

Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 1 October 2014, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Peter Rippon)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore Mike Drabble Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Joe Otten Colin Ross Martin Smith	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Roy Munn Richard Shaw	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Pauline Andrews Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nasima Akther Nikki Bond Qurban Hussain
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Lynn Rooney Paul Wood
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Sheila Constance Alan Law Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Stuart Wattam Brian Webster	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Cliff Woodcraft	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Tim Rippon	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Robert Murphy Sarah Jane Smalley	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Steve Ayris Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Jack Clarkson Philip Wood
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Rob Frost Anne Murphy Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond Josie Paszek	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Olivia Blake Ben Curran Neale Gibson
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> John Booker Adam Hurst Alf Meade
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur

1. MINUTES SILENCE

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon) reported the recent deaths of former Councillors Colin Radcliffe and Dorothy Podlesny. Former Councillor Colin Radcliffe had served as a Councillor representing the former Gleadless Ward from 1970 to 1983. Former Councillor Dorothy Podlesny had served as a Councillor representing the former Southey Green Ward from 1973 to 1982.

Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillors Colin Radcliffe and Dorothy Podlesny. Later in the meeting, Members of the Council paid tribute to both of them.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Crowther, Tony Downing, Talib Hussain, Sioned-Mair Richards, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ray Satur and Diana Stimely.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the City Council.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2014 be approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Petitions

5.1.1 Petition Requesting the Council Not to Sign Contracts with G4S

The Council received a petition containing 702 signatures and requesting the Council not to sign any contracts with G4S.

On behalf of the petitioners, Hilary Smith addressed the Council. She referred to the petition which was submitted to Council in July 2014 and which had expressed concerns with regards to the record and conduct of G4S. These concerns included alleged breaches of international law and grave misconduct relating to imprisoned Palestinians and the provision of security in Israeli jails, human rights abuses, non-payment of tax, fraud relating to the tagging scheme, involvement with the Israeli prison service and the Work Programme.

Subsequent to the Council meeting, the Petitioners had been informed by the Cabinet Member that the Council did in fact have some contracts with G4S. She had appreciated that Councillor Curran had informed the Petitioners of the correct information and had met with them.

In bringing the Petition to the Council's attention once more, the Petitioners wished to restate the position that the Council should ensure that a company with the record of G4S should not conduct business on behalf of the Council. The Notice of Motion on the agenda for this Council meeting concerning ethical procurement and given by Councillor Curran was welcomed and was an indication that the Council took its responsibilities in this regard seriously.

The Petitioners wished to bring the following points to the Council's attention:

- It was requested that there would be a speedy and robust timescale in relation to the actions outlined in the Notice of Motion.
- The Council should give a commitment to universal human rights at a both a local and international level, which should be at the heart of its approach to procurement.
- The council should examine steps it would take with regard to companies that may be violating human rights.
- Once such concerns about companies were in the public domain, the Council should make sure it scrutinised them and it was the Council's duty to be pro-active in such circumstances.
- To welcome the reference in the Notice of Motion to UN guiding principles on human rights and request that this and the subject of breaches to human rights be included in the new policy and to pay attention to compliance in the drawing up of contracts.
- To welcome the opportunity to include petitioners in discussions and the consultative process relating to the drawing up of a policy and its implementation.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources. Councillor Curran clarified that, at the Council meeting of 2 July, he had said that the Council did not have any contracts with G4S and that was the information which he had been given at the time. However, he was misinformed and discovered the next day that the Council did have some contracts with G4S. These were: a cash collection service, for school meal and milk cash collection; key holding services and other security work, which mostly related to Sheffield International Venues.

Councillor Curran apologised that the incorrect information had been given at the meeting of Council in July. The correct information was subsequently provided to the Petitioners. The cash collection and keyholding services would be retendered in the new year as part of an open procurement process.

Councillor Curran thanked the Petitioners for comments relating to the Notice of Motion and stated that the Motion had been influenced by the questions and petition which had been submitted. The Chief Executive was requested to produce a report on the matter.

He stated that he would not wish for the Council to contract with a company which had a grave human rights record. The issue would be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, which was a meeting held in public, prior to a decision being made.

5.1.2 Petition Requesting that Sheffield Becomes a Scooter-Friendly City

The Council received a petition containing 265 signatures requesting that Sheffield becomes a scooter-friendly City.

On behalf of the petitioners, Jonathan Marsden addressed the Council and he stated that people were not able to securely lock their scooters to a designated point. He pointed to the example of places in Europe, where scooters were parked on pavements and outside cafes.

The petition requested that secure parking, with ground anchors and designated scooter parking be provided, which was in full view and not hidden. People would like to park on pavements and chain scooters to lamp posts and in areas around the City Hall, Town Hall, the Moor and Fargate and use bus lanes and bus gates. Use of scooters was something which would assist in reducing congestion and because journeys were relatively short, would contribute to using less fuel. Matlock Bath was seen as an example of where bikers were attracted and Sheffield could become likewise, but in relation to scooterists. Scooters were considered to be a good way for young people to travel independently and may promote interest in engineering.

Mr Marsden referred to a parking fine which was imposed on someone who had parked on the pavement.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development. Councillor Bramall stated that parking was one of the most difficult issues for the Council and he had sympathy with people using scooters for the lack of spaces in which to park. The Council was investing in more parking places for scooters. However, he did not necessarily agree with the idea of chaining scooters to lamp posts as this may come into conflict with other users of pavements and especially people who are visually impaired, who would wish to see less clutter on pavements. In respect of the receipt of a parking fine, this was most likely to be because the vehicle was parked on a pavement adjacent to double yellow lines.

Councillor Bramall stated that he recognised that more accessible parking was something which contributed to a neighbourhood or environment becoming more vibrant and dynamic and said he would ask officers to look at whether more could be done.

5.1.3 Petition Requesting Extension of the M92 Bus Service to Serve Grenoside Crematorium

The Council received a petition containing 616 signatures requesting the extension of the M92 bus service to serve Grenoside Crematorium. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development. Councillor Bramall stated that this was also the topic of a Notice of Motion at this meeting of the Council. The matter would also be referred to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority, the meetings of which were open to the public and at which people could put their case.

5.1.4 Petition Requesting that Sheffield Half Marathon Ltd. be Prevented from Running Future Half Marathons in the City

The Council received an electronic petition containing 12 signatures requesting that Sheffield Half Marathon Ltd. be prevented from running future half marathons in the City. There was no speaker to the petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure. Councillor Bowler stated that the Sheffield Half Marathon company had been disbanded and a new organiser would run the event, which would take place on 12 April 2015.

5.2 Public Questions

5.2.1 Public Question Concerning South Yorkshire Pensions Authority

Joan Miller asked if was possible for the Council to require the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority to take certain actions with regard to the Pensions Fund such as to conduct a full carbon audit and review of the social responsibility policy to ensure it covers all matters pertaining to the environment, including global temperature.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, responded and stated that he understood that South Yorkshire Pensions Authority had also previously replied to the questioner. There was a move away by public sector and university pension funds from investment in fossil fuels, although this was for economic reasons.

Councillor Scott suggested that a meeting be arranged with Joan Miller, himself and Councillor Ben Curran, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, and the Members of the Council who were Members of the South Yorkshire Pension Authority to hold further discussions. He stated that the Pension Fund needed to be both economically and environmentally sustainable.

