

Agenda Item 6

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 12 June 2019, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Tony Downing)

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

1. 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) referred to the events which were to be held in the city over the next few days, in conjunction with the Normandy Veterans Sheffield & District, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. He read a poem in remembrance and Members of the Council observed a minutes' silence in memory of all those who served in the Normandy campaign.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Sue Auckland, Mike Chaplin, Roger Davison, Ruth Mersereau, Jack Scott, Jim Steinke and Cliff Woodcraft.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 In relation to the petition requesting the Council to oppose proposed cuts to fire services (Agenda Item 3(b) – Petition Requiring Debate) (see Minute number 4), (a) Councillor Sophie Wilson declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on the grounds of her being employed by the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, and she did not speak or vote on that item of business and (b) Councillors Steve Ayriss, Tony Damms, Peter Price, Sioned-Mair Richards and Colin Ross declared personal interests on the grounds of being the Council's appointed representatives on the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Petitions

- 4.1.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Rename a Road within the Wicker Area as Windrush Road in Recognition of Windrush Day on 22nd June

The Council received a petition containing 12 signatures, requesting the Council to rename a road within the Wicker area as Windrush Road, in recognition of Windrush Day on 22nd June.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Nadia Jama and Robert Cotterell. They stated that MPs and Trade Unionists had recognised Windrush Day on 22 June and that in 1948 people from the Caribbean and the Commonwealth had come to help rebuild Britain and that many aspects of British society today would be unrecognisable without the contribution of immigration and the integration in society over the generations. Everyone had a responsibility to uphold a positive vision of a multi ethnic and multi faith country, which was fair and welcoming. Many cities recognised the contribution made by diverse communities, including by renaming streets and buildings.

The Council was requested to find a suitable road in the Wicker area and to rename it 'Windrush Road'. There was a wish for this to be near to the SADACCA (Sheffield and District African and Caribbean Community Association) Building. This would be a tribute to the Windrush generation which worked in many sectors, including in particular the Steel Industry, the health service and transport. The Council was also asked to give recognition to the communities which had established businesses in the area of the Wicker over many decades by recognising that part of the City as Sheffield's international cultural quarter.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson thanked the petitioners and he said that the Council would like to rename a street in Wicker. However, this would be subject to consultation with residents and businesses. He said that a suitable street would need to be found near to the Wicker and SADACCA which might be actioned as soon as possible and he would be pleased to begin that process.

4.1.2 Petition Requesting Action to Address Speeding Traffic in the 30 mph Section of Yew Lane, Ecclesfield

The Council received a petition containing 320 signatures, requesting action to address speeding traffic in the 30 mph section of Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

Representations of behalf of the petitioners were made by John Drajling. Mr Drajling stated that there was no traffic calming or speed control devices at this section, whilst the estate roads were restricted to 20 mph and also had speed bumps. The A61 also had multiple speed controls. Whilst there was a Speed Indicator Device on Yew Lane, it had not been equipped for two years or more. There would be increased traffic on the road due to weight restrictions on Town End Road and Wheel Lane. The number of accidents was greater than those recorded and there had been several recent accidents not recorded on the accident database. Local residents had requested a one way system, and whilst this might alleviate some dangerous give way junctions, it was not felt that it would deal with the problem of speeding. Mr Drajling advocated the use of a Speed Indicator Device at the Yew Lane/Greaves Road junction at the point where speed restrictions changed from 40 to 30 mph together with an occasional safety camera partnership vehicle to be located there.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Bob Johnson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. Councillor Johnson stated that he would wish to arrange a site visit to include the Ward Councillor in order to ascertain what might be done including the possible relocation of Speed Indicator Devices.

4.1.3 Petition Concerning the Council to Prevent the Extension of the Licence for the Scaffolding Currently in Place at the Top of Chapel Walk, on Fargate

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 848 signatures, requesting the Council to prevent the extension of the licence for the scaffolding currently in place at the top of Chapel Walk on Fargate.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Carl Dunne. Mr Dunne explained that in September 2017, scaffolding was erected on Chapel Walk in relation to the conversion of space above the Paperchase shop into student accommodation and apartments. However, no works had been carried out at the site. This situation was affecting retailers on Chapel Walk, many of which were independent retailers. Trade was being seriously affected and was down by 35 percent. He said that no help had been given by the Council, in relation to business rates, for example. He said that the petition requested that the Council prevent the extension of the license for the scaffolding and, if it was to be extended, asked for Business Rates to be lowered accordingly. He said that the Council was contributing to the issue by granting the license for the scaffolding and yet the developer was not working to the itinerary it had submitted to the Council.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment. Councillor Iqbal thanked Mr Dunne for bringing the petition and he said that he had met with Mr Dunne on several occasions and shared his concerns and frustration in relation to this matter. He said it was unacceptable that the developer had not adhered to commitments made to the Council and businesses on Chapel Walk. The building was not a Council building and the Council had agreed a timetable in relation to the works in a similar way to other developments. He explained that the developer had run out of cash and the works had stalled. The Council had then requested a further timetable for the work and had informed the developer of the various concerns. The developer had given an assurance that the work would be completed by June. Whilst there might be a desire to remove the scaffolding, to do so would make the project unsafe and it would not be reasonable to put other businesses at risk.

He said that discussions had also been held with Sheffield Business Improvement District (BID) with regards improving the situation on Chapel Walk. Lights had been installed and there were regular patrols to deal with anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Iqbal said that he had also asked Sheffield BID to look at how work could be done with the businesses and to look at putting together a case for a compensation claim against the developer for their losses and because it was unacceptable that businesses had been put in such a difficult position.

He said that Business Rates were set nationally and not by the Council, which worked with businesses as regards the valuation office. He understood that Mr Dunne had received an unsatisfactory response and said he would be pleased to re-visit that and look at what might be done in that regard. The potential for hardship discretionary relief had been raised and Councillor Iqbal said that he would speak to Council officers about that. He said that the Council did not wish to be in this position and that the Council wanted the area to flourish and also bring this matter to a close. The Council was working with the developer to make sure agreed timescales were met. He said that further contact would be made with Mr Dunne in relation to this matter.

4.1.4 Petition Requesting the Council to Collect Food Waste, in a Separate Receptacle, as part of the City's Waste Collection

The Council received an electronic petition containing 13 signatures, requesting the Council to collect food waste, in a separate receptacle, as part of the City's waste collection.

There was no speaker to the petition and the Council referred the petition to Councillor Lewis Dagnall, Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change.

4.2 **Public Questions**

4.2.1 Public Questions Concerning Castlegate Conservation Area

Nigel Slack referred to responsibility for Heritage and Conservation Areas within the city, which prior to the latest changes to Cabinet, briefly became the responsibility of the Business and Investment Portfolio Cabinet Member. He said that during that period, the consultation into the Castlegate Conservation Area was halted at short notice and the intention to review all the City's 38 Conservation Areas was announced. This review it was suggested would ensure that Conservation Areas are "not acting as a brake on development". He asked the following questions:

1. With the Portfolio of Transport and Development now being reinstated under a new Cabinet Member, can Council confirm that the responsibility for Heritage and Conservation Areas has been similarly restored to this portfolio?
2. Can Council also confirm if this proposed review is still going ahead? If so what is the timescale for the review of all 38 areas and where will Castlegate's proposed Conservation Area fit into this?
3. What plans had been made about the way the review will be conducted and how it is proposed to involve local heritage groups, neighbourhood groups, national groups like Historic England and indeed the wider public?

He commented firstly in relation to the preservation of heritage assets and a wish to see them repurposed in a sustainable and appropriate way and secondly, on the approach taken by some developers within the city that see heritage as an obstacle rather than an opportunity and the previous approach of the portfolio.

