

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1 2BP, on Wednesday 7 July 2021, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

PRESENT

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Gail Smith)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Downing, Neale Gibson, Mazher Iqbal, Francyne Johnson and Alan Law.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 In relation to the urgent item of business to be considered at the meeting regarding GP Services (item 5 of the minutes), personal interests were declared (a) by Councillor Mike Drabble on the grounds that he provides mental health counselling services in non-urgent Primary Care and (b) by Councillor Joe Otten on the basis that he has a financial connection to a GP practice.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported that three petitions and questions from three members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. On two of the petitions, representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners, and a third petition would be received in the absence of a speaker. Prior to the meeting, one of the questioners had withdrawn their questions.

3.2 Petitions

- 3.2.1 Petition Requesting The Installation Of A Fence Around The Green Area And Open Space Between Wensley Close And Wade Street To Stop Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council received an electronic petition containing 25 signatures requesting that the Council install a fence around the green area and open space, between Wensley Close and Wade Street, to stop anti-social behaviour.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Angilla Al-Gulaidi. Mr Al-Gulaidi stated he had lived in the Wensley Close area for over ten years and had seen increasing levels of anti-social behaviour in this area carried out by young people. He stated he had provided evidence of anti-social behaviour along with the petition. He said that the anti-social behaviour had made residents in the area anxious and frightened, and said that the problem had been getting worse. Mr Al-Gulaidi asked that a fence be installed to cordon off the area. He suggested that if this was not possible, a new football field could be added in Wensley Park to provide an alternative space for the young people.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure). Councillor Teal thanked Mr Al-Gulaidi and his fellow petitioners for presenting the petition and for suggesting possible solutions. She stated that she felt it was important that

officers visit the area, and that as she was unfamiliar with the area she would ask officers to provide her with background information. Councillor Teal said she agreed that the behaviour described was unacceptable and added that she would speak with officers and Mr Al-Gulaidi soon.

3.2.2 Petition Requesting The Council To Improve Safety For Pedestrians At The Junction Of Little London Road And Chesterfield Road

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 44 signatures requesting that the Council improve safety for pedestrians at the junction of Little London Road and Chesterfield Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Tony Tigwell. Mr Tigwell stated that Chesterfield Road was widened two years ago, and a drop kerb was added. He said that this created a dangerous crossing point near Lidl and B&M Bargains. He stated that vulnerable residents were particularly at risk. He said he felt it was a surprise that there had not been any fatalities on the road. Mr Tigwell said that this petition had been started over a year ago and was delayed due to the pandemic. Mr Tigwell requested that the Council remove the drop kerb on the corner in order to encourage individuals to move further down the road to cross at a safer point.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson stated that the fact there had not been any fatalities in the area was worth noting, as sadly this was not the case in some other areas of Sheffield. He agreed that there was a great deal of traffic in the area. He stated that any issues with the road widening of Chesterfield Road should have been raised when the work was carried out. Councillor Johnson said removing the drop kerb was not a preferred option, as it would impact disabled people. He said he would ask whether there were any advantages to road safety if this were done. Councillor Johnson stated that it was his understanding that there were reasons for not putting in a crossing at this point when the road was widened and stated that there was a pedestrian crossing nearby on Valley Road. He noted that this might not be ideal for wheelchair users but added that this would be a crossing option for many members of the public. Councillor Johnson said that it was his understanding that the vehicle entrance to B&M Bargains was close to the junction, and therefore there was not room for a crossing in this area. He added that traffic islands could not be added due to a lack of space. Councillor Johnson said he would consider Mr Tigwell's suggestion regarding a drop kerb.

3.2.3 Petition Requesting The Council To Make The Garden Waste Collection Service Cheaper

The Council received an electronic petition containing 18 signatures requesting that the Council make the garden waste collection service cheaper. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management). Councillor Wood stated that he

needed to speak to Service Directors and said that all service charges were to be reviewed over the coming months.

3.3 Public Questions

3.3.1 Public Questions Regarding the Tree Felling Inquiry in Sheffield

Russell Johnson asked the following questions of the Council:-

1. Transparency, Openness and 'The Street Tree Debacle Inquiry

I welcome the Council's decision to hold an independent Inquiry in public and await details with interest.

However, SCC's continuing appalling non-compliance with legal requirements associated with Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests might lead a reasonable person to doubt the sincerity of the Council in its stated desire for more honesty and therefore question the veracity of the exercise. I might add that the Council even demonstrates a cavalier approach to compliance with Decision Notices issued by the Information Commissioner.

- (a) Does the Leader understand that such wilful obfuscation inevitably results in cynicism about SCC's true motivation in initiating an Inquiry? This is compounded by the disgraceful history of some Members and Officers being less than honest with the public.
- (b) Will the Leader explain what action is being taken to properly respond to FOIRs, SARs and Formal Complaints in a legal and timely manner?

2. The new climate of cooperation – 'working together in the City's interests'

In view of the very welcome change in the political complexion of the Executive, please would the relevant Cabinet Member(s):

- (a) Commit to the removal of the Streets Ahead Contract clause requiring the felling of 17,500 street trees?
- (b) Commit to the removal of the clause requiring straight continuous kerbs, allowing skilled Amey Highway engineers to make sensible and pragmatic decisions without reference to an Officer for each and every case?