5.2.2 Public Questions Concerning Winter Gritting

Grace Windle asked why Blindsight Lane is not included in the re-instated list of roads included in winter gritting scheme. She stated that Blindsight Lane was one of the worst roads in Bradfield with a steep hill and a bend where water collects together with a short steep bridge which will be impossible to get up without gritting and very dangerous.

There were 27 people who needed access on Blindsight Lane, including children needing to get to the school bus route, pensioners and young ladies working at the Strines and Ladybower public houses to fund their further education.

All of the properties need access for fuel deliveries without which they will have no means of heat, hot water or cooking facilities. The gritting vehicle and driver will already be out passing both the top and bottom of Blindsight Lane, so she asked what the saving was in not gritting the road.

Sandra Butler stated that, whilst she lived on a road which had been re-instated, her concern was for access by emergency services to the outlying areas of the village, such as Blindsight Lane. She said that comparison with other areas of Sheffield is not applicable as the temperature could be five degrees (or more) colder, with more ice and snow than in nearby Hillsborough, for example.

Parishioners in Bradfield already suffer from lack of such facilities as street lights, pavements, a school and toilets were under threat. Cutting the gritting routes is yet another blow to the rural community. She asked what exactly were people paying their Council Tax for and where was the Council's duty of care for Council Tax payers?

Bob Helliwell stated that, by knowing the length of a road, the spreading rate of the gritter and the price of grit, the cost of treating individual roads can be calculated. At the public gritting consultation meeting in Bradfield earlier this year, the Council representatives were asked 'How much does grit cost?'. The reply was that the information is commercially sensitive. He asked why the information was commercially sensitive and, if it was not, how much did grit cost; or how much did it cost to grit 1 mile of road.

Bob Helliwell also stated that the non-collection of Council Tax in Sheffield was running at £38 million and asked if the target saving of £100K by the reduction of gritting been achieved.

Lynne Russell, on behalf of Monica Naylor, asked the following question:

"I am in the middle of my GCSE exams and this is an important year for me. I would not like to miss school because we can't get out of our Lane. My sister is at Hillsborough College and if she has more than 3 days absence it will jeopardize her finishing the course. The College will not take account of absence because of bad weather as most students have access to regular public transport or can walk, unlike students in Bradfield."

Susan Hunt stated that she was a tenant of the Council and had a farm. In the

winter of 2013, she lost over 90 in-lamb ewes and was unable to access land along Sugworth Road for over 5 days and she did not want this to happen again. She said that in 1986, there was a longer period of severe snow but all of the roads were ploughed and gritted every day. If people could not come down Blindsight Lane, there was not access to the farm.

S Shepherd asked why Blindsight Lane is not included in the list of roads which will be gritted and said was it not the responsibility of the Council to keep the road open.

In response to the questions, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Streetscene, Councillor Jack Scott, stated the reason that Blindsight Lane would not be gritted was that it did not meet the relevant criteria, which included the presence of public facilities, a school bus or public transport route, a busy road or steep road, or because it was part of the City's western access route.

However, five additional grit bins would be added at locations on Blindsight Lane. He recognised that people had legitimate concerns about this matter and stated that this was not something which the Council wanted to do. However, the funding which the Council received had reduced by £230 million and this was considered to be unfair as cuts in government funding disproportionately affected cities in the north.

The Council had a duty to take reasonable steps, taking into account the resources available. 59% of roads in the City were gritted before the changes and 53-54% would be gritted after the changes to the service. It was correct that temperatures were generally lower in the west and north west of the City. The Council did grit Bradfield up to eight times more than other areas in Sheffield.

In relation to costs, some routes were expensive to grit due to frequency and fuel use and cost per mile would be affected by factors including gradient, ice and temperature.

The Council Tax collection rate was 99% over the past 2 years. However, the Council was pursuing £38 million Council Tax which it was owed and this had not been written off. Council Tax represented some 13-15% of the Council's income. Therefore, the amount of Council Tax which the Council was owed did not have an impact upon the decision regarding winter gritting. The decision regarding winter gritting had been forced by a reduction in Government funding to the Council.

There was not a proposal to change ploughing routes. The changes related to precautionary gritting. He noted that, at temperatures below minus 7 degrees centigrade, gritting was not effective.

Roads which were not adopted did not get gritted and the Council was aware of the risks and potential dangers relating to the issue of winter maintenance. The difficult choices which the Council had to make and the changes and cuts being brought about were as a result of Government funding cuts, which were particularly affecting cities in the north of the country. Councillor Scott stated that

he hoped that people could work together to keep the City moving.

5.2.3 Public Question Concerning Smithy Wood

Nigel Slack stated that the decision concerning Smithy Wood ancient woodland in the North of the City was balanced between two competing decision systems. Planning, with the decision over permission to destroy the woodland in favour of a motorway services facility and Licensing, who have passed a decision on Village Green status for the woodland to a further inquiry.

He referred to a quote by the Chair of the Licensing Committee in the Star newspaper which indicated that it was in the 'interests of natural justice' to hold an inquiry. In reference to the quote, Mr Slack stated that if an inquiry is a matter of 'natural justice' and in 'everyone's interest', it must follow that to take the planning decision before the inquiry reports would be contrary to both natural justice and everyone's interest. He said that it may also save the Council some money in planning processes and asked if the Council would therefore undertake to ensure that the report into the Village Green decision is held before the planning application for the woodland is brought before the Planning Committee.

The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, Councillor Leigh Bramall, replied that in relation to Smithy Wood a decision on a planning application had to be made within a certain timescale. However, if a planning decision was made prior to the outcome of the Village Green application being resolved, the developers would not be able to begin development until and unless the Village Green application was decided.

5.2.4 Public Questions Concerning Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

Nigel Slack stated that many people believe that the TTIP is a direct assault on the ability of democratic bodies, nationally and locally, to direct their affairs to the benefit of their communities rather than to the benefit of Transnational corporations.

He said that, in many of its clauses, it will place in the hands of international lawyers the power to prevent legislation or to compensate corporations for legislation that "may" affect their profit. In Australia with Philip Morris and in Egypt with Veolia, these types of international trade agreements are being used to prevent health regulations and poverty relieving measures.

Mr Slack commented that in Sheffield the City Region Local Economic Partnership (LEP) hosted today a roadshow sponsored by British American Business, a trade association that is dominated by the world's biggest banks, accountancy practices and hedge funds. The very corporations that precipitated the economic meltdown of 2008. This roadshow's literature emphasises the positive aspects of the TTIP with no comment as to the inevitable downsides of the treaty.

He asked that, to redress the balance, in the interest of transparency and accountability, and to help inform the public about the TTIP, will the Council undertake a similar event, inviting the same guests, but inviting speakers with an alternative view on the treaty and suggested that perhaps the LEP would contribute to the funding of the event.

Councillor Julie Dore, the Leader of the Council, stated that she believed it was the Government's job to protect people from the actions of corporations which may affect their lives. She stated that we live in a globalised world and a global economy in which private companies played a considerable role such as with the Royal Mail and NHS. The role and position of the LEP was a delicate one. She said that she had public service values but had to be pragmatic and accept that businesses were needed to grow the economy. Wherever possible, she stated that she raised issues with the LEP, for example the Regional Growth Fund. The Council wanted this Fund and smaller grants to be available to small and medium size businesses and this was achieved. It was also important that companies in receipt of Region Growth Fund monies had a good record in matters such as their conditions of employment. With regards rail franchises, she stated that the past performance of companies would be taken into consideration.

