and was carried.

6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Richard Shaw was then put to the vote and was negated.

6.6 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 the city's bus services have been devastated by central government funding cuts since the formation of the coalition government in 2010, with funding to South Yorkshire's bus service slashed by 48% - leading to routes reduced and fares going up;

- (b) notes the regional imbalances for bus funding whereby buses in London get the funding equivalent of £76 per head, and yet in Sheffield it is only £5, and believes this is simply unacceptable;
- (c) believes that everything possible must be done to bring greater investment into the city's bus service and that Sheffield is best served by taking matters into its own hands, and notes the repeated calls from this Administration for re-regulation of the bus services – including franchising – to be considered;
- (d) notes that as a result of the Sheffield Devolution Deal, the Mayor of Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis, and the leaders of the Combined Authority have been able to bring forward much needed investment into the city's bus service and recently announced increased support for young people with the extension of concessionary travel fares for under 21s;
- (e) notes that South Yorkshire local leaders, including Sheffield, and the Region's Mayor, are investing £3.2 million to improve the region's network, as part of the Mayoral Combined Authority's recovery plan for the region, which will replace up to a third of community transport buses with electric vehicles, upgrade 300 bus shelters, and install electronic displays to 250 bus stops, and notes that the funding for this is a direct result of the Sheffield Devolution Deal;
- (f) notes that in the longer term this Administration is collaboratively working across the region to deliver cheaper fares, improved services and better integration with other transport, as well as widespread conversion to zero-emissions vehicles;
- (g) notes the recent comments from South Yorkshire Leaders and the Region's Mayor that ultimately, we need a structure that lets us build the service right for the city's passengers, including the possibility of franchising;
- (h) commits to building a stronger, greener and fairer economy – and that a sustainable, accessible, affordable and reliable bus network must play a central role in delivering this;
- (i) notes that this Administration is working collaboratively to urgently work on how to implement lessons from the comprehensive review of bus services in South Yorkshire, conducted by Clive Betts MP - looking at fares, services, integration with other transport, and conversion to zero-emissions vehicles;
- (j) believes that Greater Manchester's commitment to franchising is a major shot in the arm for reform, and that the city needs a structure that builds the service we need; and

(k) believes that as we gradually transition and exit lockdown, we need to be actively encouraging people back onto the buses, and that the Government must recognise the need for increased support - for our Supertram and rail networks - as well as our buses.

6.6.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery, voted for paragraphs (b) to (k) and voted against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL DECLARES A BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY"**

7.1 At this point in the proceedings the time for terminating the meeting (5.30 p.m.) had been reached, meaning that all unfinished business would be voted on without debate. Prior to the commencement of this item of business, it was moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, that the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 5.5 be suspended and the termination of the meeting be extended to provide time for the mover and seconder of the Notice of Motion to make their speeches. On being put to the vote, the motion was negatived.

7.2 It was formally moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, that this Council:-

(a) notes with alarm that:-

- (i) according to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), species extinction is running at between 10 and 100 times faster than historical averages;
- (ii) the State of Nature 2019 UK report, published by a consortium of 70 nature organisations, finds that as little as 5% of land in the UK is being effectively looked after for nature, that 41% of species are in decline and 10% are threatened with extinction;
- (iii) the UK only has half its biodiversity remaining, and is in the bottom 10% of countries on this measure; and
- (iv) the RSPB reports that there are 40 million fewer birds in the UK than in 1970;

(b) further notes that the biggest drivers of biodiversity decline nationally are

climate change, habitat loss and intensive farming, and believes that, locally, mismanagement of moorland to the west of the city can be added;

- (c) believes that the health and well-being of the people of Sheffield depends crucially on maintaining a thriving and biodiverse natural environment;
- (d) therefore, declares a Biodiversity and Ecological emergency;
- (e) directs officers, in consultation with organisations such as Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Wildscapes CIC and ShefFood Partnership, to draw up plans to reverse declines in species and habitats in Sheffield, reporting back in July 2021, paying particular attention to the opportunities for:-
  - (i) natural solutions rather than technical and engineering fixes and especially when considering flood management;
  - (ii) change of use of grassed areas throughout the city to become areas of planting of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees, as well as being used to grow food, to bolster habitats for invertebrates and birds;
  - (iii) the inclusion in the emerging Sheffield Plan of the vital importance of habitat integrity and wildlife corridors;
  - (iv) the embedding in the Sheffield Plan of the use of green spaces for urban horticulture; and
  - (v) training and apprenticeship opportunities in horticulture and ecological management;
- (f) resolves in the meantime to immediately stop using any practices and materials detrimental to wildlife, including glyphosate; and
- (g) commits to negotiating with private landowners to initiate restoration of peat land and utilising natural flood management techniques to greatly reduce Sheffield residents and businesses exposure to flooding.

7.3 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and formally seconded by Councillor Mary Lea, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (f) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (h) as follows:-
  - (d) commits to reviewing the findings of Sheffield Wildlife Trust's map of biodiversity corridors and to continue to review habitat management techniques, including the use of alternative approaches to pesticides;
  - (e) commits to addressing this crucial issue but rejects a top-down



prescriptive approach, as this issue is simply too important to rush through ill-thought-out and that, rather than as being solely prescribed by political parties, there is a need for a truly a collaborative approach – with real action - to ensure that everything possible is being done to protect the city’s biodiversity, ecology and wildlife;

- (f) believes that it should not be for the Council alone to decide the terms of what an ecological and biodiversity emergency looks like, and how this should be dealt with and instead a collaborative approach needs to be developed which listens to wider views including key anchors and partners, including Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Sheffield Climate Alliance, Wildscapes CIC and ShefFood Partnership and that, crucially, Sheffield citizens must be part of this conversation;
  - (g) commits, therefore, to the development of a Sheffield Citizens Pledge, co-produced throughout the city, and that work on this should start from May, with wide consultation when safe to do so;
  - (h) believes that we must work on a shared strategy to protecting Sheffield’s ecology, including those who have previously petitioned on this issue, to deliver something really meaningful, that the whole city can get behind;
- 2. the re-lettering of original paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (i); and
  - 3. the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
- (j) commits to working with landowners to adopt methods that encourage stabilisations and expansion of a biodiverse environment.