4. Can Council also confirm that within its stated aim of ensuring that Conservation Areas are "not acting as a brake on development", this will not be used to dilute the protections afforded by the Planning Act 1990 but will make proposals for the preservation and enhancement of all existing and new Conservation Areas?

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment,

stated that he had met with Joined Up Heritage and spoke with them about Castlegate Conservation Area. He had then made it clear that he was unhappy with the work undertaken. The Council had committed £2M to kick start work at Castlegate. The City and the Council had not and would not say that there should be growth at any cost. It was important that conservation area status acted as a catalyst for development and not a barrier.

He said that as regards the review at Castlegate, because of work with the city centre masterplan and local plan, it made sense to have a refresh and not to approach the matter ad hoc and to look again at the various issues.

He reiterated that Sheffield and the Council was clear that it did not want growth at any cost. Conservation areas acted as an enabler and catalyst for development. He made reference to work done regarding the bringing forward of a developer for the Old Town Hall and with regards the old Post Office site and the Heart of the City 2 project which demonstrated a good track record as regards heritage and its assets. Because of the work on the local plan, the Council was looking at again Conservation Areas.

As regards consultation, a Castlegate Partnership had been established, which included Friends Groups and there was regular dialogue with those stakeholders. Once a draft plan was put forward, all of the various stakeholders would be consulted.

4.2.2 Public Questions Concerning the Fire Service

Mark Wild asked whether the impact of losing 84 firefighters had been subject to an impact assessment. It was thought that the loss would have a negative effect on response times which would delay the weight of attack to successfully deal with incidents in the early stages of development and critical stages of a rescue. He asked if the Council was happy to back response plans which would see firefighters and the public put at greater risk as a result of cutting front line firefighters.

Matt Nicholls referred to the level of Fire and Rescue Authority budget reserves of £24M and asked whether the level of reserves was seen as a barrier to obtaining more funding and might the reserves be used differently to ensure the public did not lose 84 front line fire fighters, and if so, what funding options were available to the Fire Authority.

Graham Wilkinson stated that new fire stations had been built in Birley Moor, Maltby and Parkway and there were plans to build a station in Barnsley, using reserves. He asked why the cost of the station was £4M, to be funded from reserves, when a station had been built in Humberside, at Brough, for £2M, including purchase of the land. He said that South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue had a history of poor builds and overspends on buildings and appliances. He asked what the Council could do to ensure how the funding, build and design of fire stations provided better value to the taxpayer.

Patrick Renshaw asked how many times the Fire Authority had lobbied the

government since the pensions deficit became apparent and what response had been given, if any.

(Note: A response to the questions concerning the Fire and Rescue Service was made by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety as part of the response to the debated petition on the subject of the Fire and Rescue Service).

4.2.3 Public Question Concerning Court Fees

Benoit Compin referred to having being incriminated as part of the campaign relating to street trees and to the recovery of related court fees and asked whether the Council would consider waiving those fees and if this might be discussed further with him.

Councillor Olivia Blake, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, responded that a similar question had been asked at the meeting of Cabinet in May. She said that the Council would not be able to stop seeking the recovery of court fees from Mr Compin.

4.3 Petition Debate

4.3.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Oppose Plans for the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to Cut the Number of Firefighters Crewing a Fire Appliance from Five to Four

4.3.2 The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 10,429 signatures, requesting the Council to oppose plans for the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to cut the number of firefighters crewing a fire appliance from five to four.

4.3.3 The Council's Petitions Scheme required any petition containing over 5,000 signatures to be the subject of debate at the Council meeting. The wording of the qualifying petition was as follows:-

We the undersigned petition the Council to oppose the proposed plans for South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to cut the number of firefighters crewing a fire appliance from 5 to 4. We call on Sheffield City Council and its representatives on SYFRA to: 1. Reject the proposed plan to cut fire engine crews. 2. Reject the plans to remove a night time engine from Sheffield and Doncaster fire stations. 3. Support the FBU's campaign for fairer funding for South Yorkshire fire service.

4.3.4 Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Neil Carbutt. He stated that the number of signatures collected in a short length of time made clear the strength of public feeling on this issue. He said that it was clear the government was responsible for the financial cuts. The proposals to remove up to 84 firefighter posts would mean a loss of one firefighter on each fire engine across the four shifts. He said that the proposals were devastating. There was also a draft proposal to consider the removal of night time cover

from the second night time fire engine at Sheffield and Doncaster. There were currently 594 firefighters in South Yorkshire. There was a £3.8M of potential funding shortfall. South Yorkshire had a lack of funding because of the relative density and a lack of coastline and was disproportionately affected in terms of funding.

He explained that whilst there was a funding shortfall, there were also risks to consider. The Fire Authority had general and earmarked reserves of nearly £25M and an operating budget of approximately £50M. The level of reserves was considered to be a barrier to fairer funding for South Yorkshire and a review of the reserves strategy was needed. The petitioners asked for time to lobby the government and stop the cuts. Borrowing might be considered over the long term together with a review of expenditure and efficiencies whilst protecting front end services to communities.

- 4.3.5 In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.1(b), the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety responded to the petition, following which the Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety spoke on the matter.
- 4.3.6 Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, thanked the petitioners for presenting the petition at the Council meeting. He paid tribute to firefighters who put themselves at risk for others and said that it was important to make sure the dangers and risks to them were limited as far as possible. He said that such dangers should not be increased by actions such as a reduction to staffing or in the monitoring of equipment used by firefighters. Politicians had a duty to protect the public and those working in emergency response services.
- 4.3.7 Councillor Wood said that, whilst the City Council was not the authority which would make a decision on this matter, it could send a clear message about its wishes, particularly with regard to not increasing the risks posed to firefighters. He said that Members of Parliament in South Yorkshire had also lobbied the government on this matter and there was unanimous support amongst those MPs against the proposals. Cuts to the front line would reduce the number of firefighters in South Yorkshire to 504, which was a considerably reduced number as compared to previous years.
- 4.3.8 He said that he believed the consultation had been unsatisfactory and he had requested Council officers to look at what communications had been received by the Council on this matter. The Council's Housing and Neighbourhoods Service had expressed serious concerns about the proposed changes. The Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods, with responsibility for residential regulation, had also been instructed to carry out an impact assessment which could be reported to the Council.
- 4.3.9 Reserves were available to the Fire Authority to enable it to deal with the next 12 months and in order for the Fire Authority to negotiate with the management and the Fire Brigade Union, so that a way forward might be found.

- 4.3.10 Councillor Wood then addressed the public questions which had been asked on this issue. Firstly, he said that he had not had sight of an impact assessment on this issue and the Housing service in the Council had not had communication with regard to such an assessment.
- 4.3.11 With regard to the financial reserves held by the Fire Authority, the government had remarked upon it as a significant proportion of the operating budget and it was a problem. One of the options which might be considered was to consider the use of reserves in the short term. He referred to concern at the amount of money which the Fire Authority may have wasted and he referred to £4M spent on fire engines which were unusable; a £3M overspend on the two Sheffield fire stations; and to land sold at far less than the original values predicted. These were serious issues which it was hoped that the new Fire Authority would take on board and review. He said that he supported the petitioners and the Council would do all that it could.
- 4.3.12 The Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety then spoke on the matter, following which Members of the City Council debated the matters raised by the petition, as summarised below:-

There was a need for politicians to respond to the issues raised and dangers faced by firefighters were acknowledged. The proposals as a whole required further scrutiny before the Fire Authority made a decision. It was also difficult to understand why the use of reserves had not been included in the proposals presented. It was also questioned as to whether there had been a review of senior management structure in recent years. As this was a government imposed problem, it was also therefore necessary to lobby the government. Scrutiny of this matter was also important at a Council and City Region level.