With specific regard to the TTIP, Councillor Dore stated that she agreed with the strategy of gaining an exemption. The role of the LEP was primarily to grow business and the economy and to create jobs.

5.2.5 Public Question Concerning 38 Degrees Event

Nigel Slack stated that he had attended the 38 Degree Event and asked how much public money had been spent on the event by the City Region LEP to reach just 12 local businesses.

Councillor Julie Dore responded to the question and stated that, whilst the LEP had advertised the 38 Degrees event, it was not an event hosted by the LEP, as it was organised by the lawyers, Nabarro. It was her understanding that the LEP did not contribute to funding the 38 Degrees event. However, she would make enquires to make certain. She confirmed that the Council would not be holding a similar event.

5.2.6 Public Question Concerning G4S

John Salway asked whether the Council was aware of the 2012 Corporate Watch report and the decision by the European Union not to renew European Parliament contracts with G4S. He made reference to the activities of G4S in equipping an Israeli prison.

Stuart Crosthwaite referred to G4S having been fined in relation to

fraud and asked what measures the Council was taking to tighten-up the procurement criteria relating to the conduct of companies which could bid for Council contracts.

Annie O’Gara asked what specific and immediate action would the Council take in advance of the retendering of those Council services for which G4S was the provider.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Ben Curran, stated that he was not aware of the European Union decision regarding G4S and he would make sure the Council’s Chief Executive was made aware of this, as he had done in relation to the endorsement of guiding principles by the United Nations Human Rights Council. He wished to ensure that the knowledge of those who had submitted the petition to the Council was included in the process. The term ‘fraud’ in the Council’s present criteria related to an action resulting in a Court conviction.

In terms of specific or immediate action, the Council was to re-tender contracts for certain services, as mentioned in response to the Petition on this subject, to the open market and this process would be concluded in the new year.

5.2.7 Public Questions Concerning Complaints and Other Matters

Martin Brighton asked the following five questions:

1. Last month, at Full Council, and followed up in a posting to elected members, a request was made for those who made complaints against this citizen, and also those who insulted this citizen on the internet, to voluntarily identify themselves. With due respect for the one person who did come forward, no-one else did. What possible objections can there be to now publishing, whilst naming and shaming, those who think they can hide behind anonymity when attacking others?
2. What is this council’s view of Council-supported groups or Council-supported individuals putting out material about others that the Council does not like, and using words that appear tyrannical? Here is one quote from an example:
“ . . . the heads of SCC and the Elected Members are right to remove such people from infecting TARAs further ”
3. This Council has repeatedly said, in policy and procedure documents, and in this chamber, that the Council’s approach to abuse is “ victim-centric ” and “ we will listen ” and “ we will assume that the victim is telling the truth ” , etc. Would the Council Leader be prepared to listen to some victims, as they have been ignored and dismissed?

4. If this Council condones a request for someone to resign on the grounds of a failure to prevent abuses whilst under their purview, how is this principle applied to this Council's elected members and Council officers?
5. If this Council initiates and then continues to impose sanction or prejudice upon individuals or a group, whilst the Council simultaneously admits there is no evidence to support sanction or prejudice, and no evidence that due process was followed :-
 - 5.1 is the position of the relevant Cabinet Member tenable,
 - 5.2 what is this Council's policy for dealing with such a situation,
 - 5.3 as the Council becomes a corporate abuser, how will the Council proceed?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, responded to the questions. She said that she understood that the Council's Chief Executive had asked all of the complainants whether they were prepared to allow him to give their names. The Chief Executive would inform Mr Brighton of the names, where he had agreement to give them. Councillor Dore confirmed that she would check this and she added that she believed that where somebody chose not to be named, they should have a right to anonymity.

In respect of the second question, Councillor Dore requested that Mr Brighton provides her with the context of the quote which formed part of his question. She accepted that members of the public made comments or quotes and that this was a matter of free speech. She said that she did not know who was meant by "such people". If an individual was a member of a body such as a committee, they may have a code of conduct and failure to abide by that code may amount to a breach of the code.

In response to the third question, Councillor Dore stated that, when someone approached a Council officer and made a complaint or accusation, in the first instance, it should be accepted that this was true (unless there is clear evidence that it was not true) until the truth could be established. A victim-centred approach should be taken and the Council should be prepared to listen to victims or to a complainant.

In answer to question 4, Councillor Dore said that she assumed that Mr Brighton's question was referring to the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Council took the stance which it did as the position of the Commissioner had become untenable and not for any other reason including a 'failure to prevent abuses' as this was a matter which would be established by an Inquiry. The same principle would be applied in similar circumstances if there was a serious

failure.

In response to question 5, Councillor Dore stated that if a sanction was imposed, she would assume there was a reason for the sanction, for which there was evidence. She said she did not know the detail to which Mr Brighton's question referred, such as the relevant Cabinet Member.

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

6.1 Urgent Business

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

6.2 Questions

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated and supplementary questions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4 were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

6.3 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 or Pensions under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

7. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that (a) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Boards, etc:-

Audit Committee - Councillor Josie Paszek to replace Councillor Helen Mirfin-Boukouris

Planning and Highways Committee - Remove Councillor Nasima Akther to create a vacancy

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee - Councillor Terry Fox to replace Councillor Jackie Satur

(b) representatives be appointed to serve on Other Bodies as follows:-

Mental Health Partnership Board - Councillor Mary Lea to replace Councillor Jayne Dunn

Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership (SASP) Board - Councillor Mary Lea to replace Councillor Jayne Dunn

(c) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 4th June 2014, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointments:-

Community Covenant Working Group - Councillors Julie Dore and Tony Damms and Mr Clive Skelton to fill vacancies

8. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Pat Midgley, seconded by Councillor Gill Furniss, that this Council adopts the changes to Parts 4, 5 and 7 of the Council's Constitution, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted and detailed in appendices A to H.

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

The Council received and noted the Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2013/14. The Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee (Councillor Joe Otten) gave an introduction to the work of the Committee and expressed thanks to the Chair of the Committee (Councillor Ray Satur) and to Members of the Audit Committee.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BRIAN WEBSTER

Air Quality

It was moved by Councillor Brian Webster, seconded by Councillor Jillian Creasy, that this Council:-

- (a) notes with concern reports by the Director of Public Health that poor air quality is estimated to cause 500 premature deaths in Sheffield each year (constituting approximately 10% of all deaths) by causing and exacerbating serious health conditions including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and cancer;
- (b) regrets that levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) in many parts of Sheffield continue to regularly exceed EU Limit Values instituted as part of the 2008 air pollution directive, and notes that the UK will be subject to financial penalties should these values continue to be exceeded from 2015;
- (c) thanks campaigners, community groups and residents for helping to

highlight the scale of air pollution problems in Sheffield through Community Air Quality Monitoring and the creation of the Sheffield Air Map;