Members should note that these changes would have no cost implications for SCC and would, I believe, be welcomed by the contractors.

- (c) Formally announce the cessation of the felling programme: it is currently technically 'paused'.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance [and Deputy Leader of the Council]) thanked Mr

Johnson for his questions. Councillor Grocutt responded to parts (a) and (b) of question 1, and stated that the Council's ability to respond to FOI requests within legal timeframes had been impacted by the pandemic. She added that the pandemic had resulted in a backlog of FOI requests; however, she said that the Council was committed to addressing this and returning to an optimal position. She stated that a number of things had been done by the Council in order to address this backlog, including the recruitment of new staff to assist with responses and investment in a case management system. Councillor Grocutt added that the Council would also be setting up performance clinics. She stated that she understood the frustration and concern experienced by Mr Johnson and other members of the public and apologised for the delay.

Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management) responded to question 2. On part (a), Councillor Wood stated he would remove the clause referenced. On part (b), Councillor Wood said that he felt there always needed to be oversight from the Council alongside Amey. He added he would commit to the removal of this clause. On part (c), Councillor Wood stated that regarding the cessation of the felling programme, he could not find anything in the paperwork which suggested that this was a formal decision. He said any tree felling would be individually assessed and consulted on in line with the Street Tree Strategy, approved by Cabinet in March 2021. Councillor Wood said in many cases that approval team would include himself and Councillor Johnson.

3.3.2 Public Questions Regarding Local Area Committees

Nigel Slack asked the following questions:-

1. It is good to see the co-operation agreement detailed, at least to some extent, in the motion at item 6. There are however some concerns to be raised on this agreement.

In Para (D)(i) there is the commitment to the LACs but precious little detail on how they will actually be "putting our communities at the heart of decision making". Indeed the decisions and policies applied so far embed and solidify the control of the LACs in the hands of Councillors.

To satisfy the expectations of residents, as expressed through the curtailed 'Big City Conversation' this must surely be a grass roots partnership design and reflect the demand for real decision making within communities, both with respect to service delivery and to fiscal spending decisions.

Will Council commit again to this being a skeleton framework at this point and to fully exploring the potential of the LACs and including not just physical communities but communities of interest in these new arrangements?

In Para (D)(ii) there is a commitment to delivering new investment in District Centres, a suggestion given by me to the relevant Cabinet Member for development some 2 years ago whilst discussing the fate of Cambridge Street and the potential for a community hub in that area.

Unfortunately, the HOC2 developments have largely placed profit before people, with an emphasis on retail and office space. One thing Covid has taught us is that retail and the world of work will never be the same again. Sheffield has suffered badly from the collapse of the Philip Green empire, the closing of John Lewis and the uncertainty around the survival of Marks & Spencer, and the plans for District Centres need to address that.

Will Council commit to ensuring that development plans for the District Centres will be based on the needs of those centres as expressed by the residents that live, work and play there, for once putting people before profit?

2. On a related issue, the significant changes being undertaken in the City with the result of the referendum and the implications of the LACs will have a long term impact on the way the city is governed. I think we need to look at that Governance root and branch, noting that the current constitution is not up to the job.

The constitution is not resident friendly, even if a resident can find the thing. I would therefore propose that it is well past time for the hard questions be asked of this Council and its constitution. There are currently embedded conflicts of interest, protocols and policies that make no sense in the digital era & failings in the expectations of the residents in respect to accountability and transparency.

Will Council therefore agree to a review in 2022/23 of the City's constitution to bring it into the 21st Century, beginning from first principles by defining in clear language the underlying purpose and principles of a modern city and its governing documentation?

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Governance [and Deputy Leader of the Council]) stated she had a meeting scheduled with Mr Slack later in the month, and said she looked forward to carrying on this conversation within that meeting. Councillor Grocutt stated there were 52 fantastic district centres within Sheffield and said that these were at the heart of many of Sheffield's communities. She said the growth of these communities was very important to Members of the Council. Councillor Grocutt stated she was part of the Economic Recovery Fund group, alongside Councillor Paul Turpin. She said that this group provided support to local district centres. She stated this was a very exciting piece of work, and she invited Liberal Democrat members to assist with this work. She said that LACs would work in partnership with their own communities in order to put together local plans which work for those areas. Councillor Grocutt stated that she urged all local people to engage with their Local Area Committees.

In relation to question 2, Councillor Grocutt stated that the Council was required to work under a committee model of governance from May 2022. She said that in order for this to go ahead all current rules and procedures needed to be reviewed. Councillor Grocutt said that one of the workstreams required a review of the Constitution ahead of May 2022. She stated that the Council was

committed to working with citizens and communities within Sheffield to inform governance and decision making. Councillor Grocutt said that the change required over the year would provide an opportunity for the Council to demonstrate a commitment to engagement in both governance and decision making. She said she would be bringing forth a report to July's Co-operative Executive meeting which would set out the programme for change and highlight the engagement required to involve citizens and communities. Councillor Grocutt stated that the LAC framework would be reviewed over the year, and that engagement would include all communities.

3.4 Petition Requiring Debate: Petition Asking Sheffield City Council To Stop Using Glyphosate

The Council received an electronic petition containing over 6,350 signatures, of which more than 5,160 signatures were from individuals who live, work or study in Sheffield, asking the Council to stop using Glyphosate.