Cuts to front line Fire and Rescue Services were not supported and reference was made to the tragic events at Grenfell and to what could happen if a similar event occurred in Sheffield. The proposals would mean that a crew member would be missing on each fire engine and it was clear that the Fire Authority reserves needed to be addressed and people should be encouraged to contribute to the consultation.

The Fire and Rescue Service did excellent work, including prevention work with communities and with vulnerable young people. Austerity had affected fire and rescue services in England, with one in five or 9,000 firefighter jobs having been cut. This had served to downgrade the service and the level of risk to communities that these further cuts presented was not acceptable.

Reference was made to a previous ruling by the High Court against the South Yorkshire Fire Authority and to high costs and issues relating to pensions which would be addressed in the next comprehensive spending review. There was still a significant level of reserves, even if those earmarked were discounted. There were various issues which might be raised in responding to the consultation, including in relation to the resilience of four person fire crews; the response which might be expected following the arrival of a first fire engine; review of senior and middle management; and looking at in-house for

savings, rather than savings to front line services.

Whilst Firefighters were kept safe, they would keep the public safe and keeping people safe from harm was a top priority. There were 235,000 houses in the City, which needed to be kept safe and secure and it was important that firefighters were able to respond as quickly as possible in order to do so.

Once it was completed, the consultation on this matter would be considered by the Fire Authority. The views presented by the petitioners and in the debate had been heard and could be taken into consideration by the Fire Authority. This included looking at the level of reserves and the possibility of the use of reserves over time. Matters had been brought to a head partly due to the government revisions to the pension and national insurance contributions.

4.3.13 The lead petitioner, Neil Carbutt, exercised a right of reply and stated that he had listened to the views expressed by Members of the Council, and he hoped that the views of the petitioners and residents had been heard. He thanked the Council for its warm words on this matter.

4.3.14 Councillor Paul Wood, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded to issues raised during the debate. Firstly, he thanked Members for their contributions to the debate. He stated that this was a most important issue and one which the Council took very seriously and he said the Council would give its support in arguing against the proposals. He then proposed a course of action as detailed below. In proposing to refer the matter to a Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, the Chair of the Committee would also be asked to consider the inclusion of issues relating to an impact assessment and concerns raised by the Council's Housing Service.

4.3.15 The outcome of the debate on the petition was as follows:-

Proposal 1

It was moved by Councillor Paul Wood and seconded by Councillor Peter Rippon, that:

This Council notes the petition now submitted opposing Fire Service cuts and refers the matters raised by the petition to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, for consideration by the Committee.

Proposal 2

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar and seconded by Councillor David Baker, that:

This Council notes the petition now submitted opposing Fire Service cuts and refers the matters raised by the petition to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, for consideration by the Committee and in addition requests that the matter also be considered

by Sheffield City Region scrutiny.

On being put to the vote, proposal 2 was not carried.

Proposal 3

It was moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that Proposal 1 is amended by the addition of the following words after the words “for consideration by the Committee”, as follows:

“and requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the Mayor of Sheffield City Region and to the Leaders of Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils, notifying them of the consideration of the petition by this Council and requesting that the issues raised by the petition are considered by other scrutiny bodies in the region, as appropriate.”

On being put to the vote, the proposals 1 and 3 were both carried, as follows:

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the petition now submitted opposing Fire Service cuts;
- (b) refers the matters raised by the petition to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, for consideration by the Committee; and
- (c) requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of Sheffield City Region and to the Leaders of Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils, notifying them of the consideration of the petition by this Council and requesting that the issues raised by the petition are considered by other scrutiny bodies in the region, as appropriate.

(NOTE: 1. Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards abstained from voting on the motion, and asked for this to be recorded; and
2. Councillor Sophie Wilson, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the petition, did not speak or vote on the item.)

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

5.1 Urgent Business

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

5.2 Written Questions

A schedule of questions to Cabinet Members, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was

circulated. Supplementary questions, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, were asked and were answered by the appropriate Cabinet Members.

5.3 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).

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SUPPORTING A GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAGNALL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOYA O'ROURKE

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Lewis Dagnall, and seconded by Councillor Moya O'Rourke, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Council recently declared a 'climate emergency' and regrets that the Government failed to support the successful Parliamentary resolution by the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition, the Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, to declare a national climate and environmental emergency;
- (b) welcomes the call by Her Majesty's Opposition for a 'Green Industrial Revolution', an appeal to the collective achievements of the past to envisage a social and economic transformation of sufficient scale to avert climate catastrophe whilst fixing the UK's deep social and economic challenges; unlike the first industrial revolution, this must be anchored in dignity at work, social justice, equality and international solidarity, and reverse the environmental degradation started by the first; and
- (c) supports policies that will kick-start the new 'Green Industrial Revolution', including:-
 - (i) Labour's plan to innovate the UK's transport infrastructure with the railways at the forefront – investing in ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV), completing HS2, electrifying the railways, including here in Sheffield, and expanding the existing railway network;
 - (ii) the introduction of a new Clean Air Act, accelerating the transition to clean, zero-emission heavy goods vehicles - such as Sheffield's electric bin lorries, refitted by MagTec in Sheffield;
 - (iii) creating 400,000 new jobs in green industries – proposing a seven-fold increase in offshore wind farms by 2030, designed to create 120,000 jobs, alongside 6,000 additional onshore wind turbines, generating up to 60,000 jobs, and set an overall target of

achieving 60 per cent renewable and low carbon energy by 2030;

- (iv) plans to install solar panels on 1.75 million homes, creating an additional 16,900 jobs, and just last month Labour announced that it would impose strict environmental criteria on firms bidding for public contracts regarding energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and waste disposal;
- (v) in order to move towards low-carbon steel production, the Government must invest; as such, support is given to calls to nationalise British Steel, to ensure that those jobs currently under threat are secured, and so there is the right investment to transform the steel industry to a green future; and
- (vi) a participatory approach to tackling the climate and environmental emergency, exemplified by Labour's call for evidence from trades unions, businesses, public sector bodies, party members, civil society groups and members of the public, on how to develop the idea of a Green Industrial Revolution further.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) notes that we are in a Climate Emergency and that the planet only has a decade to slow down global warming before it is too late;
- (b) believes that Sheffield residents feel very strongly about climate change and have held many protests across the city in the recent months;
- (c) believes we owe it to the next generation to put policies in place now that will save their future;
- (d) believes that we all have a part to play when it comes to tackling climate change and as a local authority we can have a big impact via the way we operate, educate and communicate;
- (e) believes that climate change is an international issue where artificial borders are not important and we need to work together across the whole of Europe to tackle it, which means being part of a European community and showing international solidarity as an entire continent rather than an isolated island;
- (f) believes that the Sheffield Liberal Democrat green policies are far-reaching and empower local communities to make greener changes in their local area and are best placed to make decisions that directly affect them;
- (g) supports the following policies that will help Sheffield reach its ambition

of being carbon neutral by 2030 and make Sheffield a greener and environmentally friendly place to live and work: -