- (d) agrees with Public Health England's assessment that local authorities have a responsibility to take a leading role in tackling poor air quality, particularly where it results primarily from motor vehicle emissions;
- (e) welcomes the steps that the Council has taken towards exploring options for reducing air pollution in Sheffield, including the adoption of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and the completion of the Low Emission Zone Feasibility Study;
- (f) recalls that the AQAP agreed in 2012 aimed to bring NOx levels down to EU Limit Values by 2015, and notes that it is now clear that this target will be missed;
- (g) understands that the scientific evidence suggests that any delays in implementation of the AQAP and Low Emission Zone will lead directly to preventable premature deaths in Sheffield;
- (h) therefore urges the Administration to proceed as quickly as possible with implementation of the AQAP and the creation of a Low Emission Zone;
- (i) regrets that a number of recent decisions have been taken that will be to the detriment of air quality in Sheffield;
- (j) will give air pollution and the associated health risks and premature deaths as much weighting as other factors in Council decision-making and strategic planning;
- (k) therefore recommends that officers include air quality impacts as a separate section in the 'Implications' section of all reports; and
- (l) encourages Members to attend the 'Air Quality and Health in Sheffield' conference on 17th October, 2014.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (g) to (k) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (j) as follows:-
 - (g) welcomes the comprehensive and decisive actions and leadership of the Administration to tackle poor air quality, including:
 - (i) adopting the Air Quality Action Plan;
 - (ii) actions funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to encourage more walking, cycling and use of public transport and improve air quality;

- (iii) running the award-winning Care 4 Air Project, which enables people to have a diffusion tube in their home, office or school to get a reading of local air quality and gives communities the tools and data they need to raise awareness of this issue;
 - (iv) delivering the Plugged-In-Places project to encourage the take up of electric vehicles, especially for local businesses, which will help 100 local businesses reduce vehicle costs by up to 50%, cutting carbon emissions and improving air quality;
 - (v) delivering the highly successful "inmotion" project, working with SME companies to improve fuel efficiency, business competitiveness and air quality;
 - (vi) completing the Sheffield Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Feasibility Study as a factual evidence based report, by working with stakeholders including local bus operators, the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association;
 - (vii) supporting the Council's delivery partners to use compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, to the extent that Veolia now have 10 CNG Waste Vehicles in their fleet, which is more than any other city;
 - (viii) working with partners across South Yorkshire to successfully secure £215k to refit over 40 buses and securing a further £166k for the refitting of Ambulances belonging to the Yorkshire Ambulance Trust; and
 - (ix) the Council's ambitious plans for the £500m Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Fund to radically transform local air quality and transport infrastructure and enable Sheffield to become a national leader in cleaner vehicles and improved air quality;
- (h) acknowledges that development decisions will have consequences for both air quality and economic development, therefore each decision must be made taking into consideration the wider economic, social and health policies of the Council;
- (i) notes comments made by the 'Healthy Air' campaign (whose members include the British Heart Foundation and Asthma UK) that described the Government's approach to air quality as "*designed to mask the true scale of England's air quality crisis rather than make any real attempt to solve it*";
- (j) therefore believes the Coalition Government has failed to take the issue of air quality seriously, with significant cuts to Air Quality Monitoring Stations and expresses dismay that after four years it still has no credible national plan to reduce the 29,000 annual premature UK deaths that arise as a

result of poor air quality;

2. the re-lettering of paragraph (l) as a new paragraph (k).

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

(Note: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for parts 1 (paragraphs (g) and (h)) and 2 and against paragraphs (i) and (j) of part 1 of the amendment and asked for this to be recorded.)

It was then moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of two new paragraphs, as follows:-
 - () believes that simply driving investment and jobs away from the city would not be effective or proportionate in attempting to improve air quality;
 - () will give due regard to air quality alongside needs for access to opportunities to work and leisure and a rich and varied life experience;

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

After a Right of Reply by Councillor Brian Webster, the original Motion, as amended, was put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes with concern reports by the Director of Public Health that poor air quality is estimated to cause 500 premature deaths in Sheffield each year (constituting approximately 10% of all deaths) by causing and exacerbating serious health conditions including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and cancer;
- (b) regrets that levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) in many parts of Sheffield continue to regularly exceed EU Limit Values instituted as part of the 2008 air pollution directive, and notes that the UK will be subject to financial penalties should these values continue to be exceeded from 2015;
- (c) thanks campaigners, community groups and residents for helping to highlight the scale of air pollution problems in Sheffield through Community Air Quality Monitoring and the creation of the Sheffield Air Map;

- (d) agrees with Public Health England's assessment that local authorities have a responsibility to take a leading role in tackling poor air quality, particularly where it results primarily from motor vehicle emissions;
- (e) welcomes the steps that the Council has taken towards exploring options for reducing air pollution in Sheffield, including the adoption of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and the completion of the Low Emission Zone Feasibility Study;
- (f) recalls that the AQAP agreed in 2012 aimed to bring NOx levels down to EU Limit Values by 2015, and notes that it is now clear that this target will be missed;
- (g) welcomes the comprehensive and decisive actions and leadership of the Administration to tackle poor air quality, including:
 - (i) adopting the Air Quality Action Plan;
 - (ii) actions funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to encourage more walking, cycling and use of public transport and improve air quality;
 - (iii) running the award-winning Care 4 Air Project, which enables people to have a diffusion tube in their home, office or school to get a reading of local air quality and gives communities the tools and data they need to raise awareness of this issue;
 - (iv) delivering the Plugged-In-Places project to encourage the take up of electric vehicles, especially for local businesses, which will help 100 local businesses reduce vehicle costs by up to 50%, cutting carbon emissions and improving air quality;
 - (v) delivering the highly successful "inmotion" project, working with SME companies to improve fuel efficiency, business competitiveness and air quality;
 - (vi) completing the Sheffield Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Feasibility Study as a factual evidence based report, by working with stakeholders including local bus operators, the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association;
 - (vii) supporting the Council's delivery partners to use compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, to the extent that Veolia now have 10 CNG Waste Vehicles in their fleet, which is more than any other city;
 - (viii) working with partners across South Yorkshire to successfully secure £215k to refit over 40 buses and securing a further £166k for the refitting of Ambulances belonging to the Yorkshire Ambulance Trust;

- and
- (ix) the Council's ambitious plans for the £500m Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Fund to radically transform local air quality and transport infrastructure and enable Sheffield to become a national leader in cleaner vehicles and improved air quality;
 - (h) acknowledges that development decisions will have consequences for both air quality and economic development, therefore each decision must be made taking into consideration the wider economic, social and health policies of the Council;
 - (i) believes that simply driving investment and jobs away from the city would not be effective or proportionate in attempting to improve air quality;
 - (j) will give due regard to air quality alongside needs for access to opportunities to work and leisure and a rich and varied life experience;
 - (k) notes comments made by the 'Healthy Air' campaign (whose members include the British Heart Foundation and Asthma UK) that described the Government's approach to air quality as "*designed to mask the true scale of England's air quality crisis rather than make any real attempt to solve it*";
 - (l) therefore believes the Coalition Government has failed to take the issue of air quality seriously, with significant cuts to Air Quality Monitoring Stations and expresses dismay that after four years it still has no credible national plan to reduce the 29,000 annual premature UK deaths that arise as a result of poor air quality; and
 - (m) encourages Members to attend the 'Air Quality and Health in Sheffield' conference on 17th October, 2014.

