



Council

Wednesday 20 July 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)

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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
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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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

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**COUNCIL AGENDA
20 JULY 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 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 18th July. 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 "GUARANTEEING NO MORE BUS SERVICE CUTS AND NO MORE FARE INCREASES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KURTIS CROSSLAND

That this Council:-

- (a) is hugely disappointed at the cancellation of a number of bus services in Sheffield coming at the end of this month;
- (b) believes that the further cuts to come in the Autumn will devastate Sheffield's public transport system, making many people's lives much harder as they will struggle to get around our city;
- (c) believes that the Sheffield Bus Partnership has failed the citizens of Sheffield by not improving services and keeping fares low, which has led to:-
 - (i) cuts to services available to the general public;
 - (ii) extortionate fare increases, forcing people to use their cars over public transport as a cheaper and more accessible option; and
 - (iii) a lack of public confidence in the reliability of the bus service, which is also contributing to decreasing passenger numbers; noting that punctuality of bus services has reduced, down to 83% from 87% over the past five years, whilst reliability is at its lowest rate in years;
- (d) is concerned that increased car use will add to air pollution in the city centre if fewer people are using more energy efficient bus services and that cuts to bus services are preventing people from getting to work, school, running errands and attending medical appointments;
- (e) further notes that London, which was not subject to bus deregulation in 1986, has seen decade upon decade increases in bus patronage and mileage;
- (f) notes that, under the Bus Services Act 2017, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority has the power to enact bus franchising and that this was agreed in the original 2015 Sheffield devolution deal;
- (g) believes that bus franchising will be a long-term solution to these problems, allowing bus operators and local authorities to work collaboratively to improve bus services and realise untapped growth potentials in regional and rural areas;

- (h) resolves to:-
- (i) call on the Council's and Regional Authority's leaderships to protect passengers from further fare increases, cuts to routes and unreliable services by using any available means, which could include, but not necessarily be limited to:-
 - (A) giving notice to immediately terminate the Bus Partnership Agreement;
 - (B) enlisting the full support of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority;
 - (C) an active media campaign; and
 - (D) a review of existing bus priority measures in order to deliver a more reliable, greener and efficient bus service;
 - (ii) support the introduction of a statutory bus quality contract in Sheffield; and
 - (iii) send copies of this motion to all the other parties to the Bus Partnership Agreement; and
- (i) believes that alongside the strategic long-term problems with buses in our city there are a number of smaller, simpler issues that need to be resolved in order to give Sheffield the best possible bus and mass transit services, and these include:-
- (i) improving the accuracy of real time information signage at bus stops;
 - (ii) making sure every bus stop accurately identifies the buses that stop there, and has accurate timetables physically displayed; and
 - (iii) linking trams to buses at terminals as part of making sure that all of Sheffield's mass transit services link together to provide a properly integrated service.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SECURE, CONNECTED, RESPECTED NEIGHBOURHOODS" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ABDUL KHAYUM

That this Council:-

- (a) notes, with shock and anger, that Sheffield's bus networks are

beginning to be slashed this month, culminating in a third of services being decimated by October as the Government cuts funding and commercial operators withdraw;

- (b) believes our communities deserve a public transport system as good as in London, and yet despite the Government promising to deliver this (in their Levelling Up White Paper) they are now refusing to give our region the money or the powers to make this happen;
- (c) notes that South Yorkshire was given nothing in the latest round of bus funding from the Government, and believes it is simply not good enough to continue to under-fund our buses and limit people's opportunities to get to work, education, health services and for business growth, as well as failing to help us to tackle the climate emergency;
- (d) notes that Labour councillors have long called for bus franchising to be explored, and enacted the local bus partnership as this was the only option available to the Council at the time to help provide greater local control, but believes that this partnership, whilst helpful at the time, is no longer fit for purpose;
- (e) believes that one of the main issues all councillors and candidates encountered on the doorsteps during the local election was residents' concerns on the poor state of public transport, and we need to work cross-party to demand to the Government that South Yorkshire gets significantly improved funding and greater local control over the bus network, and commends the actions of recently elected South Yorkshire Mayor, Oliver Coppard, for his commitment to working alongside our region's councils, and doing everything he can to save as many services as possible;
- (f) believes that in order for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and bus prioritisation lanes to be adopted successfully, and with public support, there needs to be a public transport offer that is fit for purpose;
- (g) believes that our communities deserve better and notes that there is a general sense within the country of a government failing to get to grips with the major issues that affect neighbourhoods – crime, connectivity, lack of opportunities, and the cost-of-living crisis;
- (h) notes with dismay the recent violent crime and serious incidents in the city and that, whilst the levers to fully address this reside with the Government, the Council must be steadfast in its prioritisation of community safety and doing everything we can locally;
- (i) notes that despite the challenging year-on-year budget position the Council is investing more in community safety measures such as