- (i) establish a citizen's assembly to listen to local people and develop policies to enable us to achieve this target;
- (ii) supply schools with air quality monitors to help educate and inform students and, through them, inform their families;
- (iii) introduce a 'Greener Sheffield Fund' – an additional pot of money for local communities to decide how best they would like to invest in their environment, e.g. street tree retention, cycle routes, recycling;
- (iv) prioritise the use of brownfield sites for all types of housing and business development;
- (v) protect our urban parks so everyone has access to green and open space;
- (vi) promote good relationships with community groups who work to improve our open spaces;
- (vii) enable people to reduce waste by increasing recycling by providing larger blue bins for those who want them;
- (viii) extend the recycling of plastics and make it easier for residents to recycle plastic, e.g. by requiring the Council contractor to undertake more separation;
- (ix) extend the opening hours of recycling centres;
- (x) investigate reverse-vending for plastic bottle returns and encouraging water bottle re-filling points in public places & businesses;
- (xi) explore the collection of food waste for composting;
- (xii) support business to reduce their reliance on single use plastic, e.g. by schemes for retail customers to use their own containers for goods;
- (xiii) support local shops and businesses and promoting active travel by providing greater secure bicycle parking at district shopping centres; and
- (xiv) work with schools to provide and increase secure bicycle parking for students and staff across Sheffield and to develop a plan to improve cycle routes around schools;

- (h) believes that the Sheffield Liberal Democrats are the only party who can deliver a Greener Sheffield; and
- (i) directs the Chief Executive to establish a citizen's assembly to develop policies to enable us to achieve a carbon neutral Sheffield by 2030.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alison Teal, seconded by Councillor Kaltum Rivers, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, in paragraph (a) of all the words after the words "notes that this Council recently declared a 'climate emergency' and regrets that", and the addition of the following words thereafter:-

"the majority group voted against the proposal to bring forward the Council's existing target to be a zero carbon city from 2050 to 2030 at the latest, which would have set out the actions the Council needs to take to meet this revised target, and entirely and actively welcomed the involvement of the cross-party scrutiny system in shaping and overseeing this vital work;"

2. the deletion of existing paragraphs (b) and (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (i) as follows:-

- (b) regrets that, despite declaring a climate emergency, this Administration continued with unsustainable plans to widen the ring road and renegotiated the Veolia contract, which we believe fails to enable residents and businesses to recycle waste effectively;
- (c) believes that the monumental cost of HS2 would pay for substantial improvements to local rail, which would have far greater benefits to the local economy and environment;
- (d) notes that, in 2007, as a Green Party MEP, Caroline Lucas co-founded the UK's Green New Deal Group, which published its first report in July 2008 in response to the global financial crisis;
- (e) believes that the huge investment proposed by the Green New Deal in clean energy, warm homes and affordable public transport and decent jobs would have been a far better investment of the same amount of money that the Government instead paid to the banks;
- (f) notes that US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has recently reinvigorated the idea in the United States;
- (g) notes that Labour's Shadow Treasury Minister, Clive Lewis MP, and Caroline Lucas MP have now tabled the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which would place duties on ministers to introduce a radical 10-year strategy for public investment designed to decarbonise the economy and eradicate inequality; require ministers to empower communities and workers to transition from high-carbon to low and zero-

carbon industries; introduce stricter environmental regulations; and protect and restore natural habitats;

- (h) resolves to write to the Leader of the House of Commons to request that the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill is given time for debate; and
- (i) asks the Administration to carry out a climate change impact assessment wherever relevant to any key decision and to add this assessment to the standard decision-making checklist.

6.4 After contributions from six other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Lewis Dagnall, the amendment moved by Councillor Tim Huggan was put to the vote and was negated.

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

For paragraphs (a) to (e), (g) and (i) of the amendment (26) - Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Alan Hooper and Mike Lavery.

Against paragraphs (a) to (e), (g) and (i) of the amendment (45) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) to (e), (g) and (i) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing)

- For paragraphs (f) and (h) of the amendment (19)
- Councillors Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
- Against paragraphs (f) and (h) of the amendment (52)
- Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Michelle Cook, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (f) and (h) of the amendment (1)
- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing)

6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was also negated.

6.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for part 1 and paragraphs (h) and (i) of part 2 of the amendment, and voted against paragraphs (b) to (g) of part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that the Council recently declared a 'climate emergency' and regrets that the Government failed to support the successful Parliamentary resolution by the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition, the Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, to declare a national climate

- and environmental emergency;
- (b) welcomes the call by Her Majesty's Opposition for a 'Green Industrial Revolution', an appeal to the collective achievements of the past to envisage a social and economic transformation of sufficient scale to avert climate catastrophe whilst fixing the UK's deep social and economic challenges; unlike the first industrial revolution, this must be anchored in dignity at work, social justice, equality and international solidarity, and reverse the environmental degradation started by the first; and
- (c) supports policies that will kick-start the new 'Green Industrial Revolution', including:-
- (i) Labour's plan to innovate the UK's transport infrastructure with the railways at the forefront – investing in ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV), completing HS2, electrifying the railways, including here in Sheffield, and expanding the existing railway network;
 - (ii) the introduction of a new Clean Air Act, accelerating the transition to clean, zero-emission heavy goods vehicles - such as Sheffield's electric bin lorries, refitted by MagTec in Sheffield;
 - (iii) creating 400,000 new jobs in green industries – proposing a seven-fold increase in offshore wind farms by 2030, designed to create 120,000 jobs, alongside 6,000 additional onshore wind turbines, generating up to 60,000 jobs, and set an overall target of achieving 60 per cent renewable and low carbon energy by 2030;
 - (iv) plans to install solar panels on 1.75 million homes, creating an additional 16,900 jobs, and just last month Labour announced that it would impose strict environmental criteria on firms bidding for public contracts regarding energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and waste disposal;
 - (v) in order to move towards low-carbon steel production, the Government must invest; as such, support is given to calls to nationalise British Steel, to ensure that those jobs currently under threat are secured, and so there is the right investment to transform the steel industry to a green future; and
 - (vi) a participatory approach to tackling the climate and environmental emergency, exemplified by Labour's call for evidence from trades unions, businesses, public sector bodies, party members, civil society groups and members of the public, on how to develop the idea of a Green Industrial Revolution further.

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

- For paragraphs (b), (c)(ii) to (iv) and (vi) of the Motion (63) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Andy Bainbridge, Vic Bowden, Moya O'Rourke, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Steve Ayriss, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Kevin Oxley, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Julie Grocutt, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Mike Levery, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraphs (b), (c)(ii) to (iv) and (vi) of the Motion (0) - Nil.
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (b), (c)(ii) to (iv) and (vi) of the Motion (7) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Clarkson.
- For paragraph (a) and (c)(i) and (v) of the Motion (43) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Michelle Cook, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraph (a) and (c)(i) and (v) of the Motion - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan,

Motion (20) Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Abstained from voting - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and on paragraph (a) and Councillors Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, (c)(i) and (v) of the Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal and Jack Motion (7) Clarkson.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE LOCAL ECONOMY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MAZHER IQBAL AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCUTT

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, and seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that this Council is committed to securing the immediate growth and improvement of the city's high streets and notes that this Administration is bidding for significant investment for Fargate/Castlegate, as well as for the main high streets of Stocksbridge and Attercliffe;
- (b) believes that it is a priority of this Administration to support district centres in Sheffield and that every effort will be made to use planning and licensing under local authority control to repurpose sites so they can be reborn, and notes that this Administration is working with landlords, agents and Sheffield BID, to make Fargate a force to be reckoned with again, and seeking to unlock the area's potential for café terraces, high-end outlets and independent Sheffield businesses;
- (c) notes the successful repurposing of Castle House and the former NUM headquarters, both supported through planning and financially, as well as the former Grosvenor Hotel site for HSBC which is the catalyst for further investment such as Angelo Gordon on Block F and Corem Group on Pinstone Street (with developments to be built out);
- (d) believes, likewise, that the New Era Square is being successfully repurposed through planning and is now acting as a catalyst for further investment interest in Sheffield, as is the continuing growth of the Moor;
- (e) notes that footfall across the city centre is currently up 10.2% this year compared to last year - Fargate is up 6.1% and the Moor continues to thrive and is currently +1% up (last year was +18.7% compared to 2017);
- (f) believes that a whole host of successful events are helping ensure visitors flock to the city centre - these include Food Festival,

