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**Wednesday 14 September 2022**  
**2.00 pm**

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

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## COUNCIL

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**Wednesday 14 September 2022, at 2.00 pm**

### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)

1	<i>Beauchief &amp; 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 &amp; Sharrow Ward</i> Nighat Basharat Peter Garbutt Maroof Raouf
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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
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7	<i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i> Tim Huggan Ruth Milsom Minesh Parekh	16	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Christine Gilligan George Lindars-Hammond Henry Nottage	25	<i>Stocksbridge &amp; 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 &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
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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  
14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**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**

(a) 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](mailto:committee@sheffield.gov.uk), by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Questions/petitions submitted after the deadline will be asked at the meeting subject to the discretion of the Chair.)

(b) Petition Requiring Debate

The Council's Petitions Scheme requires that a petition containing over 5,000 signatures from individuals who live, work or study in Sheffield, be the subject of debate at the Council meeting. A qualifying petition has been received as follows:-

Petition

To debate a joint electronic and paper petition containing over 8,700 signatures (of which more than 5,000 are deemed to be from individuals who either live, work or study in Sheffield) asking the Council to repair, not demolish, Rose Garden Cafe, Graves Park. The online petition - [Petition · Make the council repair, not demolish, Rose Garden Cafe, Graves Park. · Change.org](#) - includes further information.

## 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 "COST OF LIVING CRISIS - NATIONAL FAILINGS AND A LOCAL RESPONSE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NABEELA MOWLANA AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ABTISAM MOHAMED

That this Council:-

- (a) notes that inflation is at over 10%, with Britain the only G7 economy where inflation has hit double digits;
- (b) believes that whilst energy costs are a leading contributor to high inflation, other aspects such as stagnant economic growth and poor handling of public finances has made Britain particularly vulnerable to the energy crisis;
- (c) notes that under this Government:-
  - (i) working families' pay is falling by £1,300 this year;
  - (ii) everyone in Sheffield is feeling the hit from higher taxes and rising energy, food and fuel prices;
  - (iii) 15 tax rises have led to the highest tax burden in 70 years; and
  - (iv) local people are working hard, paying more and getting less;
- (d) supports the Labour Party's plan to take real action now to tackle the Government's cost of living crisis:-
  - (i) cut VAT on home energy bills;
  - (ii) save on energy bills now and in the longer term by insulating millions of homes;

- (iii) cut small business rates and support businesses through the cost of living storm; and
- (iv) buy, make and sell more in Britain to create well-paid, secure jobs in every community;
- (e) believes that Sheffield City Council must do everything it can to support the city through this crisis, and that as an organisation we must work on this with the same resolve and collective spirit that was needed throughout the pandemic;
- (f) believes that the Council must work in partnership with the voluntary, community, and faith sector to establish a network of welcoming places where people can come together to reduce their living costs over the winter;
- (g) believes that providing somewhere warm for people to go to is important but that Sheffield's network of spaces should be about much more than keeping warm;
- (h) believes that Sheffield's warm and welcoming spaces should harness everything great about the support that exists in the city, providing places for people to socialise, undertake activities, share advice, learn and support each other;
- (i) welcomes the on-going work of the cross-party Cost of Living Steering Group (chaired by Council Leader, Councillor Terry Fox) which will be reporting before October with more detailed plans, including the mapping out of spaces across the city;
- (j) calls on the Government to finally provide sufficient financial support for households, businesses and to local authorities to ensure that people in Sheffield get the support they need through this ongoing crisis that this Council believes is of their making; and
- (k) believes that whilst the Government is not providing any funding to do what is really needed to support people fully, it is important that the Council helps to lead the co-ordinated efforts across the city to support residents through this ongoing crisis.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BEST VALUE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MIKE LEVERY AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN**

That this Council:-

- (a) believes that it is this Council's duty to seek best value for the people of Sheffield, especially given the current financial challenges faced by the Council;

- (b) believes the people of Sheffield want to see services delivered efficiently and effectively both in performance and price;
- (c) notes that a Labour Government introduced Best Value in the Local Government Act of 1999, stating it was to “make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way an authority exercises its functions, having regard to a combination of factors, including economy, efficiency and effectiveness”;
- (d) believes that the principles set out in the Local Government Act of 1999 could have been better fulfilled by this Council in a number of circumstances, for example:-
  - (i) the Housing Repairs Service, where there have been dramatic increases in the waiting list for repairs over the last few years, increasing to over 5,000 currently, with an average waiting time of over 21 days;
  - (ii) the average amount of time houses are left empty for, after residents move out, in recent years has increased to 12 weeks, far above the target of six weeks; and
  - (iii) youth services which has failed to deliver as the people of Sheffield would want and need, despite additional funding of £2m in both 2020/21 and 2021/22, none of which was spent on youth service delivery;
- (e) notes that despite the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee twice recommending the decision on youth services to be revisited in 2020, the second time unanimously, Cabinet, on further consideration, progressed the decision;
- (f) believes that for decisions to progress with service changes that involve staff transfers, much more consideration needs to be given to the impact for the workforce and employer arising from the transfer of employment;
- (g) believes that Policy Committees are best placed to determine which of their areas should be prioritised to demand continuous improvement in both delivery and financial performance; and
- (h) therefore believes that this Council should look to implement the following:-
  - (i) examine where other councils have adopted different models for service provision and look at comparative performance;
  - (ii) establishment of internal service providers with the relevant



council function being the budget holders;

- (iii) benchmarking of services with other providers, no matter which area they operate in; and
- (iv) clear, unambiguous performance measures which demonstrate ongoing improvement in service delivery.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY FOR SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE GILLIGAN KUBO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON**

That this Council believes:-

- (a) that, if Sheffield is to play its part in achieving the Paris Climate targets, meet its net zero target by 2030 and address the cost of living crisis, we need to reduce energy demand through energy efficiency measures such as retrofitting homes and other buildings; and to significantly raise the amount of energy we produce from renewable sources;
- (b) having more of our energy produced from renewable sources helps us control costs by having secure forms of energy generated locally; energy security means that the UK is less at the mercy of dubious and undemocratic regimes with poor human rights records that are often the suppliers of fossil fuels;

This Council resolves:-

- (c) to ask the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider:-
  - (i) **conducting an audit of the potential for renewable energy installations** and energy efficiency measures on all Council land and property, draw up a priority list for installations based on the most potential to save energy and generate clean energy, and present it to the Committee within 6 months;
  - (ii) **installing solar photovoltaics on all new build Council-owned buildings** where technically feasible, recognising that integrated roof systems are cheaper to install than retrofitting solar systems after construction;
  - (iii) **creating a Local Area Energy Plan for Sheffield** that has the buy-in of the wider community and lead a local area energy planning process that involves both the network

operators and other key stakeholders, including developers, energy experts and community energy groups;

- (iv) **investigating establishing strategic partnerships with renewable and energy efficiency installers** to help ensure certainty on cost and delivery of measures and report back to the Committee within 6 months;
- (v) **encouraging the establishment of partnerships with local Community Renewables organisations** to enable low cost/no cost installations funded through citizens' investments;
- (vi) **maximising external funding to finance installations** using Government, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and any ethical sources;
- (vii) **using funding available for solar installations from Cooperatives** on Council buildings and encouraging take up of this funding by large commercial organisations;
- (viii) **encouraging wider community investment in local renewable energy projects** through a range of measures including, but not limited to, Community Share Offers and Municipal Bonds;
- (ix) **developing a compelling offer for private householders and landlords** to support the installation of solar photovoltaics and high cost energy efficiency measures;
- (x) **encouraging best practice in Planning** to support renewable energy installations by developers and to create a low carbon energy supply;
- (xi) **encouraging renewable and energy efficiency skills** by establishing links and relationships between our partners in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency sectors with appropriate local training and education providers;
- (xii) **ensuring training opportunities and new skills are included in all projects** and that contracts related to energy efficiency and renewables should include commitments from contractors on providing training opportunities and new skills for local people; and
- (xiii) requiring new energy generation projects of 5MW or above to have at least 5% local ownership.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COMMITTING THE COUNCIL TO TACKLING THE STIGMA OF MENOPAUSE AND PERIOD POVERTY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCUIT**

That this Council:-

- (a) notes there are more than 13 million women currently experiencing menopause or perimenopause in the UK; and that menopause campaigners argue that medical sexism and a lack of training means many women are left to suffer the symptoms of menopause;
- (b) recognises that menopause is a society and family issue, not just a women's issue;
- (c) notes that women over the age of 50 are the fastest growing segment of the workforce, and most will go through the menopause transition during their working lives, and many won't be able to meet their full potential at work unless they get the right support from their employer;
- (d) believes the UK could be losing 14 million workdays a year related to the menopause, according to recent research by Censuswide, with one in four women who experience menopausal symptoms, many at the top of their career, considering leaving their job;
- (e) reaffirms the Council has a legal duty to ensure that employees do not face discrimination;
- (f) believes employers who support women through the menopause will reap the benefits in terms of increased engagement and loyalty, as well as lower sickness absence and employee turnover;
- (g) believes fostering age and gender inclusive workplaces can help the Council to tap into the valuable skills and talent this fast-growing segment of the workforce has to offer;
- (h) believes that this is an important issue that the Council has a role in addressing and that its currently getting worse due to the cost-of-living crisis;
- (i) recognises that women are a significant element in the City's economy and are vital to helping families through the cost-of-living crisis, but cannot if they are too ill to work;
- (j) notes that removing barriers to progression for women could help the Council close its gender pay gap, and believes that supporting women through menopause will help mitigate ageism in the workplace;

- (k) recognises the valuable contribution of Carolyn Harris MP (co-chair of the Menopause Task force), the GMB, Unite, USDAW, Community Union and others who lead the way on this issue;
- (l) believes the Government is failing to ensure the country is period poverty free by 2025;
- (m) notes with alarm that amidst the worst cost-of-living crisis in 40 years, a poll of 1,000 UK girls aged 14-21 reveals over 1 in 4 are struggling to afford period products and nearly 1 in 5 report being unable to afford them;
- (n) believes, as a result, period poverty is a serious issue for women in the city which disproportionately affects groups who already face barriers accessing support, including ethnic minority groups, refugees and asylum seekers, people with disability, young carers and young people in care, creating indignity and a significant mental health burden through stigma;
- (o) recognises that period poverty goes hand in hand with food poverty and cuts across different policy areas, requiring a holistic, cross cutting commitment and intervention;
- (p) notes that the Labour Party's work on religious and sex education in schools has moved us further along in terms of awareness, but proposes more needs to be done; and
- (q) calls on the Chief Executive to report to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee, within the next three months, on plans to incorporate the GMB Menopause Smash the Stigma Workplace Policy, including the following:-
  - (i) preventing women being disadvantaged at work because of their symptoms and because of the stigma of discussing menopause at work;
  - (ii) adopting a supportive workplace model which includes manager and staff training on issues around menopause, including through the GMB, to all members of staff in work time over a 12-month period;
  - (iii) adopting a more progressive and inclusive approach to supporting those who experience menopause;
  - (iv) to make Sheffield a period aware city, looking at how period poverty, shame and inequality can be addressed across the Council's areas of work and developing a "Period Equality Charter" outlining what this means for different policy areas;
  - (v) looking at period poverty as part of the cost-of-living crisis,

exploring ways to supply free period products, calling on schools to join the Government's free period products scheme and promote the scheme to pupils;

- (vi) exploring what efforts the Council may be able to undertake to support and coordinate existing efforts and donations of period products to increase their impact and integrating efforts into the cost-of-living response;
- (vii) calling on the Government to fund provision of free period products in all public buildings;
- (viii) consider adopting a relevant HR policy as a council, e.g. menstrual leave policy, and to encourage other local businesses and organisations to make the same commitments; and
- (ix) ensuring that at future corporate-level collective bargaining negotiations, provisions are made to accept and integrate the recommendations of the GMB Smash the Stigma Workplace Policy into Council policy and procedures.

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

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 the appointment of two Independent Persons that assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards complaints.

## **11. PROPER OFFICER DESIGNATIONS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

To approve, with or without amendment, the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director, Resources, published with this agenda, regarding the transfer of the statutory function of Director of Children's Services from the post of Executive Director, People Services, to the post of Director of Children's Services, and the transfer of the statutory function of Monitoring Officer from one officer to another.

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

To receive the records of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, and the ordinary meetings of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

**13. 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.



Gillian Duckworth  
Director of Legal and Governance

Dated this 6 day of September 2022

**The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 2 November 2022 at the Town Hall**

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its 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](mailto:gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk).

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## Report to Council

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**Report of:** Director of Legal and Governance

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**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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**Subject:** Appointment of the Independent Persons

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**Summary:**

The report advises Council of the recent appointment of two Independent Persons that assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards complaints following the recent recruitment process.

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**Recommendations:**

That Council approves the appointment of the two Independent Persons (David Waxman and Karen Widdowson) for a term of four years.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial implications</b>
YES
<b>Legal implications</b>
NO
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
NO
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
N/A
<b>Human rights implications</b>
N/A
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
N/A
<b>Economic impact</b>
N/A
<b>Community safety implications</b>
N/A
<b>Human resources implications</b>
N/A
<b>Property implications</b>
N/A
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
NONE
<b>Relevant Policy Committee Chair</b>
N/A
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
YES
<b>Press release</b>
NO

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The report advises Council of the recent appointments of two Independent Persons that assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards complaints, following a recent recruitment process.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new statutory framework for dealing with Standards Issues. In July 2012, the Council adopted a new Code of Conduct, created a Standards Committee and adopted a procedure for investigating Standards Complaints. The Act also created the new role of Independent Person which must be appointed by a Council.
- 2.2 This role is reflected in the procedures adopted by the Council. In addition, the role may also involve serving on a panel that would advise the council on matters relating to the dismissal of any of the three Statutory Officers (Head of Paid Services, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer).
- 2.3 The Independent Persons must be consulted at various stages of the complaints' process and assist the Monitoring Officer in considering complaints that a Member may have breached the Code of Conduct.
- 2.4 The Council Meeting on 5th September 2018 appointed two Independent Persons for a term of four years. This was undertaken jointly with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and the South Yorkshire Joint Fire and Rescue and Integrated Transport Authorities with the remuneration of the posts shared between the three authorities.

**3. Recruitment Process**

- 3.1 A recruitment process began in July 2022 to appoint two Independent Persons to the new posts. The posts were advertised for a two week period on the Council's website and also on the free job websites at the Sheffield Universities. The existing Independent Persons were eligible to apply for the new posts.

- 3.2 The shortlisted candidates were interviewed on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and the new appointments were made jointly with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC).
- 3.3 The interview panel comprised of Cllr Colin Ross, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee (SCC), Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance/Monitoring Officer (SCC), Sukdave Ghuman, Service Director and Monitoring Officer (BMBC) and Jason Field, Head of Legal Services (BMBC). Two candidates were interviewed by the panel.
- 3.4 Both applicants were considered by the panel to be of a satisfactory standard and had relevant related experience in dealing with standards complaints. The panel considered that the following two applicants should be appointed to the position of Independent Person for a four year term:
- Mr. David Waxman
  - Mrs Karen Widdowson
- 3.5 It is important to note that one of the IP appointments is a person that has worked with the Councils as an Independent for a number of years. The panel considered whether this person can maintain independence after such a period of time in post and were satisfied that as there was a turnover of Monitoring Officers within the Authorities, the independence could be maintained and that both Authorities would benefit from having an experienced voice to provide support to both councillors and Monitoring Officers. However, the panel were also of the opinion that it may be beneficial to appoint additional IPs to ensure the continuation of an independent voice and to increase diversity.

#### **4. Legal and Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications. The two Independent Persons receive their annual allowance of £787.04, split over a monthly basis which is equivalent to the allowance paid to co-opted members of the Council. The allowances are split between Sheffield City Council and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the Council approves the appointment of the two Independent Persons (David Waxman and Karen Widdowson) for a four year term.



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to Council

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**Report of:** Executive Director of Resources / Director of Human Resources and Customer Services

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**Date:** 14th September 2022

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**Subject:** Proper Officer Designations Relating to the Functions of Director of Children's Services and Monitoring Officer

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**Author of Report:** Mark Bennett, Director of Human Resources and Customer Services

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**Summary:**

The report seeks approval for the Interim Director of Children's Services to be appointed as the statutory Director of Children's Services in accordance with Section 18 of the Children Act 2004. The report also seeks approval for a change to the appointment of Monitoring Officer, a position held in accordance with Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

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**Recommendations:**

The recommendations are set out at Section 7 on page 5 of this report.

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**Background Papers:** Constitution of Sheffield City Council

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial &amp; Commercial implications</b>
NO
<b>Legal implications</b>
YES – Cleared by Sarah Bennett
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
NO
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
NO
<b>Human Rights implications</b>
NO
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
NO
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community Safety implications</b>
NO
<b>Human Resources implications</b>
Yes – set out within the report
<b>Property implications</b>
NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
None
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
N/A
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
Yes
<b>Press release</b>
NO



**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides details of proposed changes to be made to Part 7 (Management Structure and Statutory/Proper Officers) of the Council's Constitution and asks the Council to specifically appoint officers to two statutory roles: Director of Children's Services and Monitoring Officer.

Director of Children's Services

- 1.2 Section 18 of the Children Act 2004 requires every top tier local authority to appoint a Director of Children's Services (DCS). The DCS has professional responsibility for the leadership, strategy and effectiveness of local authority children's services and, as such, this post should be at first tier officer level. The DCS is responsible for securing the provision of services which address the needs of all children and young people, including the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, and their families and carers. In discharging these responsibilities, the DCS will work closely with other local partners to improve the outcomes and well-being of children and young people. The DCS is responsible for the performance of local authority functions relating to the education and social care of children and young people.

Monitoring Officer

- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer has the specific duty to ensure that the Council, its officers, and its Elected Councillors, maintain the highest standards of conduct in all they do. It is the role of the Monitoring Officer to report on matters they believe to be illegal or amount to maladministration, to be responsible for matters relating to the conduct of councillors and officers and, to be responsible for the operation of the council's constitution. The Monitoring Officer's legal basis is found in Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended).

**2. Background and Proposals**

Director of Children's Services

- 2.1 Under the Constitution, the role of Executive Director, People, is currently designated as holding the statutory responsibility of Director of Children's Services. John Macilwraith, Executive Director, People, having resigned his position with Sheffield City Council a new Director of Children's Services is required.
- 2.2 Having considered options for a short term external interim options and tested the market it was decided the quality of candidates we need was not available. Part of the reason for this is that many Councils have now moved away from a "People" approach back to separate roles for Adults and Children's, recognising the complexity of both roles. We need to reflect on this issue in our permanent model

- 2.3 In the meantime, we have progressed temporary changes to reconfigure the existing duties of Executive Director, People which offer great development opportunities to the existing Leadership Team, whilst ensuring that we appoint people who know the organisation and understand what we are trying to achieve, providing consistency of leadership at a crucial time.
- 2.4 Directors were asked to consider applying for the role of Director of Children's Services on a temporary basis and following formal interview Andrew Jones has been appointed to the role on a temporary basis for a period of six months.
- 2.5 Full Council is now asked to formally designate the role of Director of Children's Services as the Statutory Officer and Proper Officer role of Director of Children's Services and to confirm Andrew Jones in that statutory role.

#### Monitoring Officer

- 2.6 Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal & Governance and statutory Monitoring Officer is resigning her position on 23rd September and we have started to progress permanent recruitment to this role. Interim internal cover arrangements are proposed to cover any gap after Gill leaves, with David Hollis stepping up into the role on an interim basis.
- 2.7 Full Council is now asked to formally confirm David Hollis as interim Director of Legal and Governance and thereby as the Council's Monitoring Officer.
- 2.8 The proposed changes to the Statutory Officer and Proper Officer designations within Part 7 of the Constitution are set out in Appendix A to this report (with the re-designations showing as tracked changes). These changes to the Constitution are required to be made by Full Council.