7.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, and formally seconded by Councillor Alan Hooper, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (e)(vi) to (xii) as follows:-
  - (vi) drawing up a ‘Biodiversity Plan’ with local wildlife and environmental organisations to assign all appropriate land to categories such as: habitat restoration, rewilding, rewetting, community horticulture, tree planting, urban wildflowers, ponds and wildflower meadows and other designations with a key aim to connect fragmented habitats;
  - (vii) monitoring and revision of the Biodiversity Plan with measurable targets for biodiversity gain with reporting back every three years;
  - (viii) supporting community composting and community orchards by providing land and appropriate resources whenever possible;
  - (ix) using the upcoming Local Plan consultation to embed Biodiversity Net Gain as a requirement into planning policy, by embedding the

'Biodiversity Plan' into the local plan - ensuring that biodiversity investments are planned and strategic;

- (x) supporting education to make Sheffield gardens 'wildlife friendly', such as hedgehog tunnels in solid fence boundaries and cutting lawns later in the year so wildflowers can set seed;
- (xi) encouraging planting green roofs and fences in urban areas to support invertebrates and pollinators and to reduce air pollution; and
- (xii) introducing a programme to install bird and/or bat boxes on Council- owned properties;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (j) as follows:-

- (h) believes that rewilding is often best practice for supporting wildlife recovery;
- (i) believes that all residents should have local access to high value natural environments and that this is an important consideration for reducing inequalities in the city; and
- (j) requests that local Household Waste Recycling Centres be kept open and accessible for as long as possible to help reduce the prevalence of fly-tipping and plastic pollution in sensitive habitats.

7.5 It was then formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (l) as follows:-

- (h) notes that the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill currently passing through Parliament gives greater powers to take strong, urgent action on both emergencies than the current Climate Change Act;
- (i) further notes that more than one hundred MPs have already pledged to support the Bill;
- (j) supports, therefore, the passing of the Bill;
- (k) requests officers to write to all Sheffield's MPs urging them to pledge to support the Bill; and
- (l) requests officers to write to the Environment Minister, the Rt. Hon. George Eustice MP, the President of the COP26 Climate Conference, the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, informing them of this Council's support for the Bill and urging them to support it through Parliament.

7.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones was put to the vote and was

carried.

- 7.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for part 3 and against parts 1 and 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded,)
- 7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Tim Huggan was then put to the vote and was negated, except for paragraphs (x) to (xii) in part 1 and all of part 2 of the amendment, which were carried.
- 7.8 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was carried.
- 7.9 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes with alarm that:-
- (i) according to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), species extinction is running at between 10 and 100 times faster than historical averages;
  - (ii) the State of Nature 2019 UK report, published by a consortium of 70 nature organisations, finds that as little as 5% of land in the UK is being effectively looked after for nature, that 41% of species are in decline and 10% are threatened with extinction;
  - (iii) the UK only has half its biodiversity remaining, and is in the bottom 10% of countries on this measure; and
  - (iv) the RSPB reports that there are 40 million fewer birds in the UK than in 1970;
- (b) further notes that the biggest drivers of biodiversity decline nationally are climate change, habitat loss and intensive farming, and believes that, locally, mismanagement of moorland to the west of the city can be added;
- (c) believes that the health and well-being of the people of Sheffield depends crucially on maintaining a thriving and biodiverse natural environment;
- (d) commits to reviewing the findings of Sheffield Wildlife Trust's map of biodiversity corridors and to continue to review habitat management techniques, including the use of alternative approaches to pesticides;
- (e) commits to addressing this crucial issue but rejects a top-down prescriptive approach, as this issue is simply too important to rush

through ill-thought-out and that, rather than as being solely prescribed by political parties, there is a need for a truly a collaborative approach – with real action - to ensure that everything possible is being done to protect the city’s biodiversity, ecology and wildlife;

- (f) believes that it should not be for the Council alone to decide the terms of what an ecological and biodiversity emergency looks like, and how this should be dealt with and instead a collaborative approach needs to be developed which listens to wider views including key anchors and partners, including Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Sheffield Climate Alliance, Wildscapes CIC and ShefFood Partnership and that, crucially, Sheffield citizens must be part of this conversation;
- (g) commits, therefore, to the development of a Sheffield Citizens Pledge, co-produced throughout the city, and that work on this should start from May, with wide consultation when safe to do so;
- (h) believes that we must work on a shared strategy to protecting Sheffield’s ecology, including those who have previously petitioned on this issue, to deliver something really meaningful, that the whole city can get behind;
- (i) commits to negotiating with private landowners to initiate restoration of peat land and utilising natural flood management techniques to greatly reduce Sheffield residents and businesses exposure to flooding.
- (j) commits to working with landowners to adopt methods that encourage stabilisations and expansion of a biodiverse environment;
- (k) directs officers, in consultation with organisations such as Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Wildscapes CIC and ShefFood Partnership, to draw up plans to reverse declines in species and habitats in Sheffield, reporting back in July 2021, paying particular attention to the opportunities for:-
  - (i) supporting education to make Sheffield gardens ‘wildlife friendly’, such as hedgehog tunnels in solid fence boundaries and cutting lawns later in the year so wildflowers can set seed;
  - (ii) encouraging planting green roofs and fences in urban areas to support invertebrates and pollinators and to reduce air pollution; and;
  - (iii) introducing a programme to install bird and/or bat boxes on Council- owned properties;
- (l) believes that rewilding is often best practice for supporting wildlife recovery;
- (m) believes that all residents should have local access to high value natural environments and that this is an important consideration for reducing

inequalities in the city;

- (n) requests that local Household Waste Recycling Centres be kept open and accessible for as long as possible to help reduce the prevalence of fly-tipping and plastic pollution in sensitive habitats;
- (o) notes that the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill currently passing through Parliament gives greater powers to take strong, urgent action on both emergencies than the current Climate Change Act;
- (p) further notes that more than one hundred MPs have already pledged to support the Bill;
- (q) supports, therefore, the passing of the Bill;
- (r) requests officers to write to all Sheffield's MPs urging them to pledge to support the Bill; and
- (s) requests officers to write to the Environment Minister, the Rt. Hon. George Eustice MP, the President of the COP26 Climate Conference, the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, informing them of this Council's support for the Bill and urging them to support it through Parliament.