Fringe@Tramlines, Invictus Trials, DocFest, World Snooker, Cliffhanger, World Music Day, Pinknic, Sheffield By The Seaside, Bricktropolis, Out of this World, and much improved Christmas Lights, all of which continue to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors per year, and that, however, it is important to not rest on our laurels and ensure that Sheffield continues to grow as a destination for such events;

- (g) notes that, under this Administration, the city has retained its Purple Flag status and the Council are up for two national awards for the city's Night Time economy and how its managed;
- (h) notes that, in recent years, Sheffield has had the most successful period of inward investment ever – landing household names like McLaren and Boeing, as well as many smaller firms choosing to make Sheffield their home because of the skills of the local workforce and positive business climate here;
- (i) believes that the successes of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre Factory 2050 speak for itself, and that the Olympic Legacy Park and the Knowledge Gateway, including the redevelopment of Fitzalan Square, also herald a bright future;
- (j) believes that for every job created by larger companies, the supply chain is positively affected and that Sheffield's smaller businesses are benefitting from the economic activity generated by larger employers;
- (k) believes, however, that small businesses can only begin to reach their potential if the local authority proactively helps them, and notes that Business Sheffield has worked with over 450 businesses in the last 12 months to support them to start, grow or recruit, including:-
 - (i) XLN initially expanded here from London, now doubling their Sheffield workforce from 150 to 300 staff;
 - (ii) Clipper Logistics in the former Polestar building, creating 1,400 jobs at date;
 - (iii) new specialist social worker regulator, Social Work England, chose Sheffield after considering Manchester and Leeds - creating 120 jobs; and
 - (iv) Mindbody, a California-headquartered company, established a new office in Sheffield, creating 45 jobs, with plans to grow considerably;
- (l) further notes that, under this Administration, the Council is also supporting local business through its Ethical Procurement policy that:-
 - (i) mandates that one quote must be from a local supplier as a minimum, resulting in half of our contracts being awarded to local

business since implementation; and

- (ii) monitoring large contractors' local sourcing activity as part of contract terms and conditions to encourage engagement with local supply chains;
- (m) notes that the Sheffield City Council programme 'China 88' is helping Sheffield businesses break into the Chinese market and more economic activity is expected to come out of this programme as it develops;
- (n) notes that the RISE job scheme has helped more than 300 local small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) recruit over 400 graduates, with 75% of those securing permanent jobs, the economic impact of which is estimated at £7.7million;
- (o) further notes that the Council-led 'Opportunity Sheffield' has created 342 apprenticeships working with over 200 SMEs in Sheffield, and that 93 of those were 16-18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET);
- (p) notes that, in the last year, the Council has provided sustained employment for over 300 residents from our most deprived areas through planning and procurement powers, as well as ensuring that local jobs are created by developments, for example through the building of new homes in the Manor Top area, providing jobs and apprenticeships to the people who live there and in the surrounding areas;
- (q) welcomes the development of West Bar Square, and changes already seen under the first Grey to Green project, the continuation of which, in Phase 2, will transform Castlegate and link it to the underused Victoria Quays area; transforming the former inner ring road with sustainable drainage, floral meadows, segregated cycle lanes and public art;
- (r) believes that all economic growth needs to be measured against its 'inclusive growth' – and that this Administration's aim is to produce an economic strategy that is concerned with the 'health' of the economy, not just the 'wealth' of the economy, as that economic growth, although undoubtedly important, is not a final outcome but rather a means to improve people's lives;
- (s) believes that ensuring Sheffield has a prosperous future, whilst maintaining the city's fine heritage, is of paramount importance, and welcomes the proposals for the old town hall, which will safeguard the future of the building whilst once again giving it a renewed purpose;
- (t) notes that more and more people are seeking to live in the thriving city centre, with hundreds of new homes planned, including build-to-rents, student homes and homes for sale;
- (u) believes that culture and art play immeasurable importance to the city

and notes the recent successes of the Da Vinci exhibition in the Millennium Galleries and the Mausoleum of the Giants by Sheffield-based artist Phlegm, housed at the former Eye Witness Works factory, which brought thousands of visitors into the city; and

- (v) believes that this Administration will always champion the city's creative industries and support Sheffield as a city of makers, and that by using our planning powers properly we can help give sites a new lease of life, whilst ensuring that the old sits comfortably with the new.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, seconded by Councillor Dawn Dale, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (w) to (aa) as follows:-

- (w) believes the Universal Basic Income has the potential to improve wellbeing and provide a boost to our local economy;
- (x) welcomes the work done by Sheffield UBI Lab to create detailed plans on how a universal basic income scheme could work in Sheffield;
- (y) will work with Sheffield UBI Lab & other parties to ensure Universal Basic Income can be implemented successfully in Sheffield;
- (z) welcomes the comments by the Shadow Chancellor, John McDonnell, supporting Sheffield's inclusion in a Universal Basic Income pilot under the next Labour government; and
- (aa) will send a copy of this motion to the Chancellor, Shadow Chancellor and all Sheffield MP's.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) thanks officers for their work to maintain and grow the local economy;
- (b) notes that the Liberal Democrat Group has consistently supported the redevelopment of the city centre, however;
- (c) notes that the Council is focusing a huge investment in the Heart of the City 2 project which is forecast to cost approximately £470 million gross and that interest payments have already cost the Council several million pounds;
- (d) notes that the Council is also planning a major redevelopment of the Castlegate area, and has approved the taking of a lease on 100,000 sq.ft of the proposed West Bar development for an undisclosed sum and is also acting as a guarantor for loans of £3.6 million to the developer of the former NUM building;

- (e) notes the ongoing restructuring of the UK retail industry and general economic uncertainty due to Brexit;
- (f) is concerned that current Council-led investment is overly focused on the city centre and not enough is being done to support the local business economy across all parts of Sheffield;
- (g) believes this is another example of this Council not listening to local communities and ignoring their pleas for investment in district shopping centres and local high streets;
- (h) directs the Executive Director of Place to commission an immediate and independent review of the financial business case and associated risks for all Council-led investments across the city centre, with a report circulated to all Councillors within six months; and
- (i) directs the Executive Director of Place to review the challenges facing business in each of the LAP areas, develop proposals to support the local economy in each of these areas, and deliver recommendations to the LAP chairs within six months.

7.4 It was then moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of new paragraph (a) as follows:-
 - (a) believes that our local economy should be innovative, collaborative, forward facing and for the benefit of communities and the environment, within the parameters of the climate crisis; believes the economy is all of us: our work, our creativity, what we buy, how we spend our time and should allow us to lead happy and fulfilled lives;
2. the deletion of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d);
3. the deletion of paragraph (j) and the addition of new paragraphs as follows:-
 - (i) believes that independents and small and medium businesses are central to the local economy and should be supported as such;
 - (ii) notes with disappointment the Administration's treatment of businesses on Chapel Walk, where several businesses have closed since a large property developer's scaffolding was approved to be erected in 2017;
 - (iii) believes that, under proper management, Chapel Walk could be a proud beacon of local and independent businesses down one of

Sheffield's most historic walks;