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:-

"End the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in Sheffield's publicly owned spaces maintained by the Council or their contractors and use a safe alternative such as Foamstream."

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Graham Wroe, who referred to the presentation circulated to all Members prior to this meeting, and to the information on the Pesticides Action Network UK website, requesting that Members should read this information, if they hadn't already done so. He reported that the petition had received 6,563 signatures, requesting the Council to stop using glyphosate in all the city's streets, parks and playgrounds, and reported on the five main reasons for such a request.

He stated that glyphosate had contributed to the massive decline in the insect population, and that it harmed worms, the soil, trees, birds and other animals and, due to the fact that it was water-soluble, had significant effects on animals which underpinned the aquatic food chain. Glyphosate was sprayed at the base of trees, which affected the fungi on their roots, which helped them to absorb nutrients and water. Glyphosates were thought to be carcinogenic, and found in many food products, including water, wine and beer. It had also been found in breast milk in the USA. The GMB union stated that evidence from the World Health Organisation should be heeded, in that glyphosate must be treated as a severe health risk to the public. Mr Wroe stated that glyphosate could be replaced by many safe alternatives, and whilst not all weeds needed removing, he accepted that some did, and he referred to a number of possible alternatives, including weed brushing, heat treatments, manual weeding and spraying with vinegar or foamstream. Mr Wroe stressed that spraying verges and pavement borders resulted in such areas being very unsightly, and urged the Council to stop using this pesticide on the city's streets, playgrounds and parks, in order to give nature in the city a real boost, and requested that safer alternatives be

investigated, which have to be controlled.

Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure) thanked Mr Wroe for presenting the petition, and referred to a number of local authorities who had either stopped using, or were in the process of stopping the use of, glyphosate. She stated that she fully supported ending the use of the pesticide, as well as all other chemicals that were harmful to nature, and had an adverse effect on biodiversity. Councillor Teal stated that the Parks and Countryside Service was already trialling alternatives, and stated that the concerns regarding the use of glyphosate had been included in the Government's Environment Bill. She had spoken to officers, requesting them to look at using less harmful alternatives as urgently as possible. Councillor Teal made reference to the motion regarding 'Action on the Nature Emergency', passed at the last Council meeting, and which had received full, cross-party support. She stated that the Council was looking to adopt new landscapes, which comprised more areas of wildflower, and which, potentially, would require less maintenance, thereby resulting in cost savings for the Council.

Councillor Joe Otten (Shadow Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure) believed it was now time to stop the use of glyphosate, and to look at, and test, safe alternatives. He referred to the clear cross-party agreement on this issue, and stated that a decision was required prior to the decision by the European Union to ban its use at the end of 2022.

Councillor Christine Gilligan referred to the Motion on the Nature Emergency at the Council meeting held on 16th June 2021, during which the Council recognised that the natural world was struggling from the impact of habitat degradation due to increased urbanisation and wasteful consumption patterns. She stated that Sheffield prided itself on being a green, outdoor city, therefore should not be spraying a toxic substance on the city's streets, parks and playgrounds. Councillor Gilligan stated that glyphosate not only destroyed weeds, but also most living things within the treated area, and left the landscape looking very unsightly. There had been a 30% reduction in the hedgehog population in urban areas, due mainly to the loss of worms and insects which they feed on. Consideration should be given to the designation by the World Health Organisation of glyphosate being carcinogenic. Councillor Gilligan referred to the adverse effects of the use of glyphosate on cats and dogs, as well as the health of those members of staff applying the pesticide. It was accepted that there was a need to look at how the Council managed its fauna and flora. She concluded by stating that she welcomed the petition, and expected there to be widespread support from the public, and that we should all wish to live in an environment which included bees, insects and other wildlife in the future.

Councillor Richard Shaw also welcomed the petition and the number of signatures. He stated that he had been contacted by a number of his constituents expressing concerns with regard to the spraying of glyphosate, and to the adverse effects of its use. Councillor Shaw made reference to the

adverse effects of its use on the city's wildlife, specifically hedgehogs, and stressed that there was an urgent need to find a suitable alternative.

Councillor Mary Lea expressed her thanks to the lead petitioner and welcomed the debate on this important issue. She stated that glyphosate had been the topic of discussion for some time, and considerable work had already been undertaken in terms of looking at alternatives, some of which, unfortunately, had proved not to be effective. Councillor Lea highlighted the fact that the risks of the use of glyphosate to humans and wildlife need to be taken very seriously, and stated that the impact of any proposed changes on the Council's partners, including Amey and those businesses who maintained their own green spaces, needed to be given serious consideration. She also highlighted the importance of involving the public in terms of looking at suitable alternatives, as many individuals and groups currently take ownership of green spaces within the city. She suggested that the issue be considered by the relevant Council Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Mark Jones welcomed the petition and referred to the work already undertaken in terms of looking at suitable alternatives. He referred to the Motion on Biodiversity, passed by the Council on 31st March 2021, and which promised to include the public in any future decisions taken on this issue. Councillor Jones stressed that the Council must both allow for science to lead the process and recognise and acknowledge the facts surrounding the use of this pesticide.