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THANKING THE CITY'S WORKERS AND DEMANDING PAY JUSTICE FOR THEM"**

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, and formally seconded by Councillor Josie Paszek, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that keyworkers have kept the city's essential services going, working alongside communities, mutual aid groups, voluntary services, faith groups, businesses and schools to provide support to those in need;
- (b) believes that thanks and gratitude should be given to all keyworkers, not just those at the NHS, but also the city's teachers, police, bus drivers, postal workers, and shop workers – plus many more;
- (c) believes it is inexcusable that the Government have frozen public sector pay for at least a year, and that whilst they clapped for key workers on the steps of Downing Street the Government are now turning their backs on them at the first opportunity;
- (d) notes that public sector workers have already seen their pay decrease in real terms over the last decade – due to pay freezes first enacted by the coalition government from 2010;
- (e) believes that, like all the city's key workers, care workers have given so

much during the pandemic and we should all be grateful for their dedicated work;

- (f) notes that the city's carers often work in difficult working conditions with inadequate pay, and believes that care workers deserve a pay rise and, therefore, welcomes that from April this Administration is investing £4.2 million into the care sector to enable Sheffield's care workers to receive a pay rise;
- (g) notes that this investment is the first step in this Administration's ambition to achieve pay, conditions and a career path in line with NHS Healthcare Assistants, and the Council will work with the city's care providers to deliver this;
- (h) believes that all our workers are public service super-heroes - they keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running, and that without the professionalism and dedication of staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable;
- (i) believes that local government workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase, and the Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase and should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone, and who have not been offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (j) notes that since 2010 there is a £475 million shortfall for council services due to central government funding cuts and increased service pressures – this is a huge 50% of the budget – and this is not even considering the current pandemic of which the full impact on council finances is not yet known;
- (k) resolves to support the pay claim submitted by GMB, Unison and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for a substantial increase with a minimum of 10 per cent uplift in April 2021, and calls on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim;
- (l) commits to writing to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government;
- (m) commits to meeting with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the Council can support the campaign; and
- (n) encourages all local government workers to join a union.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now

submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (g) to (n) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (q) as follows:-

- (g) resolves to re-consider providing funding for the vocational development and training of frontline staff who provide direct care to those with physical and mental health needs or disability, which would additionally help improve the quality of care and the retention of staff;
- (h) believes that this Administration's ambition to achieve a pay, conditions, and a career path in line with other sectors should apply to all Council employees;
- (i) notes that the Transfer of Undertakings for the Protection of Employment (TUPE) was designed to protect employees' terms and conditions when outsourcing to a service provider, and also applies when insourcing back to the original parent company; however, should the outsourced employees adopt the outsourced company's terms and conditions, there is invariably a mismatch when returning to the parent company;
- (j) supports the trade union view that equal pay for comparable jobs is a standard requirement in the public sector, particularly within an organisation like Sheffield City Council;
- (k) believes that the Repairs and Maintenance Service is performing poorly despite the Kier contract having been insourced over four years ago and the workforce still operating on the Kier terms and conditions which are designed for the world of contracting, not an in-house service provider;
- (l) believes other insourced services' employees have not been given the option to take harmonised terms and conditions since being insourced;
- (m) believes the former Sheffield Futures staff were unable to be offered pay increases for many years leading up to being insourced, due to the financial constraints within the contract, and that this has led to significant differentials in pay with comparable staff, and no plan to redress this issue;
- (n) believes that the Administration needs to get its own house in order before demanding a proper real terms pay increase from central government;
- (o) resolves to support the trade union view on pay harmonisation for insourced activities, and introduce a policy objective to achieve this within the foreseeable future;
- (p) believes that improved decision making on insourcing activities needs to be made, including proper best value assessment and a full understanding of average pay of the outsourced activity so a robust financial case can be made for offering harmonisation of terms and conditions to the incoming employees in line with TUPE law; and

- (q) believes that our workforce, whether directly employed or on a contract basis, are a valued asset and decisions that affect their future should ensure that they are not demotivated by decisions that are driven by political expediency.

8.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (n) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (l) to (n) as new paragraphs (o) to (q):-

- (l) resolves to support the demands of the grassroots NHS Workers Say No to Public Sector Pay Inequality and Nurses United campaigns, including a restorative 15% pay rise for health and care workers on Agenda for Change contracts and for outsourced services in the NHS to be brought back in-house;
- (m) resolves to support the ongoing Moving Forwards on NHS Pay campaign, led by 14 trade unions representing more than 1.3 million members, to secure a fair pay rise for health and care workers;
- (n) requests the Chief Executive to write to the NHS Pay Review Body and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care with a copy of this motion requesting the above demands are met;

8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was negated.