- (iv) believes that the Council should investigate how best to incentivise business to act with low or zero carbon footprints and plastic free in light of the Climate Emergency, and give thanks to those that already do;
3. the deletion of paragraphs (l) and (m) and the addition of new paragraphs as follows:-
- (i) believes that the 'trickle down' theory of economics favoured by this Administration was discredited under the Thatcher Government when Nigel Lawson was Chancellor of the Exchequer and that local small and medium businesses benefit the local economy more than multinational businesses;
 - (ii) believes that we can't have eternal growth in a finite environment; that economists from Adam Smith to Keynes agree that a growth based economy would at some point reach "full complement of riches" or "saturation point"; and that this Council believes this point has been reached and that Sheffield and the UK should transition to a steady state economy;
 - (iii) believes that the current 'Ethical Procurement Policy' could do more to support local businesses; and
 - (iv) therefore, asks the Administration to amend this policy to incorporate the Local Multiplier Effect (LM3), as designed by the New Economic Foundation;
4. the deletion of existing paragraph (r) and the addition of a new paragraph as follows:-
- () believes that the Council should adopt an alternative measurement of the economy such as the Free Time Index or Happy City Index; and therefore asks the Administration to consider suitable mechanisms to achieve this;
5. following existing paragraph (s), the addition of the following paragraphs:-
- (i) regrets the cancellation of the Castlegate Conservation Area consultation, the view that legal safeguards of the city's heritage are a "brake on development" and regrets the decision to reject alternative proposals to the demolition of the Old Coroner's Court;
 - (ii) believes that the heritage of Sheffield is not a hindrance in the local economy but is something to be celebrated and can attract investment rather than act as a barrier;

6. following existing paragraph (t), the addition of the following paragraphs:-
 - (i) notes that the effective deployment of concentrated housing, with transport and environmental infrastructure in the city, are critical means to address the climate emergency but bring into play the need for the most careful balance of the needs of different groups of residents and businesses;
 - (ii) regrets that this Administration not only voted against carrying out a review of supply and demand of student accommodation but has failed to bring forward a draft Local Plan;
 - (iii) therefore calls on the Administration to reconsider both of these requests;
 - (iv) further, calls on the Administration to ensure the Local Plan addresses the necessary controls over both the type and range of housing that property developers choose to build, as well as the need for a range of affordable housing;
 - (v) notes that residential landlords make up a significant part of the local economy, from large multinational corporations to single-property landlords, and believes that all housing offered to tenants should be of a good standard; and
 - (vi) requests that the Administration should investigate undertaking a comprehensive review of the city's housing stock; that information obtained from the review would be used to inform the Administration's Housing Strategy, and support meeting the city's residential housing needs, ensuring that citizens have affordable, secure, sustainable and comfortable places to live; and that the review should include, amongst other things, considering the potential scope of selective licensing for landlords across the city;
7. the deletion of existing paragraph (v) and the addition of a new paragraph, as follows:-
 - (i) notes the importance of art and culture for community and people's wellbeing and its value beyond the economy;
8. the re-lettering of paragraphs accordingly.

7.5 After contributions from two other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the amendment moved by Councillor Ben Curran was put to the vote and was carried.

7.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Smith was then put to the vote and was negated.

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

- For the amendment (22) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Jack Clarkson, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
- Against the amendment (41) - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Abstained from voting on the amendment (8) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal.

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Paul Turpin was then put to the vote and was also negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

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be reborn, and notes that this Administration is working with landlords, agents and Sheffield BID, to make Fargate a force to be reckoned with again, and seeking to unlock the area's potential for café terraces, high-end outlets and independent Sheffield businesses;

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- (d) believes, likewise, that the New Era Square is being successfully repurposed through planning and is now acting as a catalyst for further investment interest in Sheffield, as is the continuing growth of the Moor;
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- (p) notes that, in the last year, the Council has provided sustained employment for over 300 residents from our most deprived areas through planning and procurement powers, as well as ensuring that local jobs are created by developments, for example through the building of new homes in the Manor Top area, providing jobs and apprenticeships to the people who live there and in the surrounding areas;
- (q) welcomes the development of West Bar Square, and changes already

seen under the first Grey to Green project, the continuation of which, in Phase 2, will transform Castlegate and link it to the underused Victoria Quays area; transforming the former inner ring road with sustainable drainage, floral meadows, segregated cycle lanes and public art;

- (r) believes that all economic growth needs to be measured against its 'inclusive growth' – and that this Administration's aim is to produce an economic strategy that is concerned with the 'health' of the economy, not just the 'wealth' of the economy, as that economic growth, although undoubtedly important, is not a final outcome but rather a means to improve people's lives;
- (s) believes that ensuring Sheffield has a prosperous future, whilst maintaining the city's fine heritage, is of paramount importance, and welcomes the proposals for the old town hall, which will safeguard the future of the building whilst once again giving it a renewed purpose;
- (t) notes that more and more people are seeking to live in the thriving city centre, with hundreds of new homes planned, including build-to-rents, student homes and homes for sale;
- (u) believes that culture and art play immeasurable importance to the city and notes the recent successes of the Da Vinci exhibition in the Millennium Galleries and the Mausoleum of the Giants by Sheffield-based artist Phlegm, housed at the former Eye Witness Works factory, which brought thousands of visitors into the city;
- (v) believes that this Administration will always champion the city's creative industries and support Sheffield as a city of makers, and that by using our planning powers properly we can help give sites a new lease of life, whilst ensuring that the old sits comfortably with the new;
- (w) believes the Universal Basic Income has the potential to improve wellbeing and provide a boost to our local economy;
- (x) welcomes the work done by Sheffield UBI Lab to create detailed plans on how a universal basic income scheme could work in Sheffield;
- (y) will work with Sheffield UBI Lab & other parties to ensure Universal Basic Income can be implemented successfully in Sheffield;
- (z) welcomes the comments by the Shadow Chancellor, John McDonnell, supporting Sheffield's inclusion in a Universal Basic Income pilot under the next Labour government; and
- (aa) will send a copy of this motion to the Chancellor, Shadow Chancellor and all Sheffield MPs.

7.8.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (e) to (i), (k), (n) to (q), (s) to (u) and (w) to (aa), and against paragraphs (a) to (d), (j), (l), (m), (r) and (v) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE LOCAL PLAN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR IAN AUCKLAND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH

8.1 It was moved by Councillor Ian Auckland, and seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, that this Council:-

- (a) is concerned that the publication of the Sheffield Local Plan, for consultation, has been delayed for over a year, arguably several years, and there is still no official publication date;
- (b) believes that this consultation plan is completed and the decision to delay the publication is a political decision by the Leader of the Council;
- (c) is dismayed that this Administration would leave such an important document unpublished and leave the city development open to exploitation by developers and the green belt unprotected;
- (d) believes the lack of a plan will mean that the tenures and types of homes Sheffield so desperately needs will not get delivered in favour of bigger more expensive homes that are the most profitable to developers;
- (e) notes that Sheffield is not meeting the need for social and affordable housing and, furthermore, is short of a significant amount of homes every year;
- (f) believes that these homes need to be in areas that are well serviced by local amenities, schools and public transport so they are sustainable places to live;
- (g) believes that the delay in publishing the plan has increased uncertainty for local business and is therefore hindering economic growth across the city;
- (h) believes that the plan should protect green spaces that communities value and avoid concreting over fields and woodlands in the green belt;
- (i) affirms that a Liberal Democrat plan would be a community-led plan and informed by the results of a meaningful consultation with the people of Sheffield; and
- (j) demands the Administration publish the Sheffield Local Plan immediately.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Bob Johnson, seconded by Councillor Mazher Iqbal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council", and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) confirms that the Local Plan is a 20 year document outlining a spatial framework for how the city will develop over that period and notes that requirements are imposed on the Council set by the Government through the National Planning Policy Framework developed in 2012;
- (b) believes that regardless of national policy it would not be right to bring forward a plan that is not right for Sheffield and believes it is essential that the plan encapsulates the vision and ambition for housing in the city;
- (c) recognises the importance of the local plan in meeting Sheffield's housing needs and delivering the affordable homes we need as a city, whilst at the same time protecting our Green Belt and also ensuring the City's development addresses some of the fundamental challenges we face as a city, such as the inequality that is brought about by the housing market;
- (d) confirms that the Council is still developing a plan that meets these ends and work is being undertaken to review our approach to the local plan and how we can ensure any forthcoming local plan meets the ambitions set out above and also comes with a comprehensively considered plan of how any infrastructure needs of new housing and other development can be met;
- (e) further confirms when ready, there will be a full consultation on the Council's draft plan, following which, there will be a further period of consultation on the Council's final proposals before the plan is considered by the Government's independent Planning Inspector; and
- (f) believes that it is of the utmost importance that Sheffield gets the right plan to build homes in sustainable locations by maximising the use of brownfield sites and avoiding development of Green Belt land and it would be foolish to publish a plan to meet a government target that does not deliver these objectives and, therefore, due to the emerging work it is not envisaged that any consultation or plans will be ready for several months and confirms that an updated timetable will be published shortly outlining updated timescales taking into account the current work that is being undertaken.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Bob McCann, seconded by Councillor Kevin Oxley, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (p) as follows:-

