



Council

Wednesday 1 June 2022
2.00 pm

**Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH**

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)

1	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Richard Shaw Sophie Thornton	10	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Vic Bowden Craig Gamble Pugh Alan Woodcock	19	<i>Nether Edge & Sharrow Ward</i> Nighat Basharat Peter Garbutt Maroof Raouf
2	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Kurtis Crossland Bob McCann Ann Woolhouse	11	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Roger Davison Barbara Masters Shaffaq Mohammed	20	<i>Park & Arbourthorne Ward</i> Ben Miskell Nabeela Mowlana Sophie Wilson
3	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	12	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Fran Belbin Abtisam Mohamed Abdul Khayum	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> David Barker Mike Drabble Dianne Hurst
4	<i>Broomhill & Sharrow Vale Ward</i> Angela Argenzio Maleiki Haybe Brian Holmshaw	13	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	22	<i>Shiregreen & 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 Marieanne Elliot Paul Turpin	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Mike Chaplin Tony Damms Jayne Dunn
6	<i>City Ward</i> Ruth Mersereau Martin Phipps Douglas Johnson	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 & Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Ruth Milsom Minesh Parekh	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Christine Gilligan George Lindars-Hammond Henry Nottage	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Lewis Chinchin Julie Grocutt Janet Ridler
8	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea Zahira Naz	17	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Terry Fox Anne Murphy Sioned-Mair Richards	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Tom Hunt Bernard Little
9	<i>Dore & 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

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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

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.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to most Council meetings and recording is allowed under the direction of the Chair. Please see the website or contact Democratic Services for further information regarding public questions and petitions and details of the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at council meetings.

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last.

Meetings of the Council have to be held as physical meetings. If you would like to attend the meeting, please report to an Attendant in the Foyer at the Town Hall where you will be directed to the meeting room. However, it would be appreciated if you could register to attend, in advance of the meeting, by emailing committee@sheffield.gov.uk, as this will assist with the management of attendance at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: The Public Gallery in the Town Hall Council Chamber can accommodate 50 persons. Social distancing may not be possible in the Gallery depending on the numbers of members of the public in attendance at the meeting. An overspill area will be provided in the event that more than 50 members of the public attend - the webcast of the meeting will be live streamed to that room.

In order to ensure safe access and to protect all attendees, you will be recommended to wear a face covering (unless you have an exemption) at all times within the venue. Please do not attend the meeting if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

It is also recommended that you undertake a Covid-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Test within two days of the meeting.

We are unable to guarantee entrance to the Public Gallery for observers, as priority will be given to registered speakers and those that have registered to attend.

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FACILITIES

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

**COUNCIL AGENDA
1 JUNE 2022**

Order of Business

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 Acting 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, questions/petitions are required to be submitted in writing, to committee@sheffield.gov.uk, by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 30th May. Questions/petitions submitted after the deadline will be asked at the meeting subject to the discretion of the Chair.)

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

5.2 Questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities (under the provisions of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985) and of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority – Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

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

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SUPPORTING RESIDENTS THROUGH THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCUIT

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that that there can be no doubt that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, with surges in fuel, energy and food prices and with inflation running at a 30-year high;
- (b) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (c) notes that, whilst global shocks and the war in Ukraine have of course had an impact, a decade of low growth under Conservative-led governments has left the economy weakened and unable to deal with shocks;
- (d) believes the Government's response has been woeful and further highlights how out of touch they are, and that rather than getting to grips with the serious issues facing our country they instead are preoccupied with waging unnecessary culture wars;
- (e) believes there is much the Government needs to be doing, and one need only look to governments across Europe to see what can be done to help households against a sharp rise in energy bills, and yet here in the UK the Government's spring statement offered nothing to those who really need it;
- (f) believes, therefore, that the Government should take heed of the Labour Party's call for an emergency budget and supports the following activity:-
 - (i) a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies, which would save household bills by up to £600 (helping mitigate the Government's National Insurance rise);
 - (ii) a discount on business rates for small and medium sized businesses;
 - (iii) a "rapid ramp-up" of installing insulation into homes across the country to save on energy bills;
 - (iv) an investigation by the National Crime Agency into taxpayer money lost through fraud; and
 - (v) reversing the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit;