### **3. Human Resources Implications**

- 3.1 The Director of Children's Services is a new role created on a temporary basis for a period of six months pending a review of the senior organisation structure. It replaces the role of Executive Director People. The pay set for the role of Director of Children's Services is £125,000 per annum.
- 3.2 The Director of Legal and Governance is a role set out in our council Pay Policy previously approved by Full Council and the appointment will be made in accordance with the terms previously agreed.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Section 18 of the Children Act 2004 requires every top tier local authority to appoint a Director of Children's Services.
- 4.2 Under section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 it is the duty of every relevant authority to designate one of their officers as the authority's Monitoring Officer.

4.3 Under section 9P of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council must prepare a constitution and keep it up to date. It must be available to the public and, under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, be published on the Council's website. The proposed changes in this report will bring parts of the Constitution up to date to comply with the legislation.

4.4 Variations to the Constitution may only be made by Full Council, except that the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, has delegated authority to make any minor and consequential drafting changes to the Constitution.

## 5. **Financial and Commercial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications.

## 6. **Equality of Opportunity Implications**

6.1 There are no equalities implications.

## 7. **Recommendations**

7.1 That the Council:-

- (a) notes the creation of the temporary post of Director of Children's Services and that the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Adult Health and Social Care will both report directly to the Chief Executive for this interim period;
- (b) designates the new post of Director of Children's Services as the Director of Children's Services in accordance with s18 of the Children Act 2004;
- (c) agrees the appointment of Andrew Jones as Director of Children's Services and his designation as the Council's Director of Children's Services in accordance with s18 of the Children Act 2004;
- (d) agrees the appointment of David Hollis as interim Director of Legal and Governance from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and his designation as Monitoring Officer in accordance with s5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- (e) agrees the changes to the Statutory Officer and Proper Officer designations within Part 7 of the Constitution as set out at Appendix A.
- (f) agrees that references to the Executive Director, People in the Terms of Reference of the Admissions Committee, in the Employment Procedure Rules and in Appendix J to the Officer Code of Conduct are to be read as referring to the Director of Children's Services.
- (g) agrees that Part 7B – Management Structure of the Constitution shall be read as though the reference to the Executive Director, People Services being designated as the Director of Children's Services under the Children Act 2004 had been removed.

Mark Bennett, Director of Human Resources & Customer Services

Extracts From The Sheffield City Council Constitution:  
Part 7A (Statutory and Proper Officers)

Section 3 (Statutory Officers)

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF STATUTORY OFFICER DESIGNATION**

Legislation	Description	Allocated To
Children Act 2004 Section 18	Director of Children's Services	<del>Executive Director,</del> People <u>Director of Children's Services</u>

Section 4 (Proper Officers)

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF PROPER OFFICER DESIGNATION**

Children Act 2004	Description	Proper Officer
Section 18	Officer appointed as Director of Children's Services	<del>Executive Director,</del> People <u>Director of Children's Services</u>

# Agenda Item 12

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 18 May 2022, at 11.30 am, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

## PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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|---|---|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Craig Gamble Pugh<br>Alan Woodcock          | 19 | <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Nighat Basharat<br>Peter Garbutt<br>Maroof Raouf   |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Kurtis Crossland<br>Bob McCann  | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed             | 20 | <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Ben Miskell<br>Nabeela Mowlana<br>Sophie Wilson           |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                                | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Fran Belbin<br>Abtisam Mohamed<br>Abdul Khayum                  | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst                        |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Maleiki Haybe<br>Brian Holmshaw  | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Andrew Sangar<br>Cliff Woodcraft                     | 22 | <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Dawn Dale<br>Peter Price<br>Garry Weatherall     |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                           | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Alexi Dimond<br>Marieanne Elliot<br>Paul Turpin           | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Jayne Dunn   |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i><br>Ruth Mersereau<br>Martin Phipps<br>Douglas Johnson                          | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Sue Auckland<br>Steve Ayris                    | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Penny Baker<br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams              |
| 7 | <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Ruth Milsom<br>Minesh Parekh               | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Henry Nottage | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Janet Ridler |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz                                   | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Terry Fox<br>Anne Murphy<br>Sioned-Mair Richards              | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Tom Hunt<br>Bernard Little                             |
| 9 | <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Colin Ross<br>Martin Smith                        | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Tony Downing<br>Kevin Oxley<br>Gail Smith                       | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Alan Hooper<br>Mike Levery<br>Ann Whitaker                  |
|   |   |    |   | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Mick Rooney<br>Jackie Satur<br>Paul Wood                           |

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Damms and Ann Woolhouse.

**2. TO ELECT A LORD MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

- 2.1 Councillor Gail Smith, the retiring Lord Mayor, took the Chair and the Acting 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 Peter Price, seconded by Councillor Angela Argenzio, that Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards be appointed Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

- 2.3 The Council adjourned briefly whilst the Lord Mayor Elect was robed and, together with the Lady Mayoress (Councillor Jackie Satur), invested with their Chains of Office.

- 2.4 On resuming, Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, 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 Sioned-Mair Richards, 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 Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox, that the best of thanks of this Council under the Common Seal be presented to Councillor Gail Smith and Mr. Stephen Smith, for the able and very satisfactory manner in which they have performed their various official duties as Lord Mayor and Consort of this City during the past year.

- 3.2 The retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Gail Smith, then took receipt of an ex-Lord Mayor's Badge and then addressed the Council.

- 3.3 The retiring Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Mr. Ryan Wileman, then addressed the Council.

- 3.4 The Lord Mayor then presented a Badge to the retiring Lord Mayor's Consort, Mr. Stephen Smith, and his daughter, Ms. Elizabeth Smith, then addressed the Council.

**4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

- 4.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion of Councillor Sue Auckland, seconded by Councillor Ruth Milsom, that Councillor Colin Ross be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- 4.2 Councillor Colin Ross (the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect) was invested with his Badge of Office and then made and subscribed to the declaration required by law to qualify him 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 2.30 p.m.

**5. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

- 5.1 The ten new Members of the Council elected in the recent Municipal elections (Councillors Kurtis Crossland, Maleiki Haybe, Minesh Parekh, Craig Gamble Pugh, Marieanne Elliot, Henry Nottage, Nighat Basharat, Nabeela Mowlana, Janet Ridler and Tom Hunt) were introduced to the Council.

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**7. SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

- 7.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that, as recommended 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022, this Council:-
- (a) re-affirms the various elements of a committee system of governance which were approved at the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, for implementation from this annual meeting of the Council;
  - (b) approves, for implementation with immediate effect, the full Constitution for Sheffield City Council, appended to the report, which has been revised to reflect the new committee system of governance, subject to the amendment of Part 3.3.1 (Policy Committees - Matters Reserved to All

Policy Committees), as set out in the attached “Addendum A”, relating to commissioning and procurement; and

- (c) authorises the Director of Legal and Governance to undertake any minor and consequential drafting changes as may be necessary as the new system is embedded.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, as an amendment, that the motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (b):-

“and also subject to the insertion of the words “, and to ensure an odd number of Members” after the words “and such other Members as are necessary for political proportionality”, in the first paragraph under the heading “STRATEGY AND RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE” in Part 3.3 of the Constitution”.

(NB The revised paragraph would read as follows - “The Leader of the Council is the Chair of the Committee. Membership includes the Chairs of each of the Council’s other Policy Committees, the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee, and such other Members as are necessary for political proportionality, **and to ensure an odd number of Members**. Members of the Committee may not nominate substitute members.)

7.3 Following the decline of the right of reply by Councillor Julie Grocutt, the amendment moved by Councillor Joe Otten was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That, this Council:-

- (a) re-affirms the various elements of a committee system of governance which were approved at the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, for implementation from this annual meeting of the Council;
- (b) approves, for implementation with immediate effect, the full Constitution for Sheffield City Council, appended to the report, which has been revised to reflect the new committee system of governance, subject to the amendment of Part 3.3.1 (Policy Committees - Matters Reserved to All Policy Committees), as set out in the attached “Addendum A”, relating to commissioning and procurement, and also subject to the insertion of the words “, and to ensure an odd number of Members” after the words “and such other Members as are necessary for political proportionality”, in the first paragraph under the heading “STRATEGY AND RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE” in Part 3.3 of the Constitution; and



- (c) authorises the Director of Legal and Governance to undertake any minor and consequential drafting changes as may be necessary as the new system is embedded.

**8. TO APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

- 8.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) sought nominations for the position of Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- 8.2 Councillor Abdul Khayum nominated Councillor Terry Fox to serve as Leader of the Council. That nomination was seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst.
- 8.3 Councillor Joe Otten nominated Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to serve as Leader of the Council. That nomination was seconded by Councillor Sue Alston.
- 8.4 The nomination of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was lost. The result of the vote, conducted by a show of hands, was For – 28 Members, Against – 51 Members, Abstained – 2 Members.
- 8.5 The nomination of Councillor Terry Fox was put to the vote and was also lost. The result of the vote, conducted by a show of hands, was For – 39 Members, Against – 42 Members, Abstained – 1 Member.
- 8.6 Following a short adjournment, the Lord Mayor stated that nominations for the position of Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23 were to be sought again.
- 8.7 Councillor Abdul Khayum nominated Councillor Terry Fox to serve as Leader of the Council. That nomination was seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst.
- 8.8 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that the matter be put to the vote.
- 8.9 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Terry Fox be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23, serving until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.
- 8.9.1 The result of the vote, conducted by a show of hands, was For – 38 Members, Against – 14 Members, Abstained – 29 Members.

**9. TO APPOINT A DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

- 9.1 **RESOLVED:** On the motion of Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Talib Hussain, that Councillor Julie Grocutt be appointed Deputy Leader of the

Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23, serving until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

- 9.1.1 The result of the vote, conducted by a show of hands, was For – 52 Members, Against – 0 Members, Abstained – 29 Members.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 10.1 The newly appointed Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox) addressed the Council and referred to the outcome of the recent Municipal Elections and subsequent negotiation by the three political groups on the Council of a collaborative and politically proportionate approach on how to run the Council. He added that, following his appointment as Leader of the Council, he would aim to navigate the Council through the new committee system of governance to make sure decisions are made which deliver for the people of Sheffield and the Council's staff.
- 10.2 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) addressed the Council and echoed the remarks made by the Leader of the Council regarding the need for Members of the Council to work collaboratively within the new way of working under the committee system of governance.

## **11. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23 AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THOSE COMMITTEES**

- 11.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-
- (a) the terms of reference of the Council's Committees for 2022/23, as set out in the Council's revised Constitution which was approved by the Council earlier at this meeting, be re-affirmed;
  - (b) the proportional allocation of seats on Committees, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be approved;
  - (c) approval be given to the appointment of Members to all Council Committees in the Municipal Year 2022-23 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 (and including substitutes where appropriate), 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 Policy or Regulatory Committee;
  - (d) as respects the appointment of Members to serve on Council Committees, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Monitoring Officer, in

consultation with the relevant political group whip, be authorised to appoint Members to serve on such Committees, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such appointments will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council;

- (e) approval be given to continue 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 of the Director of Legal and Governance circulated to all Members of the Council and published on the Council’s website on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- (f) it be noted that an amended Members’ Allowances Scheme, reflecting the new committee system of governance for the Council, is to be approved by the Council later at this meeting; and
- (g) it be noted that in the event of any changes to the political composition of the Council occurring during the Municipal Year, political proportionality will be reviewed by the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.

**MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2022/23**

**Policy Committees, Sub-Committees and Urgency Sub-Committees**

**Note: Urgency Sub-Committees:**

- 5 seats (2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green)
- Include the Chair and Deputy Chair of the parent Committee, plus 3 other Members of the parent Committee

	<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Strategy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	(Chairs of Policy Committees and Finance Sub-Committee, plus sufficient other Members to achieve proportionality) (NB No substitutes can attend for Members of this Committee)			
<b>1a</b>	<b>Strategy &amp; Resources Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>1b</b>	<b>Finance Sub-Committee</b>	Cllrs Bryan Lodge, Zahira Naz, Mike Chaplin and Ben Miskell	Cllrs Mike Lavery, Joe Otten and Andrew Sangar	Cllrs Marieanne Elliott and Maroof Raouf	
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	3 Vacancies	Cllrs Shaffaq Mohammed and Martin	3 Vacancies	

			Smith and 1 Vacancy		
<b>1c</b>	<b>Finance Sub-Committee Urgency Sub-Committee</b>	3 Vacancies	3 Vacancies	3 Vacancies	
<b>1d</b>	<b>Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee</b>	3 Vacancies	1 Vacancy	1 Vacancy	
		Drawn from the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee			
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	3 Vacancies	3 Vacancies	3 Vacancies	
<b>2</b>	<b>Adult Health and Social Care (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Ruth Milsom, Abtisam Mohamed, Mary Lea and George Lindars-Hammond	Cllrs Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley and Ann Woolhouse	Cllrs Angela Argenzio and Martin Phipps	
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Garry Weatherall and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Sue Alston and Sue Auckland and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>2a</b>	<b>Adult Health and Social Care Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>2b</b>	<b>Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b> The expectation is that membership should include councillors from both the parent committee and the Policy Committee with responsibility for	3 Vacancies	Cllrs Steve Ayris, Vic Bowden and Kevin Oxley	1 Vacancy	

	Children's services.				
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	3 Vacancies	Cllrs Ann Whitaker, Ann Woolhouse and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>3</b>	<b>Education, Children and Families (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Dawn Dale, Mick Rooney, Mike Drabble and Anne Murphy	Cllrs Vic Bowden, Colin Ross and Ann Whitaker	Cllrs Peter Garbutt and Brian Holmshaw	
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Abdul Khayum and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Kevin Oxley and Gail Smith and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>3a</b>	<b>Education, Children and Families Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>4</b>	<b>Housing (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Fran Belbin, Ben Curran, Denise Fox and Paul Wood	Cllrs Sue Auckland, Penny Baker and Sophie Thornton	Cllrs Douglas Johnson and Maleiki Haybe	
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Safiya Sayeed and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Kurtis Crossland, Cliff Woodcraft and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>4a</b>	<b>Housing Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>5</b>	<b>Transport, Regeneration and Climate (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Julie Grocutt, Mazher Iqbal, Craig Gamble Pugh and Dianne Hurst	Cllrs Ian Auckland, Andrew Sangar and Richard Shaw	Cllrs Henry Nottage and Paul Turpin	

	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Minesh Parekh and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Barbara Masters and Cliff Woodcraft and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>5a</b>	<b>Transport, Regeneration and Climate Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>6</b>	<b>Economic Development and Skills (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Ben Miskell, Jayne Dunn, Tom Hunt and Minesh Parekh	Cllrs Martin Smith, Kurtis Crossland and Barbara Masters		
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Ruth Milsom and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Ian Auckland, Simon Clement-Jones and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>6a</b>	<b>Economic Development and Skills Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>7</b>	<b>Waste and Street Scene (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Fran Belbin, Mark Jones, Nabeela Mowlana and Janet Ridler	Cllrs Joe Otten, Tim Huggan and Cliff Woodcraft	Cllrs Alexi Dimond and Paul Turpin	
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Mike Drabble and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Sue Alston and Alan Hooper and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
<b>7a</b>	<b>Waste and Street Scene Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>8</b>	<b>Communities, Parks and Leisure (8-11 seats)</b>	Cllrs Paul Wood, Tony Downing, Karen	Cllrs Richard Williams, Sue Alston and Alan Hooper		

		McGowan and Peter Price			
	<b>Named Substitutes</b>	Cllr Janet Ridler and 2 Vacancies	Cllrs Tim Huggan, Alan Woodcock and 1 Vacancy	3 Vacancies	
8a	<b>Communities, Parks and Leisure Urgency Sub-Committee</b>				

**Statutory/Regulatory Committees**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Planning and Highways Committee</b> (13 seats)	Cllrs Dianne Hurst, Nighat Basharat, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Peter Price and Garry Weatherall	Cllrs Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Bob McCann and Richard Williams		Cllr Sophie Wilson
<b>Planning and Highways Committee Substitute Members</b>	Cllrs Tony Downing, Jayne Dunn, Tom Hunt and Anne Murphy	Cllrs Joe Otten, Vickie Priestley, Andrew Sangar and Cliff Woodcraft		
<b>Licensing Committee</b> (15 seats)	Cllrs David Barker, George Lindars-Hammond, Dawn Dale, Denise Fox, Abdul Khayum, Mick Rooney and Safiya Sayeed	Cllrs Roger Davison, Gail Smith, Vickie Priestley, Cliff Woodcraft and Ann Woolhouse	Cllr Maroof Raouf	Cllr Lewis Chinchen

**Other Committees**

<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Other</b>
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<b>Governance Committee</b> (11 seats)	Cllrs Dawn Dale, Julie Grocutt, Mark Jones and Mary Lea	Cllr Sue Alston, Penny Baker, Mike Levery and Joe Otten		
<b>Audit and Standards Committee</b> (7 seats)	3 Vacancies	Cllr Simon Clement-Jones, Shaffaq Mohammed and Colin Ross	Cllr Angela Argenzio	
	<b>Independent Co-optees:</b> Alison Howard (to May 2024) and (2 vacancies) <i>When Standards matters are to be considered, a representative of the Parish and Town Councils would also be able to attend.</i>			
<b>Standards Consideration Sub-Committee</b>	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>			
<b>Standards Hearing Sub-Committee</b>	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>			
<b>Admissions Committee</b> (7 seats) Substitute Members to be appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair or Spokesperson of the relevant Policy Committee, as appropriate	3 Vacancies	Cllr Vic Bowden, Gail Smith and Ann Whitaker	Cllr Maleiki Haybe	
<b>Senior Officer Employment Committee</b> (15 seats)	Cllrs Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt, Abdul Khayum, George Lindars-Hammond and Sioned-Mair Richards	Cllrs Penny Baker, Shaffaq Mohammed, Mike Levery, Joe Otten and Andrew Sangar	Cllr Angela Argenzio and Douglas Johnson	Cllr Sophie Wilson
<b>Appeals and Collective</b>	Cllrs Denise Fox, Mazher Iqbal, Karen	Cllrs Vic Bowden,	Cllrs Marieanne Elliot and Maroof Raouf	Cllr Lewis Chinchen



<b>Disputes Committee</b> (15 seats)	McGowan, Zahira Naz and Garry Weatherall	Simon Clement- Jones, Ann Whitaker, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft		
<b>Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board</b> (3 seats) The membership of the Board is as follows: Sheffield City Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee</li> <li>• Chair of Education, Children and Families Policy Committee</li> <li>• Chair of Housing Policy Committee</li> </ul>	1 vacancy		Cllrs Angela Argenzio and Douglas Johnson	
<b>Independent Remuneration Panel</b>				Edward Fleming (to 6/2/22); David Baldwin (to 6/2/23); Mark Power (to 6/2/25); and Stephen Bennett, Michael Heselton, Janet Hickey, Krupa Sodha and David White (all to 1/11/25)

**Local Area Committees**

Title/Post	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green	Other
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<b>Central Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Ben Curran, Tom Hunt and George Lindars-Hammond		Cllrs Angela Argenzio, Christine Gilligan, Maleiki Haybe, Brian Holmshaw, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Little, Ruth Mersereau, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps	
<b>East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs David Barker, Mike Drabble, Terry Fox, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Ben Miskell, Nabeela Mowlana, Anne Murphy, Zahira Naz and Sioned-Mair Richards			Cllr Sophie Wilson
<b>North Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Craig Gamble Pugh, Julie Grocutt and Janet Ridler	Cllrs Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Vickie Priestley, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock		Cllr Lewis Chinchin
<b>North East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Mike Chaplin, Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Abdul Khayum, Fran Belbin, Abtisam Mohamed, Peter Price, Safiya Saeed and Garry Weatherall			
<b>South Local Area Committee</b>	Cllr Nighat Basharat	Cllrs Ian Auckland, Sue	Cllrs Alexi Dimond,	

		Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw and Sophie Thornton	Marieanne Elliot, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf and Paul Turpin	
<b>South East Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Tony Downing, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood	Cllrs Kurtis Crossland, Bob McCann, Kevin Oxley, Gail Smith and Ann Woolhouse		
<b>South West Local Area Committee</b>	Cllrs Ruth Milsom and Minesh Parekh	Cllrs Sue Alston, Roger Davison, Tim Huggan, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Andrew Sangar, Martin Smith and Cliff Woodcraft		

(NOTE: The above appointments incorporate the corrections to the schedule of appointments circulated to the meeting, which were reported by Councillor Joe Otten when he formally seconded the motion to approve the changes to memberships of Council bodies and appointments of representatives to serve on external bodies.)