(Notes: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (j) and (m) and voted against paragraphs (k) and (l) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (h) to (m) and abstained on paragraph (g) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

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

11. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN

Procurement and Corporate Tax Compliance

It was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Steve Jones, that this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges the many letters and emails received from members of the public regarding tax evasion;
- (b) acknowledges the petition and questions asked at Full Council on 2nd July, 2014 about excluding, from contracts, companies that have committed 'grave misconduct';
- (c) believes that local government can be a leader in promoting ethical procurement practices, which has been demonstrated by the Administration's work on using the procurement process to expand take-up of the Living Wage in the city;
- (d) notes the 'Procurement policy note 03/14: promoting tax compliance';
- (e) notes that under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, a public body may reject a bid where the organisation has 'committed grave misconduct in the course of their business or profession';
- (f) notes that the UN Human Rights Council endorsed Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for implementing the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework on 16 June 2011, which provides a global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity;
- (g) notes that the 'Fair Tax Mark' is a useful way for organisations to provide an indication that they are accountable to stakeholders as well as shareholders when it comes to tax;
- (h) directs the Chief Executive to assess the 'Procurement policy note 03/14: promoting tax compliance', the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, the 'Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for implementing the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework', the Social Value Act, and other relevant legislation;
- (i) directs the Chief Executive to produce a report as the basis for a draft policy for use as part of the procurement procedures of this Council which seeks to:
 - (i) limit the opportunity in the Council's procurement process for companies who avoid paying tax;
 - (ii) consider the ways in which the 'Fair Tax Mark' may be included in the procurement process to encourage more ethical behaviour; and

- (iii) limit the opportunity in the Council's procurement process for companies who commit grave misconduct;
- (j) requires that those who represent this Council when making decisions regarding investments that fund the pensions payable to past and present employees of this Authority, where possible, use their influence to introduce selection criteria that includes consideration of tax avoidance when assessing the suitability of companies in the shares of which such funds might be invested; and
- (k) directs that the Chief Executive present the report to the cross-party Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for consideration.

(Note: With the agreement of Council and at the request of Councillor Ben Curran, paragraph (j) of the Motion as printed on the Council Summons was altered by the deletion of the words "take tax abuse into consideration" and their replacement by the words: "where possible, use their influence to introduce selection criteria that includes consideration of tax avoidance".)

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion in paragraph (i) of sub-clauses (i) and (ii), the re-lettering of sub-clause (iii) as a new sub-clause (ii), and the addition of a new sub-clause (i) as follows:-
 - (i) consider the ways in which a record of, or commitment to, fair payment of taxes may be included in the procurement process to encourage more ethical behaviour; and
2. the deletion of paragraph (j) and the addition of a new paragraph (j) as follows:-
 - (j) calls for members of the pension scheme to be consulted for their views on more ethical investing.
3. the relettering of paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (l) and the addition of a new paragraph (k) as follows:-
 - (k) notes that as a result of Liberal Democrats influence in Government:-
 - 33 tax loopholes have been closed;
 - 1,000 new tax investigators have been employed;
 - £9 billion has been clawed back through deals with Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the Channel Islands;
 - £500 million has been clawed back from the 5,600 wealthiest individuals;
 - 262 banks have signed up to the Code of Practice on Tax,

- stopping them from promoting tax avoidance;
- an extra £1.4 billion has been raised by using better data to detect fraud;
- 10 times more people have been prosecuted for tax evasion than in 2010; and
- tax avoidance schemes have been tightened and all incomes transferred from and to the UK now have to be registered with the tax authorities.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges the many letters and emails received from members of the public regarding tax evasion;
- (b) acknowledges the petition and questions asked at Full Council on 2nd July, 2014 about excluding, from contracts, companies that have committed 'grave misconduct';
- (c) believes that local government can be a leader in promoting ethical procurement practices, which has been demonstrated by the Administration's work on using the procurement process to expand take-up of the Living Wage in the city;
- (d) notes the 'Procurement policy note 03/14: promoting tax compliance';
- (e) notes that under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, a public body may reject a bid where the organisation has 'committed grave misconduct in the course of their business or profession';
- (f) notes that the UN Human Rights Council endorsed Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for implementing the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework on 16 June 2011, which provides a global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity;
- (g) notes that the 'Fair Tax Mark' is a useful way for organisations to provide an indication that they are accountable to stakeholders as well as shareholders when it comes to tax;
- (h) directs the Chief Executive to assess the 'Procurement policy note 03/14: promoting tax compliance', the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, the 'Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for implementing the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework', the Social Value Act, and other relevant legislation;
- (i) directs the Chief Executive to produce a report as the basis for a draft

policy for use as part of the procurement procedures of this Council which seeks to:

- (i) limit the opportunity in the Council's procurement process for companies who avoid paying tax;
 - (ii) consider the ways in which the 'Fair Tax Mark' may be included in the procurement process to encourage more ethical behaviour; and
 - (iii) limit the opportunity in the Council's procurement process for companies who commit grave misconduct;
- (j) requires that those who represent this Council when making decisions regarding investments that fund the pensions payable to past and present employees of this Authority, where possible, use their influence to introduce selection criteria that includes consideration of tax avoidance when assessing the suitability of companies in the shares of which such funds might be invested; and
- (k) directs that the Chief Executive present the report to the cross-party Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for consideration.

The votes on the Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:

For paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k) (73) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Simon Clement-Jones, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Rob Frost, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Tony Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale

Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.

- Against paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k) (0) - Nil.
- Abstained on paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).
- For paragraph (c) (70) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Simon Clement-Jones, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Rob Frost, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraph (c) (0) - Nil.
- Abstained on paragraph (c) (4) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon) and Councillors Pauline Andrews, Jack Clarkson and John Booker.
- For paragraph (j) (56) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain,

Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.

Against paragraph (j) (17) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley.

Abstained on paragraph (j) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon).

12. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARY LEA

Older People

It was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, seconded by Councillor Peter Price, that this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges that today, 1st October, has been designated by the United Nations as 'Older Peoples Day' and, in recognition of this, supports the National Pensioners Convention claim that older people are an asset not a burden to society;
- (b) welcomes that the main aim for the day is to be a celebration of the achievements and contributions that older people make to our society and the economy, and that Older People's Day supports the campaign to challenge negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes;
- (c) shares the ambition of the present Administration to make Sheffield the best place in the UK to live, grow up and grow older and wants Sheffield to be the leading age friendly city in the UK; and
- (d) supports the framework 'A City for All Ages: Making Sheffield a Great Place

to Grow Older' and will continue to work towards its implementation.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Roger Davison, seconded by Councillor Martin Smith, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the relettering of paragraphs (b) to (d) as new paragraphs (c) to (e), and the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows:-

- (b) recognises the important role pensioners play in the voluntary groups around the city, without which many organisations would be unable, or would find it difficult, to function.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) acknowledges that today, 1st October, has been designated by the United Nations as 'Older Peoples Day' and, in recognition of this, supports the National Pensioners Convention claim that older people are an asset not a burden to society;
- (b) recognises the important role pensioners play in the voluntary groups around the city, without which many organisations would be unable, or would find it difficult, to function.
- (c) welcomes that the main aim for the day is to be a celebration of the achievements and contributions that older people make to our society and the economy, and that Older People's Day supports the campaign to challenge negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes;
- (d) shares the ambition of the present Administration to make Sheffield the best place in the UK to live, grow up and grow older and wants Sheffield to be the leading age friendly city in the UK; and
- (e) supports the framework 'A City for All Ages: Making Sheffield a Great Place to Grow Older' and will continue to work towards its implementation.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COLIN ROSS

Manufacturing Industry

It was moved by Councillor Colin Ross, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, that this Council:-

- (a) wishes to place on record its thanks to the outgoing Master Cutler and wholeheartedly welcomes his recent comments in The Sheffield Star

(Thursday, 11th September) which point to a more balanced economic recovery taking place;