- (k) notes that Owlthorpe Fields has been marketed to sell to developers and 500 houses are set to be built;

- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council promised to build a loop road to connect the area to Sheffield Road, the road has never been delivered and congestion in the area has increased further;
- (m) notes that 900 people signed a petition opposing the new development and wants the area to be left as an area for wildlife including bats and rare species of birds;
- (n) believes it is not necessary to build houses on an area which is so well used by the local community, including dog walkers, walking groups and young people playing sports, when there are many brownfield sites that could be used for housing;
- (o) believes this is another example of this Labour council not listening to local people and there has been no meaningful public consultation on selling off the fields; and
- (p) believes without publication of the Sheffield Local Plan more of our green spaces will fall victim to developers who currently see Sheffield as a 'free for all'.

8.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the insertion after paragraph (f) of new paragraphs (g) and (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of remaining paragraphs accordingly:-

- (g) notes that the effective deployment of concentrated housing, with transport and environmental infrastructure, in the city, are critical means to address the climate emergency but bring into play the need for the most careful balance of the needs of different groups of residents and businesses;
- (h) regrets that this Administration voted against carrying out a review of supply and demand of student accommodation;

8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Bob Johnson was put to the vote and was carried.

8.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Bob McCann was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

For the amendment (28) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden,

Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.

Against the amendment
(41)

- Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on
the amendment (2)

- The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillor Jack Clarkson.

8.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraph (h) of the amendment, which was negated.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) confirms that the Local Plan is a 20 year document outlining a spatial framework for how the city will develop over that period and notes that requirements are imposed on the Council set by the Government through the National Planning Policy Framework developed in 2012;
- (b) believes that regardless of national policy it would not be right to bring forward a plan that is not right for Sheffield and believes it is essential that the plan encapsulates the vision and ambition for housing in the city;
- (c) recognises the importance of the local plan in meeting Sheffield's housing needs and delivering the affordable homes we need as a city, whilst at the same time protecting our Green Belt and also ensuring the City's development addresses some of the fundamental challenges we face as a city, such as the inequality that is brought about by the housing market;

- (d) confirms that the Council is still developing a plan that meets these ends and work is being undertaken to review our approach to the local plan and how we can ensure any forthcoming local plan meets the ambitions set out above and also comes with a comprehensively considered plan of how any infrastructure needs of new housing and other development can be met;
- (e) further confirms when ready, there will be a full consultation on the Council's draft plan, following which, there will be a further period of consultation on the Council's final proposals before the plan is considered by the Government's independent Planning Inspector;
- (f) believes that it is of the utmost importance that Sheffield gets the right plan to build homes in sustainable locations by maximising the use of brownfield sites and avoiding development of Green Belt land and it would be foolish to publish a plan to meet a government target that does not deliver these objectives and, therefore, due to the emerging work it is not envisaged that any consultation or plans will be ready for several months and confirms that an updated timetable will be published shortly outlining updated timescales taking into account the current work that is being undertaken; and
- (g) notes that the effective deployment of concentrated housing, with transport and environmental infrastructure, in the city, are critical means to address the climate emergency but bring into play the need for the most careful balance of the needs of different groups of residents and businesses.

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

For paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion (43)

- Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

- Against paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion (26)
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the Substantive Motion (3)
- For paragraphs (c) and (g) of the Substantive Motion (50)
- Against paragraphs (c) and (g) of the Substantive Motion (19)
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) and (g) of the Substantive Motion (3)
- Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Paul Turpin, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
 - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed and Jack Clarkson.
 - Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Sophie Wilson, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Anne Murphy, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Andy Bainbridge, Moya O'Rourke, Abdul Khayum, Alan Law, Abtisam Mohamed, Lewis Dagnall, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Bob Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Pat Midgley, Sioned-Mair Richards, Peter Garbutt, Alison Teal, Julie Dore, Ben Miskell, Dianne Hurst, Peter Rippon, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson, Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
 - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery.
 - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Tony Downing) and Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed and Jack Clarkson.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION"
- GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PAUL TURPIN AND TO BE SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON**

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, and formally seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that this Council:-

- (a) expresses thanks to all voters and congratulations to all candidates who stood in the Council and European elections;
- (b) congratulates in particular the former Lord Mayor, Magid Magid MEP, and Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed MEP on their election to the European Parliament;
- (c) supports the resonance of Magid's message of "Choose Hope", with this positive message being brought to life by two Black and Minority Ethnic councillors from Sheffield being elected for the first time in Yorkshire and Humberside;
- (d) notes that, in the European election, which uses a system of proportional representation, 77% of people chose to vote for parties other than Labour or the Conservatives;
- (e) believes that many people who voted for the Brexit Party at the European elections must feel disenfranchised and feel they lack representation and involvement with politics;
- (f) notes that, when the total votes in May's Council election are added up across Sheffield and divided by the number of councillors elected, the result is 2,775 votes per Lib Dem councillor in contrast to approximately 7,000 votes per Green councillor; and further notes that no councillors were elected to reflect the wishes of 21% of the electorate;
- (g) therefore believes that elections for all levels of government should be by systems of election that provide for high proportionality, few wasted votes and good accountability, so that the political aspirations and views of everyone are better represented;
- (h) notes that all new democratic systems established in recent years in the UK (e.g. Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish legislatures and the London Assembly) have included some form of proportional voting;
- (i) believes that reducing the voting age to 16 will increase access to democracy for young people who are old enough to pay taxes, get married, leave home or join the army but have no say in any government decisions that affect them, and notes the engagement young people have shown during the Youth4Climate Strikes;
- (j) therefore resolves to send a copy of this resolution to all Sheffield MPs and to Government;

- (k) however, believes it is time for this Council to examine how it could make use of existing legal powers to reflect the Sheffield public's voting record in a more proportional way;
- (l) asserts that democracy could be improved by reverting to the Committee System, as requested by the grassroots campaign "It's Our City", allowing all Councillors to work on decisions to the benefit of Sheffield; and
- (m) therefore calls on the Chief Executive to report back to full Council within three months with advice on the options available.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, and formally seconded by Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council" and the addition of the following words:-