**12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

**12.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-

- (a) each Councillor named in the schedule circulated at the meeting, and as set out in these minutes, be appointed Chair or Deputy Chair of the Policy Committee, Sub-Committee of Policy Committee, Regulatory Committee or other Council Committee indicated by that schedule, for the Municipal Year 2022-23;
- (b) the Groups' Spokespersons on each Policy Committee or Sub-Committee of a Policy Committee, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be noted; and

- (c) delegation be made to the appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee to appoint their own Chairs or Deputy Chairs in all cases where the Full Council has not made such an appointment before the first scheduled meeting of that Committee or Sub-Committee.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS & DEPUTY CHAIRS OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES & THEIR SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2022-23**

<b>POLICY COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES</b>			
<b>Committee/ Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>Group Spokespersons</b>
Strategy and Resources Policy Committee	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader of the Council	
Finance Sub-Committee	Cllr Bryan Lodge (Co-Chair) Cllr Zahira Naz (Co-Chair)	Cllr Mike Levery	
Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee			Cllr Douglas Johnson
Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee	Cllr Angela Argenzio (Co-Chair) Cllr Martin Phipps (Co-Chair)	Cllr Steve Ayriss	
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee			
Education, Children and Families Policy Committee	Cllr Dawn Dale (Co-Chair) Cllr Mick Rooney (Co-Chair)	Cllr Brian Holmshaw	Cllr Colin Ross
Housing Policy Committee	Cllr Douglas Johnson	Cllr Penny Baker	
Transport, Regeneration and	Cllr Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair)	Cllr Christine Gilligan	Cllr Andrew Sangar

Climate Policy Committee	Cllr Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair)		
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee	Cllr Martin Smith	Cllr Ben Miskell	
Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee	Cllr Joe Otten	Cllr Fran Belbin	
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee	Cllr Richard Williams	Cllr Paul Wood	

**STATUTORY/REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

<b>Committee/ Sub Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>
Planning and Highways Committee	Cllr Dianne Hurst	Cllr Alan Woodcock
Licensing Committee	Cllr David Barker	Cllr George Lindars-Hammond

**OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

<b>Committee/ Sub Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>
Governance Committee	Cllr Julie Grocutt	Cllr Sue Alston
Audit and Standards Committee	Cllr Colin Ross	Cllr Ben Curran
Admissions Committee	Cllr Vic Bowden	
Senior Officer Employment Committee		
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee		

**13. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL PANELS, GROUPS, ETC. AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES FOR 2022-23**

13.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-

- (a) approval be given to the establishment, with the suggested memberships shown, of the Council panels, working groups etc for the Municipal Year 2022-23, 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 2022-23, also as set out in the schedule now circulated, and as set out in these minutes;
- (c) as respects the appointment of Members to its various bodies, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the relevant political group whip, 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 Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the relevant political group whip, 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 AND EXTERNAL BODIES 2022/23**

<b>Other Council Panels</b>				
<b>Title/Post</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Access Liaison Group (x5)</b>				
<b>Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group (x5)</b>			Cllrs Brian Holmshaw and Marieanne Elliot	
<b>Castlegate Member Working Group (x6)</b>				

<b>Community Covenant Working Group (x3)</b>				Mr Clive Skelton
<b>Complaints Review Panel</b>				1 independent Chair and 2 further independent members
<b>Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions (Policy Cttee Chairs)</b>				
<b>Corporate Members Group (Leader, Deputy Leader &amp; Whip of each Group)</b>	Cllrs Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt and Dianne Hurst	Cllrs Shaffaq Mohammed, Joe Otten and 1 Vacancy	Cllrs Douglas Johnson, Angela Argenzio and Martin Phipps	
<b>Corporate Parenting Board (x10)</b>			Cllrs Alexi Dimond and Ruth Mersereau	
<b>Cycle Forum (x3)</b>			Cllrs Marieanne Elliot, Ruth Mersereau and Henry Nottage	
<b>Heritage Champion (x1) (on behalf of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee)</b>				
<b>Housing and Neighbourhoods Advisory Panel (x2) (Relevant Policy Committee Chair &amp; Deputy)</b>				
<b>Local Area Committee Chairs Group (x8) (7 LAC Chairs, plus lead Member)</b>				
<b>Monitoring and Advisory Board</b>				

<b>(Adult Services) (x4)</b>				
<b>Policy Working Group (Labour)</b>	All Members of the Group			
<b>Policy Working Group (Liberal Democrat)</b>		All Members of the Group		
<b>Policy Working Group (Green)</b>			All Members of the Group	
<b>Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group (x2)</b>				
<b>Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (x2)</b>				

**Portfolio Joint Consultative Committees**

<b>People Services (x2)</b>				
<b>Schools (x1)</b>				
<b>Place (x4)</b>				
<b>Resources/CEX (x1)</b>				

**Joint Committees and Partnership Boards**

<b>Joint Commissioning Committee (x4)</b>				
<b>South Yorkshire Fire &amp; Rescue Authority (x5)</b>	Cllrs Tony Damms and Abdul Khayum	Cllrs Sue Alston and Steve Ayris	Cllr Paul Turpin	
<b>South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (x5)</b>	Cllrs Ben Curran and Garry Weatherall	Cllrs Simon Clement-Jones and Andrew Sangar	Cllr Alexi Dimond	



<b>South Yorkshire Local Pension Board (x1)</b> (To May 2023)	Cllr Mike Chaplin			
<b>South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (x4)</b>	Cllrs Tony Downing and Ruth Milsom	Cllr Roger Davison	Cllr Peter Garbutt	
<b>South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (x1)</b> (Chair of Health Scrutiny Sub-Cttee, or nominee)				
<b>Emergency Planning Joint Committee (x2)</b>				
<b>Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (x2)</b>				
<b>South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives (x2)</b>				
<b>South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Executive Boards</b>				
<b>South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Member (Leader)</li> <li>• One named substitute (Deputy Leader)</li> </ul>				
<b>Local Enterprise Partnership Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Member (Leader)</li> </ul>				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One named substitute (Deputy Leader)</li> </ul>				
<b>Business Recovery and Growth Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Member</li> <li>• One named substitute</li> </ul>		Cllr Martin Smith		
<b>Education, Skills and Employability Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Member</li> <li>• One named substitute</li> </ul>		Cllr Martin Smith		
<b>Housing and Infrastructure Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair (Leader)</li> <li>• Co-Chair named substitute (Deputy Leader)</li> <li>• One Member</li> <li>• One named substitute</li> </ul>			Cllr Douglas Johnson	
<b>Transport and the Environment Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Member</li> <li>• One named substitute</li> </ul>				
<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Labour Members and 2 named substitutes</li> <li>• 2 Lib Dem Members and 2 named substitutes</li> </ul>		Cllrs Joe Otten and Colin Ross		
<b>Audit, Standards and Risk Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Labour Members and 2</li> </ul>		Cllrs Ian Auckland and Simon Clement-Jones		

named substitutes • 2 Lib Dem Members and 2 named substitutes				
<b>Other External Organisations: Charities/Educational Foundations</b>				
<b>Anne Reresby Trust, High Green (x1)</b>				
<b>Church Burgesses (x1)</b>				
<b>The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity (x1)</b>				
<b>Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts (x5)</b>				Mr Greg Adams, Ms Sarah Burdekin, Mr Roy Munn, and Mr Phillip Shaddock
<b>Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) (x4)</b>				Mr John Neil and Mr Mike Pye
<b>Beighton Relief in Need Charity (x1)</b>				Mr Ian Saunders
<b>External Organisations: Housing Stock Transfer Associations</b>				
<b>ACIS Local Management Committee (x2)</b>				
<b>Great Places: Sheffield Housing Board (x2)</b>				
<b>Sanctuary Housing: Shiregreen Community Committee (x2)</b>				

<b>Together Housing – Local Panel (x2)</b>				
<b>Other External Organisations</b>				
<b>Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum (x2)</b>				
<b>Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee (x1)</b>				
<b>Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (x1)</b>				
<b>Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (x2)</b>				
<b>Learn Sheffield (x1)</b>				
<b>Local Government Association General Assembly (x4)</b>				
<b>Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee (x1)</b>				
<b>Manor and Castle Development Trust (x2)</b>				
<b>Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group) (x1)</b>				
<b>National Association of British Market Authorities (x1)</b>				

<b>National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee (x1)</b>				
<b>Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee (x1)</b>				
<b>Peak District National Park Authority (x1)</b>	Cllr Mike Chaplin			
<b>Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber (x1 plus substitute)</b>				
<b>River Stewardship Company (x1)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board (x1)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Business Adviser Panel (x2)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board (x2)</b>				
<b>Sheffield City Trust (x1 Observer)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Compact (x1)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Co-Operative Development Group - Board (x1)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Football Trust (x1)</b>				
<b>Sheffield Futures Board (x1)</b>				

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)	No members to be appointed until further notice			
Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members (x3)				Ms Veronica Hardstaff
Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members (x1)				
Sheffield Partnership Board (x1)				
Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (x2)				
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (x1)				
Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members (x3)				Ms Ruth McDonald
Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board (x2)				
Sheffield Transport Users Group (x1)				

Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group (x1)				
South Yorkshire Leaders' Group (x1)				
Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board (x4)				
Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (x1)				
Transport 4 All (x3)				
University Technical College Trust Board (x1)				
Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust (x1)				
Voluntary Action Sheffield (x1)				

**14. DATES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

14.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-

- (a) approval be given to the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2022-23, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
- (b) it be noted that, as agreed at the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 23rd March 2022, and in accordance with the schedule of meetings now approved:-
  - (i) there will be six ordinary meetings of Full Council in the Municipal Year 2022/23 and these will be held at 2.00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:-

1<sup>st</sup> June 2022; 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022; 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022; 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022; 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022; and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023; and

- (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 2023/24 will be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 2.00 p.m.; and
- (c) the annual meeting of the Council in 2023 be held on Wednesday, 17th May 2023 at 11.30 a.m., and an ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 (as a provisional date, to be confirmed at the annual meeting in 2023).

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23**

- 15.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that, further to Council Procedure Rule 10.2, the order in which Notices of Motion shall be listed on the Summons for the six ordinary meetings of the Council in the Municipal Year 2022/23 shall be as follows:-

June 2022 – Labour / LibDem / Green / Labour

July – LibDem / Labour / LibDem / Other (Cons)

September – Labour / LibDem / Green / Labour

November – Green / Labour / LibDem / Labour

December – LibDem / Labour / LibDem / Other (Ind)

February 2023 – Labour / LibDem / Green / Labour

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

- 16.1 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that, as recommended in the report of the Executive Director, Resources circulated to all Members of the Council and published on the Council's website on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022:-



- (a) approval be given to a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2022/23 as set out in the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and detailed in the report of the Panel; and
- (b) (i) it be noted that the Independent Remuneration Panel will conduct a further review of the Members' Allowances Scheme in approximately twelve months, when the new committee system has been in operation for a period of time and (ii) the Panel be requested to consider the role of Group Spokespersons as part of an earlier review and within 6 months.

## **17. VOTE OF THANKS TO FORMER COUNCILLORS**

- 17.1 It was **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Colin Ross), that this Council places on record its thanks and appreciation to former Councillors Neale Gibson, Francyne Johnson, Mohammed Mahroof, Cate McDonald, Moya O'Rourke, Josie Paszek, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Kaltum Rivers, Jack Scott and Alison Teal, who had either retired or had not been re-elected at the Municipal elections held in May 2022, for their hard work and service to the City of Sheffield.
- 17.2 It was noted that the Lord Mayor would write to each of those former Councillors to thank them for their service.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 1 June 2022, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)

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| 1 <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton | 10 <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Craig Gamble Pugh<br>Alan Woodcock          | 19 <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Nighat Basharat<br>Peter Garbutt<br>Maroof Raouf   |
| 2 <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Kurtis Crossland<br>Bob McCann<br>Ann Woolhouse                         | 11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed             | 20 <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Nabeela Mowlana   |
| 3 <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                                | 12 <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Fran Belbin<br>Abtisam Mohamed<br>Abdul Khayum                  | 21 <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst                        |
| 4 <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Maleiki Haybe<br>Brian Holmshaw  | 13 <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Andrew Sangar  | 22 <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Garry Weatherall                                 |
| 5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                           | 14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Alexi Dimond<br>Marieanne Elliot<br>Paul Turpin           | 23 <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Tony Damms<br>Jayne Dunn                             |
| 6 <i>City Ward</i><br>Douglas Johnson<br>Ruth Mersereau<br>Martin Phipps                          | 15 <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Sue Auckland<br>Steve Ayris                    | 24 <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams                             |
| 7 <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Ruth Milsom<br>Minesh Parekh               | 16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Henry Nottage | 25 <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Janet Ridler |
| 8 <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea   | 17 <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Terry Fox<br>Anne Murphy<br>Sioned-Mair Richards              | 26 <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Tom Hunt<br>Bernard Little                             |
| 9 <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Colin Ross  | 18 <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Tony Downing<br>Kevin Oxley<br>Gail Smith                       | 27 <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Alan Hooper<br>Mike Levery<br>Ann Whitaker                  |
|   |  | 28 <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Mick Rooney<br>Jackie Satur<br>Paul Wood                           |

**1. MINUTES SILENCE – DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR MIKE REYNOLDS**

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported with sadness, the death of former Councillor Mike Reynolds on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 1.2 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Reynolds, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence, from the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Council, be conveyed to Mike's family.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Penny Baker, Dawn Dale, Ben Miskell, Zahira Naz, Peter Price, Martin Smith and Sophie Wilson.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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

4.1 Parish Nurses Project

- 4.1.1 The Council viewed a video and received a presentation from Michaela Suckling and Marjorie Skidmore (Parish Nurses) on the work of the Parish Nursing Project operated from St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield, in association with Parish Nursing Ministries UK.
- 4.1.2 The Project supports some of the most vulnerable people in the city, with its mission being to offer a listening service with crisis support and to create sanctuary, space and time for people; to provide information and health education, and to signpost to appropriate services and offer spiritual care to those of any or no faith. It delivers this by providing (a) health advice and support in the Moor Market by running a drop-in service, offering health assessments and guidance on how to get help; (b) a drop-in service at St Matthew's Church to provide sanctuary space for marginalised people in the community; (c) an outreach service in the community offering prayer or a listening ear for those who are marginalised, and where appropriate, offering spiritual support by signposting to services, resources and activities and (d) mental health support, offering time to discuss and assess mental health difficulties such as depression, anxiety, grief and trauma, and signposting to appropriate websites, health services, groups and resources.
- 4.1.3 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) thanked Michaela Suckling and Marjorie Skidmore for their presentation and for the valuable work that they undertake in the city.

4.2 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that three petitions and questions from five members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. The Lord Mayor added that questions from another member of the public had been received early this morning and she proposed to use her discretion, as chair of the meeting, and permit the questions to be asked on this occasion.

#### 4.3 Petitions

##### 4.3.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Abandon the Park Hill Parking Scheme

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition, containing 2,145 signatures, requesting the Council to abandon the Park Hill Parking Scheme.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Allison Rossiter and Dave McClelland. Allison Rossiter stated that she had organised the petition as a result of the high level of concern raised on a local social media group. Residents were concerned that such a scheme would have an adverse impact on the appearance and character of the area. She stated that there were no problems with parking on many of the streets proposed to be included in the scheme, with many residents expressing concern at the possibility of themselves and visitors having to pay for parking permits. Ms Rossiter stated that many residents were not aware of the full implications of the scheme, with the vast majority being against the scheme.

Dave McClelland stated that the number of signatures collected as part of the petition made it very clear that a high proportion of residents were against the scheme. He added that whilst some residents wanted some form of restrictions to help them to be able to park outside or near their homes, they were against the scheme in its current format.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked the petitioners, and stated that he was awaiting a report from officers following consultation on the proposals. He stated that following the completion of such a report, arrangements would be made for him, or Councillor Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair of the Committee), together with local Ward Councillors, to meet with the petitioners on site, to discuss their concerns.

##### 4.3.2 Petition Requesting Action Regarding the Pavements on Sheldon Road

The Council received a petition containing 115 signatures, requesting action regarding the pavements on Sheldon Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Marion Gerson and Chris Caulcott. Marion Gerson stated that residents had originally approached the Council for help in this regard, but had been refused on the basis that it was the responsibility of Amey. Amey had visited the area on two occasions to commence the repair works, but had been stopped by tree activists. Ms Gerson

stated that roots on a number of trees were forcing pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs or prams, in wheelchairs and the elderly and/or disabled, to pass by the trees on residents' drives or on the road. Decisions were still required to be made on how each tree would be treated before works could commence on repairing the pavements, which meant there were likely to be further delays.

Chris Caulcott stated that many residents had expressed concerns at the lack of safety due to the uneven surfaces, with some witnessing people tripping up and/or falling over. The uneven surfaces and lack of width, in parts, created particular problems for people with pushchairs or prams and the elderly or disabled, with the problems being exacerbated during the winter months. Mr Caulcott stated that the situation would only get worse, and hoped that the Council and Amey could produce a plan to provide more ease of movement and safety for local residents as a matter of urgency.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked the petitioners, and stated that he had been informed of the issues by local Ward Councillors, and would visit the area to meet the petitioners and discuss their concerns. Councillor Iqbal added that Councillor Joe Otten (Chair of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee) may also wish to respond.

Councillor Joe Otten stated that street scene issues were the responsibility of his Policy Committee, and that he was aware that a number of roads in the Nether Edge area, with Sheldon Road being one, had not yet received the full Streets Ahead treatment following the introduction of a new strategy due to the position regarding street trees. He stated that there was a wider strategy in place in terms of developing plans for each road in the area. Councillor Otten also promised to visit the area, with officers, to discuss the petitioners' concerns, and that the issue would be referred to the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee for further consideration.

#### 4.3.3 Petition Requesting Better Speed Controls on Fox Hill Road to Protect Pedestrians

The Council received a petition, containing 22 signatures, requesting better speed controls on Fox Hill Road to protect pedestrians.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Rob Reiss. Mr Reiss stated that there had been issues of speeding vehicles on Fox Hill Road for a number of years, and whilst there were road humps on parts of the road, drivers tended to speed up when approaching the humps. The situation was particularly bad in evenings and at weekends, and caused problems for families using the shopping centres on Halifax Road and Kilner Way. Children walking to school, and the elderly, felt particularly vulnerable due to speeding drivers, and a pedestrian had actually been killed in 2017. The proximity of Fox Hill Road to Hillsborough football stadium was an issue, particularly on match days, when the huge increase in the demand for parking in the area resulted in limited visibility for pedestrians when crossing roads. The petitioners requested that the police

used mobile speed cameras in the area, and that Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) be used, to constantly make drivers aware of the speeds they were going, to help make it safer for pedestrians.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked Mr Reiss for bringing the petition and stated that the local Ward Councillors were aware of the issues, and had been in contact with the police, who had produced data regarding speed checks undertaken in the area. Councillor Iqbal stated that the Council would continue to talk to the police, and that he, along with local Ward Councillors, would be happy to visit the area to discuss residents' concerns.