- (b) is heartened by his optimistic assessment on the future of manufacturing and in particular welcomes the series of gains he outlines, which include:
 - (i) a long term plan to grow the manufacturing industry in the UK;
 - (ii) tax relief on energy and innovation;
 - (iii) the huge expansion of apprenticeships posts;
 - (iv) support for the Advanced Manufacturing Centre, which has created a magnet for new businesses and helped to create thousands of new jobs; and
 - (v) progress towards a more balanced economy; and
- (c) notes this record is in sharp contrast with the record of the previous Government, who oversaw a more rapid decline in the manufacturing industry than the Government of Margaret Thatcher, and welcomes the fact that we have a Government that finally 'gets it'.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion in paragraph (a) of all the words after the words "11th September)" and their substitution by the words "paying tribute to manufacturing in the city";
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows:-
 - (b) welcomes the following actions contributing to the development of manufacturing in the city and the city region:
 - (i) the development of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre;
 - (ii) the plans developed by Richard Caborn for a new Advanced Wellbeing Centre in collaboration with Sheffield's Universities;
 - (iii) the approval of the Jessop East planning application; and
 - (iv) the development of the Factory of the Future; and
 - (c) pays tribute to the Master Cutler for the contribution he has made to Sheffield manufacturing in recent decades including his work with the University and with one of the city's most successful companies,

Forgemasters.

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

It was then moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, seconded by Councillor Richard Shaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:-

- (d) notes the opinion of a former Labour Trade Minister that this country now has "the most successful economy in the developed world"; and
- (e) notes the extraordinary speech by the Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband, MP in which he described his vision for the economy without saying anything about tackling the deficit that was created by the last Labour Government.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived.

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 place on record its thanks to the outgoing Master Cutler and wholeheartedly welcomes his recent comments in The Sheffield Star (Thursday, 11th September) paying tribute to manufacturing in the city;
- (b) welcomes the following actions contributing to the development of manufacturing in the city and the city region:
 - (i) the development of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre;
 - (ii) the plans developed by Richard Caborn for a new Advanced Wellbeing Centre in collaboration with Sheffield's Universities;
 - (iii) the approval of the Jessop East planning application; and
 - (iv) the development of the Factory of the Future; and
- (c) pays tribute to the Master Cutler for the contribution he has made to Sheffield manufacturing in recent decades including his work with the University and with one of the city's most successful companies, Forgemasters.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEIGH BRAMALL

Job Creation

It was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Cate McDonald, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes recent news that jobs have been created in Sheffield and supports the work of the present Administration to support private sector development and bring jobs to Sheffield;
- (b) welcomes a series of announcements including:
 - (i) the expansion of XLN from London to Sheffield which will create 300 jobs in the city;
 - (ii) the development of Kilner Way retail park which will create approximately 600 jobs in the city;
 - (iii) the approval of the IKEA planning application which will create around 700 jobs in the city;
 - (iv) the progress of the Factory of the Future which has also been given planning permission and notes that this development will put Sheffield at the forefront of hi-tech, advanced manufacturing and research and welcomes the collaborative work with the University of Sheffield to ensure the development of this project; and
 - (v) the start of work to construct Sheffield's first Grade A office development since the recession, to further develop the city's attraction to the financial and business sector to broaden the city's economy and create jobs;
- (c) further notes this Administration's work to grow the city's small and medium enterprise (SME) business base and create jobs through a series of projects funded through the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, including:
 - (i) the award winning RISE graduate internship project;
 - (ii) a project to help SMEs begin exporting or export more; and
 - (iii) a project to help SMEs with high growth potential to become bigger, better businesses employing more people;
- (d) further welcomes Chinese investors recently confirming they see Sheffield as a great place to invest on the announcement of new plans for a £60m Chinese-backed development on the edge of the city centre;
- (e) confirms that the Council has been actively engaged in facilitating many of these initiatives for a considerable period of time, and as such they represent positive developments secured in the face of the longest recession since the second world war, demonstrating this Administration's commitment to developing jobs and prosperity; and

- (f) confirms that the Council will continue to work proactively with the private and public sector to deliver more jobs and therefore calls on the main opposition group on the Council to stop talking the city down with its claims the Administration is anti-business.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion in paragraph (e) of all the words after the words "world war" and their substitution by the words "from quarter 2 of 2008 to quarter 3 of 2009"; and
2. the deletion of paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) hopes that this Council will work proactively with the private and public sector to deliver more jobs and therefore calls on the Administration of the Council to stop undermining this goal with the use of what this Council believes to be "Old Labour" posturing and rhetoric.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes recent news that jobs have been created in Sheffield and supports the work of the present Administration to support private sector development and bring jobs to Sheffield;
- (b) welcomes a series of announcements including:
 - (i) the expansion of XLN from London to Sheffield which will create 300 jobs in the city;
 - (ii) the development of Kilner Way retail park which will create approximately 600 jobs in the city;
 - (iii) the approval of the IKEA planning application which will create around 700 jobs in the city;
 - (iv) the progress of the Factory of the Future which has also been given planning permission and notes that this development will put Sheffield at the forefront of hi-tech, advanced manufacturing and research and welcomes the collaborative work with the University of Sheffield to ensure the development of this project; and
 - (v) the start of work to construct Sheffield's first Grade A office development since the recession, to further develop the city's

- attraction to the financial and business sector to broaden the city's economy and create jobs;
- (c) further notes this Administration's work to grow the city's small and medium enterprise (SME) business base and create jobs through a series of projects funded through the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, including:
 - (i) the award winning RISE graduate internship project;
 - (ii) a project to help SMEs begin exporting or export more; and
 - (iii) a project to help SMEs with high growth potential to become bigger, better businesses employing more people;
 - (d) further welcomes Chinese investors recently confirming they see Sheffield as a great place to invest on the announcement of new plans for a £60m Chinese-backed development on the edge of the city centre;
 - (e) confirms that the Council has been actively engaged in facilitating many of these initiatives for a considerable period of time, and as such they represent positive developments secured in the face of the longest recession since the second world war, demonstrating this Administration's commitment to developing jobs and prosperity; and
 - (f) confirms that the Council will continue to work proactively with the private and public sector to deliver more jobs and therefore calls on the main opposition group on the Council to stop talking the city down with its claims the Administration is anti-business.

The votes on the Motion were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:

- For paragraphs (a) (c) and (e) (56) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick

Rooney and Jackie Satur.

- Against paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) (17) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley.
- Abstained on paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon)
- For paragraph (b) (70) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Simon Clement-Jones, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Rob Frost, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraph (b) (0) - Nil.
- Abstained on paragraph (b) (5) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon) and Councillors Brian Webster, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley.
- For paragraph (d) (73) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Simon Clement-Jones, Roy Munn, Richard Shaw, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen

McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Brian Webster, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Rob Frost, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.

- Against paragraph (d) (0) - Nil.
- Abstained on paragraph (d) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon)
- For paragraph (f) (53) - Councillors Julie Dore, Mike Drabble, Jack Scott, Roy Munn, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Ian Saunders, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jayne Dunn, Stuart Wattam, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain, Anne Murphy, Geoff Smith, Harry Harpham, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Pauline Andrews, Steve Wilson, Joyce Wright, Sheila Constance, Alan Law, Chris Weldon, Steve Jones, Cate McDonald, Tim Rippon, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Jenny Armstrong, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, David Barker, Isobel Bowler, Nasima Akther, Nikki Bond, Qurban Hussain, John Campbell, Lynn Rooney, Paul Wood, Peter Price, Leigh Bramall, Gill Furniss, Jack Clarkson, Philip Wood, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, John Booker, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney and Jackie Satur.
- Against paragraph (f) (17) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross,

Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley.