Councillor Tim Huggan stated that whilst he accepted and welcomed the European Union's decision to ban the use of glyphosate by the end of 2022, he stressed that the Council must look to end its use, through an Executive Decision, earlier than this deadline. He stated that there was a need for the relevant Council transitional committee to look at an alternative strategy for the use of the city's open spaces, and emphasised the importance of ensuring that staff currently applying the pesticide were adequately protected.

Councillor Barbara Masters stated that she had been asking for a policy for residents to manage their own suburban verges for sometime, and that several friends' groups had expressed an interest in being able to do this. However, there had been issues with regard to public liability insurance, and she requested that the Council looked into this, and find a resolution as soon as possible.

Councillor Paul Turpin raised concerns with regard to the use of glyphosate, indicating that its use needed banning at the earliest possible opportunity.

Councillor Roger Davison stated that the public needed to be informed as to how they could get rid of glyphosate safely as a number of residents would be in ownership of the pesticide.

Graham Wroe, in his right of reply, stated that he welcomed the positive comments made as part of the debate, and particularly welcomed the cross-party consensus. He highlighted the need to involve the public in any steps

being taken, as well as the need to ensure that all Sheffield residents understood the importance and severity of the current climate position.

Councillor Alison Teal responded to issues raised during the debate. She welcomed the fact that there was broad agreement that the use of glyphosate had to cease and suitable alternatives had to be introduced as a matter of urgency, particularly as the planet was facing a nature emergency, and she confirmed she would press for progress to be made on this matter without delay.

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

Proposal 1

It was moved by Councillor Alison Teal and seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson, that:-

The petition be referred to the appropriate executive decision maker for consideration.

Proposal 2

It was moved by Councillor Terry Fox and seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that:-

The petition be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to propose the course of action to be taken.

The two motions were then put to the vote. Proposal 1 was carried and Proposal 2 was not carried. Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council refers the petition to the appropriate executive decision maker for consideration.

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

4.1 Urgent Business

- 4.1.1 With the permission of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith), Councillor Ben Curran asked the following question relating to urgent business, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(ii):-

"The Government have announced the intention to relax covid-19 restrictions from 19th July, yet many experts and commentators feel that wearing masks should remain compulsory on public transport and in other enclosed spaces - including Sheffield's Director of Public Health who has said he would continue to wear a mask.

Will Sheffield City Council explore measures that could be taken locally to require passengers on local buses and trams to wear masks, subject to the current exemptions - for example, through working with the Sheffield City Region Mayor and bus companies to include a local requirement as a condition of carriage, or other measures which could be introduced through the local bus partnership?"

4.1.2 In response, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox) commented that the Government's intention to place the onus for public safety back onto the individual citizen was a shift acutely recognised by the Council and it would continue to explore whatever measures were available within the city to maintain public safety. He added that public safety remained the Council's top priority.

4.1.3 Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport), in supporting the comments made by the Leader, referred to his portfolio responsibilities for transport and his involvement in the Covid Prevention Management Board and stated that the wearing of face coverings has been a contentious and, at times, divisive issue during the pandemic. Although it would no longer be against the law to fail to wear a face covering, he did support the view of the Council's Director of Public Health, and other scientists, that the wearing of face masks would continue to be beneficial in reducing the spread of Covid and other viruses. He added, however, that there was no easy way to enforce the wearing of masks in various settings and he alluded to reports of hostility from some members of the public towards public service workers trying to enforce the legal requirements, and towards disabled members of the public who were not wearing masks due to their disability or health condition, and he concluded his comments by stating that he would urge the public to continue to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces in the interests of community safety, whilst also understanding, and demonstrating respect and tolerance for, those who were unable to do so.

4.2 Written Questions

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

4.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

Questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions (under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6i), were not able to be asked before the expiry of the time limit for Members' Questions.

5. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS - NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING GP SERVICES

5.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Tony Damms and seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by taking the urgent item of business (Notice of Motion Regarding “GP Services”), followed by item 7 (Notice of Motion Regarding “The City Centre”) as the next two items of business.

5.2 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) announced the proposal that an urgent item of business be considered at the meeting. Council Procedure Rule 26 states that “An item of business may be considered at a meeting of the Council as a matter of urgency, where it has not been possible to give five clear working days’ notice, on the recommendation of the Chair, but the reason for such urgency must be recorded in the minutes. Any non-confidential or non-exempt report relating to such item must be made available for public inspection once it has been issued.”

5.3 The Lord Mayor stated that a request had been received from Councillors Jack Scott and Ruth Milsom asking that the Council considers an additional Notice of Motion regarding GP Services. The reasons for urgency and explanation of why it was not possible to submit the Notice of Motion in accordance with the usual timescales, was:-

- General practice is coming under intense pressure and this is reaching crisis point in Sheffield as well as elsewhere;
- A group of senior councillors met with senior general practitioners, Clinical Commissioning Group commissioners and the Director of Public Health on the evening of 30th June. At that meeting, the councillors were left in no doubt about the seriousness and urgency of the situation. The GPs were keen for support from the Council. In particular, to help the public understand the pressure on general practice at the moment.
- As the meeting only took place on Wednesday 30th June, this did not allow for a Notice of Motion to be submitted within the usual timescale.