#### 4.4 Public Questions

##### 4.4.1 Public Questions Regarding The Park Hill/Norfolk Park Permit Parking Scheme

Stephen Burgin asked the following questions. Mr. Burgin said that he had read the initial business case and had several questions which he had submitted as a FOI request but so far had not received a response:-

1. Where are the backing documents to support this proposal e.g. case of need based on number of complaints per roads included in scheme; risk analysis; cost benefit analysis; opportunity cost analysis; income stream analysis?
2. Could someone explain the costings he had received from a Senior Transport Officer that says that the Scheme would cost £650,000 to set up, £241,000 to run but only £57,000 would be received annually, showing a loss of £184,000?
3. How has this proposal been drawn up without all the information available because, he as he understands it, not all the information is readily available but the proposal has been put forward?
4. Has any consideration been given to reviewing the 2018 parking strategy in light of the changing work patterns within Sheffield and the wider UK?
5. Are you able to confirm that the cost to income ratio (expenditure/income x 100) means it's going to cost more than four times to run than it will bring in?
6. What workforce planning has been done re staffing the proposed scheme? Staffing numbers and type (e.g. wardens, admin etc) infrastructure costs hardware/software costs?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) apologised to Mr. Burgin for the need for a Freedom of Information (FOI) request. He said he had a written response for Mr. Burgin which he would email to him later that day. There was a business case in

2018 and as he had stated earlier to the petitioners, some residents said they would like something done with regard to the issue of parking, and since then some residents have said it was not needed. Regarding the costs, he was more than happy to provide a very detailed response to this and said he would be happy to arrange a meeting with Mr. Burgin regarding the FOI request.

#### 4.4.2 Public Question Regarding The Travel Buddy Scheme

Eileen Turner stated that she was 70 years of age next year and since becoming a pensioner, had been classed as severely disabled. Back in 2014, Sheffield Community Transport set up the Travel Buddy Scheme which was funded by the City Council. The Scheme became a lifeline for many disabled and lonely people, assisting with shopping and other needs. She paid a nominal fee of £15 per week for three hours. However, in 2017, the City Council took away the funding and the cost of the service increased to £15 per hour which, for many, was totally unaffordable. She had approached her local MP, Louise Hague, in February of last year and after some considerable time she responded to her saying that the door-to-door service and bus pass was available, but despite those services, the Travel Buddy provided a vital lifeline to many, both physically and mentally. She stated that she was one voice speaking out for many in the city and was asking the Council to get our Travel Buddies back.

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) said that these were the tragic consequences of having a Conservative Government and there were to be discussions later on in the meeting regarding the cost-of-living crisis. The cuts started back in 2010 when there was a coalition Government. The reason that Louise Haigh was so long getting back to Mrs. Turner was that she wanted information from the Council. He said that many residents in Sheffield relied on the service but due to the severe cuts, the Council could no longer afford to subsidise the service and had to put the costs back onto the users. Councillor Iqbal said that he was more than happy to take this matter to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Committee to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June and referred to the fact that the South Yorkshire Regional Mayor, Oliver Coppard, had given a commitment that he would like to bring public transport back under public control and Council members were in regular discussions and would take this matter up with him seeking to bring this service back. Councillor Iqbal stated that, unfortunately, he could not give a commitment to say that the scheme would be reinstated but the Council would scope this out and see if it would be possible.

#### 4.4.3 Public Question Regarding A Carbon Budget for Sheffield

Chris Broome stated that, in July 2019, the Council received a scientific report setting a carbon budget for Sheffield which would be in line with an international agreement to seek to limit average global temperature rise to well below 2C. We estimate that if Sheffield has followed the national trend, nearly 40% of that all-time carbon budget will have been used up. We therefore ask whether Councillors know how much of the budget has already been used and will they give us that information?



In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) said that the Council had been collecting data from 2018 and 2019 and would be happy to share that data with Mr. Broome. He said that the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee had recently met for the first time to look at the Work Programme for the Committee and he would be happy to place this item on the Work Programme for future consideration. Councillor Iqbal said that he had received an email from the Climate Alliance and would be happy to meet up with Mr. Broome and the Alliance. Councillor Iqbal added that the Council was committed to addressing the Climate Emergency and had signed up to delivering net zero by 2030, but needed investment from the Government in the city's infrastructure to be able to meet this target.

#### 4.4.4 Public Questions Regarding The Value Of Heritage And Requests For Information

Robin Hughes asked the following questions:-

##### *Question 1 on behalf of Joined Up Heritage Sheffield*

Joined Up Heritage Sheffield is encouraged to see small but increasing signs of a recognition of the role that heritage can play in growing the economy. The new Sheffield City Council Constitution places a responsibility on the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Change Policy Committee to champion heritage. There is a motion before Council today about exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector.

Such moves are welcome; but we are also keen to see recognition of the value of heritage expand beyond the traditional assumption that it primarily serves the leisure economy, and the visitor economy in particular. Historic England research shows that the heritage sector contributes £36.6bn GVA to the English economy, more than Arts and Culture, Aerospace or Defence. Based on the size of its economy, which we hope will grow, Sheffield's fair share of this would be £240m per annum.

Even this does not include the disproportionate impact of historic buildings in attracting the most creative and productive businesses or spending by visitors making heritage-led trips on accommodation, hospitality and other non-heritage activities. Heritage skills will be critical to the re-use and retrofitting of buildings, now an urgent priority to combat climate change, as highlighted only last week by the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee. About half of the measured economic value of heritage is in the construction industry.

What will this Council's strategic approach be to realising the full value of heritage in all its forms to the economy and skills? And how will this extend to maximise the benefits to climate change, education, health and wellbeing?

##### *Question 2 on behalf of Hallamshire Historic Buildings*

At the Co-operative Executive meeting on 16th March 2022, I asked a question

about the availability of historical information about the former John Lewis building and was assured that this would all be made available on request. On 24th March, I emailed Property and Regeneration Services to ask for this information. There was a degree of urgency, as the data was needed for evidence relating to the Council's application for a Certificate of Immunity from Listing.

This general enquiry for data that either the Council already had to hand - and had shared with a third party - or were planning to obtain was changed into a Freedom of Information request. I had not asked for this and was not consulted about it. Some information was sent to me late on 28th April, the very last moment to be within the statutory limit, but it was not complete. Emails asking for the missing information were not responded to until 19th May, when I was promised a reply the following week. None had been received by last Friday, 9 weeks after a simple request for data the Council already had.

Does this Council agree with me that it would have been a far more efficient and appropriate route simply to send the information directly to me when requested, rather than create an unnecessary delay through the Fol process? And will Council ensure that all data is delivered to me without further delay?

In response to question one, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that there was a new Heritage Champion, Councillor Janet Ridler, who would be following on work started by Councillor Drabble. Councillor Iqbal said that there would be crossover between various Policy Committee areas and that he was more than happy to arrange a meeting with Mr. Broome to discuss this matter. Regular discussions with Joined Up Heritage have already been held and will continue to do so.

In response to question two, Councillor Iqbal stated that the information should have been provided without the need to go down the FOI route. He said he was happy to receive emails to assist in any way he could.

#### 4.4.5 Public Questions Regarding The Low Traffic Neighbourhood Proposals in Nether Edge

Cate McDonald asked the following questions:-

I am a Nether Edge resident who is directly affected by the introduction of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) in Nether Edge. I welcome the recent statements made by Councillors Grocutt and Iqbal about improved local engagement on the plans. However, the way in which the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) was rushed through without local consultation has created considerable anger and distrust. In the interests of transparency and restoring public trust, can you answer the following questions please:-

1. There is no public record of any decision on the introduction of the ETRO. Who took the formal decision to introduce the ETROs?

2. There may be no requirement to undertake consultation beyond the statutory notice to introduce an ETRO, but I know from personal experience that this is not good practice. Why was there no consultation about the ETRO?
3. I live 50 metres from the LTN boundary. Why was I not even notified about the ETRO? Please note I don't consider a notice 7ft high on a lamppost to constitute notification.
4. How have the comments received during the earlier consultation on the scheme been taken into account in the implementation of this phase?
5. Can you confirm that traffic surveys have been undertaken on all surrounding roads so that the impact of displacement can be evaluated?
6. Likewise, can you confirm that baseline air quality measures have been taken on individual streets surrounding the LTN so that the impact can be assessed?
7. What criteria will be used to evaluate the success or otherwise of the so called 'trial' on the LTN and also on adjacent streets?
8. How will adverse effects of traffic displacement on surrounding streets be balanced against the benefits to residents within the LTN?
9. There was considerable disruption last week due to the absence of signposting. Why has there been no signposting before closing roads?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that he and Councillor Julie Grocutt, the Co-Chair of the Committee, were picking up what residents have said about not having been properly informed and engaged in discussions about the scheme. He acknowledged that the Council had failed to display road signs appropriately and said that he would be working with all Councillors in that Ward to make sure the scheme was a success and that a number of events were planned to ensure that residents were kept informed about the scheme. Councillor Iqbal said that a written response would be provided.

#### 4.4.6 Public Questions Regarding The Clean Air Zone And Taxi Licensing

Ibrar Hussain asked the following questions:-

Q1. In light of the very recent reporting in the press of an increase in signage costs for CAZ Scheme signs, from £483,000 to £981,000, almost double the price, what serious consideration has the Council given to increasing the grants to purchase vehicles for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles as their costs have doubled too in line with Council costs?

Q2. I hope this Council takes into consideration our costs urgently and an urgent review be considered immediately?

Q3. Why is the CAZ team not responding to any emails and that includes the

Head of Strategic Transport, Sustainability and Infrastructure?

Q4. What steps is the Council taking to stop cross border vehicles licensed by other authorities using our bus gates and bus lanes? In Southampton, the Council has adopted a policy which only allows vehicles licenced by them to use their bus gates and bus lanes.

Q5. What steps is the Council taking to stop cross border working in Sheffield predominantly and publish its actions in light of these concerns?

Q6. Vehicles licenced in Wolverhampton are now able to have their vehicles' MOT and compliance tests carried out at Sheffield/ Rotherham approved test centres at a lower cost and be able to work in Sheffield whilst Sheffield licensed private hire operators have no choice but to pay higher fees. Why are Sheffield private hire vehicle drivers not given the choice and able to have their vehicles tested at a lower cost?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that he had arrived at the meeting by taxi and asked the driver how things were, and he replied that it was his first job for two and a half hours, so he was aware of how difficult things were for taxi drivers. With regard to the Clean Air Zone, he stated that he had received and noted the comments from the Manchester Combined Authority regarding the impact that the Zone would have not only on drivers but also the economic impact it will have on businesses. He said he would take the issue to the Committee regarding the serious concerns raised and hopefully he would be able to provide a written response to the questions as soon as possible. Councillor Joe Otten said that he was more than happy to work with Councillor Iqbal on these issues and take the matters raised to the Licensing Committee and Waste and Streetscene Policy Committee.

## **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 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions and of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

### **5.3 Written Questions**

A schedule of questions to Chairs of Policy Committees, 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 Policy Committee Chairs.

**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**

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Terry Fox, and seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that this Council:-

- (a) believes 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.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-

(c) believes that the causes of the cost of living crisis include:-

- (i) various global supply chain problems with various causes;
- (ii) labour market changes resulting from the pandemic;
- (iii) weak economic growth and a weak pound following the Brexit referendum;
- (iv) Government Brexit policies that have created barriers to trade with our trading partners, including additional red tape and delays in the movement of goods;
- (v) the war in Ukraine affecting energy and grain supplies;
- (vi) low investment in fossil fuel extraction since the price low of 2017, without sufficient investment in nuclear and renewables to compensate;
- (vii) an energy price cap system that rolls the costs of failed energy intermediaries into the standing charge, hitting the poorest the hardest; and
- (viii) a lack of government action on cost of living;

2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (p) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (o) as follows:-

(f) welcomes the Government's belated agreement to a windfall tax on energy producers, previously called for by the Liberal Democrat Party last October and then by the Labour Party in January, as part of a package of measures to help with the cost of living crisis, but believes that this should include, additionally:-

- (i) taking £300 off struggling families' heating bills immediately by doubling and expanding the Warm Home Discount;
- (ii) scrapping the National Insurance tax hike introduced by the Government in April;

- (iii) ending the unfair freeze of the Income Tax personal allowance, which is a stealth tax falling disproportionately on low earners;
  - (iv) protecting pensioners from rising prices, including the 1.5 million low-income people on pension credit, by uprating pensions in line with the Bank of England's inflation forecast;
  - (v) reinstating the £1,000 boost to Universal Credit, to ensure that the most vulnerable households get proper support;
  - (vi) supporting low-income households on Universal Credit with rising mortgage costs by returning the Support for Mortgage Interest scheme to its pre-2018 format – turning it from an interest-bearing loan to a benefit payment; and
  - (vii) reversing the 63% cut of the Corporation Tax Banking Surcharge, so that big banks contribute fairly towards the UK's economic recovery from the pandemic after a year of record banking profits;
- (g) believes that this is no time for leaders of the previous Council administration to be self-congratulatory, as this City faces huge cost of living issues whilst the Council is at serious risk of financial failure due in part to the failures of previous administrations to get control of the Council's budget;
- (h) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis;
- (i) notes, with dismay, both the £20 million of reserves used to plug a hole in the Council's budget last year and that this Council is already falling drastically behind budget needs for this year;
- (j) believes there were failures of the previous administration to deal properly with budget overspends, and that this is now a very real problem for the people of Sheffield;
- (k) notes that this Council faces the prospect of Government-appointed Commissioners being brought in to lead it if it cannot get a grip of its budget;
- (l) calls upon all Councillors to consider the consequences of Government-appointed Commissioners taking control of Sheffield Council and the impacts this could have on our services and the standing of our City;



- (m) believes therefore that alongside an emergency national budget, this Council also requires an emergency financial recovery plan for Sheffield;
- (n) believes this should be brought forward as soon as possible; and
- (o) believes that this Council needs to get its spending under control and give the people of Sheffield a stable and economically sound Council they can rely on through this cost of living crisis.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (i) and the consequential re-lettering of the remaining paragraphs in the Motion; and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (q) to (t) [which would be re-lettered as paragraphs (o) to (r)] as follows:-

- (q) recognises that the climate crisis and cost of living crisis are inextricably linked; and believes that both crises are caused or exacerbated by government policies and that the Government has failed to take measures to insulate the UK from energy price rises by cancelling the feed-in tariff for solar PV, imposing a moratorium on on-shore wind, cancelling tidal projects, failing to insulate homes and allowing rampant profiteering by privatised energy companies;
- (r) further recognises that unlimited growth on a finite planet is neither possible nor desirable and advocates a new sustainable and fairer way to manage the economy based on meeting the needs of all people that prioritises access to food, shelter, health and wellbeing while ensuring that we live within our planetary means and don't destroy the earth-systems which sustain humanity and other species;
- (s) believes that the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis must also be key priorities in the work planning of all Policy Committees and therefore supports the implementation of the comprehensive climate impact assessment tool which has been developed by officers during the previous administration and is based on the doughnut theory of economics which aims for a fully local, circular economy; and
- (t) believes that there is no time to lose in installing solar PV on Council buildings and therefore recommends the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to immediately establish a tendering process for providers who can install solar PV on newbuilt and

existing Council buildings at cheapest or no cost to the Council, prioritising offers from local partners who are committed to the City and will reinvest profits locally.

6.4 It was then moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchon, and seconded by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (i) as follows:-

- (c) notes that the inflationary pressures are mainly being caused by global factors – namely, the war in Ukraine and the post-pandemic recovery;
- (d) believes that the Government's £37 billion support package will help millions of households across the country deal with the cost-of-living pressures;
- (e) notes that much of the support package is targeted to those on the lowest incomes and those impacted most by inflation, including:-
  - (i) £650 for those on means-tested benefits;
  - (ii) £300 for pensioners; and
  - (iii) £150 for those receiving disability benefits;
- (f) also notes the non-repayable £400 off energy bills that all households will receive, as well as measures the Government has previously announced, including:-
  - (i) £150 Council Tax rebate for households in Bands A-D;
  - (ii) increases in the Household Support Fund – providing targeted support to those that need it most;
  - (iii) fuel duty cut, worth £100 a year to the average one-car family;
  - (iv) increasing the National Insurance threshold, resulting in a tax cut for those on the lowest incomes – meaning 70% of people will pay less tax even after the implementation of the levy (which will be used to increase health and social care spending);
  - (v) increasing the National Living Wage by 6.6%, meaning an extra £1,000 a year for a full-time worker; and
  - (vi) raising the Employment Allowance – a tax cut worth £1,000 for half a million businesses;
- (g) believes that we should not let excessive bureaucracy get in the way of delivering actual support;

- (h) believes that we need to be more proactive in administering measures such as the Household Support Fund so we are reaching the people we need to reach; and
  - (i) believes that Central Government, Local Government and partner agencies must work together constructively and put people first.
- 6.5 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Terry Fox, the amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraphs (f) & (h) of Part 2 of the amendment, which were carried as additional paragraphs to be added to the Substantive Motion.
- 6.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 26 Members; AGAINST - 35 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 13 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraphs (f) & (h) in Part 2 of the amendment.)
- 6.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond was then put to the vote and was lost.
- 6.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 13 Members; AGAINST - 35 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted against paragraph (r) in Part 2 of the amendment.)
- 6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchin was then put to the vote and was lost.
- 6.7.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 1 Member; AGAINST - 72 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Green Group members voted against, but for paragraph (i) of the amendment.)
- 6.8 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 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;
- (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;
- (q) welcomes the Government's belated agreement to a windfall tax on energy producers, previously called for by the Liberal Democrat Party last October and then by the Labour Party in January, as part of a package of measures to help with the cost of living crisis, but believes that this should include, additionally:-
  - (i) taking £300 off struggling families' heating bills immediately by doubling and expanding the Warm Home Discount;
  - (ii) scrapping the National Insurance tax hike introduced by the Government in April;
  - (iii) ending the unfair freeze of the Income Tax personal allowance, which is a stealth tax falling disproportionately on low earners;
  - (iv) protecting pensioners from rising prices, including the 1.5 million low-income people on pension credit, by uprating pensions in line with the Bank of England's inflation forecast;
  - (v) reinstating the £1,000 boost to Universal Credit, to ensure that the most vulnerable households get proper support;

- (vi) supporting low-income households on Universal Credit with rising mortgage costs by returning the Support for Mortgage Interest scheme to its pre-2018 format – turning it from an interest-bearing loan to a benefit payment; and
- (vii) reversing the 63% cut of the Corporation Tax Banking Surcharge, so that big banks contribute fairly towards the UK's economic recovery from the pandemic after a year of record banking profits; and
- (r) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis.

6.8.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 47 Members; AGAINST – 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (q) & (r) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (c) & (i) of the Substantive Motion.)

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

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, 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.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Minesh Parekh, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (m) as follows:-

- (i) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (j) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);

- (k) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;
- (l) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations; and
- (m) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, at the end of paragraph (a), of the words "and the real threat of commissioners being appointed by the Government to take over the running of this Council";
2. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (h) and the re-lettering of paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (c) to (f); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (l) as follows:-
  - (g) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
  - (h) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
  - (i) recognises the great success of the Workplace Parking Levy introduced in Nottingham, which has invested millions of pounds each year into public transport, walking and cycling, and grants to businesses;



- (j) therefore asks the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to look at adopting the benefits of a similar approach in Sheffield;
- (k) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
- (l) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.