Abstained on paragraph (f) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Peter Rippon)
(5) and Councillors Brian Webster, Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy and Sarah Jane Smalley.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR NEALE GIBSON

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education

It was moved by Councillor Neale Gibson, seconded by Councillor Jackie Drayton, that this Council:-

- (a) calls upon all Sheffield MP's to support the call to the Secretary of State for Education to make teaching of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education a mandatory part of the National Curriculum for all Schools in England and Wales;
- (b) believes that PSHE education makes a major contribution to schools' statutory responsibilities to provide a curriculum that is broadly based, balanced and meets the needs of all pupils; under Section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and the Academies Act 2010 such a curriculum must:
 - (i) promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society; and
 - (ii) prepare pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life;
- (c) notes that the statutory duties of Maintained schools also includes:
 - (i) promoting children and young people's wellbeing (Wellbeing is defined in the Children Act 2004 as the promotion of physical and mental health; emotional wellbeing; social and economic wellbeing; education, training and recreation; recognition of the contribution made by children to society; and protection from harm and neglect.); and
 - (ii) promoting community cohesion (Education and Inspections Act 2006; Education Act 2002);
- (d) believes that PSHE education cannot and should not exist in isolation; it must be part of a whole school approach, and that the relationship between PSHE education provision and school ethos is hugely important;

- (e) notes that PSHE education can be defined as a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future;
- (f) believes that as part of a whole school approach, PSHE education develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society; and
- (g) calls upon the Secretary of State for Education to make the teaching of PSHE a mandatory part of the National Curriculum.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Nikki Bond, seconded by Councillor Julie Dore, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of the words “and welcomes that this position has been adopted by the Labour Party” at the end of paragraph (g).

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) calls upon all Sheffield MP’s to support the call to the Secretary of State for Education to make teaching of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education a mandatory part of the National Curriculum for all Schools in England and Wales;
- (b) believes that PSHE education makes a major contribution to schools’ statutory responsibilities to provide a curriculum that is broadly based, balanced and meets the needs of all pupils; under Section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and the Academies Act 2010 such a curriculum must:
 - (i) promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society; and
 - (ii) prepare pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life;
- (c) notes that the statutory duties of Maintained schools also includes:
 - (i) promoting children and young people’s wellbeing (Wellbeing is defined in the Children Act 2004 as the promotion of physical and mental health; emotional wellbeing; social and economic wellbeing; education, training and recreation; recognition of the contribution made by children to society; and protection from harm and neglect.); and
 - (ii) promoting community cohesion (Education and Inspections Act

2006; Education Act 2002);

- (d) believes that PSHE education cannot and should not exist in isolation; it must be part of a whole school approach, and that the relationship between PSHE education provision and school ethos is hugely important;
- (e) notes that PSHE education can be defined as a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future;
- (f) believes that as part of a whole school approach, PSHE education develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society; and
- (g) calls upon the Secretary of State for Education to make the teaching of PSHE a mandatory part of the National Curriculum and welcomes that this position has been adopted by the Labour Party.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR

Free School Meals for Infant Pupils

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Rob Frost, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises that the provision of a nutritious meal at midday is an important step in increasing the educational attainment of pupils;
- (b) therefore warmly welcomes the provision of Free School Meals for all infant pupils, introduced by the Government on the initiative of the Deputy Prime Minister and Sheffield MP Nick Clegg;
- (c) is delighted that the provision of Free School Meals has successfully rolled out in Sheffield, with all Sheffield schools offering a meal and 92.5% of schools being able to prepare a meal on site thanks to the £1.5m investment spent on upgraded facilities;
- (d) places on record its thanks to all the staff involved whose hard work made the successful roll out of Free School Meals possible;
- (e) is delighted that this initiative has led to the creation of 130 new jobs and saves local families, on average, £400 a year per child; and
- (f) supports the Liberal Democrat policy of extending free school meals to all primary school pupils.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Jackie Drayton, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion in paragraph (b) of all the words after the word “pupils” and their substitution by the words “however regrets that this was another unfunded promise by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Council have had to pick up the bill yet again for what this Council believes to be the Deputy Prime Minister’s incompetence and notes the following comments from the LGA “research makes it clear central government has not provided schools with enough money to do the essential work necessary to give 1.5 million children a free meal at lunchtime. It is councils and schools who are picking up the bill for this work, at a time when budgets are already squeezed and tough decisions are being taken.”
2. the insertion of a new paragraph (c) as follows and the relettering of original paragraphs (c) to (f) as new paragraphs (d) to (g):-
 - (c) further notes the following comments from Kevin Courtney, Deputy General Secretary of the [National Union of Teachers](#) “It is wrong that local councillors find themselves in the invidious position of having to cut other essential services like school maintenance to meet the cost of the introduction of free school meals. It should have been clear that free school meals would need to be properly funded, particularly in the context of the swingeing cuts to essential services that local councils have had to implement for the last four years due to government austerity measures.”
3. the deletion in the new paragraph (d) of all the words after the words “rolled out in Sheffield” and their substitution by the words “thanks to the actions of the present Administration plugging the £400,000 shortfall in funding to upgrade kitchens in addition to substantial revenue shortfalls”
4. the deletion of new paragraph (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (i) as follows:-
 - (g) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to freeze the price of Sheffield school meals in recent years;
 - (h) further welcomes that the Council’s main school meals contractor has now agreed to pay the living wage to staff on the City Council catering contract and welcomes that the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families has written to schools and other contractors not part of the Council scheme asking them to also pay the Living Wage; and
 - (i) despite welcoming these positive developments around free school meals, is shocked that the main opposition group boast about the Government’s free school meals at the same time as they have overseen a national avalanche of food banks, including in Sheffield and recalls reports earlier this year that Handsworth Grange School had to install food banks in the School because local families could

not afford to feed their children and believes this is a damning indictment of Conservative/ Liberal Democrat Government in 2014.

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that the provision of a nutritious meal at midday is an important step in increasing the educational attainment of pupils;
- (b) therefore warmly welcomes the provision of Free School Meals for all infant pupils however regrets that this was another unfunded promise by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Council have had to pick up the bill yet again for what this Council believes to be the Deputy Prime Minister's incompetence and notes the following comments from the LGA "research makes it clear central government has not provided schools with enough money to do the essential work necessary to give 1.5 million children a free meal at lunchtime. It is councils and schools who are picking up the bill for this work, at a time when budgets are already squeezed and tough decisions are being taken."
- (c) further notes the following comments from Kevin Courtney, Deputy General Secretary of the [National Union of Teachers](#) "It is wrong that local councillors find themselves in the invidious position of having to cut other essential services like school maintenance to meet the cost of the introduction of free school meals. It should have been clear that free school meals would need to be properly funded, particularly in the context of the swingeing cuts to essential services that local councils have had to implement for the last four years due to government austerity measures."
- (d) is delighted that the provision of Free School Meals has successfully rolled out in Sheffield thanks to the actions of the present Administration plugging the £400,000 shortfall in funding to upgrade kitchens in addition to substantial revenue shortfalls.
- (e) places on record its thanks to all the staff involved whose hard work made the successful roll out of Free School Meals possible;
- (g) welcomes the actions of the present Administration to freeze the price of Sheffield school meals in recent years;
- (h) further welcomes that the Council's main school meals contractor has now agreed to pay the living wage to staff on the City Council catering contract and welcomes that the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families has written to schools and other contractors not part of the Council scheme asking them to also pay the Living Wage; and

- (i) despite welcoming these positive developments around free school meals, is shocked that the main opposition group boast about the Government's free school meals at the same time as they have overseen a national avalanche of food banks, including in Sheffield and recalls reports earlier this year that Handsworth Grange School had to install food banks in the School because local families could not afford to feed their children and believes this is a damning indictment of Conservative/ Liberal Democrat Government in 2014.