- (g) believes that whilst the Government is spectacularly failing to help families, members of the previous Council administration have, over the course of the last year, been working to ensure the Council is doing everything it can to support residents through the cost of living crisis;
- (h) notes that at an organisational level, Sheffield City Council are treating the cost of living crisis with the same resolve as it did for the pandemic;
- (i) notes that, just like in the pandemic, the Leader of the Council established a Gold Command Executive Management Team, and is ensuring that every effort is being made to review what the Council is doing in response to the difficulties facing our communities;
- (j) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (k) believes that our Council should act as a point of call for those in need, and reaffirms support for the forthcoming rollout of a Financial Support Access Plan – so Sheffielders can be best advised where to go for the right financial support, suited to their circumstances;
- (l) notes that due to the approval of the budget amendment proposed by the Labour Group in March 2022, which secured £3.5 million for sustainable local energy, the Council is increasing ways to get energy bills down, through installing renewable energy on our estate; such as schools, libraries, community centres and council homes;
- (m) notes that under the previous Administration's Housing Revenue Account, the Council is retrofitting 6,000 homes with new roofs, and 2,000 homes will benefit from boiler replacements, as well as ensuring that all council homes are to at least EPC C (Energy Performance Level C) – making homes warmer and reducing bills;
- (n) further notes that the approved amendment to the budget, proposed by the Labour Group, put extra resources into supporting neighbourhoods, and focused extra support on those who will be the most hardest hit, including further support for the Food Access Plan;
- (o) believes that this resolve to tackle this crisis must carry on throughout the new committee system, and calls on every Policy Committee to ensure that the cost of living crisis is a key priority in their work plans, and that all financial decisions must consider what impact they will be having on the crisis; and
- (p) notes that the Leader of the Council has already begun convening a

strategic conversation with partners and stakeholders (including the voluntary and community sector, public sector partners, utility companies and MPs) to maximise our collective effort around responding to the crisis.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BUILDING THE LOCAL BUSINESS BASE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

That this Council:-

- (a) notes the dire financial position this Council is in with a projected £18 million overspend already in this financial year and a serious risk of reserves being depleted within this financial year and the real threat of commissioners being appointed by the Government to take over the running of this Council;
- (b) notes the impact this could have on the people of Sheffield during the cost of living crisis, in particular the poorest in society, who are the least equipped to deal with the rising costs of food and energy;
- (c) furthermore notes that successful businesses not only bring jobs and prosperity to the City, reducing poverty across our city, but also helps the Council by bringing more business rates income;
- (d) notes that many businesses, large and small, also support local community projects and play an important role in improving our environment;
- (e) believes that Sheffield as a city has much to offer businesses both big and small with its great location, wonderful and diverse people, proud manufacturing heritage, social history, landscape and built environment;
- (f) believes that business relies on good digital and transport infrastructure and that transport policy should focus on improving access for people to and from all parts of the city, improving transport links with neighbouring areas and enabling the efficient delivery of goods, with any road closures in the City Centre being subject to careful consideration;
- (g) recognises that a strong cultural offer in the city helps to attract high skill and high value inward investment; and
- (h) therefore believes that this Council should be doing everything it can to build its business base, including but not limited to:-
 - (i) working collaboratively with businesses and other organisations that want to invest in our city;

- (ii) exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector which has been badly affected by the pandemic and recent rises in business costs, as we rebuild our economy;
- (iii) working to revitalise both our city centre and the other district centres across the Council area to make them attractive places to do business;
- (iv) ensuring that all Councillors act as ambassadors for Sheffield and build relationships with businesses big and small to help build and sustain our local economy; and
- (v) ensuring that Council policies and initiatives do not actively deter organisations coming to Sheffield or harm the prospects of those that are already here.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER A BETTER FUTURE FOR SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARIEANNE ELLIOT