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that keyworkers have kept the city's essential services going, working alongside communities, mutual aid groups, voluntary services, faith groups, businesses and schools to provide support to those in need;
- (b) believes that thanks and gratitude should be given to all keyworkers, not just those at the NHS, but also the city's teachers, police, bus drivers, postal workers, and shop workers – plus many more;
- (c) believes it is inexcusable that the Government have frozen public sector pay for at least a year, and that whilst they clapped for key workers on the steps of Downing Street the Government are now turning their backs on them at the first opportunity;



- (d) notes that public sector workers have already seen their pay decrease in real terms over the last decade – due to pay freezes first enacted by the coalition government from 2010;
- (e) believes that, like all the city’s key workers, care workers have given so much during the pandemic and we should all be grateful for their dedicated work;
- (f) notes that the city’s carers often work in difficult working conditions with inadequate pay, and believes that care workers deserve a pay rise and, therefore, welcomes that from April this Administration is investing £4.2 million into the care sector to enable Sheffield’s care workers to receive a pay rise;
- (g) notes that this investment is the first step in this Administration’s ambition to achieve pay, conditions and a career path in line with NHS Healthcare Assistants, and the Council will work with the city’s care providers to deliver this;
- (h) believes that all our workers are public service super-heroes - they keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running, and that without the professionalism and dedication of staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable;
- (i) believes that local government workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase, and the Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase and should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone, and who have not been offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (j) notes that since 2010 there is a £475 million shortfall for council services due to central government funding cuts and increased service pressures – this is a huge 50% of the budget – and this is not even considering the current pandemic of which the full impact on council finances is not yet known;
- (k) resolves to support the pay claim submitted by GMB, Unison and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for a substantial increase with a minimum of 10 per cent uplift in April 2021, and calls on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim;
- (l) resolves to support the demands of the grassroots NHS Workers Say No to Public Sector Pay Inequality and Nurses United campaigns, including a restorative 15% pay rise for health and care workers on Agenda for Change contracts and for outsourced services in the NHS to be brought back in-house;
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led by 14 trade unions representing more than 1.3 million members, to secure a fair pay rise for health and care workers;

- (n) requests the Chief Executive to write to the NHS Pay Review Body and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care with a copy of this motion requesting the above demands are met;
- (o) commits to writing to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government;
- (p) commits to meeting with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the Council can support the campaign; and
- (q) encourages all local government workers to join a union.

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

- 9.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 and the special meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, be approved as a true and accurate records.

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

- 10.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that:-
- (a) Councillor Abtisam Mohamed be appointed to serve on the Joint Commissioning Committee in place of Councillor Mark Jones; and
  - (b) Councillors Tony Damms and Josie Paszek be appointed to serve on the new Sheffield Museums Trust, in accordance with the decision taken by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, regarding the merger of Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust and Museums Sheffield into one unified Trust from April 2021.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1 2BP, on Wednesday 19 May 2021, at 12.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)  
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Richard Shaw Sophie Thornton	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Vic Bowden Moya O'Rourke Alan Woodcock	19	<i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Peter Garbutt Maroof Raouf Alison Teal
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Bob McCann Chris Rosling-Josephs Ann Woolhouse	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Barbara Masters Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i> Ben Miskell Jack Scott Sophie Wilson
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Abdul Khayum Alan Law Abtisam Mohamed	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> David Barker Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst
4	<i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Brian Holmshaw Kaltum Rivers	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i> Dawn Dale Peter Price Garry Weatherall
5	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Talib Hussain Mark Jones Safiya Saeed	14	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Alexi Dimond Cate McDonald Paul Turpin	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Douglas Johnson Ruth Mersereau Martin Phipps	15	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Sue Auckland Steve Ayriss	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> Penny Baker Vickie Priestley Richard Williams
7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Mohammed Mahroof Ruth Milsom	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Christine Gilligan George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i> Lewis Chinchin Julie Grocutt Francyne Johnson
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Anne Murphy Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson Bernard Little
9	<i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	18	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> Tony Downing Kevin Oxley Gail Smith	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Alan Hooper Mike Levery Ann Whitaker
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Paul Wood

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mary Lea.

**2. TO ELECT A LORD MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22**

- 2.1 Councillor Tony Downing, the retiring Lord Mayor, took the Chair and the Chief Executive announced that the first business to be transacted was the appointment of a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year.

- 2.2 Whereupon it was:-

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that Councillor Gail Smith be appointed Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

- 2.3 The Council adjourned briefly whilst the Lord Mayor Elect was robed and invested with her Chain of Office.

- 2.4 On resuming, Councillor Gail Smith, the Lord Mayor Elect, then made and subscribed to the declaration required by law to qualify her to act as Lord Mayor.

- 2.5 Whereupon the retiring Lord Mayor vacated the Chair, which was then taken by Councillor Gail Smith, the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor addressed the Council.

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

- 3.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion of Councillor David Barker, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, that the best of thanks of this Council under the Common Seal be presented to Councillor Tony Downing and Mrs. Val Downing, for the able and very satisfactory manner in which they have performed their various official duties as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of this City during the past two years.

- 3.2 The retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Tony Downing, then took receipt of an ex-Lord Mayor's Badge, and the retiring Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Val Downing, took receipt of her Badge. Councillor Downing then addressed the Council.

**4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22**

- 4.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Anne Murphy, seconded by

Councillor Kaltum Rivers, that Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

- 4.2 Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards (the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect) was invested with her Badge of Office and then made and subscribed to the declaration required by law to qualify her to act as Deputy Lord Mayor.

At this point in the proceedings, the meeting was adjourned to provide a lunch break. The meeting reconvened at approximately 2.20 p.m. and the 14 new Members of the Council elected in the recent Municipal elections (Councillors Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Brian Holmshaw, Safiya Saeed, David Barker, Ruth Milsom, Alan Woodcock, Alexi Dimond, Christine Gilligan, Maroof Raouf, Richard Williams, Bernard Little, Ann Whitaker and Lewis Chinchin) were introduced to the Council.

**5. TO APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22**

- 5.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that Councillor Terry Fox be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021/22, serving until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2022.

**6. NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND SHADOW CABINET APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22**

- 6.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that the City Council:-

(a) notes the Leader's notification of the appointment of a Deputy Leader and Executive Members, including their portfolio areas of responsibility, and the appointment of Executive Members to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee (including substitutes), and approves the appointment of Executive Advisers, all as detailed in the schedule circulated at the meeting, and set out in these minutes;

(b) notes that the Leader's scheme of delegation currently in operation for the discharge of Executive functions will continue, other than in relation to the names and remits of some of the Portfolios of the Executive Members, which will be required to be changed to reflect the appointments now made by the Leader, and these will be published and circulated to all Members in the near future;

(c) notes the main opposition group's notification of the Leader of the

Opposition and approves the appointment of Shadow Executive Members, as detailed in the schedule circulated at the meeting, and set out in these minutes; and

(d) notes that the effect of these appointments upon the Special Responsibility Allowance element of the budget for Members' Allowances is cost neutral compared with the arrangements in place currently.

