

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD FEBRUARY 2021

List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2021/22

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery

That the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20th January, 2021, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Budget 2021/22, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs (j) and (k) as follows:-

- (j) welcomes that Sheffield has set an ambition to become a zero carbon city by 2030, and at the February 2020 full council meeting the Council accepted an amendment by the main opposition group to bring a report to Cabinet within six months setting out a programme outlining how all of the housing stock covered by the HRA will have had sufficient investment in both energy efficiency schemes and new heating systems to contribute to meet the city's zero carbon target within the next ten years and, as this report has yet to go to Cabinet, requests that such a report should go to Cabinet in the next three months; and
- (k) notes the concerns of many council tenants with the backlog in council housing repairs over the past year, and requests that for all council tenants there is a single point of contact for all tenant issues, including repairs and maintenance, and that the Repairs and Maintenance Service aims for a one visit solution for all repair calls with, if required, a timely follow-up visit to fully complete the work.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

That the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20th January, 2021, concerning the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Budget 2021/22, be approved with the addition of new paragraphs (j) to (m) as follows:-

- (j) is pleased to note the HRA Business Plan finally recognises the impact that housing can have in addressing the climate change emergency and that the Council will, this year, set a priority to develop plans to address climate change and contribute to achieving zero carbon emissions by 2030;
- (k) believes that effective mechanisms to measure and record the impact on the climate crisis are essential;
- (l) therefore requests officers to bring forward reports on:-

- (i) how to measure (A) space heating demand in addition to Energy Performance Certificates and (B) carbon embodied in buildings;
 - (ii) options for the use of geothermal, ground- or air-source heat pumps and solar panels, to replace boiler houses; and
 - (iii) maximising the scope for boosting biodiversity on housing land; and
- (m) believes that housing improvements are important but that the present backlog of housing repairs must be addressed, including those non-urgent repairs where there is a contractual duty.