In view of the nature and timing of the issue, the Lord Mayor stated that she was satisfied that there were clear reasons for taking the Notice of Motion as an urgent item of business. She added that the urgent item will replace the Notice of Motion at item 8 on the agenda, regarding “Investing In Early Years”, which is to be withdrawn by the mover of the motion, Councillor Jayne Dunn.

5.4 The proposed Motion was circulated to all Members of the Council on 7th July 2021 and has been published on the Council’s website. Copies of the Motion, and proposed amendments to it, were available in the meeting room.

5.5 It was moved by Councillor Jack Scott, and seconded by Councillor Ruth Milsom, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises that general practices across the country are at breaking point, putting the whole of the NHS at risk;
- (b) believes that Primary Care is the 'Bedrock of the NHS', dealing with around 90% of patient contacts, and acknowledges that, currently, GPs and their teams are at the forefront of helping communities recover from the pandemic; caring for people whose mental and physical health has been affected by Covid 19; and leading the Vaccination programme; whilst at the same time, they are dealing with the backlog of people on waiting lists elsewhere in the NHS;
- (c) notes that:-
 - (i) in 2016 the Conservative Government promised to increase GPs by 5,000 in 5 years but that the overall number of GPs has seen little growth since 2015;
 - (ii) the number of patients per practice is 22% higher than it was in 2015 but the GP workforce has not grown with this demand; there are now just 0.46 fully qualified GPs per 1,000 patients in England – significantly below the average number of physicians in comparable nations;
 - (iii) there is a growing backlog of care in the NHS; long waits for specialist treatment are skyrocketing and pressure on Accident and Emergency Departments is reaching pre-pandemic levels;
 - (iv) General practice and general practitioners are under pressure; a recent survey by the British Medical Association (BMA) showed high levels of mental health conditions and exhaustion; resignations from General Practice are also rising, and practices are shutting down at record rates; and
 - (v) it is becoming increasingly difficult to get GPs to practice in deprived areas; as a result, those communities who most need good primary care are least able to access it; and
- (d) calls upon the Government and the Chief Executive of the NHS to take urgent measures to address this crisis, including:-
 - (i) delivering on previously unmet promises to increase the number of GPs by at least 5,000;
 - (ii) ensuring that incentives are in place to meet the primary care needs of communities with the greatest need;
 - (iii) reducing red tape and bureaucracy by exploring with the profession which regulatory and administrative tasks need to be kept and which don't;

- (iv) rebalancing the health system by encouraging better outreach work from secondary care; and
- (v) increasing investment in community-based health-promoting activities to address the underlying causes of poor health.

5.6 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and seconded by Councillor Penny Baker, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) to (d) as new paragraphs (d) to (f):-
 - (b) thanks those who work in the NHS for their commitment to their patients, often putting themselves at risk for the sake of others;
 - (c) congratulates NHS staff past and present on being awarded the George Cross for their courage, compassion and dedication;
2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (e)(vi) as follows:-
 - (e)(vi) half of GP surgeries in England are considered by professionals to be unfit for purpose, and ill-equipped to meet future demand, while lack of expertise and capacity constraints have been highlighted as important barriers to GPs accessing infrastructure funding;
3. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (f)(vi) as follows:-
 - (f)(vi) fundamental reform of investment in the primary care estate, including action to address the barriers to accessing current capital funding streams;

5.7 It was then moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and seconded by Councillor Martin Phipps, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (g) as follows:-

- (e) notes with concern that the US private health care company, Centene, is now the single largest provider of Primary Care in the NHS;
- (f) opposes privatisation and outsourcing in the NHS and will write to the Government and Sheffield MPs urging them to support an NHS reinstatement bill; and
- (g) notes with concern that administering and patient opt-out of the NHS “data grab” (requiring GPs to handover all their patients data to be pseudonymised) places yet another additional burden on GP practices when they need it least, and will urge the Government to scrap this data grab.

- 5.8 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Jack Scott, the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was carried.
- 5.8.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for parts 1 and 3 of the amendment and abstained from voting on part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 5.9 The amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond was then put to the vote and was also carried.
- 5.9.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker, voted for paragraphs (e) and (g) and abstained from voting on paragraph (f) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 5.10 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that general practices across the country are at breaking point, putting the whole of the NHS at risk;
- (b) thanks those who work in the NHS for their commitment to their patients, often putting themselves at risk for the sake of others;
- (c) congratulates NHS staff past and present on being awarded the George Cross for their courage, compassion and dedication;
- (d) believes that Primary Care is the 'Bedrock of the NHS', dealing with around 90% of patient contacts, and acknowledges that, currently, GPs and their teams are at the forefront of helping communities recover from the pandemic; caring for people whose mental and physical health has been affected by Covid 19; and leading the Vaccination programme; whilst at the same time, they are dealing with the backlog of people on waiting lists elsewhere in the NHS;
- (e) notes that:-
 - (i) in 2016 the Conservative Government promised to increase GPs by 5,000 in 5 years but that the overall number of GPs has seen little growth since 2015;
 - (ii) the number of patients per practice is 22% higher than it was in