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, SHADOW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE ADVISERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 2021/22**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green/Other</b>
<b>Co-operative Executive:-</b>			
<b>Executive Member Portfolio:-</b>			
<b>Leader</b>	Councillor Terry Fox		
<b>Deputy Leader &amp; EM for Community Engagement and Governance</b>	Councillor Julie Grocutt		
<b>City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration</b>	Councillor Mazher Iqbal		
<b>Education, Children and Families</b>	Councillor Jayne Dunn		
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	Councillor Cate McDonald		
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Councillor George Lindars-Hammond		
<b>Housing, Roads and Waste Management</b>	Councillor Paul Wood		
<b>Climate Change, Environment and Transport</b>			Councillor Douglas Johnson
<b>Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills</b>			Councillor Paul Turpin
<b>Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure</b>			Councillor Alison Teal

<b>Cabinet Highways Committee</b>	Cllrs Julie Grocutt, Mazher Iqbal and Paul Wood (Chair)		Cllr Douglas Johnson
<i>Cabinet Highways Committee Substitute Members:-</i>	Cllrs Jayne Dunn, Terry Fox, George Lindars-Hammond and Cate McDonald		Cllrs Paul Turpin and Alison Teal
<b>Spokespersons (Shadow Executive):-</b>			
<b>Portfolio:-</b>			
<b>Leader</b>		Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed	
<b>Deputy Leader &amp; EM for Community Engagement and Governance</b>		Councillor Penny Baker	
<b>City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration</b>		Councillor Martin Smith	
<b>Education, Children and Families</b>		Councillor Mohammed Mahroof	
<b>Finance and Resources</b>		Councillor Simon Clement-Jones	
<b>Health and Social Care</b>		Councillor Steve Ayriss	
<b>Housing, Roads and Waste Management</b>		Councillor Andrew Sangar	
<b>Climate Change, Environment and Transport</b>		Councillor Tim Huggan	
<b>Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills</b>		Councillor Mike Levery	
<b>Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure</b>		Councillor Joe Otten	
<b>Executive Adviser Posts:-</b>			

<b>Portfolio:-</b>			
<b>Leadership</b>	Councillors Bryan Lodge and Abtisam Mohamed		
<b>City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration</b>	Councillor Abdul Khayum		
<b>Education, Children and Families</b>	Councillor Mike Drabble		
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	Councillor Mike Chaplin		
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Councillor Ben Miskell		
<b>Housing, Roads and Waste Management</b>	Councillor Sophie Wilson		
<b>Climate Change, Environment and Transport</b>			Councillor Ruth Mersereau
<b>Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills</b>			Councillor Angela Argenzio
<b>Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure</b>			Councillor Brian Holmshaw

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THOSE COMMITTEES**

7.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Terry Fox, formally seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that the City Council:-

(a) notes the political proportionality framework and the illustrative example of how this may be applied in the Municipal Year 2021/22, as set out in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance circulated to all Members of the Council and published on the Council’s website on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021;

(b) approves the changes to be made to the Council’s committee structure for the Municipal Year 2021/22, as outlined in the note circulated at the meeting, and involving (i) the establishment of four Transitional Committees



on a politically proportionate basis and including representation from Executive Members, to undertake policy development work to support the activities of the Executive and (ii) the reduction in the number of Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees from five to three;

(c)(i) agrees that the terms of reference of Council Committees in the Municipal Year 2021/22 be as currently set out in the Council's Constitution, subject to (A) the amendment of the terms of reference/remits of the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees to reflect the changes now made to the number of those Committees, (B) the addition of the draft terms of reference for the Transitional Committees set out in the note circulated at the meeting, and (C) the inclusion of the terms of reference for the Local Area Committees which were approved at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and (ii) requests the Director of Legal and Governance to amend Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility For Functions) to reflect these changes to the terms of reference of the Committees, and to make any minor consequential amendments that may be necessary;

(d) approves the names and composition of the Local Area Committees, in accordance with the details circulated at the meeting and requests the Director of Legal and Governance to amend the Area Committee Procedure Rules in the Constitution to incorporate the names and composition of the Committees, and to make any minor consequential amendments that may be necessary;

(e)(i) approves the sizes of individual committees to be subject to proportional balance in the Municipal Year 2021/22 and the initial allocation of seats to political groups on individual committees before final adjustment, as set out in the note circulated at the meeting; (ii) agrees that, in order to ensure that each political group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all Committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, (A) the Labour Group's adjustment of three seats be from three Committees (other than the Licensing Committee) to be nominated by the Group Whip and reported back to the next Council meeting, with two of those seats being allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group and one seat being allocated to Councillor Lewis Chinchon and (B) the Green Group's adjustment of one seat be from the Licensing Committee, with the seat being allocated to Councillor Lewis Chinchon; and (iii) approves the appointment of Members to all Council Committees in the Municipal Year 2021/22 to reflect the arrangements now agreed and the wishes of the political groups, as set out in these minutes, in accordance with the schedule circulated at the meeting (including substitutes where appropriate), and incorporating the additional and amended appointments reported at the meeting by the Director of Legal and Governance and by Councillor Joe Otten, and, for the purposes of Council Procedure Rule 25.4, the consent of the Council be given in any case where a Member chooses not to be appointed to serve on any Scrutiny or Regulatory Committee;

(f) continues to disapply proportionality to the Senior Officer Employment

Sub-Committees and the Appeals and Collective Disputes Sub-Committees for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.2.3 of the report;

(g) notes that the effect upon the Special Responsibility Allowance element of the budget for Members' Allowances of the establishment of Council Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22 and the appointments proposed to be made later this day to the positions of Chairs of those Committees, is cost neutral;

(h) notes that proposals to introduce an appropriate Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairs of the Transitional Committees and the Deputy Chairs of the Local Area Committees will be developed for consideration by the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel who will be asked to make recommendations for consideration by full Council in due course; and

(i) requests that in the event of any changes to the political composition of the Council occurring during the course of the Municipal Year, political proportionality be reviewed by the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.

### MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2021/22

Title/Post	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green/Other
<b>Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees:-</b>			
<b>(1) Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Committee</b> (Chair = Lead Member for Scrutiny; membership includes the Chairs of the 2 Scrutiny and Policy Development Committees)	Cllrs Dawn Dale, Denise Fox, Mark Jones, Bryan Lodge, Zahira Naz and Mick Rooney	Cllrs Steve Ayris, Penny Baker, Tim Huggan and Mike Lavery	Cllrs Angela Argenzio and Martin Phipps
<b>(2) Children, Young People and Family Support</b>	Cllrs Mike Chaplin, Anne Murphy, Mick Rooney, Safiya Saeed, Jack Scott and Sophie Wilson	Cllrs Kevin Oxley, Mike Lavery, Barbara Masters, Ann Whitaker and Ann Woolhouse	Cllrs Maroof Raouf and Kaltum Rivers; Peter Naldrett (Parent Governor Representative - to 13/09/21) (2 PGR vacancies); Sam Evans (Diocese Representative) (1 vacancy); Alison Warner (School Governor Representative); Alice Riddell (Healthwatch –

			Observer)
<b>(3) Healthier Communities &amp; Adult Social Care</b>	Cllrs Neale Gibson, Talib Hussain, Francyne Johnson, Abtisam Mohamed, Jackie Satur and Garry Weatherall	Cllrs Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Penny Baker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock	Cllrs Bernard Little and Martin Phipps; Lucy Davies (HealthWatch Representative - Observer)
<i>Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members:-</i>	Cllrs Dianne Hurst, Abdul Khayum, Anne Murphy, Peter Price and Sioned-Mair Richards	(To Be Determined)	(To Be Determined)
<b>Transitional Committees:-</b> (Names and remits to be confirmed)			
<b>Transitional Committee 1</b>	Cllrs Dawn Dale and Zahira Naz (3 vacancies)	Cllrs Sue Alston, Joe Otten and Andrew Sangar	Cllrs Peter Garbutt and Christine Gilligan
<b>Transitional Committee 2</b>	Cllr Mark Jones (4 vacancies)	Cllrs Tim Huggan, Richard Shaw and Sophie Thornton	Cllrs Ruth Mersereau and Alison Teal
<b>Transitional Committee 3</b>	Cllr Sioned-Mair Richards (4 vacancies)	Cllrs Ian Auckland, Alan Hooper and Martin Smith	Cllrs Douglas Johnson and Paul Turpin
<b>Transitional Committee 4</b>	Cllr Jack Scott (4 vacancies)	Cllrs Steve Ayris, Mohammed Mahroof and Colin Ross	Cllrs Alexi Dimond and Martin Phipps
<b>Statutory/Regulatory Committees:-</b>			

<p><b>Planning and Highways Committee:-</b></p> <p><i>Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members:-</i></p>	<p>Cllrs Tony Damms, Dianne Hurst, Zahira Naz, Peter Price, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Garry Weatherall</p> <p>Cllrs Mike Chaplin, Tony Downing, Alan Law, Anne Murphy and Safiya Saeed</p>	<p>Cllrs Roger Davison, Bob McCann, Andrew Sangar, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock</p> <p>(To Be Determined)</p>	<p>Cllrs Peter Garbutt and Brian Holmshaw</p> <p>(To Be Determined)</p>
<p><b>Licensing Committee</b></p>	<p>Cllrs David Barker, Dawn Dale, Neale Gibson, Karen McGowan, Ruth Milsom, Josie Paszek, Sioned-Mair Richards and Mick Rooney</p>	<p>Cllrs Roger Davison, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft</p>	<p>Cllr Angela Argenzio; Cllr Lewis Chinchin</p>
<p><b>Audit and Standards Committee</b> (Only non-Executive Members)</p>	<p>Cllrs Dianne Hurst, Josie Paszek and Sioned-Mair Richards (1 vacancy)</p>	<p>Cllrs Simon Clement-Jones and Mohammed Mahroof</p>	<p>Cllr Angela Argenzio; Independent Co-optees – Alison Howard (to May 2024) and (2 vacancies)</p>
<p><i>When Standards matters are to be considered, a representative of the Parish and Town Councils would also be able to attend.</i></p>			
<p><b>Standards Consideration Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>Standards Hearing Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p>3 Members of the Audit and Standards Committee and 1 Non-voting Co-Opted Member (<i>Where a Parish or Town Council matter is being considered, a representative of the Parish or Town Councils should also be present</i>)</p> <p>3 Members of the Audit and Standards Committee and 1 Non-voting Co-Opted Member (<i>Where a Parish or Town Council matter is being considered, a representative of the Parish or Town Councils should also be present</i>)</p>		
<p><b>Admissions Committee</b> (Substitute Members to be appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Executive Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson, as</p>	<p>Cllrs Talib Hussain, Sioned-Mair Richards, Chris Rosling-Josephs and Sophie Wilson</p>	<p>Cllrs Vic Bowden and Andrew Sangar</p>	<p>Cllr Peter Garbutt</p>

appropriate)			
<b>Senior Officer Employment Committee</b>	Cllrs Jayne Dunn, Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt, Mazher Iqbal, George Lindars-Hammond, Cate McDonald and Paul Wood (1 vacancy)	Cllrs Penny Baker, Simon Clement-Jones, Mohammed Mahroof, Shaffaq Mohammed and Joe Otten	Cllrs Douglas Johnson and Paul Turpin
<b>Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee</b>	Cllrs Tony Damms, Denise Fox, Neale Gibson, Abdul Khayum, Karen McGowan, Zahira Naz, Peter Price and Garry Weatherall	Cllrs Sue Auckland, Penny Baker, Tim Huggan, Vickie Priestley and Colin Ross	Cllrs Bernard Little and Ruth Mersereau
<b>Local Area Committees:-</b>			
<b>Central Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, George Lindars-Hammond and Josie Paszek		Cllrs Angela Argenzio, Christine Gilligan, Brian Holmshaw, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Little, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps and Kaltum Rivers
<b>East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs David Barker, Mike Drabble, Terry Fox, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Ben Miskell, Anne Murphy, Zahira Naz, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jack Scott and Sophie Wilson		
<b>North Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson and Moya O'Rourke	Cllrs Penny Baker, Victoria Bowden, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Vickie Priestley, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan	Cllr Lewis Chinchin