- (a) expresses thanks to all voters and congratulations to all candidates who stood in the Council and European elections;
- (b) congratulates Magid Magid MEP, and Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP on their election to the European Parliament, however, acknowledges that being a Member of the European Parliament is a full time job scrutinising crucial European public policy and legalisation, and believes it is not possible to effectively do this job whilst at the same time being a local councillor and Leader of the Main Opposition Group, aspiring to be Leader of the Council, and therefore believes that these important roles should not be carried out by someone whose full time job is based in Brussels and Strasbourg and concludes, therefore, the right thing to do would be to stand down as a member of the Council;
- (c) believes that everything possible must be done to help encourage active participation in politics, and to connect with those who are disenfranchised or feel that politics is remote from their lives;
- (d) believes that any voting system has an effect on voter engagement and that there are many arguments on both sides for the benefits of a First-Past-The-Post system or some form of proportional representation; however, a myriad of reasons contribute to disengagement with the political process and, in addition, it should be recognised that electoral systems for local elections are determined by the Government;
- (e) notes that 1.5 million young people in the UK, aged 16-17, do not have a democratic voice as they are not permitted to vote, and believes that the voting age should be reduced to 16 so they can have a say in government decisions, both nationally and locally;
- (f) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and

second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);

- (g) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the leader/cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;
- (h) believes that moving to a committee system would not address the issues that have been put forward by 'It's Our City', mainly because much of what they say does not reflect the way things actually work, for example, their key argument 'the remaining 74 elected councillors, of whatever political party, and representing a huge percentage of the electorate, have little input into making decisions', is highly misleading; furthermore, all of the other Core Cities, of Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Nottingham, Birmingham, Cardiff and Glasgow, all use this model, except for Bristol and Liverpool which have a directly elected mayor and none are governed through a committee system; and
- (i) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or democratic than the current system and believes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for democratic oversight and scrutiny available to councillors.

9.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (n) to (r) as follows:-

- (n) believes that trust, truth and transparency are the bedrock of good governance;
- (o) believes the Liberal Democrats gained seats because they have shown that they can do things differently by listening to local people and adopting their ideas as policy;
- (p) believes that the people of Sheffield are fed up with being told what is best for them by a select few in the Strong Leader model of this Council;
- (q) believes this is a clear indication that the people of Sheffield are continually frustrated with the way this Administration ignores their views and excludes them from decision-making; and
- (r) notes the long-standing Liberal Democrat policy of promoting Single Transferable Voting (STV) for all elections, including the successful introduction by the Labour / Liberal Democrat coalition of STV for local council elections in Scotland in 2007.

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

(n) believes the people of the UK have never had the chance to reform our electoral system to Proportional Representation and that Alternative Vote is not a form of PR and can even be less proportional than First Past The Post.

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards was put to the vote and was carried.

9.5.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) and voted against paragraphs (b), (d) and (f) to (i) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof was then put to the vote and was negatived.

9.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (n) and (p) to (r) voted against paragraph (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

(a) expresses thanks to all voters and congratulations to all candidates who stood in the Council and European elections;

(b) congratulates Magid Magid MEP, and Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed MEP on their election to the European Parliament, however, acknowledges that being a Member of the European Parliament is a full time job scrutinising crucial European public policy and legalisation, and believes it is not possible to effectively do this job whilst at the same time being a local councillor and Leader of the Main Opposition Group, aspiring to be Leader of the Council, and therefore believes that these important roles should not be carried out by someone whose full time job is based in Brussels and Strasbourg and concludes, therefore, the right thing to do would be to stand down as a member of the Council;

- (c) believes that everything possible must be done to help encourage active participation in politics, and to connect with those who are disenfranchised or feel that politics is remote from their lives;
- (d) believes that any voting system has an effect on voter engagement and that there are many arguments on both sides for the benefits of a First-Past-The-Post system or some form of proportional representation; however, a myriad of reasons contribute to disengagement with the political process and, in addition, it should be recognised that electoral systems for local elections are determined by the Government;
- (e) notes that 1.5 million young people in the UK, aged 16-17, do not have a democratic voice as they are not permitted to vote, and believes that the voting age should be reduced to 16 so they can have a say in government decisions, both nationally and locally;
- (f) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CPS) estimates that around only 30 councils operate under the committee system out of the 418 principal (unitary, upper and second tier) councils in the UK and, furthermore, this includes a proportion of councils who have always operated under the committee system (such as small shire districts between 2000 and 2012 who were permitted to retain their committee arrangements);
- (g) further notes that the Centre for Public Scrutiny believe more authorities have moved from the committee system to the leader/cabinet model than the other way round in recent years and that they estimate this trend is likely to increase further;
- (h) believes that moving to a committee system would not address the issues that have been put forward by 'It's Our City', mainly because much of what they say does not reflect the way things actually work, for example, their key argument 'the remaining 74 elected councillors, of whatever political party, and representing a huge percentage of the electorate, have little input into making decisions', is highly misleading; furthermore, all of the other Core Cities, of Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Nottingham, Birmingham, Cardiff and Glasgow, all use this model, except for Bristol and Liverpool which have a directly elected mayor and none are governed through a committee system; and
- (i) believes that a committee system is no more transparent or democratic than the current system and believes that the fact that councillors from across the chamber have called-in issues for scrutiny shows that there is a robust mechanism for democratic oversight and scrutiny available to councillors.

9.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Bob Pullin, Richard Shaw, Bob McCann, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar,

Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, David Baker, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery voted for paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) and voted against paragraphs (b), (d) and (f) to (i) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

2. Councillors Angela Argenzio, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Martin Phipps, Paul Turpin, Peter Garbutt and Alison Teal voted for paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) and voted against paragraphs (b), (d) and (f) to (i) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

10.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the minutes of the special meeting and the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2019, and the annual meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2019, be approved as true and accurate records.

11. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

11.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Peter Rippon, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that:-

- (a) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 15th May 2019, the Chief Executive had authorised the appointment of Councillor George Lindars-Hammond to serve on the Senior Officer Employment Committee in place of Councillor Abtisam Mohamed with effect from 16th May 2019;
- (b) it be noted that (i) with effect from 28th May 2019, Councillor Jack Clarkson now serves on the Council as an Independent Member, (ii) the political composition of the Council is now 49 Labour : 26 Lib Dem : 8 Green : 1 Other (Independent) and (iii) this has no impact on the allocation of seats on Council Committees to the political groups which was approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2019;
- (c) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of Committees, Boards, etc.:-

Licensing Committee	- Appoint Councillor Adam Hurst to fill a vacancy
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	- Remove Councillor Peter Rippon and create a vacancy
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	- Appoint Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy

- Castlegate Member Working Group - Appoint Councillors Mark Jones and Moya O'Rourke to fill vacancies
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Peter Price and Anne Murphy to replace Councillors Talib Hussain and Abtislam Mohamed
- Heritage Champion - Councillor Mike Drabble to replace Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs

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

- South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Wakefield Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Mick Rooney to replace Councillor Cate McDonald
- Together Housing – Local Panel - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill a vacancy
- Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee - Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Karen McGowan
- Sheffield Co-operative Development Group - Board - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Councillor Francyne Johnson to replace Councillor Adam Hurst
- Sheffield Transport Users Group - Councillor Mark Jones to replace Councillor Neale Gibson
- Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Neale Gibson to replace Councillor Karen McGowan
- Transport 4 All - Councillor Mark Jones to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit & Standards Committee - Councillor Josie Paszek to replace Councillor Neale Gibson
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee - Councillors Julie Grocutt and Adam Hurst to fill vacancies.
- Sheffield City Region Business Growth Board - Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield City Region Housing Board - Councillor Julie Dore to fill a vacancy

Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Board - Councillor Bob Johnson to fill a vacancy

Sheffield City Region Transport Board - Councillor Bob Johnson to fill a vacancy

12. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEOPLE SERVICES

- 12.1 RESOLVED: That this Council notes the information contained in the report of the Chief Executive now submitted, informing the Council of the recent appointment of John Macilwraith to the post of Executive Director, People Services.