- 2015 but the GP workforce has not grown with this demand; there are now just 0.46 fully qualified GPs per 1,000 patients in England – significantly below the average number of physicians in comparable nations;
- (iii) there is a growing backlog of care in the NHS; long waits for specialist treatment are skyrocketing and pressure on Accident and Emergency Departments is reaching pre-pandemic levels;
 - (iv) general practice and general practitioners are under pressure; a recent survey by the British Medical Association (BMA) showed high levels of mental health conditions and exhaustion; resignations from General Practice are also rising, and practices are shutting down at record rates;
 - (v) it is becoming increasingly difficult to get GPs to practice in deprived areas; as a result, those communities who most need good primary care are least able to access it; and
 - (vi) half of GP surgeries in England are considered by professionals to be unfit for purpose, and ill-equipped to meet future demand, while lack of expertise and capacity constraints have been highlighted as important barriers to GPs accessing infrastructure funding;
- (f) calls upon the Government and the Chief Executive of the NHS to take urgent measures to address this crisis, including:-
- (i) delivering on previously unmet promises to increase the number of GPs by at least 5,000;
 - (ii) ensuring that incentives are in place to meet the primary care needs of communities with the greatest need;
 - (iii) reducing red tape and bureaucracy by exploring with the profession which regulatory and administrative tasks need to be kept and which don't;
 - (iv) rebalancing the health system by encouraging better outreach work from secondary care;
 - (v) increasing investment in community-based health-promoting activities to address the underlying causes of poor health; and
 - (vi) fundamental reform of investment in the primary care estate, including action to address the barriers to accessing current capital funding streams;
- (g) notes with concern that the US private health care company, Centene, is now the single largest provider of Primary Care in the NHS;

- (h) opposes privatisation and outsourcing in the NHS and will write to the Government and Sheffield MPs urging them to support an NHS reinstatement bill; and
- (i) notes with concern that administering and patient opt-out of the NHS “data grab” (requiring GPs to handover all their patients data to be pseudonymised) places yet another additional burden on GP practices when they need it least, and will urge the Government to scrap this data grab.

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

For paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f)(i) to (v), (g) and (i) (75) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Bernard Little, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f)(i) to (v), (g) and (i) (0) - Nil

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f)(i) to (v), (g) and (i) (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillor Lewis Chinchin.

- For paragraphs (b), (c) and (f)(vi) (76) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Ann Woolhouse, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchen, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Bernard Little, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.
- Against paragraphs (b), (c) and (f)(vi) (0) - Nil
- Abstained from voting on paragraphs (b), (c) and (f)(vi) (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith).
- For paragraph (h) (48) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran,

Bernard Little, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Against paragraph (h) (0) - Nil

Abstained from voting on paragraph (h) (29) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE CITY CENTRE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED MAHROOF

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises that a thriving city centre is vitally important for the economic and social future of Sheffield because it supports jobs, attracts inward investment and provides a focus for the cultural life of Sheffield;
- (b) notes that the Covid pandemic has had a devastating impact on the city centre, with decreasing footfall and a significant increase in retail closures;
- (c) is concerned that the permanent closure of the John Lewis store will deliver another long-term blow to the city centre;
- (d) notes that only 6 months after the then Cabinet Member for Business & Investment announced that a £3m deal had secured the John Lewis store in the city centre, the Company proposed its closure;
- (e) believes that due to eight wasted years by the previous Labour administration, the city centre has become too dependent on the fortunes and decisions of large national retailers, at the expense of local, independent businesses;
- (f) notes that, despite numerous commitments given by the previous Administration to either refurbish or relocate the Central Library and that the building is "it's top priority for the Council's cultural capital investment", there is still no long-term plan for the Graves building;

- (g) notes that prime land at Sheaf Square has now been unused for 15 years, while the provision for taxis at the railway station continues to be poor and obstructive to other vehicles;
- (h) notes that recent changes to road layouts, relocation of bus stops, the closure of a major car park and measures to accommodate social distancing during the pandemic, have made it more difficult for people to access some parts of the city centre;
- (i) notes that last summer the Council announced it was working on a new strategy for the central area of Sheffield; and
- (j) therefore requests the Administration to:-
 - (i) commit to publishing the new strategy for the central area of Sheffield within the next 3 months;
 - (ii) commit to improving access for people to travel into and around the city centre; and
 - (iii) commit to publishing a timeline to upgrade temporary bus stop facilities, introduced following the closure of Pinstone Street to bus services, to the equivalent City Centre “gold” standard.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (j) as follows:-

- (c) believes that when the regeneration of our city centre was stalled from the financial crash and lack of action from the previous Lib Dem administration, the Labour administration acted to take control of the scheme away from a development company back into the hands of the city and believes that this proactive action was necessary in contrast to the inaction of the previous Lib Dem administration;
- (d) welcomes that by doing this the Heart of the City 2 project has been developed and believes that this is a cornerstone project that is helping to restore economic momentum and will drive growth in a post Covid-19 Sheffield and believes that if it had been left to the inaction of the previous Lib Dem administration the current developments that can be seen throughout the city centre would not be taking place;
- (e) further welcomes that by doing this the Administration has been able to future proof the regeneration of our city centre so that it is fit for how city centres are changing, not shaped by the old model of how city centres work but adapting to trends such as increases in online shopping, creating a thriving hub mix of independent businesses and larger companies, both commercial and retail occupiers, some of which have

already opened, some are being built now and some are still in development;