		Woodcock	
<b>North East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Mike Chaplin, Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Peter Price, Safiya Saeed and Garry Weatherall		
<b>South Local Area Committee</b>	Cllr Cate McDonald	Cllrs Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw and Sophie Thornton	Cllrs Alexi Dimond, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal and Paul Turpin
<b>South East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Tony Downing, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Mick Rooney, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood	Cllrs Bob McCann, Kevin Oxley, Gail Smith and Ann Woolhouse	
<b>South West Local Area Committee</b>	Cllr Ruth Milsom	Cllrs Sue Alston, Roger Davison, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Andrew Sangar, Martin Smith and Cliff Woodcraft	
<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b> (3 Executive Members - for Children and Families; Health and Social Care; and Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)			
<b>Independent Remuneration Panel</b>			Edward Fleming (to 6/2/22), David

			Baldwin (to 6/2/23) and Mark Power (to 6/2/25) (1 vacancy)
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**8. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL PANELS, GROUPS ETC AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES FOR 2021-22**

8.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

(a) approval be given to the establishment, with the suggested memberships shown, of the Council panels, working groups etc for the Municipal Year 2021/22, set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting and as set out in these minutes;

(b) approval be given to the appointment of Members to serve on external bodies in the Municipal Year 2021/22, also as set out in the schedule now circulated and as set out in these minutes, incorporating the amended appointment to the membership of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority reported earlier at the meeting by the Director of Legal and Governance;

(c) as respects the appointment of Members to its various bodies, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Executive Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson(s), as appropriate, be authorised to appoint Members to serve on such bodies, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such appointments will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council; and

(d) as respects the appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Executive Portfolio Member or Opposition Spokesperson(s), as appropriate, be authorised to nominate representatives to serve on such bodies, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such nominations will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council.

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COUNCIL BODIES ETC AND EXTERNAL BODIES 2021/22**

Title/Post	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green/Other
<b>Other Council Panels</b> (x number of Members)			
Champions:-			
Heritage (x1)			

Complaints Review Panel			1 independent Chair and 2 further independent members
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (x2)		Cllr Cliff Woodcraft	
Access Liaison Group (x5)		Cllr Cliff Woodcraft	
Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group (x5)		Cllr Cliff Woodcraft	
Castlegate Member Working Group (x6)		Cllrs Penny Baker and Colin Ross	
Community Covenant Working Group (x3)			Mr Clive Skelton
Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions <i>(Executive Members)</i>			
Corporate Members Group <i>(Leader, Deputy Leader &amp; Whip of each Group)</i>	Cllrs Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt and Tony Damms	Cllrs Shaffaq Mohammed, Penny Baker and Joe Otten	Cllrs Douglas Johnson, Alison Teal and Martin Phipps
Corporate Parenting Board (x10)		Cllrs Sue Alston and Colin Ross	
Cycle Forum (x3)		Cllr Richard Shaw	
Housing and Neighbourhoods Advisory Panel	Executive Member Executive Adviser		
Joint Commissioning Committee <i>(4 Executive Members)</i>			
Local Area Committee Chairs Group (x8)	Cllr Mary Lea (3 vacancies)	(3 vacancies)	(1 Green Group vacancy)
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services) (x4)		Cllr Steve Ayris	
Policy Working Group (Labour)	All Members of the Group		



Policy Working Group (Liberal Democrat)		All Members of the Group	
Policy Working Group (Green)			All Members of the Green Group
<b>Portfolio Joint Consultative Committees:-</b>			
People Services (x2)			
Schools (x1)			
Place (x4)			
Resources/CEX (x1)			
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group (x2)		Cllr Roger Davison	
<b>South Yorkshire Joint Authorities:-</b>			
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority (x5)	Cllrs Tony Damms and Josie Paszek	Cllrs Steve Ayris and Colin Ross	Cllr Peter Garbutt
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (x5)	Cllrs Francyne Johnson, Alan Law and Chris Rosling- Josephs	Cllrs Simon Clement-Jones and Andrew Sangar	
South Yorkshire Local Pension Board (x1) (to May 2023)	(1 vacancy)		
<b>Joint Bodies:-</b>			
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (x4)	Cllrs Ben Curran and Neale Gibson	Cllr Roger Davison	Cllr Peter Garbutt
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (Leader, substitute & rotational Member in 2021/22)			
<b>Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Executive Boards:- (1 Member, plus 1 Reserve):-</b>			
Business Recovery and Growth Board			

Education, Skills and Employability Board			
Housing and Infrastructure Board <i>(Leader of SCC is Chair of the Board)</i>			
Transport and the Environment Board			
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee (2 Labour + 2 Lib Dem Members + 1 sub per Member)	(2 vacancies) Subs: (2 vacancies)	Cllrs Penny Baker and Colin Ross Subs: Cllr Ian Auckland (1 vacancy)	
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit & Standards Committee (2 Labour + 2 Lib Dem Members + 1 sub per Member)	(2 vacancies) Subs: (2 vacancies)	Cllr Ian Auckland (1 vacancy) Subs: (2 vacancies)	
Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee (x2)			
South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1) (Chair of HC&ASC Scrutiny Cttee, or nominee)			
<b>Other External Organisations</b> (x number of places)			
<b>Charities/Educational Foundations:-</b>			
Anne Reresby Trust, High Green (x1)			
Church Burgesses (x1)	Cllr Garry Weatherall		
The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity (x1)		Cllr Vickie Priestley	
Norton Educational	Mr Roy Munn	Cllr Sue Auckland	Mr Greg Adams,

Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts (x5)			Ms Sarah Burdekin and Mr Phillip Shaddock
Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) (x4)	Cllr Peter Price	Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	Mr John Neil and Mr Mike Pye
Beighton Relief in Need Charity (x1)			Mr Ian Saunders
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum (x2)		Cllr Richard Williams	
Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee (x1)			
Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (x1)			
Groundwork South Yorkshire – Company Directors (x2)		Cllr Ian Auckland	
<b>Housing Stock Transfer Associations:-</b>			
ACIS Local Management Committee (x2)			
Great Places: Sheffield Housing Board (x2)			
Sanctuary Housing: Shiregreen Community Committee (x2)			
Together Housing – Local Panel (x2)			
Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (x2)			
Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (x2)		Cllr Gail Smith	
Learn Sheffield (x1)			
Local Government Association General Assembly (x4)		Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed	

Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee (x1)			
Longley Park College Governing Body (x1)			
Manor and Castle Development Trust (x2)			
Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group) (x1)			
National Association of British Market Authorities (x1)			
National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee (x1)			
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee (x1)			
Peak District National Park Authority (x1)	Cllr Moya O'Rourke		
Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber (x1 plus substitute)			
River Stewardship Company (x1)			
Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board (x1)			
Sheffield Business Adviser Panel (x2)			
Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board (x2)			
Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (x1 plus substitute)			

Sheffield City Trust (x1 Observer)			
Sheffield Compact (x1)			
Sheffield Co-Operative Development Group - Board (x1)			
Sheffield Football Trust (x1)			
Sheffield Museums Trust - Directors and Members (x2)			
Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors (x3)		Cllr Steve Ayris (to 4/7/23)	
Sheffield International Venues Ltd – Board of Directors (x1)			
Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members (x3)			
Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members (x1)			
Sheffield Partnership Board (x1)			
Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (x2)		Cllr Penny Baker	
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (x1)			
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members (x3)			
Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board (x2)		Cllr Andrew Sangar	

Sheffield Transport Users Group (x1)			
Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group (x1)			
South East Sheffield Eco Advisory Group (formerly South East Sheffield Countryside Advisory Group) (x1)			
South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives (x2)			
South Yorkshire Leaders' Group (x1)			
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board (x4)			
Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (x1)			
Transport 4 All (x3)		Cllr Ian Auckland	
University Technical College Trust Board (x1)			
Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust (x1)			
Voluntary Action Sheffield (x1)			

**9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22**

9.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

(a) the minor change made to Council Procedure Rule 5.1 by the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, in relation to the venue for the Annual Meeting of the Council, as detailed in the note appended to the motion circulated at the meeting, be noted;

(b)(i) ordinary meetings of Full Council in the Municipal Year 2021/22

be held in the Town Hall (whenever possible) at 2.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday in every month except (A) August 2021 and March, April and May 2022 (when no ordinary meeting will be held); (B) in June 2021 (when the meeting will be held at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> June, not on the previously scheduled date of 9<sup>th</sup> June, due to the venue not being available on the 9<sup>th</sup>); (C) in September 2021 (when the meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 instead of on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to avoid the impact of the Summer Bank Holiday on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August); and (D) in January 2022 (when the meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 instead of on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to avoid the impact of the New Year's Day Bank Holiday which will be observed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January), and, accordingly, the meetings be held on the following dates:-

16th June 2021; 7th July 2021; 8th September 2021; 6th October 2021; 3rd November 2021; 1st December 2021; 12th January 2022; and 2nd February 2022; plus the provisional dates of 1st June 2022 and 6th July 2022 in the Municipal Year 2022/23.

(ii) the special meeting of the Council for the purposes of approving a Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and setting the Council Tax for the Financial Year 2022/23 be held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the Town Hall; and

(iii) the annual meeting of the Council in 2022 be held on Wednesday, 18th May 2022 at 11.30 a.m. in the Town Hall; and

(c) further to Council Procedure Rule 10.2, the formula for the order in which Notices of Motion shall be listed on the Council Summons in the Municipal Year 2021/22 shall be as follows:-

June 2021 - Labour/LibDem/Green/Labour

July - Labour/LibDem/Labour/LibDem

September - LibDem/Labour/Green/Labour

October - Labour/LibDem/Labour/Other

November – Green/Labour/LibDem/Labour

December - LibDem/Labour/Labour/LibDem

February 2022 - Labour/LibDem/Green/Labour

## **10. SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REFERENDUM**

10.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Terry Fox, formally seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that the City Council:-

(a) notes the outcome of the Sheffield City Council Governance

Referendum, as outlined in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance circulated to all Members of the Council and published on the Council's website on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021;

(b) resolves to cease to operate executive arrangements and start to operate a committee system of governance with effect from the start of the 2022/23 Municipal Year;

(c) requests the Director of Legal and Governance to take the steps outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the report; and

(d) requests the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, to take all steps necessary to develop and implement the change, as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report, and to recommend the necessary changes to the Constitution, etc, reporting back to Full Council as and when necessary, such as to recommend the number and the functions of the new committees, their terms of reference, etc.

## **11. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES: REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

11.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Terry Fox, formally seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that the City Council:-

(a) notes the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and its recommendations, as set out in the report of the Executive Director, Resources, published with the agenda for this meeting;

(b) approves the removal of the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for Local Area Partnership Chairs and the addition of an SRA for Local Area Committee Chairs at Band C (£5,688.55 per annum) in the Schedule of Special Responsibility Allowances in the Members' Allowances Scheme as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP);

(c) notes that the Members' Allowances Scheme approved by Council at its Special (Budget) Meeting on 3 March 2021 rolled forward the existing scheme which was approved in 2017/18; and

(d) notes that, following the outcome of the Sheffield City Council Governance Referendum, further work will be carried out by the IRP to consider changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme, including a review of the Special Responsibility Allowance for Local Area Committee Chairs and that the outcome of this work will be submitted to a future meeting of Council for consideration.