community wardens, increased CCTV cameras, increased outreach work (including expanded youth services) and greater information sharing and ability to respond quickly to local issues via the Local Area Committees;

- (j) believes that the Council must do everything it can to help our partners respond to serious incidents, and that we need a city-wide protocol – bringing together our partners (such as the police, Police and Crime Commissioner, social services and the Voluntary and Community Sector), Council staff and councillors, so that information is shared and acted on more quickly, and to ensure that there is better communication with the affected neighbourhoods and communities; and
- (k) resolves, therefore, to request that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee should consider developing a clearly defined Community Safety Incident Protocol, within the next three months, and review the current community safety support structures.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PRIDE IN SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE THORNTON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT-JONES

That this Council:-

- (a) wishes to thank the charitable and voluntary sector for the support they already provide to the LGBTQ+ community throughout the year;
- (b) reaffirms its commitment to keep all people safe in our City, no matter their gender or sexual identity, secularity, skin colour or disability;
- (c) notes the need to improve the safety of our LGBTQ+ community, noting that homophobic and transphobic violence is increasing and trans or non-binary Sheffielders are especially at risk of violence, depression, self-harm, and suicide;
- (d) acknowledges the greater risk to LGBTQ+ people of colour, especially transgender women of colour;
- (e) believes that this Council's support for Sheffield's LGBTQ+ community should go well beyond painted rainbow crossings, and as such -
- (f) supports LGBTQ+ cultural events in Sheffield through:-
 - (i) Sheffield holding an annual Pride event going forward from 2022, as at present no such event is organised to take place,

celebrating Sheffield's LGBTQ+ community, in a similar vein to Pinknic and Barnsley Pride;

- (ii) acknowledging the importance of holding Pride events due to the heritage of Pride as a protest, and that there is still work to be done towards equality; and
 - (iii) supporting community groups involved in and facilitate spaces for dates across the LGBTQ+ calendar, including but not limited to Pride Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR), and International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT);
- (g) believes in the importance of how this Council's economic development work can support the LGBTQ+ community and support diverse business owners by asking the Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee to consider looking at starting consultation work with the LGBTQ+ community to develop an LGBTQ+ 'quarter' in Sheffield with the spaces LGBTQ+ people in Sheffield both want and need; and this should include:-
- (i) supporting LGBTQ+ owned business, charities, nightlife and safe spaces in the same way other cities have done, including Manchester (Canal Street area), Birmingham (Hurst Street area) and Leeds (Freedom Quarter);
 - (ii) taking into account the importance of non-alcoholic (dry spaces) and child friendly spaces in an LGBTQ+ quarter – with a desire for any such area to be fully inclusive, including for disabled people, and safe, with good street lighting among other considerations;
 - (iii) agreeing to the principle that any LGBTQ+ quarter shouldn't just be bars and clubs, noting the real problems of drug abuse and alcoholism in the community, for which this Council must support schemes that focus on harm reduction with these issues; and
 - (iv) looking at places such as Common Press in London and the Queer Emporium in Cardiff as examples of good practice of inclusive, diverse spaces;
- (h) expresses its disappointment that Sheffield's Gender Identity Clinic is only now starting to see appointments for those referred to them in 2018 and calls on the Government to do more to support these crucially important services for trans and non-binary people;
- (i) supports the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Sheffielders by asking the Policy Committees, in considering Public Health