- (f) therefore supports Heart of the City 2;
- (g) welcomes the success of Sheffield in being awarded over £15 million in funding for Fargate and High Street and thanks all partners who were involved in developing the bid;
- (h) believes it is important to ensure that the city centre remains accessible to all, recognises that many necessary actions were taken during the lockdown to enable social distancing and believes that as we move out of lockdown it will be important that a solution which maintains many of the benefits that have been brought about by the changes whilst ensuring everyone can access the city centre, should be sought;
- (i) confirms that the Administration will have a new Central Area Strategy in place by Autumn 2021, talking to people and businesses over the summer on their aspirations for the city centre's future and welcomes the extensive action already taken, such as the publication of the Central Area Strategy Capacity Report last year, which looks at the capacity for new homes in the city; and
- (j) welcomes that Sheffield has a plan and it is only by taking proactive action as a city to put ourselves in the driving seat of the regeneration of our city centre that we are now creating a new city centre that we can be proud of as a city and puts us in a strong position to rebuild.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (h), the re-lettering of paragraphs (i) and (j) as new paragraphs (q) and (r), and the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (p) as follows:-

- (h) believes that Sheffield must look forward to a vibrant city centre that supports Sheffield's local businesses, has a good quality of life for an increasing residential population and is an enjoyable place to visit;
- (i) believes that good access into the city centre is vital and we should aim to increase the numbers of people visiting on foot, by bike, by bus, tram and train;
- (j) therefore believes that the best way to support a good bus and tram network is to make it cheaper and more convenient to arrive by public transport than by private car;
- (k) believes that we need to improve air quality and should therefore reduce the number of unnecessary journeys by private car;
- (l) believes that reducing congestion in the city centre will make streets safer as well as cleaner and more pleasant to enjoy;

- (m) recognises that the city centre and its residents are desperately short of green spaces and outdoor public spaces, and that we need to free up some car parking spaces for use as public green/outdoor space to make the city a more attractive and healthier place to visit and to live in;
- (n) welcomes independent shops and would like to see more neighbourhood shops and services, so that a wide range of shops and services is within 15 minutes walk;
- (o) notes that research by the London Borough of Waltham Forest showed that people walking to their high street spent 40% more than people who drove but that business owners massively over-estimated their customers' car use;
- (p) recognises that whilst blue badge parking is still necessary for some, believes that a modern, electric FreeBee bus would make the city centre more accessible to many disabled people, recognising also that car ownership is lower among disabled people;

6.4 It was then moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) and (l) as follows:-

- (k) to give protection against inappropriate development and to give certainty to potential investors, believes that the grossly delayed development of the local plan must go ahead; and, following a resounding response from local people on options for housing numbers, calls on the co-operative executive to publish the draft local plan without further delay; and
- (l) is deeply concerned that to date the Administration has failed to explain whether there is an adequate clawback provision for the £3m offered to John Lewis to stay in Sheffield City Centre and calls on the co-operative executive to publish the financial implications to the Council of this closure.

6.5 After contributions from three other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Martin Smith, the amendment moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum was put to the vote and was carried.

6.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried, with the exception of paragraphs (m) and (p) which were negatived.

6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was then put to the vote and was carried.

6.7.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

- For the amendment (41) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Christine Gilligan, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchen, Bernard Little, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.
- Against the amendment (35) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood
- Abstained from voting on the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith).

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that a thriving city centre is vitally important for the economic and social future of Sheffield because it supports jobs, attracts inward investment and provides a focus for the cultural life of Sheffield;
- (b) notes that the Covid pandemic has had a devastating impact on the city centre, with decreasing footfall and a significant increase in retail closures;
- (c) believes that when the regeneration of our city centre was stalled from the financial crash and lack of action from the previous Lib Dem administration, the Labour administration acted to take control of the scheme away from a development company back into the hands of the

- city and believes that this proactive action was necessary in contrast to the inaction of the previous Lib Dem administration;
- (d) welcomes that by doing this the Heart of the City 2 project has been developed and believes that this is a cornerstone project that is helping to restore economic momentum and will drive growth in a post Covid-19 Sheffield and believes that if it had been left to the inaction of the previous Lib Dem administration the current developments that can be seen throughout the city centre would not be taking place;
 - (e) further welcomes that by doing this the Administration has been able to future proof the regeneration of our city centre so that it is fit for how city centres are changing, not shaped by the old model of how city centres work but adapting to trends such as increases in online shopping, creating a thriving hub mix of independent businesses and larger companies, both commercial and retail occupiers, some of which have already opened, some are being built now and some are still in development;
 - (f) therefore supports Heart of the City 2;
 - (g) welcomes the success of Sheffield in being awarded over £15 million in funding for Fargate and High Street and thanks all partners who were involved in developing the bid;
 - (h) believes it is important to ensure that the city centre remains accessible to all, recognises that many necessary actions were taken during the lockdown to enable social distancing and believes that as we move out of lockdown it will be important that a solution which maintains many of the benefits that have been brought about by the changes whilst ensuring everyone can access the city centre, should be sought;
 - (i) confirms that the Administration will have a new Central Area Strategy in place by Autumn 2021, talking to people and businesses over the summer on their aspirations for the city centre's future and welcomes the extensive action already taken, such as the publication of the Central Area Strategy Capacity Report last year, which looks at the capacity for new homes in the city;
 - (j) welcomes that Sheffield has a plan and it is only by taking proactive action as a city to put ourselves in the driving seat of the regeneration of our city centre that we are now creating a new city centre that we can be proud of as a city and puts us in a strong position to rebuild;
 - (k) believes that Sheffield must look forward to a vibrant city centre that supports Sheffield's local businesses, has a good quality of life for an increasing residential population and is an enjoyable place to visit;
 - (l) believes that good access into the city centre is vital and we should aim to increase the numbers of people visiting on foot, by bike, by bus, tram