7.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Minesh Parekh was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried in part. Parts 1 & 2 and paragraphs (i) & (j) of Part 3 of the amendment were lost and paragraphs (g), (h), (k) & (l) of Part 3 of the amendment were carried.

7.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 46 Members; AGAINST - 29 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but abstained on Part 1 of the amendment, voted against Part 2 and against paragraphs (i) & (j) of Part 3 of the amendment.)

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

RESOLVED: 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;
- (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;
- (i) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (j) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);
- (k) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building

Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;

- (l) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations;
  - (m) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice;
  - (n) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
  - (o) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
  - (p) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
  - (q) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.
- 7.6.1 On being put to the vote, the Substantive Motion was carried, except for paragraph (a) which was lost.
- 7.6.2 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 73 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (a), (c) & (h) of the Substantive Motion.)
- 7.7 Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) 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;
- (b) 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;
- (c) notes that many businesses, large and small, also support local community projects and play an important role in improving our environment;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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;
- (f) recognises that a strong cultural offer in the city helps to attract high skill and high value inward investment;
- (g) 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;

- (h) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (i) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);
- (j) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;
- (k) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations;
- (l) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice;
- (m) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
- (n) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
- (o) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
- (p) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of

grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.

**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**

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and 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.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, and formally seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (r) to (gg) as follows:-

This Council:-

- (r) believes 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;
- (s) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (t) 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;
- (u) 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;
- (v) 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;
- (w) 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;
- (x) 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;
- (y) 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;



- (z) 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;
- (aa) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (bb) 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;
- (cc) 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;
- (dd) 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;
- (ee) 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;
- (ff) 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
- (gg) 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.

8.3 It was then 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 (d) to (q) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (k) as follows:-

- (d) believes that the Council must be committed, both politically and organisationally, to delivering the savings needed for long term financial sustainability, and that the use of one-off reserves to balance the 2022/23

budget is only a short-term solution;

- (e) furthermore, believes that the underlying imbalance between spending and income must be addressed;
- (f) consequently, believes that the Council must continue to investigate and implement service re-designs and transformations to reduce the underlying gap in its budgets for 2023/24 onwards;
- (g) believes that by taking £20 million out of reserves last year and already having an overspend of £18 million this year, this Council faces the very real prospect of impending financial failure;
- (h) welcomes the recognition in the “Our Sheffield: The Year Ahead” plan, considered by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee yesterday, of the weak performance of a number of council services and the ambition to put these services back on track;
- (i) believes that the causes of the cost of living crisis include:-
  - (i) various global supply chain problems with various causes;
  - (ii) labour market changes resulting from the pandemic;
  - (iii) weak economic growth and a weak pound following the Brexit referendum;
  - (iv) Government Brexit policies that have created barriers to trade with our trading partners, including additional red tape and delays in the movement of goods;
  - (v) the war in Ukraine affecting energy and grain supplies;
  - (vi) low investment in fossil fuel extraction since the price low of 2017, without sufficient investment in nuclear and renewables to compensate;
  - (vii) an energy price cap system that rolls the costs of failed energy intermediaries into the standing charge, hitting the poorest the hardest; and
  - (viii) a lack of government action on cost of living;
- (j) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis; and
- (k) believes the Housing Policy Committee should work quickly to advance the retrofitting of homes to high energy efficiency standards, to bring long

term benefits around the cost of heating a home to a large number of Sheffield residents.

- 8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum was put to the vote and was carried.
- 8.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 48 Members; AGAINST - 1 Member; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (t) & (z) of the amendment.)
- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was then put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (h), (j) & (k), which were carried as additional paragraphs to be added to the Substantive Motion.
- 8.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 26 Members; AGAINST - 47 Member; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (h), (j) & (k) of the amendment. The Green Group members voted against, but for paragraph (k) of the amendment. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against paragraph (i) of the amendment.)
- 8.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED:

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;
- (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;

This Council:-

- (r) believes 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;
- (s) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (t) 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;
- (u) 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;
- (v) 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;
- (w) 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;

- (x) 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;
- (y) 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;
- (z) 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;
- (aa) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (bb) 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;
- (cc) 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;
- (dd) 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;
- (ee) 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;
- (ff) 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;
- (gg) 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;
- (hh) believes that the Council must be committed, both politically and organisationally, to delivering the savings needed for long term financial sustainability, and that the use of one-off reserves to balance the 2022/23 budget is only a short-term solution;
  - (ii) furthermore, believes that the underlying imbalance between spending and income must be addressed;
  - (jj) consequently, believes that the Council must continue to investigate and implement service re-designs and transformations to reduce the underlying gap in its budgets for 2023/24 onwards;
  - (kk) welcomes the recognition in the “Our Sheffield: The Year Ahead” plan, considered by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee yesterday, of the weak performance of a number of council services and the ambition to put these services back on track;
  - (ll) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis; and
  - (mm) believes the Housing Policy Committee should work quickly to advance the retrofitting of homes to high energy efficiency standards, to bring long term benefits around the cost of heating a home to a large number of Sheffield residents.

8.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 46 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted for paragraphs (hh) to (mm) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (t), (z) and (hh) to (ll) of the Substantive Motion. Councillor Lewis Chinchen stated to the meeting that although he would be voting for the Substantive Motion, he would be voting against paragraphs (c), (i) & (t) to (y) – however, his vote did not appear in the e-voting record.)

**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**

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, and formally 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.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and formally seconded by Councillor Kevin Oxley, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
  - (a) believes that this national government has created a social care crisis, which is simply unacceptable for such a rich nation;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (k) as follows:-
  - (f) notes that the Liberal Democrats on this Council proposed putting an additional £200,000 into vocational development for front line care workers in the financial year 2021/2022 over and above the £4.2m enhanced pay provision agreed, as a way of boosting the



esteem of the caring vocation and the role it plays as a valuable employer;

- (g) notes the plight of unpaid carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic;
- (h) also calls on the Government to raise the Carer's Allowance by £1000 a year, allowing our carers to lead decent lives, after recent research suggested a third struggle to make ends meet even before rises in the cost of living;
- (i) believes that with tens of thousands of vacancies in the sector, professional care staff are overstretched and unable to give people the time and attention they need;
- (j) calls upon the Government to set up a cross-party convention to try to build a cross-party agreement for a long-term, sustainable future that will help deal with the issues in our national care-sector; and
- (k) calls upon the Government to implement the proposals of the Dilnot Commission to socialise care costs, which proposed a more generous means-testing threshold, a cap on care costs and a reduction of the postcode lottery for services.

9.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-

- (f) requests the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee to seek to adopt and establish cooperative care models in order to empower caregivers and care receivers alike, so that the sector is more sustainable, resilient and that the profit motive is replaced by the motive to provide the best care for patients and achieve high levels of worker security, retention and development.

9.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraph (g) in Part 2 of the amendment which was carried.

9.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 27 Members; AGAINST - 31 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 14 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraph (g) in Part 2 of the amendment.)

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio was then put to the vote and was carried.

9.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 48 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members.)

9.6 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 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;
- (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;
- (f) notes the plight of unpaid carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic; and
- (g) requests the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee to seek to adopt and establish cooperative care models in order to empower caregivers and care receivers alike, so that the sector is more sustainable, resilient and that the profit motive is replaced by the motive to provide the best care for patients and achieve high levels of worker security, retention and development.

- 9.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 75 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against paragraphs (a) & (b) of the Substantive Motion.)

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

- 10.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-

(a) each Councillor named in the table below be appointed as Chair or Deputy Chair of the Committee or Sub-Committee stated, for the Municipal Year 2022-23:-

Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Bryan Lodge (Chair)
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Milsom (Chair)
Senior Officer Employment Committee	-	Councillors Julie Grocutt (Chair) and Penny Baker (Deputy Chair)
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	-	Councillor Denise Fox (Chair)
Admissions Committee	-	Councillor Garry Weatherall (Deputy Chair)

(b) Councillor George Lindars-Hammond be appointed to replace Councillor Martin Phipps as the Co-Chair of the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee;

(c) (i) approval be given for the membership of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to be increased from 9 to 11 members while preserving proportionality both overall and on the committee itself, as per the addendum to this report and (ii) accordingly, Councillors Paul Wood and Shaffaq Mohammed be appointed to serve as additional members of that Committee and it be noted that Councillor Mohammed will be the Group Spokesperson on the Committee;

(d) it be noted that the Councillors named in the table below have been nominated as Group Spokespersons on the Policy Committee or Policy Committee Sub-Committee stated, with effect from the dates shown:-

Strategy and Resources Policy Committee	-	Councillor Douglas Johnson, with effect from 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
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Finance Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Maroof Raouf, with effect from 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Housing Policy Committee	-	Councillor Paul Wood, with effect from 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee		Councillor Paul Turpin, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee		Councillor Alexi Dimond, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee		Councillor Marieanne Elliot, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022

(e) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the appointment of Policy Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs), Deputy Chairs and Group Spokespersons on each Policy Committee or Sub-Committee of a Policy Committee, to serve on the Urgency Sub-Committee of that Committee or Sub-Committee;

(f) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from that date:-

Strategy and Resources Policy Committee	-	Councillor Julie Grocutt, being Co-Chair of a Policy Committee, to be appointed to serve on the Committee
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Mersereau to replace Councillor Paul Turpin
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee	-	Councillors Henry Nottage and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee	-	Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Bernard Little to fill vacancies
Local Area Committee Chairs Group	-	Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Jayne Dunn, Alan Hooper, Mary Lea, Bernard Little, Karen McGowan and Andrew Sangar to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board	-	Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies

- Local Enterprise Partnership - Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies
- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillors Barbara Masters and Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancies
- Castlegate Members Working Group - Councillor Penny Baker and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Sue Alston and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Heritage Champion - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Anne Reresby Trust, High Green - Councillor Ann Whitaker to fill vacancy
- The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity - Councillor Vickie Priestley to fill vacancy
- Norton Educational and Non-Educational Trusts - Councillor Steve Ayris to fill vacancy
- Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum - Councillor Richard Williams to fill vacancy
- Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Gail Smith to fill vacancy
- Local Government General Assembly - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Roger Davison to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - Councillors Roger Davison and Joe Otten to fill vacancies

- Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board - Councillor Andrew Sangar to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Transport 4 All - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill vacancy
- Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancy

(g) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18th May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to replace Councillor Andrew Sangar and Councillor Andrew Sangar to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Brian Holmshaw to fill vacancy and Councillor Henry Nottage to be appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, both with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Strategy and Resources Policy Committee - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney, being Co-Chairs of Policy Committees, to be appointed to serve on the Committee, with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Corporate Members Group - Councillor Penny Baker to fill vacancy, with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillor Gail Smith to replace Councillor Vic Bowden, with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Licensing Committee - Councillor Sophie Thornton to replace Councillor Gail Smith, with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

(h) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of

Committees, Boards, etc.:-

- Strategy and Resources Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Ben Miskell to be removed as member, and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Ben Curran to be appointed as substitute members
- Finance Sub-Committee Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancy
- Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee - Councillors Julie Grocutt and Richard Williams to fill vacancies and Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed, Joe Otten, Martin Smith and Angela Argenzio be appointed as substitute members
- Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee - Councillor Vic Bowden to be appointed as a substitute member
- Adult Health and Social Care Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillors Angela Argenzio, George Lindars-Hammond and Ann Woolhouse to fill vacancies
- Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Gail Smith to replace Councillor Vic Bowden, Councillor Angela Argenzio to fill vacancy, and Councillors Peter Garbutt, Brian Holmshaw, Martin Phipps, Colin Ross and Garry Weatherall to be appointed as substitute members
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillor Vic Bowden to replace Councillor Gail Smith as a substitute member and Councillor Tim Huggan to be appointed as a substitute member
- Education, Children and Families Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Ann Whitaker to fill vacancy
- Housing Policy Committee - Councillor Safiya Saeed to replace Councillor Fran Belbin, and Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor Safiya Saeed as substitute member, and Councillor Alan Woodcock to be appointed as substitute member
- Housing Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillors Sophie Thornton and Ben Curran

Committee	to fill vacancies
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee	- Councillor Kurtis Crossland to be appointed as a substitute member
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill vacancy
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee	- Councillors Colin Ross and Safiya Saeed to be appointed as substitute members
Economic Development and Skills Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Kurtis Crossland and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies
Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee	- Councillors Fran Belbin and Barbara Masters to be appointed as substitute members
Waste and Street Scene Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Mike Chaplin, Alexi Dimond and Tim Huggan to fill vacancies
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee	- Councillor Roger Davison to be appointed as a substitute member
Communities, Parks and Leisure Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Alan Hooper to fill vacancies
Governance Committee	- Councillor Dawn Dale to be removed as member, and Councillors Christine Gilligan, Dianne Hurst, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies
Planning and Highways Committee	- Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to replace Councillor Richard Williams, Councillors Peter Garbutt, Christine Gilligan, Bernard Little and Douglas Johnson to be appointed as substitute members, and Councillor Richard Williams to replace Councillor Cliff Woodcraft as a substitute member
Licensing Committee	- Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Safiya Saeed and Councillor Henry Nottage to fill vacancy
Audit and Standards Committee	- Councillor Kevin Oxley to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed and Councillors Tom Hunt and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies



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| Admissions Committee                          | - | Councillors Karen McGowan, Safiya Saeed and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies   |
| Senior Officer Employment Committee           | - | Councillors Mike Chaplin and Abtisam Mohammed to fill vacancies  |
| Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee     | - | Councillors David Barker, Denise Fox and Peter Price to fill vacancies   |
| Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board          | - | Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy   |
| Access Liaison Group                          | - | Councillors George Lindars-Hammond, Douglas Johnson, Gail Smith and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies   |
| Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group | - | Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy  |
| Castlegate Member Working Group               | - | Councillors Abdul Khayum, Ruth Mersereau, Zahira Naz and Martin Phipps to fill vacancies   |
| Community Covenant Working Group              | - | Councillors Penny Baker and Tony Damms to fill vacancies   |
| Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions   | - | Councillors Angela Argenzio, Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt, Douglas Johnson, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies  |
| Corporate Parenting Board                     | - | Councillor Peter Garbutt to replace Councillor Alexi Dimond, and Councillors Denise Fox, Craig Gamble Pugh, Anne Murphy, Peter Price, Mick Rooney and Ann Whitaker to fill vacancies |
| Cycle Forum                                   | - | Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Henry Nottage to be removed as members, and Councillors Peter Price and Richard Shaw to fill vacancies  |
| Heritage Champion                             | - | Councillor Janet Ridler to replace Councillor Barbara Masters  |
| Housing and Neighbourhoods Advisory Panel     | - | Councillors Penny Baker and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies  |
| Local Area Committee Chair                    | - | Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor   |

Group		Jayne Dunn, and Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill vacancy
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	-	Councillors Steve Ayriss and George Lindars-Hammond to fill vacancies
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	-	Councillors Peter Garbutt and Janet Ridler to fill vacancies
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	-	Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee – People Services	-	Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Schools	-	Councillor Dawn Dale to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Place	-	Councillors Mazher Iqbal, Douglas Johnson, Joe Otten and Richard Williams to fill vacancies
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Resources	-	Councillor Zahira Naz to fill vacancy
Joint Commissioning Committee	-	Councillors Steve Ayriss, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies
(i) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies as follows:-		
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel	-	Councillor Maleiki Haybe to be appointed as substitute member
South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Milsom to fill vacancy
Emergency Planning Joint Committee	-	Councillors Mike Levery and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives	-	Councillors Douglas Johnson and Janet Ridler to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Business, Recovery and Growth Board	-	Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a substitute member vacancy

- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Education, Skills and Employability Board - Councillor Ben Miskell to fill a substitute member vacancy
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Housing and Infrastructure Board - Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies, and Councillor Paul Wood to be appointed as a substitute member
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Transport and the Environment Board - Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill vacancy and Councillor Christine Gilligan to be appointed as a substitute member
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillors Dianne Hurst and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies, and Councillors Ian Auckland and Penny Baker to be appointed as substitute members
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Audit, Standards and Risk Committee - Councillors Ben Curran, Talib Hussain and Mike Levery to fill vacancies, and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Joe Otten to be appointed as substitute members
- Church Burgesses - Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh to fill vacancy
- Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) - Councillor Peter Price to fill vacancy
- ACIS Local Management Committee - Councillors Terry Fox and Dianne Hurst to fill vacancies, and Councillor Anne Murphy to be appointed as a substitute member
- Great Places: Sheffield Housing Board - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies
- Sanctuary Housing: Shiregreen Community Committee - Councillors Dawn Dale and Peter Price to fill vacancies
- Together Housing – Local Panel - Councillors Garry Weatherall and Henry Nottage to fill vacancies
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum - Councillor Peter Price to fill vacancy
- Doncaster Sheffield Airport - Councillor Mark Jones to fill vacancy

Consultative Committee

- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill vacancy
- Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Learn Sheffield - Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy
- Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillors Terry Fox, Douglas Johnson and Paul Wood to fill vacancies
- Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy
- Manor and Castle Development Trust - Councillors Anne Murphy and Sioned-Mair Richards to fill vacancies
- Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group) - Councillor Alexi Dimond to fill vacancy
- National Association of British Market Authorities - Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy and Mr Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill vacancy
- National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy
- Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee - Councillor Henry Nottage to fill vacancy
- Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber - Councillor Tony Downing to fill vacancy, and Councillor Denise Fox to be appointed as a substitute member
- River Stewardship Company - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Business Adviser Panel - Councillors Mike Chaplin and Martin Smith to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board - Councillors Dawn Dale and Gail Smith to fill vacancies
- Sheffield City Trust - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy

- Sheffield Co-Operative Development Group - Board - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Football Trust - Councillor Colin Ross to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Futures Board - Councillor Denise Fox to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Museums Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Roger Davison to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors - Councillors Martin Phipps and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members - Councillor Ben Curran to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members - Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Partnership Board - Councillors Terry Fox and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillor Alan Hooper to replace Councillor Joe Otten, and Councillor Tony Damms to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Transport Users Group - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill vacancy
- South Yorkshire Leaders' Group - Councillor Terry Fox to fill vacancy
- Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board - Councillors Fran Belbin, Mike Chaplin, Abdul Khayum and Peter Price to fill vacancies
- Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy
- Transport 4 All - Councillors Abdul Khayum and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- University Technical College Trust Board - Councillor Mike Drabble to fill vacancy

Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust - Councillor Tom Hunt to fill vacancy

Voluntary Action Sheffield - Councillor Gail Smith to fill vacancy

(j) Councillor Jayne Dunn be appointed to replace Councillor George Lindars-Hammond as the Co-Chair of the Licensing Committee.