functions, to have regard to:-

- (i) supporting existing and new spaces, clinics, and pop-up clinics that support LGBTQ+ Sheffielders' physical, mental, and sexual health;
 - (ii) providing information about sexual health, housing, and support for LGBTQ+ people, with specific information about support available for LGBTQ+ people of colour and those who are HIV+;
 - (iii) including information and support for those who have been sexually assaulted or experienced domestic violence as a result of their sexual or gender identity;
 - (iv) existing established health services needing to ensure staff are trained in supporting LGBTQ+ Sheffielders who have sadly gone through sexual assault or domestic violence as a result of their sexual and/or gender identity;
 - (v) investigating ways this Council can help the HIV+ community access support and the support around the wide variety of other issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community and raised within this motion; and
 - (vi) our belief that good services supporting young LGBTQ+ people, such as SAYiT, that provide them with a safe space and the ability to make lifelong friends in the community, are critical;
- (j) believes in supporting inclusive housing and LGBTQ+ Sheffielders who face homelessness, and that no one in Sheffield should be made homeless as a result of coming out or being rejected by their families by virtue of who they are, and asks the Housing Policy Committee to consider investigating ways this Council can:-
- (i) help reduce homelessness in young LGBTQ+ people by supporting LGBTQ+ youth services, as well as providing information and support;
 - (ii) give considerations for LGBTQ+ supported housing for older LGBTQ+ people in Sheffield, dependent on need, as has been done by councils such as Lambeth, as we look to expand our social housing stock; and
 - (iii) continue supporting projects that help people that are homeless and/or rough sleeping in any way we can; and
- (k) believes that Sheffield Council, as an inclusive organisation:-

- (i) should include a gender neutral toilet facility whenever possible in Council buildings, separate to disabled toilets so as to not impact or restrict on disabled toilet access for disabled people, with private and safe locking cubicles for all, and therefore asks the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider this as and when they consider any policy or capital decisions on our corporate estate or future capital works;
- (ii) needs to advertise information on support that is already available to the LGBTQ+ community more, highlighting support services wherever they are available; and
- (iii) stands firmly against conversion therapy in all forms and is dismayed to see the Government excluding trans people from the ban on conversion therapy for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, as well as using trans people as part of a culture war.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "EXPANDING ON-STREET ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS CHINCHEN AND TO BE SECONDED BY THE LORD MAYOR (COUNCILLOR SIONED-MAIR RICHARDS)

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the mass uptake of Electric Vehicles (EVs) will depend on convenient and affordable charging infrastructure;
- (b) notes that EV ownership is skewed towards those with off-street parking (80% of EV owners have access to a driveway);
- (c) believes that we need to ensure that the 40% of households in this country that do not have access to off-street parking have ways to conveniently charge an EV;
- (d) notes that Sheffield currently does not have any on-street residential EV charging infrastructure;
- (e) believes that without proper investment in on-street EV charging technology, we will continue to see inequality in EV ownership between those with off-street parking and those without;
- (f) recognises that there is a chicken and egg situation where it is often not initially financially viable for the private sector to invest in new infrastructure due to the limited EV ownership in areas that need this infrastructure;
- (g) believes that a partnership between Government, this Council and

innovative private sector enterprise is the best way to develop our on-street EV charging network;

- (h) notes the work of other local authorities such as the London Borough of Lambeth in expanding on-street EV charging infrastructure across 11 council estates through a partnership with a private company; and
- (i) requests the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider:-
 - (i) developing an EV charging strategy that outlines a vision for every household in Sheffield to be within walking distance of a public EV charging point;
 - (ii) inviting businesses to Sheffield to explore innovative infrastructure solutions such as retractable chargers, as well as successful commercial models that maximise private sector investment;
 - (iii) applying to the Government's On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme and/or the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund once this becomes fully available following national pilots; and
 - (iv) working collaboratively and collectively with neighbouring local authorities and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) where appropriate to take advantage of economies of scale, share knowledge and ensure our strategies are aligned, whilst recognising the differences between our respective areas.

10. UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

To approve, with or without amendment, the recommendations in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer), published with this agenda, regarding changes to the Council's Constitution.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive the records of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 2nd February, the special meeting of the Council held on 2nd March and the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 23rd March 2022, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

12. MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

To 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Duckworth', written in a cursive style.

Gillian Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 12 day of July 2022

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 14 September 2022 at the Town Hall