That this Council believes:-

- (a) that thanks are due to the people of Sheffield who took part in democracy and voted in recent local elections to choose who will represent them;
- (b) that thanks are also due to those who voted in the May 2021 referendum which established a new, modern committee system that needs political groups to work together in a more collaborative and less adversarial way of working;
- (c) that the Council and the communities we represent face the multiple challenges of the cost of living crisis, overstretched and underfunded Council services and a growing demand for those services from the public;
- (d) that new initiatives, detailed below, are needed and we call on all groups on the Council to support them;
- (e) that people's experience of engaging with the Council is not always positive and poor access to services has a worse impact on people already disadvantaged for other reasons; people experience difficulties engaging with the Council and in getting responses to local concerns and issues;
- (f) that local Councillors are often the ones most aware when the

Council's processes are not working because local people contact them when the system doesn't work;

- (g) that due to the cost of living crisis our services will be in even higher demand and need, and making them more accessible must be prioritised in light of this;
- (h) that the challenge for this Council, like other councils around the country, is to play a leading role locally in addressing the cost of living crisis that our communities face;
- (i) that the cost of living crisis is caused by a combination of corporate greed, rising prices, low incomes and policy choices made by national governments, condemning millions to increasing levels of poverty which disproportionately affects women, children, disabled people and members of marginalised and minority communities;
- (j) that we must seek to address both immediate need and also make our communities resilient to future crises through a combination of measures, such as retrofitting homes to high energy efficiency standards to reduce energy usage, and provision of skills and training;
- (k) that whilst all councils operate a Corporate Risk Register, where all the risks the Council faces are detailed and a risk management plan is produced to mitigate those risks, this approach can mean that councils focus on risks rather than opportunities;
- (l) that the Council's financial sustainability now depends on funding opportunities, not further cuts;
- (m) that to act as a balance to the Corporate Risk Register, there should be a Corporate Opportunities Register, detailing new funding opportunities, partnership opportunities and initiatives that will help deliver the Council's objectives, such as supporting those affected by the cost of living crisis;

This Council resolves:-

- (n) to recommend that the Council's Strategy and Resources Policy Committee notes this Motion and requests a Customer Service Improvement Plan to be in place within 4 months, to show how it will aim to improve response times and accessibility to services, regardless of the community that customers come from or their background, language or disability; and recognising that the Council's services also need to be available to people without access to the phone or internet;
- (o) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee establishes a Cost of Living Crisis Working Group, together with

other public and voluntary sector partners, to be tasked with producing a Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan within 4 months;

- (p) that progress on the delivery of this action plan be reported regularly to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee; and
- (q) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee requests a Corporate Opportunities Register to be in place within 6 months, kept up-to-date by Executive Directors and reported regularly to the relevant committee, noting this motion.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COMMITTING TO THE GMB ETHICAL HOME CARE CHARTER" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MILSOM

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that over a decade of national government inaction has created a social care crisis, which is simply unacceptable for such a rich nation;
- (b) believes that we should aspire to make Sheffield the best city to grow old in, but that the Government's failure to fund social care means that many do not get the care they should;
- (c) believes that our homecare workers do vital and amazing work helping our most vulnerable residents, in a job which continues to be incredibly difficult and we must do everything we can to support them;
- (d) reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that care workers are given the respect, pay and conditions they deserve and that, ultimately, this is the right thing to do for workers and will ensure a far better care service for clients; and
- (e) calls for the GMB Ethical Commissioning Charter 2022 to be fully endorsed, including aiming for the following:-
 - (i) committing to a block delivery model of commissioning and ending the culture of 'Time & Task' in home care delivery;
 - (ii) committing that the job evaluated rate of pay at Sheffield City Council should be a benchmark and the ultimate goal for pay in commissioned care; this must drive the journey to increasing the value of care in our communities;
 - (iii) committing the Council to continue to recognise and value the training and professional development of staff within the

sector; and

- (iv) reaffirming this Council's commitment to recognising social value in assessing all potential providers and committing to supporting providers working in new and innovative ways to support staff and clients.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

To (a) receive nominations to the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of Committees and Sub-Committees (in instances where these were not appointed at the annual meeting of the Council or at a subsequent meeting of the Committee or Sub-Committee) and appoint the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Committees and Sub-Committees;

(b) receive details of Group Spokespersons for each Policy Committee and their Sub-Committees (in instances where these were not reported at the annual meeting of the Council); and

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



Gillian Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 24 day of May 2022

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 20 July 2022 at the Town Hall

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

You **must**:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You have a personal interest where –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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