(NOTE: The above appointments incorporate the three corrections to the schedule of appointments circulated to the meeting, which were reported by Councillor Joe Otten when he formally seconded the motion to approve the changes to memberships of Council bodies and appointments of representatives to serve on external bodies.)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 20 July 2022, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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| 1 | <i>Beauchief &amp; Greenhill Ward</i><br>Simon Clement-Jones<br>Richard Shaw<br>Sophie Thornton | 10 | <i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Vic Bowden<br>Craig Gamble Pugh<br>Alan Woodcock | 19 | <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Nighat Basharat<br>Maroof Raouf                    |
| 2 | <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Kurtis Crossland<br>Bob McCann<br>Ann Woolhouse                         | 11 | <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed    | 20 | <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Ben Miskell   |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                                | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Fran Belbin<br>Abtisam Mohamed<br>Abdul Khayum         | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst                        |
| 4 | <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Maleiki Haybe                    | 13 | <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Andrew Sangar                               | 22 | <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Dawn Dale<br>Peter Price<br>Garry Weatherall     |
| 5 | <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                           | 14 | <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Marieanne Elliot<br>Paul Turpin                  | 23 | <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Tony Damms<br>Jayne Dunn   |
| 6 | <i>City Ward</i><br>Ruth Mersereau<br>Martin Phipps<br>Douglas Johnson                          | 15 | <i>Graves Park Ward</i><br>Ian Auckland<br>Sue Auckland<br>Steve Ayris           | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i><br>Penny Baker<br>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams              |
| 7 | <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan   | 16 | <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan<br>George Lindars-Hammond         | 25 | <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Janet Ridler |
| 8 | <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea<br>Zahira Naz                                   | 17 | <i>Manor Castle Ward</i><br>Terry Fox<br>Anne Murphy<br>Sioned-Mair Richards     | 26 | <i>Walkley Ward</i><br>Ben Curran<br>Tom Hunt<br>Bernard Little                             |
| 9 | <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Martin Smith                                      | 18 | <i>Mosborough Ward</i><br>Kevin Oxley<br>Gail Smith                              | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i><br>Alan Hooper<br>Mike Levery<br>Ann Whitaker                  |
|   |   |    |  | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i><br>Mick Rooney<br>Jackie Satur  |

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Chaplin, Alexi Dimond, Tony Downing, Peter Garbutt, Brian Holmshaw, Ruth Milsom, Nabeela Mowlana, Henry Nottage, Minesh Parekh, Colin Ross, Sophie Wilson, Paul Wood and Cliff Woodcraft.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the congratulations and best wishes of the Council be conveyed to Councillor Sophie Wilson and her partner on the recent birth of their daughter.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Councillor Jackie Satur declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Notice of Motion Regarding “Guaranteeing No More Bus Service Cuts And No More Fare Increases” – on the grounds that her husband was a director of First Buses.

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

### **3.1 Clive Stephenson, Licensing Strategy & Policy Officer**

- 3.1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that Clive Stephenson, Licensing Strategy & Policy Officer, had suddenly and unexpectedly died a couple of days ago. She expressed her sadness and shock at Clive’s death and invited Councillor David Barker, a Joint Chair of the Licensing Committee, to speak to pay tribute to Clive.
- 3.1.2 Councillor Barker paid tribute to Clive for his professionalism and dedication to the Council in his role within the taxi licensing service and commented on the high regard within which he was held by Councillors and the taxi trade. He stated that Clive’s death was a loss to the Council and to the city and he extended his sympathies to Clive’s family, friends and colleagues.
- 3.1.3 The Lord Mayor asked that the condolences of the Council be conveyed to Clive’s family.

### **3.2 Parish Nursing Project**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that a collection for the Parish Nursing Project, which had been held at the previous meeting of the Council, had raised the amount of £2,010, and those funds would be used to support the services provided by the Parish Nurses to marginalised people in the community.

### **3.3 UEFA European Women's Football Championship 2022**



The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) expressed her thanks to the Council's Major Events Team, and other Council and partner organisation services, for their work in hosting UEFA European Women's Football Championship 2022 matches within the city over recent weeks.

### 3.4 Petitions and Public Questions

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that four petitions and questions from twelve members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. Representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners on one of the four petitions and the other three petitions would be received in the absence of a speaker. The Lord Mayor added that questions from another two members of the public had been received yesterday and immediately prior to the meeting and she proposed to use her discretion, as chair of the meeting, and permit the questions to be asked on this occasion.

### 3.5 Petitions

#### 3.5.1 Petition Requesting Action On Pension Divestment

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition containing 197 signatures requesting action on pension divestment.

At the request of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), Martin Meyer and Sarah Johnson made representations on behalf of the petitioners and June Cattell, Sue Owen, Hilary Smith, Ayan Abdulkadir and Flis Callow were also invited to ask the questions that they had submitted on this matter.

Martin Meyer, on behalf of the petitioners, requested the Council to join the Palestinian call for international support for boycott divestment and sanctions in supporting justice for Palestine. Several authoritative organisations have declared that Israel operates as an apartheid state. Amnesty International's report details that fragmentation and segregation of occupied Palestinian land, denial of Palestinian's rights to equality, equal nationality and status, restriction of Palestinians' movement as a means of control of people, separation of families through discriminatory laws, forced dispossession of Palestinian land and property to support secular colonialism, administrative detention and torture, unlawful killings and serious injuries. Mr Meyer stated that Michael Link, former United Nations Special Rappateur for occupied Palestine argues that Israel's system of oppression, discrimination, control and abusive treatment meets the international definition of apartheid. The petitioners therefore call on the Council to accept Amnesty International's report and re-affirm its 1981 commitment to be an apartheid-free zone. The petitioners also call on the Council to campaign for the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority to commit to divestment in companies shown to be complicit in human rights abuse, including those involved in the ongoing oppression of the Palestinian people.

Sarah Johnson stated that the petitioners were calling on the Council to recommit to a position taken in 1981. She referred to Sheffield's long and proud

history of fighting injustice, and quoted the then Council Leader, Councillor David Blunkett – “we were the first local authority to pledge to end all links with apartheid”. Public pensions investments played a big role, and by 1985, 120 local councils had taken some form of anti-apartheid initiative. Ms Johnson referred to the steps taken by Professor Michael Link, in urging local pension schemes to divest from any holdings linked to Israeli settlements. Today, the Government aimed to control how public service pensions were invested, rather than allowing pensions authorities to decide. Whilst pensions authorities have a responsibility to maximise their returns, they must be free to decide how and where to invest and divest, particularly when considering human rights and the planet. Ms Johnson referred to Palestine’s call for a global citizen’s response of solidarity with their struggle for freedom, justice and equality. The petitioners therefore hoped that the Council could do this by committing to its proud and historic stance, and support this petition.

The Council also received five public questions relating to this issue, as follows:-

June Cattell

1. There are clear and irrefutable arguments that Israel is an apartheid state and Sheffield should not shy away from criticism of apartheid in Israel any more than it did with South Africa in the eighties because of concerns about being labelled antisemitic. My question is “When apartheid in Israel is demonstrated daily with ongoing daily killings of Palestinians, seizure of Palestinian lands, the ongoing use of military detention including minors, unequal land rights and many other injustices, what MORE will it take for Sheffield City Council to name the injustice in Israel for what it is - “Apartheid”, support boycott of Israel in goods, culture, academia and sport and ask its councillors who sit on South Yorkshire Pension Authority to pressurise the Authority to divest from Israeli companies especially those that have links with the Israeli illegal settlements.” I hope Sheffield Councillors today can show the courage they did in 1981.

Sue Owen

2. What steps are you as a council taking to oppose the Government's profoundly undemocratic attempts to restrict the freedom of local councils to make their own ethical decisions with regard to pension investment and other investment and procurement decisions. This is particularly important in relation to Palestine and investments in companies that support Israel's apartheid system and breaking of international law, which the Government is aiming to protect with its anti BDS legislation. What are you doing to try and retain the democratic right as a Local Authority to make your own ethical decisions for Sheffield people who are members of the Local Authority pension fund?

Hilary Smith

3. Having worked for South Yorkshire Councils for many years and contributed to the South Yorkshire Pension fund for over 20 years, I feel outraged that the Government is planning to curtail the influence that pension fund members can

have on where our money is invested. This Council rightly has high expectations of its staff in applying principles of justice and fairness and I feel this should extend to its expectations of the pension fund as well. I want to know how the Council is going to support me in opposing the iniquitous legislation that the Government is trying to introduce, which severely limits the influence members who have contributed to the scheme for many years can have.

Ayan Abdulkadir

4. Does the Council think it hypocritical that the international community has not boycotted the Israel government due to their 73-year-long apartheid, occupation and annexation against the Palestinian civilians when they boycotted the Russian government due to Putin's invasion of Ukraine after 7 days?

Flis Callow

5. As well as a verbal answer to our questions today we would like to receive written responses and an invitation to the relevant committees which will deal with the petition and with issues of procurement and investment. I would like to know how Sheffield City Council and its representatives on the Pensions Authority will ensure there is due diligence to ensure companies behave in line with the principles of the well-recognized international human rights standards and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The Council referred the petition and the questions to Councillor Terry Fox, Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee. Councillor Fox thanked the lead petitioners and the questioners and stated that he was aware of the implications of the subject matter, and referred to action taken by the Authority to date, in terms of discussions held with representatives of the Palestinian and Jewish communities in the city. Councillor Fox declared an interest in the issue, as a member of the South Yorkshire Pensions Scheme, and stated that he would arrange for a written response to be sent to the lead petitioner and the questioners. He added that he would seek legal advice in terms of what action, if any, could be taken by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee in this regard.

### 3.5.2 Petition Requesting Cameras On And Around Frecheville Pond

The Council received an electronic petition containing 54 signatures, requesting cameras on and around Frecheville Pond. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee.

### 3.5.3 Petition Requesting The Creation Of Residents Only Parking Permit Zones For The Roads Off Abbeydale Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing ten signatures, requesting the creation of residents only parking permit zones for the roads off

Abbeydale Road. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee.

### 3.5.4 Petition Requesting The Demolition Of Outhouses At Busk Meadows

The Council received an electronic petition containing ten signatures, requesting the demolition of outhouses at Busk Meadows. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to the Housing Policy Committee.

## 3.6 Public Questions

### 3.6.1 Public Question Regarding Pension Disinvestment in Fossil Fuel Companies

Kate Stott asked the following question:

Sheffield City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. A commissioned analysis by the Tyndall Centre states that the city needs to reach zero or near zero carbon no later than 2038 for Sheffield to make its fair contribution to the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

However, one of the largest investors in South Yorkshire, the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (SYPA), still invests directly in fossil fuel companies to the tune of £230 million. With five Sheffield Councillors on the Pensions committee broadly supportive of the need to reduce the carbon exposure of the fund, and similar support from other committee members, the fund still refuses to disinvest from fossil fuels. Money that could be reinvested in the local economy in one of the many exciting opportunities such as the Ultimate Battery Company based at the AMRC.

To add insult to injury, the pension fund provides pensions for Council employees and Councillors across the region, and continued investment in fossil fuels puts those pensions at risk.

The excuse, or stalling tactic, given by the pension fund, is that the Border to Coast Pension Pool (BCPP) don't offer a carbon-free investment vehicle for equities and that SYPA don't want to invest outside the pool.

I call on Sheffield City Council to deliver on their climate emergency declaration by applying pressure on SYPA to disinvest their holdings in fossil fuel companies, either via a fossil-free equity fund within the BCPP or if this is not forthcoming, outside the pool.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) thanked Ms Stott for raising the question, and stated that the Pensions Authority had agreed a Net Zero goal which aligns with the City Council's. This is amongst the most ambitious such goals set, not just within the Local Government Pension Scheme, but within the wider Pensions

Industry, and the Authority's officers are working to try to deliver this. However, the role of the Pensions Authority is not to be an instrument of policy, but to pay pensions and while risks such as climate change rightly form part of the decision-making process, it is this overriding duty that must be the Authority's priority.

This year, being the year in which the actuarial valuation of the Fund is being undertaken, also provides the opportunity for the periodic review of the investment strategy. This review will incorporate consideration of changes to the allocation of asset to individual products that will support both the achievement of required returns and the achievement of the Net Zero goal. However, it is worth emphasising that emissions related to the Fund's equity portfolios, which are the focus of this question, have reduced by 49% compared to the 2019 starting point. The Strategy Review will need to consider the type of products that the Fund invests in, but simply changing the product you invest in does not remove one tonne of emissions from the atmosphere and also needs to be considered within the context of the partnership with 10 other funds within which the Authority operates to make investments. The Strategy must, however, generate at least a 70% probability of achieving the required investment return in order to ensure that the Fund's liabilities can be met without seeking significant additional employer contributions which would impact directly on the Council's budget.

The Authority has a long standing policy of investing in climate solutions, and already has more money invested in renewable energy than in fossil fuel companies. Beyond this, a three-year commitment of £240m has been made to a specific Climate Opportunities product. This, together with ongoing commitments to infrastructure investment and other private market products, will continue to increase exposure to climate solutions. However, the Authority is not equipped to make individual direct investments into local businesses and private equity investments of this sort would need to be made through fund managers who have the necessary expertise and whose involvement avoids potential conflicts of interest.

### 3.6.2 Public Questions Regarding Support to Vulnerable People in the Stradbroke Area

Helen Eadon asked the following questions:

1: At present what is being done, and who is doing it, to help and support those being impacted by the cost of living crisis in the Stradbroke area? What are the future plans to support people in need in this area who will be impacted when we have further price increases in gas, electricity and the cost of living during cold Winter months?

2: When did the review of Sheffield City Council's Community buildings start? What is the review for? What is the end date for the review? Why can't community buildings be used by the community whilst the review is taking place? Why has previous requests for the community to use the community buildings in the Stradbroke not been acted on?

In response, Councillor Terry Fox (the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) thanked Ms Eadon for raising the questions, and for the excellent work she and other residents were undertaking to help people through this cost of living crisis. The Council had taken decisive action in an attempt to mitigate the effects of the inflation and the huge increase in energy costs on families and local communities. The Strategy and Resources Policy Committee, at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, had identified a number of key areas to address, and had identified £200,000 towards supporting local food banks. There was also £5.2m crisis support funding for tenants, under the Housing Support Fund, together with food vouchers for families with children receiving free school meals, during the summer holidays. In addition, there was a cross-party, strategic response to the crisis, which included input from partners across the public, private and voluntary sectors. The Local Area Committees (LACs), comprising local Ward Councillors, were also engaged in terms of identifying those areas of greatest need, such as Stradbroke. The Council would be continuing, as a matter of urgency, with its review of community buildings, and would be working closely with voluntary organisations and the LACs. Councillor Fox concluded by placing on record his sympathy for those individuals and families who were suffering, on a day-to-day basis, due to the cost of living crisis.

### 3.6.3 Public Questions Regarding the Council's Disposal of Unused Land at Walshaw Road, Worrall

Robin Hughes asked the following questions:-

Members may recall my previous questions to Council on 2nd February 2022 and the Co-operative Executive on 20th April regarding a proposed housing development in the village of Worrall. This would entail the demolition of a historic 18th century farmhouse and barn and impact to the setting of listed buildings, unless the Council agree to sell a small piece of land on Walshaw Road as alternative access, which is the Council's preferred alternative. I was assured that the urgency was understood, an extension of time would be sought, and the sale of the land would be negotiated.

Regrettably, this remains unresolved. The extension expired on 29th April, and there has been no visible progress. Having originally tried to push the developer towards a planning appeal, at a time when this was no longer legally possible, the Council now appears to be dragging its feet, despite Members repeatedly promising action. The pointless and avoidable loss of historic buildings becomes increasingly likely.

Will this Council:-

- (1) Urgently instruct its officers to conclude the sale of this land without further delay?;
- (2) Make public the reasons for its failure to do so before now?; and

(3) Update its Property Strategy so that it states clearly that where Council property is important to the preservation and public enjoyment of designated heritage assets or their settings, this will be given priority?.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) thanked Mr Hughes for raising the questions, and stated that, with regard to Question 1, officers have held several discussions with the owners and their representatives regarding the sale of the land. This is a commercial negotiation and the buyer is clearly trying other angles before they reach an agreement with the Council. The Council is willing to sell its land and is happy to continue negotiations with the agent.

In response to Question 2, Councillor Grocutt stated that any sale requires a willing buyer and a willing seller, and until both parties reach a financial agreement which reflects the value of the land in question and achieves best consideration for the Council, the Council is unable to move the sale forward. Clearly the owners are reluctant to purchase additional land and are still trying to make the development work within the existing site boundaries, without the additional expense. Officers have engaged with the owners and shown willingness to progress a sale. However, the Council cannot force the owners to purchase the land.

In response to Question 3, Councillor Grocutt stated that this is already a consideration in the use of Council assets, but this does not mean the Council gives its assets away. Legally, it must achieve best consideration when considering sale of its land.

#### 3.6.4 Public Questions Regarding the Proposed Creation of Bus Lanes on Ecclesall and Abbeydale Road

Nasar Raof asked the following questions:-

There are 3 questions the businesses have. I am here in front of the councillors today on behalf of the Say No to Red Lines group.

1. Why have the results of an economic assessment not been published and done with the businesses on the impact of red lines?
2. Are the Council going to compensate heavily any losses that are forthcoming for local businesses upon the implementation of the red lines?
3. With the declining bus services and learning earlier in the month that 1/3 buses will be cut going forward, why are more bus lanes being created ? This doesn't make sense at all.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) thanked Mr Raof for raising the questions, and stated that Members were well aware of the concerns raised, as well as the general concerns regarding the current cost of living crisis. She stressed that no decision had been made in terms of the red lines, and that the issue would

be discussed at a future meeting of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee. In response to Question 1, Councillor Grocutt stated that as part of the outline business case to be submitted to the Mayoral Combined Authority, an economic assessment had been undertaken to determine the wider costs and benefits of the scheme. However, an economic assessment had not yet been undertaken on the impact of the proposed red lines on the businesses on Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road, as the red lines would increase existing restrictions on the corridors, and would still allow for parking and loading and unloading outside the red line hours of operation. Businesses would not be able to load and unload on the double-red lines as they currently could on the double-yellow lines, but the Council would look to introduce more loading bays for use by businesses if the scheme was progressed. The red lines were being proposed to allow for enhanced enforcement of the loading and waiting restrictions on Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road, with the cameras. The Council would be required to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) before any proposed changes were made, and no decision had yet been made as to what those changes would be. The public would have an opportunity to comment following the advertisement of the TRO.

In response to Question 2, Councillor Grocutt stated that red lines would allow for enhanced enforcement of existing restrictions on Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall road, with the cameras. These lines would not increase existing parking restrictions along the two corridors, although loading and unloading was prohibited on red lines for most drivers. Therefore, as part of the investigations into whether or not the red lines were to be introduced, additional parking bays to serve businesses would be considered.

In response to Question 3, Councillor Grocutt stated that it was not proposed to increase the length of the bus lanes on Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road, although bus priority measures were proposed on both corridors to enhance the reliability and consistency of bus services, and to improve access on the corridors, and into the city centre.

### 3.6.5 Public Questions Regarding Climate Change

Sam Wakelin asked the following questions:-

1. This meeting marks three years since this Council gave a full meeting to receiving and approving the climate science report from the renowned Tyndall Centre. It showed that to limit global heating to 1.7C, Sheffield needed dramatic and immediate changes. We are now three years on and none of these changes can be seen. In addition, holding to 1.5C needs around double the speed of change. Councillor Fox said this year that "The sky isn't going to fall in tomorrow because of climate change." and "we want a more calculated pace." Does this show that he doesn't understand that this is a life and death crisis for all of us? Or that he does not care?
2. How does Councillor Fox reflect on his record of delivery on the climate crisis while serving as Leader, and what does he say to those who have lost loved ones this week due to unprecedented extreme heat? Or to the estimated



more than 1,500 Sheffields killed by fossil fuel air pollution in the time since he voted to declare a climate emergency?

In response, Councillor Terry Fox (the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee) commented that when holding politicians to account, people should think through the language they use and what they say. He added that he understood why people may say the things they do, but it should be considered that Councillors were elected by the community, that they too were human beings, not machines, and know how to use empathy, and he asked that people realise that the language they use does count, that Councillors live, eat and breathe within communities.