(Note: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) and (e) and against all of the remaining paragraphs of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for paragraphs (a) and (c) to (h) and abstained on paragraphs (b) and (i) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

17. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAULINE ANDREWS

Public Transport and Pedestrian Access to Grenoside Crematorium

It was moved by Councillor Pauline Andrews, seconded by Councillor John Booker, that this Council:-

- (a) supports the petition to extend the M92 bus service to run to Grenoside Crematorium, and believes that this extended route would benefit community transport and passengers alike as it would be used far more;
- (b) recognises that not everyone has their own transport, and therefore many people have to spend quite a considerable amount of money on taxis or ask people for lifts and on occasions may indeed have to physically resort to walking the long distance to the Crematorium from both Halifax Road (Salt Box Lane) and Skew Hill Lane;
- (c) notes that currently the only bus service that caters for the area of the Crematorium is the M92 which stops at Main Street, Grenoside;
- (d) is concerned that both the elderly and people with mobility issues are having to walk from Main Street up to the Crematorium, a distance of approximately 1 mile, up a very steep gradient, and that the highway is dangerous after the location of the Cow and Calf Public House, as there are no footpaths on either side of the roadway, there is no street lighting, and there is a feeling of isolation as it opens up to fields and countryside, all of which is of great concern to public safety;

- (e) recognises the danger to pedestrians of having to walk along the narrow roadway, and at times having to face fast moving traffic which is compounded during winter and dark nights;
- (f) supports people in their grief to be independent and not have to rely on other people for lifts; not only do people visit the Crematorium for funerals but also like to take flowers to show their respect for loved ones lost;
- (g) is disappointed that South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive have not heeded public calls to provide a safe extended bus service to Grenoside Crematorium that the people of Sheffield would more than appreciate; and
- (h) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion of a new paragraph (g) as follows and the relettering of original paragraphs (g) and (h) as new paragraphs (h) and (i):-

- (g) regrets that the Government's unfair cuts are impacting on subsidies for bus services and this is another example of the damaging impact of the unfair settlement to Sheffield City Council and SYPTE which this Council opposes;

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) supports the petition to extend the M92 bus service to run to Grenoside Crematorium, and believes that this extended route would benefit community transport and passengers alike as it would be used far more;
- (b) recognises that not everyone has their own transport, and therefore many people have to spend quite a considerable amount of money on taxis or ask people for lifts and on occasions may indeed have to physically resort to walking the long distance to the Crematorium from both Halifax Road (Salt Box Lane) and Skew Hill Lane;
- (c) notes that currently the only bus service that caters for the area of the Crematorium is the M92 which stops at Main Street, Grenoside;
- (d) is concerned that both the elderly and people with mobility issues are having to walk from Main Street up to the Crematorium, a distance of approximately 1 mile, up a very steep gradient, and that the highway is dangerous after the location of the Cow and Calf Public House, as there

are no footpaths on either side of the roadway, there is no street lighting, and there is a feeling of isolation as it opens up to fields and countryside, all of which is of great concern to public safety;

- (e) recognises the danger to pedestrians of having to walk along the narrow roadway, and at times having to face fast moving traffic which is compounded during winter and dark nights;
- (f) supports people in their grief to be independent and not have to rely on other people for lifts; not only do people visit the Crematorium for funerals but also like to take flowers to show their respect for loved ones lost;
- (g) regrets that the Government's unfair cuts are impacting on subsidies for bus services and this is another example of the damaging impact of the unfair settlement to Sheffield City Council and SYPTE which this Council opposes;
- (h) is disappointed that South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive have not heeded public calls to provide a safe extended bus service to Grenoside Crematorium that the people of Sheffield would more than appreciate; and
- (i) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

(Note: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (h) to (i) and against paragraph (g) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.)

18. NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOE OTTEN

Devolution

It was moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Sue Alston, that this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the decision of the people of Scotland to remain part of the UK and believes that this is in the best interests of the UK as a whole and congratulates the Scottish people on the very large turnout;
- (b) notes the assurances made by the leaders of the three main UK parties to give further powers to the Scottish Parliament and further notes that these have led to renewed debate on devolution in other areas of the UK, including the English regions;
- (c) believes that powers should be exercised at the most appropriate level, and

that this demands devolution within the UK, co-operation within the European Union and that the United Kingdom should continue;

- (d) welcomes the IPPR (Institute for Public Policy Research) North report 'Decentralisation Decade', the Deputy Prime Minister's Northern Futures project, the City Deals and Growth Deals; and
- (e) believes that for devolution to work, elected politicians must take responsibility for their own decisions.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Leigh Bramall, seconded by Councillor Harry Harpham, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (d) and the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) welcomes the several recent reports into decentralisation, including the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) "Decentralisation Decade" report and welcomes the contribution of members of the project advisory group, Andrew Adonis, Graham Allen, Julie Dore, Roger Gough, Alexandra Jones, Vivien Lowndes, John Shipley and Tony Travers; the Communities and Local Government Select Committee (chaired by the MP for Sheffield South East) Report into fiscal devolution to cities and city regions; the work by the Core Cities to secure greater devolution; and the actions taken locally such as the creation of the Combined Authority.
2. the addition after the words "to work" in paragraph (e) of the words "decision making must be genuinely devolved, unlike the sham localism that has been overseen by the present Government and"

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

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) welcomes the decision of the people of Scotland to remain part of the UK and believes that this is in the best interests of the UK as a whole and congratulates the Scottish people on the very large turnout;
- (b) notes the assurances made by the leaders of the three main UK parties to give further powers to the Scottish Parliament and further notes that these have led to renewed debate on devolution in other areas of the UK, including the English regions;
- (c) believes that powers should be exercised at the most appropriate level, and that this demands devolution within the UK, co-operation within the European Union and that the United Kingdom should continue;

- (d) welcomes the several recent reports into decentralisation, including the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) “Decentralisation Decade” report and welcomes the contribution of members of the project advisory group, Andrew Adonis, Graham Allen, Julie Dore, Roger Gough, Alexandra Jones, Vivien Lowndes, John Shipley and Tony Travers; the Communities and Local Government Select Committee (chaired by the MP for Sheffield South East) Report into fiscal devolution to cities and city regions; the work by the Core Cities to secure greater devolution; and the actions taken locally such as the creation of the Combined Authority.
- (e) believes that for devolution to work, of the words “decision making must be genuinely devolved, unlike the sham localism that has been overseen by the present Government and elected politicians must take responsibility for their own decisions.

(Note 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Denise Reaney, David Baker, Katie Condliffe and Vickie Priestley voted for paragraphs (a) to (d) and against paragraph (e) of the Substantive Motion and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Jillian Creasy, Robert Murphy, Sarah Jane Smalley and Brian Webster voted for Paragraphs (b) to (e) and abstained on Paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion and asked for his to be recorded.)