One of his aims since becoming Leader was to soften the rhetoric but he has asked people to hold him to account. Councillor Fox believed that we were in the midst of a climate emergency, and that the Council must take strong action and lead from the front to tackle this issue. The point he was trying to make during the interview referred to by Mr. Wakelin was that a climate emergency was also a climate injustice, and the Council must lead from the front to tackle this emergency and take the community with it, not make their lives worse and it was no good enacting measures that some people would be totally against. The public needed to work with us all, with Councillors, Local Area Committees and Policy Committees. Some of the rhetoric coming back was hostile and aggressive and, especially following the problems faced during the pandemic, he felt that we all should be able to talk our problems through. Councillor Fox said that as a city, there was a need to tackle the climate emergency together in a fair way and see it not only as a necessity but as a positive to enact in people's lives. The Labour Administration rolled out the clean air zone (CAZ) proposal and had worked hard with the Government and obtained £24m funding to enforce it in ensuring that it targeted the most polluting buses, taxis, coaches and lorries. The transition into the CAZ must be done fairly with less polluting private cars and the right financial support package for that transition. Councillor Fox said that, along with Councillor Douglas Johnson, he had attended conferences held with taxi drivers and listened to the difficulties those drivers faced and would have to overcome. Councillor Fox had also listened to the issues that business owners along Ecclesall Road were facing coming out of the crisis. There was a need to allow people to drive their cars and encourage them to drive clean cars.

Councillor Fox added that another example was the housing strategy, and this Administration was committed to getting its housing stock to net zero, but this had to be done whilst delivering affordability as its tenants were facing the highest inflation rates in 40 years.

Councillor Fox said he might have been careless with words by saying that the sky won't fall in tomorrow because of climate change, but it didn't mean that it should be tackled on the backs of the poor and the vulnerable. The Council was the first local authority to ban fracking, it introduced the clean air zone, smoke free zones and ensured that brownfield sites would be used effectively. The Council purchased 100% renewable energy and had invested millions of pounds in providing insulation and new roofs to its housing stock and was now

working with anchor organisations to clean up their buildings, their vehicles and seek their commitment to support renewable energy in their estates.

Councillor Fox said that this Council under Labour leadership had spent millions on sustainable transport initiatives such as Active Travel, cycle lanes, bus lanes etc. but now the Council was at another crossroads because, whilst there was a focus on public transport, the city was now facing the possibility that a third of bus routes were to be cut. He stated that Government funding cuts had to stop. The Council was now working cross party and was working together in all its Committees and he asked that the people of Sheffield come and join the debate and come with the Council along its journey. Whilst that journey would be hard, it was the right thing to do.

### 3.6.6 Public Question Regarding Housing Repairs

Val Wilson said that she was severely disabled and has had adaptations carried out to her bungalow in both the kitchen and bathroom and was now waiting for safety flooring to be fitted to the bathroom floor. Mrs. Wilson outlined all her falls and ailments and felt that the Council was not keeping to their promises to attend to the everyday living needs of its Council tenants and that repairs were being pushed aside.

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Chair of the Housing Policy Committee) said that he was sorry to hear about Mrs. Wilson's falls and asked if she could leave her details with the officers in attendance about what was needed, and he would ask someone from housing services to contact her.

### 3.6.7 Public Question Regarding Mental Health Services

Jonathan Marsden said that he used to be a manager within the Derbyshire County Council Mental Health Service and has also carried out mental health work around Sheffield and has noticed the severe cutbacks within the Service. He said that the triage system isn't working and referred to a situation whereby three women that have SEN children were not being seen in the same way as someone on their own. These concerns have been raised with relevant officials, including the Director of Public Health, to make them aware that there needs to be a system shift.

In response, Councillor Angela Argenzio (Co-Chair of the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee) said that although she didn't have a full answer to hand, she totally takes on board the points raised by Mr. Marsden and stated that she would ask officers to provide her with details of how the service currently operated and she would then provide Mr. Marsden with a written answer. She added that she would be happy to meet with Mr. Marsden, at his request, to discuss this matter further.

### 3.6.8 (NOTE: Questions which had been submitted by Bridget Ingle and Loveday Herridge, but which were not asked at the meeting, would receive a written response from the Chair of the relevant Policy Committee).

#### **4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

##### **4.1 Urgent Business**

With the permission of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed asked the following question relating to urgent business, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii):-

What steps does the Leader of the Council intend to take to help secure the future of Doncaster Sheffield Airport?

In response, Councillor Terry Fox (the Leader of the Council) stated that since the recent announcement regarding the future of the Airport, which took the Council by surprise, an emergency meeting was called with the South Yorkshire Leaders and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. Councillor Fox had also met with the other South Yorkshire Leaders, the Mayor of South Yorkshire, local Members of Parliament, including Louise Haigh (Shadow Secretary of State for Transport), to discuss the implications of the Airport closing down. All the South Yorkshire Authorities were working hard to seek answers following the announcement as it was not clear what the exact position was. There was currently a six-week consultation period, and a request had been made for this to be extended. Councillor Fox referred to other planned meetings with interested parties, including meetings to discuss the potential job losses if the Airport was to close. The Council was continuing to work with the other South Yorkshire Authorities and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to see if they could offer any assistance. Councillor Fox expressed sympathy and concern regarding the adverse effects of a possible closure, which included inconvenience to people who had booked flights there, damage to the regeneration of the region and the potential loss of around 800 jobs. He stated that he would ensure that Members and local residents were kept fully informed of any progress made following the various meetings.

##### **4.2 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

4.2.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) referred to the unprecedented heat wave being experienced in the country and to the fact that a state of emergency had been operating within South Yorkshire's emergency services in recent days, and she invited Councillor Tony Damms, the Chair of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, to comment on the response of the local fire and rescue services.

Councillor Damms commended the work undertaken by firefighters in such exceptionally demanding circumstances over the past few days, and also acknowledged the assistance provided by support staff of the Fire and Rescue Service and he proposed that a letter of thanks, from the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, be sent to the Chief Fire Officer expressing thanks and appreciation for the work of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service over the past few days. Councillor Paul Turpin seconded that proposal.

The Lord Mayor suggested that the thanks of this Council should also be extended to the South Yorkshire Police and Ambulance services, and to Council services who had been involved in the emergency responses in recent days. This suggestion was supported by the Council.

- 4.2.2 There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions and of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

#### 4.3 Written Questions

A schedule of questions to Chairs of Policy Committees, 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 Policy Committee Chairs until the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.7).

(NOTE: During the proceedings of item 4.3, Councillor Douglas Johnson drew the attention of the meeting to an administrative error on page 3 of the schedule of questions and answers, which contained answers purporting to be from himself. He stated that the questions concerned were also repeated on page 27 of the document and his answers to those questions were correctly stated on page 27, not on page 3. The Members' Q&As document, as published on the Council website, has been corrected accordingly.)

At this point in the proceedings, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) left the meeting, and it was RESOLVED: That, in the absence of both the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Murphy be appointed as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### 5. **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**

- 5.1 It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and 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 any 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.
- 5.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Andrew Sangar), the Motion as published on the agenda was altered by the substitution of the word "any" for the word "the" in subparagraph (h)(i)(A) of the Motion.)
- 5.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Tom Hunt, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (m) as follows:-
- (j) notes that the Sheffield Bus Partnership was, effectively, the only option at the Council's disposal at the time to bring bus operators and transport authorities together, and that, for all of this Partnership's failings, it did deliver reduced fares and more local control over input into the routes and delivery of the bus operations than would have been achieved by simply doing nothing;
  - (k) recalls comments by former Liberal Democrat Transport Minister, Norman Baker, "The Sheffield Bus Agreement is good news for the city and shows what can be achieved when local councils, bus operators and transport authorities work together for the benefit of passengers. This partnership will transform passengers' experience by making bus travel easier and cheaper" and recalls that the Liberal Democrats in government favoured pursuing the Bus Partnership Agreement, rather than providing local authorities with the means and finances to run their own services;

- (l) notes that the Bus Partnership Agreement is no longer in existence, having been replaced by the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership – which unlike the previous voluntary agreement has more statutory influence - and that this was only agreed in March 2022 and launched under the new Mayor in June 2022, bringing together the new South Yorkshire Mayor, all South Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders, and representatives from bus operators; and
- (m) notes that the process to begin franchising is underway, something councillors from across the chamber have called for, but that the process will take approximately 18 months and believes that at present the enhanced partnership is currently the best course of action available to influence bus operators, and that it would be a terrible decision for Sheffield to be the only local authority without a voice and influence within this partnership.

5.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Bernard Little, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (o) as follows:-

- (j) believes that politicians across South Yorkshire have undermined public transport for many years by promoting individual car use, through providing free or low-cost car parking in town / city centres, ineffective and insufficient parking enforcement and active opposition to improvement measures like bus lanes or residents' parking schemes;
- (k) regrets the lack of ambition set out in the Bus Service Improvement Plan submitted to the Government by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and in particular that “success” would have meant fewer people using buses in the future;
- (l) notes that bus operators are commercial companies and are not primarily there to provide a public service; and therefore believes in a need for public ownership and control of buses;
- (m) believes that public transport is an equality issue, as only 35% of the population in the bottom 10% of wealth own a car, whereas 93% of the top 10% own at least one;
- (n) notes that Yorkshire and Humberside already gets only £500 per head of population spent on transport compared with £1,476 for London (in 2020/21) and believes that the Government cannot be serious about “levelling up” until it guarantees equal funding; and
- (o) however, recognises that this Council must do what it can to support as many buses on as many routes as it can and therefore requests the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider using all the levers at its disposal to make public transport more attractive than private cars, including:-

- (i) advertising to promote public transport usage, in particular aimed at those who do not routinely use buses and including through the universities;
- (ii) lower fares, multi-operator tickets and tap-on technology as standard;
- (iii) measures for multi-modal travel, including bikes on trams;
- (iv) higher parking fees for private car ownership;
- (v) more priority routes for buses and trams;
- (vi) higher quality bus or tram shelters, and staffed bus/tram interchanges;
- (vii) more effective enforcement of illegal, selfish and dangerous parking that often goes unchecked;
- (viii) schemes such as an employer's workplace parking levy to reduce the perks of free parking and raise substantial sums to provide improved bus services, tram services and better walking and cycling infrastructure;
- (ix) allowing a reasonable increase in regulated taxi fares; and
- (x) encouraging innovative neighbourhood community hub bus services that serve local shopping areas.

5.4 After contributions from six other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Andrew Sangar, the amendment moved by Councillor Tom Hunt was put to the vote and was carried.

5.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 43 Members; AGAINST - 25 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but abstained on paragraph (k) of the amendment.)

5.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried in part. Paragraphs (j), (k) & (o) of the amendment were lost and paragraphs (l), (m) & (n) of the amendment were carried.

5.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 39 Members; AGAINST - 26 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (j) & (k) and abstained from voting on paragraph (o) of the amendment.)

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

RESOLVED: 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 any 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;
- (iii) send copies of this motion to all the other parties to the Bus Partnership Agreement;
- (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;
- (j) notes that the Sheffield Bus Partnership was, effectively, the only option at the Council's disposal at the time to bring bus operators and transport authorities together, and that, for all of this Partnership's failings, it did deliver reduced fares and more local control over input into the routes and delivery of the bus operations than would have been achieved by simply doing nothing;
- (k) recalls comments by former Liberal Democrat Transport Minister, Norman Baker, "The Sheffield Bus Agreement is good news for the city and shows what can be achieved when local councils, bus operators and transport authorities work together for the benefit of passengers. This partnership will transform passengers' experience by making bus travel easier and cheaper" and recalls that the Liberal Democrats in government favoured pursuing the Bus Partnership Agreement, rather than providing local authorities with the means and finances to run their own services;
- (l) notes that the Bus Partnership Agreement is no longer in existence, having been replaced by the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership – which unlike the previous voluntary agreement has more statutory

influence - and that this was only agreed in March 2022 and launched under the new Mayor in June 2022, bringing together the new South Yorkshire Mayor, all South Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders, and representatives from bus operators;

- (m) notes that the process to begin franchising is underway, something councillors from across the chamber have called for, but that the process will take approximately 18 months and believes that at present the enhanced partnership is currently the best course of action available to influence bus operators, and that it would be a terrible decision for Sheffield to be the only local authority without a voice and influence within this partnership;
- (n) notes that bus operators are commercial companies and are not primarily there to provide a public service; and therefore believes in a need for public ownership and control of buses;
- (o) believes that public transport is an equality issue, as only 35% of the population in the bottom 10% of wealth own a car, whereas 93% of the top 10% own at least one; and
- (p) notes that Yorkshire and Humberside already gets only £500 per head of population spent on transport compared with £1,476 for London (in 2020/21) and believes that the Government cannot be serious about “levelling up” until it guarantees equal funding.

5.6.1 On being put to the vote, the Substantive Motion was carried, except for paragraph (h)(i)(A) which was lost.

5.6.2 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 66 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (c)(i), (ii) & (iii) and (h)(i)(A) of the Substantive Motion. The Liberal Democrat Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (j) to (o) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraph (h)(i)(A) of the Substantive Motion. Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for, but against paragraph (n) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (k) and (p) of the Substantive Motion.)

5.7 Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: 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;
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  - (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;
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- (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) enlisting the full support of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority;
    - (B) an active media campaign; and
    - (C) 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;
- (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;
- (j) notes that the Sheffield Bus Partnership was, effectively, the only option at the Council's disposal at the time to bring bus operators and transport authorities together, and that, for all of this Partnership's failings, it did deliver reduced fares and more local control over input into the routes and delivery of the bus operations than would have been achieved by simply doing nothing;
- (k) recalls comments by former Liberal Democrat Transport Minister, Norman Baker, "The Sheffield Bus Agreement is good news for the city and shows what can be achieved when local councils, bus operators and transport authorities work together for the benefit of passengers. This partnership will transform passengers' experience by making bus travel easier and cheaper" and recalls that the Liberal Democrats in government favoured pursuing the Bus Partnership Agreement, rather than providing local authorities with the means and finances to run their own services;
- (l) notes that the Bus Partnership Agreement is no longer in existence, having been replaced by the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership – which unlike the previous voluntary agreement has more statutory influence - and that this was only agreed in March 2022 and launched under the new Mayor in June 2022, bringing together the new South Yorkshire Mayor, all South Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders, and representatives from bus operators;
- (m) notes that the process to begin franchising is underway, something councillors from across the chamber have called for, but that the process will take approximately 18 months and believes that at present the enhanced partnership is currently the best course of action available to influence bus operators, and that it would be a terrible decision for Sheffield to be the only local authority without a voice and influence

within this partnership;

- (n) notes that bus operators are commercial companies and are not primarily there to provide a public service; and therefore believes in a need for public ownership and control of buses;
- (o) believes that public transport is an equality issue, as only 35% of the population in the bottom 10% of wealth own a car, whereas 93% of the top 10% own at least one; and
- (p) notes that Yorkshire and Humberside already gets only £500 per head of population spent on transport compared with £1,476 for London (in 2020/21) and believes that the Government cannot be serious about “levelling up” until it guarantees equal funding.

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

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, and 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.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (n) as follows:-

- (d) believes that removing Covid-related bus support funding entirely while passenger numbers have still not recovered to pre-pandemic levels will inevitably lead to severe reductions in service levels across the whole country, and the Government needs to rethink if people are not going to go back to using cars, and if we are to meet climate change targets;

- (e) 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;
- (f) 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;
- (g) further notes that London, which was not subject to bus deregulation in 1986, has seen decade upon decade increases in bus patronage and mileage;
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    - (A) giving notice to immediately terminate the Bus Partnership Agreement;
    - (B) enlisting the full support of South Yorkshire Mayoral 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;
  - (iii) send copies of this motion to all the other parties to the Bus Partnership Agreement;
- (k) 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;
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  - (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;
- (l) notes with dismay the recent violent crime and serious incidents, on public transport, and around the city as a whole;
- (m) notes the on-going work the Council is undertaking to develop a robust city-wide protocol and process to ensure all relevant partners (such as the police, Police and Crime Commissioner, social services and the voluntary and community sector), Council staff and Councillors, are aware of serious incidents in a timely manner; and
- (n) notes the work being undertaken by the Safer Sheffield Partnership Board to develop a clearly defined Community Safety Incident Protocol as quickly as possible.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Christine Gilligan, and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (q) as follows:-

- (l) believes that politicians across South Yorkshire have undermined public transport for many years by promoting individual car use, through providing free or low-cost car parking in town / city centres, ineffective and insufficient parking enforcement and active opposition to improvement measures like bus lanes or residents' parking schemes;
- (m) regrets the lack of ambition set out in the Bus Service Improvement Plan submitted to the Government by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and in particular that "success" would have meant fewer people using buses in the future;

- (n) notes that bus operators are commercial companies and are not primarily there to provide a public service; and therefore believes in a need for public ownership and control of buses;
- (o) believes that public transport is an equality issue, as only 35% of the population in the bottom 10% of wealth own a car, whereas 93% of the top 10% own at least one;
- (p) notes that Yorkshire and Humberside already gets only £500 per head of population spent on transport compared with £1,476 for London (in 2020/21) and believes that the Government cannot be serious about “levelling up” until it guarantees equal funding; and
- (q) however, recognises that this Council must do what it can to support as many buses on as many routes as it can and therefore requests the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider using all the levers at its disposal to make public transport more attractive than private cars, including:-
  - (i) advertising to promote public transport usage, in particular aimed at those who do not routinely use buses and including through the universities;
  - (ii) lower fares, multi-operator tickets and tap-on technology as standard;
  - (iii) measures for multi-modal travel, including bikes on trams;
  - (iv) higher parking fees for private car ownership;
  - (v) more priority routes for buses and trams;
  - (vi) higher quality bus or tram shelters, and staffed bus/tram interchanges;
  - (vii) more effective enforcement of illegal, selfish and dangerous parking that often goes unchecked;
  - (viii) schemes such as an employer’s workplace parking levy to reduce the perks of free parking and raise substantial sums to provide improved bus services, tram services and better walking and cycling infrastructure;
  - (ix) allowing a reasonable increase in regulated taxi fares; and
  - (x) encouraging innovative neighbourhood community hub bus services that serve local shopping areas.

6.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was

lost.

- 6.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 28 Members; AGAINST - 36 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 1 Member. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against paragraph (j) and abstained from voting on paragraph (d) of the amendment.)
- 6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Christine Gilligan was then put to the vote and was carried in part. Paragraphs (l), (m) & (q) of the amendment were lost and paragraphs (n), (o) & (p) of the amendment were carried.
- 6.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 39 Members; AGAINST - 26 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (l) & (m) and abstained from voting on paragraph (q) of the amendment.)
- 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, 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;
- (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;
- (l) notes that bus operators are commercial companies and are not primarily there to provide a public service; and therefore believes in a need for public ownership and control of buses;
- (m) believes that public transport is an equality issue, as only 35% of the population in the bottom 10% of wealth own a car, whereas 93% of the top 10% own at least one; and
- (n) notes that Yorkshire and Humberside already gets only £500 per head of population spent on transport compared with £1,476 for London (in 2020/21) and believes that the Government cannot be serious about “levelling up” until it guarantees equal funding.

- 6.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 64 Members; AGAINST - 1 Member; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (d), (e), (l) & (m) of the Substantive Motion. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted against, but for paragraphs (j), (k) & (m) and abstained on paragraphs (e) & (n) of the Substantive Motion.)

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

- 7.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton, and formally 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.

7.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Ben Miskell, and formally

seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (o) as follows:-

- (l) (i) notes that the current climate for LGBT+ people in the UK means that nearly half - including 64 per cent of trans pupils - are bullied for being LGBT+ in Britain's schools;
- (ii) further notes that the repeal of Section 28 was a pivotal moment for LGBT+ rights, and believes that the UK must never move backwards on LGBT+ rights by stopping LGBT+ inclusive education in schools;
- (iii) notes that people of all faiths and none are LGBT+ and it is vital that all children receive age-appropriate inclusive relationships and sex education, regardless of their parents' beliefs;
- (iv) welcomes the introduction of statutory Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which all primary and secondary schools in England are now required to teach; and
- (v) affirms unequivocally its support for compulsory LGBT+ inclusive Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education in all state funded primary and secondary schools, and commits to ensuring that schools are delivering RSE in line with new Government guidance, supported by teaching material already produced by Learn Sheffield;
- (m) (i) calls on all employers in Sheffield to create workplaces free from LGBT+ harassment;
- (ii) further notes that the TUC's report on sexual harassment of LGBT people in the workplace reports that nearly 7 in 10 (68%) LGBT+ people have been sexually harassed at work;
- (iii) welcomes the vital work carried out by trade unions to organise LGBT+ workers in the workplace to campaign for their rights; and
- (iv) affirms that workplaces that are trade unionised are more likely to support the human rights of workers;
- (n) (i) notes that 2022 marks 40 years since the first cases of HIV were reported globally;
- (ii) further notes the progress that had been made through the tireless and tenacious efforts of people affected by HIV, HIV activists, allies, and people living with HIV, which has taken us to the point where it is now scientifically possible to end new HIV transmissions in the UK;
- (iii) affirms that this Council wants to see an end to new HIV transmissions in Sheffield;
- (iv) notes that the UK Government has pledged to make this a reality by



2030 and achieve an 80% reduction in new HIV transmissions by 2025;  
and

(v) calls on the Government to make good on this promise; and

(o) (i) is disappointed by the divisive rhetoric used by candidates for the leadership of the Conservative Party and future Prime Minister when discussing transgender and non-binary people;

(ii) believes that this rhetoric fuels transphobia and prejudice against LGBT+ people; and

(iii) affirms that this Council unequivocally supports transgender and non-binary people.

7.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and formally seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the replacement throughout the Motion of all the references to LGBTQ+ by LGBTIQA+;

2. the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (a) to (k) as new paragraphs (b) to (l):-

(a) requests the Chief Executive to consider adopting the term LGBTIQA+ within the Council and replacing all existing references in other forms;

3. the addition, in the new paragraph (j) [original paragraph (i)], of new sub-paragraphs (vii) and (viii) as follows:-

(vii) community learning being about building community and confidence and voluntary and community organisations are often the best placed to offer the safe spaces that are so important; and

(viii) the commissioning of community-based learning to support LGBTIQA+ people when coming out and at all points along their journey;

7.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Ben Miskell was put to the vote and was carried.

7.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 66 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against sub-paragraphs (o)(i) & (ii) of the amendment.)

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio was then put to the vote and was lost.

7.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 10 Members; AGAINST - 26 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 30 Members.)

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

RESOLVED: 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 Sheffields 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;
- (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;
- (l)
  - (i) notes that the current climate for LGBT+ people in the UK means that nearly half - including 64 per cent of trans pupils - are bullied for being LGBT+ in Britain's schools;
  - (ii) further notes that the repeal of Section 28 was a pivotal moment for LGBT+ rights, and believes that the UK must never move backwards on LGBT+ rights by stopping LGBT+ inclusive education in schools;

- (i) notes that people of all faiths and none are LGBT+ and it is vital that all children receive age-appropriate inclusive relationships and sex education, regardless of their parents' beliefs;
  - (ii) welcomes the introduction of statutory Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which all primary and secondary schools in England are now required to teach; and
  - (iii) affirms unequivocally its support for compulsory LGBT+ inclusive Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education in all state funded primary and secondary schools, and commits to ensuring that schools are delivering RSE in line with new Government guidance, supported by teaching material already produced by Learn Sheffield;
- (m)
- (i) calls on all employers in Sheffield to create workplaces free from LGBT+ harassment;
  - (ii) further notes that the TUC's report on sexual harassment of LGBT people in the workplace reports that nearly 7 in 10 (68%) LGBT+ people have been sexually harassed at work;
  - (iii) welcomes the vital work carried out by trade unions to organise LGBT+ workers in the workplace to campaign for their rights; and
  - (iv) affirms that workplaces that are trade unionised are more likely to support the human rights of workers;
- (n)
- (i) notes that 2022 marks 40 years since the first cases of HIV were reported globally;
  - (ii) further notes the progress that had been made through the tireless and tenacious efforts of people affected by HIV, HIV activists, allies, and people living with HIV, which has taken us to the point where it is now scientifically possible to end new HIV transmissions in the UK;
  - (iii) affirms that this Council wants to see an end to new HIV transmissions in Sheffield;
  - (iv) notes that the UK Government has pledged to make this a reality by 2030 and achieve an 80% reduction in new HIV transmissions by 2025; and
  - (iv) calls on the Government to make good on this promise; and
- (o)
- (i) is disappointed by the divisive rhetoric used by candidates for the leadership of the Conservative Party and future Prime Minister when discussing transgender and non-binary people;

- (ii) believes that this rhetoric fuels transphobia and prejudice against LGBT+ people; and
- (iii) affirms that this Council unequivocally supports transgender and non-binary people.

7.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 65 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against sub-paragraphs (k)(iii) and (o)(i) & (ii) of the Substantive Motion.)

**8. 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)**

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchon, and formally seconded by the chair of the meeting (Councillor Anne Murphy), 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.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and formally seconded by Councillor Bryan Lodge, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (m) as follows:-

- (j) notes that the UK has only 15% of the charging points it needs to meet net zero – and believes that government inaction is creating a two-tier transport Britain;
- (k) notes that in June 2021 Parliament's Select Committee on Climate Change, found that there needs to be over 150,000 public charging points operating in our country by 2025, and yet the Government is currently trailing way behind at around 42,000 public charging points overall, itself an increase of less than 20,000 in the last 12 months, therefore way off the target required;
- (l) notes that, unlike this Government, the Labour Party has a plan to support people across the country to make the switch to electric, aiding the country's transition to net zero, by:-
  - (i) making electric vehicle ownership affordable by offering long-term interest-free loans for new and used electric vehicles to those on low to middle incomes to remove the upfront cost barrier; and trialling a national scrappage scheme;
  - (ii) making it easier for people to drive an electric vehicle, wherever they live, by accelerating the roll-out of charging points on streets

and targeting areas left out, such as Yorkshire; and

- (iii) committing to charging points being treated as a national infrastructure project, led by central government through a National Infrastructure Bank and by working with local authorities; and
- (m) notes that the Council's Leader and Co-Chairs of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee are meeting with the Mayor and SYMCA to develop increased EV charging infrastructure, and the Council is currently developing an Electric Vehicle Strategy, which will be submitted to the Committee shortly, and will be bidding for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund for pilot status, with the scheme delivering additional public EV charging infrastructure.

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

1. the deletion of paragraph (e) and the addition of new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:-
  - (e) further notes that with only 23.4 charging points in total per 100,000 people according to Department for Transport figures, Sheffield lags behind the national average of 45.8;
  - (f) believes that in order to give confidence to more people without the ability to install a domestic charger that they will be able to conveniently fuel and run an EV, there is a need for substantial provision of publicly accessible charging at reasonable prices in residential areas, at workplaces and in the city centre and district centres;
2. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) and (g) as new paragraphs (g) and (h).
3. the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows:-
  - (i) regrets the lack of government leadership so far in co-ordinating a national roll out of on-street charging, and believes there has been a lack of Council ambition hitherto in providing sufficient public charging to drive take up;
4. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (h) and (i) as new paragraphs (j) and (k).
5. the re-lettering of sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) in the new paragraph (k) [original paragraph (i)] as new sub-paragraphs (iv) and (v), and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (iii) and (vi) as follows:-



- (iii) learning from best practise in other places and finding innovative ways to overcome some of the practical and regulatory obstacles to on-street charging, recognising that different areas face different challenges, so that residents of all areas of Sheffield are able to run an electric vehicle (levelling up);
- (vi) ensuring that energy available through such charging infrastructure whether developed and managed publicly or privately is made available at reasonable prices, covering the cost of energy and infrastructure investment, and where applicable a reasonable profit margin, ensuring that EVs remain generally considerably cheaper to fuel than internal combustion engine vehicles.

8.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (n) as follows:-

- (j) notes that whilst electric vehicles do address some issues of air quality, they do nothing to address congestion, road danger from vehicles, harmful emissions from tyres and brakes, and on-street vehicle storage;
- (k) notes that ownership of any type of vehicle is skewed towards wealthier households, and believes that the Council should be prioritising its subsidies to those who can't afford to own a vehicle, and that, for greater transport equity, we must ensure that our EV policy fits within a wider transport objective of maximising active travel and public transport usage, whilst minimising private vehicle usage, especially for routine and regular trips;
- (l) notes that EV ownership is even further skewed towards those with higher incomes who can afford electric vehicles;
- (m) believes that Sheffield streets already have issues with lack of space for car parking, limited footway space, illegal parking and congestion; and
- (n) therefore requests the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to give consideration to the following measures:-
  - (i) resisting any scheme that effectively reserves parking spaces outside people's homes, and instead supporting publicly available, high speed charging infrastructure;
  - (ii) proposing that policy should be to develop reliable public charge points in public car-parks, supermarkets, neighbourhood hubs and other publicly available spaces;
  - (iii) proposing that current Sheffield City Council EV charging points be made accessible to the public as well as to taxis, to increase usage and revenue generation;

- (iv) proposing that the usual Pay & Display fees associated with Sheffield City Council car parks should apply to EV charging bays where appropriate, so that drivers pay for charging and parking concurrently, as is the case in other core cities; and
- (v) proposing that the Council look to learn from other local authorities, e.g. York City Council, who are further down the road with the development of their EV policy.

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt was put to the vote and was carried in part. Paragraph (l) of the amendment was lost and paragraphs (j), (k) and (m) of the amendment were carried.

8.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 54 Members; AGAINST - 11 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members voted for, but against paragraph (l) of the amendment.)

8.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Tim Huggan was then put to the vote and was carried.

8.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 36 Members; AGAINST - 29 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against Part 3 of the amendment.)

8.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Ruth Mersereau was then put to the vote and was also carried.

8.7.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 38 Members; AGAINST - 26 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against sub-paragraph (n)(i) of the amendment. The Liberal Democrat Group members voted against, but for paragraphs (m) & (n) of the amendment.)

8.8 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 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) further notes that with only 23.4 charging points in total per 100,000 people according to Department for Transport figures, Sheffield lags behind the national average of 45.8;
  - (f) believes that in order to give confidence to more people without the ability to install a domestic charger that they will be able to conveniently fuel and run an EV, there is a need for substantial provision of publicly accessible charging at reasonable prices in residential areas, at workplaces and in the city centre and district centres;
  - (g) 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;
  - (h) 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;
  - (i) regrets the lack of government leadership so far in co-ordinating a national roll out of on-street charging, and believes there has been a lack of Council ambition hitherto in providing sufficient public charging to drive take up;
  - (j) 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;
  - (k) 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) learning from best practise in other places and finding innovative ways to overcome some of the practical and regulatory obstacles to on-street charging, recognising that different areas face different challenges, so that residents of all areas of Sheffield are able to run an electric vehicle (levelling up);
    - (iv) 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;

- (v) 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; and
- (vi) ensuring that energy available through such charging infrastructure whether developed and managed publicly or privately is made available at reasonable prices, covering the cost of energy and infrastructure investment, and where applicable a reasonable profit margin, ensuring that EVs remain generally considerably cheaper to fuel than internal combustion engine vehicles;
- (l) notes that the UK has only 15% of the charging points it needs to meet net zero – and believes that government inaction is creating a two-tier transport Britain;
- (m) notes that in June 2021 Parliament’s Select Committee on Climate Change, found that there needs to be over 150,000 public charging points operating in our country by 2025, and yet the Government is currently trailing way behind at around 42,000 public charging points overall, itself an increase of less than 20,000 in the last 12 months, therefore way off the target required;
- (n) notes that the Council’s Leader and Co-Chairs of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee are meeting with the Mayor and SYMCA to develop increased EV charging infrastructure, and the Council is currently developing an Electric Vehicle Strategy, which will be submitted to the Committee shortly, and will be bidding for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund for pilot status, with the scheme delivering additional public EV charging infrastructure;
- (o) notes that whilst electric vehicles do address some issues of air quality, they do nothing to address congestion, road danger from vehicles, harmful emissions from tyres and brakes, and on-street vehicle storage;
- (p) notes that ownership of any type of vehicle is skewed towards wealthier households, and believes that the Council should be prioritising its subsidies to those who can’t afford to own a vehicle, and that, for greater transport equity, we must ensure that our EV policy fits within a wider transport objective of maximising active travel and public transport usage, whilst minimising private vehicle usage, especially for routine and regular trips;
- (q) notes that EV ownership is even further skewed towards those with higher incomes who can afford electric vehicles;

- (r) believes that Sheffield streets already have issues with lack of space for car parking, limited footway space, illegal parking and congestion; and
- (s) therefore requests the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to give consideration to the following measures:-
  - (i) resisting any scheme that effectively reserves parking spaces outside people's homes, and instead supporting publicly available, high speed charging infrastructure;
  - (ii) proposing that policy should be to develop reliable public charge points in public car-parks, supermarkets, neighbourhood hubs and other publicly available spaces;
  - (iii) proposing that current Sheffield City Council EV charging points be made accessible to the public as well as to taxis, to increase usage and revenue generation;
  - (iv) proposing that the usual Pay & Display fees associated with Sheffield City Council car parks should apply to EV charging bays where appropriate, so that drivers pay for charging and parking concurrently, as is the case in other core cities; and
  - (v) proposing that the Council look to learn from other local authorities, e.g. York City Council, who are further down the road with the development of their EV policy.

8.8.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 64 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (e), (f), (i), (k)(iii) and (vi) & sub-paragraph (s)(i) of the Substantive Motion. The Liberal Democrat Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (o), (p) & (q) of the Substantive Motion. Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for, but against paragraphs (i), (l), (m), (o) to (s)(ii) and (s)(iv) & (v) of the Substantive Motion.)

## **9. UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

9.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt and formally seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, that this Council:-

- (a) approves the changes to the various Parts of the Constitution, as outlined in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the report of the Director of Legal and Governance and as set out in appendices A to H; and
- (b) notes the minor and consequential changes to Part 3.3 of the Constitution that had been made by the Director of Legal and Governance, as outlined in section 3.3 of the report and as set out in

appendices I and J.

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

- 10.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the special meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, be approved as true and accurate records.

## **11. MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES**

- 11.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-
- (a) it be noted that Councillor Ben Curran replaced Councillor Paul Wood as the Labour Group Spokesperson on the Housing Policy Committee with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022;
  - (b) it be noted that, at its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee appointed Councillor Mike Chaplin as Deputy Chair of the Committee;
  - (c) Councillor Steve Ayriss be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee;
  - (d) Councillor Richard Williams be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee;
  - (e) it be confirmed that the Regulatory Committees are to operate with two chairs in 2022/23, (namely Councillors Dianne Hurst and Alan Woodcock on Planning and Highways Committee, and Councillors David Barker and Jayne Dunn on the Licensing Committee), continuing the arrangements operated in recent years, and not operate with a Chair and Deputy Chair which had been the designations approved in error at the annual meeting of the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
  - (f) it be noted that, in order to reflect the practice in operation, the "Committee Chair Job Share Protocol" in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution will be updated to reflect that the Chairs of the Regulatory Committees, each with equal full responsibility for the role, are designated as "Joint Chairs", and the job-share chairs, i.e. two Members jointly to share the position of Committee Chair, that have been

appointed to the Policy Committees, are designated as “Co-Chairs”;

- (g) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18th May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

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| Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee   | - | (1) Councillors Abtisam Mohammed, Anne Murphy and Garry Weatherall appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee, with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022; (2) Councillor Martin Phipps appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Angela Argenzio, with effect from 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2022, noting that he will also serve as Group Spokesperson on the Sub-Committee; and (3) Councillor Angela Argenzio appointed to serve as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee, in place of Councillor Martin Phipps, also with effect from 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 |
| Housing Policy Committee  | - | (1) Councillor Fran Belbin appointed to serve on the Committee in place of Councillor Safiya Saeed, with effect from 12th July 2022; and (2) Councillors Minesh Parekh and Safiya Saeed appointed to serve as substitute members on the Committee, with effect from 12th July 2022   |
| Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee   | - | (1) Councillor Mike Chaplin appointed to serve on the Committee, with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022; and (2) Councillor David Barker appointed to serve as a substitute member on the Committee, with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022  |
| Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions   | - | Councillors Joe Otten, Martin Smith and Richard Williams appointed to serve on the Committee, with effect from 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022  |
| Mayoral Combined Authority Audit, Standards and Risk Committee<br><i>(NB the Mayoral Combined Authority have reduced the membership of this Committee to one member per Authority, with Sheffield City Council required to nominate one Liberal</i> | - | (1) Councillor Ian Auckland appointed to serve on the Committee, with effect from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022; (2) Councillor Mike Levery appointed to serve as a substitute member of the Committee, with effect from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022; (3) Councillors Ben Curran and Talib Hussain be removed as members of the Committee, with effect from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022; and (4) Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Joe Otten be removed as substitute members of the Committee, with effect from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022   |

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a substitute member)*

- Sheffield Museums Trust - Directors and Members - Ms Cate McDonald appointed to serve on the Trust, with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022
- Sheffield Football Trust - Councillor Anne Murphy to replace Councillor Colin Ross on the Trust, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022
- Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership - (1) Councillor Tony Downing to replace Councillor Tony Damms on the Committee, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and (2) Councillor Richard Williams to replace Councillor Alan Hooper on the Committee, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - (1) Councillors Roger Davison and Joe Otten to be removed from the Trust, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and (2) Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards to be appointed to serve on the Trust, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

(h) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc:-

- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Mary Lea to fill a vacancy and Councillor Tom Hunt to fill a vacancy as a substitute member
- Finance Sub-Committee Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Maroof Raouf to fill a vacancy
- Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee - Councillor Mike Levery to fill a vacancy
- Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee - (1) Councillor Ruth Milsom to be removed as a member; (2) Councillor Safiya Saeed to fill a vacancy; (3) Councillor Garry Weatherall to be removed as a substitute member; and (4) Councillors Peter Garbutt, Maleiki Haybe and Bernard Little to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Abtisam Mohamed to be removed as a member



- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillors Marieanne Elliot, Abtisam Mohamed, Maroof Raouf, Safiya Saeed and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Housing Policy Committee - Councillors Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot and Christine Gilligan to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee - Councillors Mike Chaplin and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee - Councillors Mike Drabble, Peter Garbutt, Bernard Little and Martin Phipps to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Economic Development and Skills Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Minesh Parekh to fill a vacancy
- Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee - Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill a vacancy as a substitute member
- Waste and Street Scene Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Mark Jones to fill a vacancy
- Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee - Councillors Fran Belbin, Brian Holmshaw, Christine Gilligan, Mary Lea and Ruth Mersereau to fill vacancies as substitute members
- Communities, Parks and Leisure Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Peter Price to fill a vacancy
- Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill a vacancy as a substitute member
- Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions - (1) Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to replace Councillor Martin Smith; and (2) Councillors Dawn Dale, Mazher Iqbal and Zahira Naz to serve as substitute members for their Co-Chairs

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

- Joint Advisory Committee for the - Councillor Janet Ridler to fill a vacancy

South Yorkshire  
Archaeology Service

Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor David Barker to fill a vacancy as a substitute member

Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) - Mr Mike Waters to fill a vacancy

(j) it be noted that appointment of Members to the Local Panel for Together Housing (a stock transfer management board) and to Sheffield Compact, are no longer required to be made as those bodies no longer exist.