- and train;
- (m) therefore believes that the best way to support a good bus and tram network is to make it cheaper and more convenient to arrive by public transport than by private car;
 - (n) believes that we need to improve air quality and should therefore reduce the number of unnecessary journeys by private car;
 - (o) believes that reducing congestion in the city centre will make streets safer as well as cleaner and more pleasant to enjoy;
 - (p) welcomes independent shops and would like to see more neighbourhood shops and services, so that a wide range of shops and services is within 15 minutes walk;
 - (q) notes that research by the London Borough of Waltham Forest showed that people walking to their high street spent 40% more than people who drove but that business owners massively over-estimated their customers' car use;
 - (r) to give protection against inappropriate development and to give certainty to potential investors, believes that the grossly delayed development of the local plan must go ahead; and, following a resounding response from local people on options for housing numbers, calls on the co-operative executive to publish the draft local plan without further delay; and
 - (s) is deeply concerned that to date the Administration has failed to explain whether there is an adequate clawback provision for the £3m offered to John Lewis to stay in Sheffield City Centre and calls on the co-operative executive to publish the financial implications to the Council of this closure.

6.8.1 (NOTE: 1. The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood, voted for paragraphs (a) to (q) and against paragraphs (r) and (s) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard

Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), (o), (p), (r) and (s), voted against paragraphs (c) to (e), (j) to (n) and (q), and abstained from voting on paragraph (i) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

3. Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal and Bernard Little, voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (g), (h) and (k) to (s), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) to (f), (i) and (j) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

4. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (f), (g) and (k) to (s), and abstained from voting on paragraphs (c) to (e) and (h) to (j) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PUTTING SHEFFIELD FIRST" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCUIT

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

- (a) recognises the incredible efforts that all staff, partner organisations, voluntary sector, local businesses, community groups and the people of Sheffield have made to get the city through the past 18 months, and thanks everyone for their contribution;
- (b) notes that as the city moves out of lockdown, and continues to open up, it is essential that the Council takes action to secure the city's recovery across a wide range of areas including support for jobs and the local economy, children and education, supporting people in financial hardship and the full reopening of Council services;
- (c) welcomes the co-operation agreement between the Labour and Green Groups, as set out below:-

"This Agreement is dated 19 May 2021 and is made between the Labour and Green political groups elected as Members of Sheffield City Council. This is an agreement for the 2021/22 municipal year and will therefore come to an end at the AGM in May 2022 unless extended by agreement of both parties.

This Agreement has been drawn up following detailed discussions between the two groups. The Green and Labour Groups acknowledge that no party has an overall majority on Sheffield City Council and this requires a new way of working to be established between the parties.

Both groups are committed to working in an open, inclusive and democratic way and ensuring the Council has stability and effective leadership. In order to support this and reflecting the decision of the people of Sheffield in the governance referendum, a politically proportionate transition committee model has been introduced and will be piloted to enable a new way of working in the Council which will facilitate the transition to the committee system.

Both parties will support the appointment of Terry Fox as Leader of the Council, Julie Grocutt as Deputy Leader of the Council and the appointment of five Labour and three Green Executive Members (designed to represent political proportionality). Whilst the Liberal Democrats declined to join the Executive, if they were to reconsider this decision, then they will get three seats, two to be offered by Labour and one offered by the Greens.

Both parties will work together in the interests of Sheffield. In order to secure the city's recovery we will:-

- (i) implement the new Local Area Committees, giving power back to our communities;
- (ii) introduce a new approach to community safety with additional safer neighbourhood wardens;
- (iii) provide additional investment in our young people;
- (iv) support the recovery of our district centres;
- (v) implement the recommendations in the Arup report dated 19 March to create a pathway to deliver the shared ambition for net zero; and
- (vi) appoint an independent person to conduct a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.

Both parties agree:-

- (i) a commitment to deal with each other fairly and honestly;
- (ii) to recognise that this is a new way of working that has not been experienced in Sheffield before;
- (iii) to recognise that all parties, officers and the public will take time to get used to a new style of governance;
- (iv) to recognise that mistakes will be made and to address these respectfully;
- (v) always to act in the best interests of the residents of the city; and

- (vi) to develop a new system to manage council business, taking account of the new working arrangements. This should ensure: All Cabinet briefings are open to both parties; All papers going to Cabinet are fully shared with both parties before the agenda is published; All Council communications in relation to executive decisions are cleared by both parties before issue; and consensus is sought wherever possible and a mechanism will be established between the leadership of both groups to resolve any issues that may arise.

A programme of meetings will be planned to facilitate discussions on the budget. It is the full intention to reach a consensus on the Council's 2022/23 Budget and Housing Revenue Account."

- (d) welcomes the plans by the Administration to deliver on the following commitments:-
 - (i) to introduce Local Area Committees, agreed by this Council in March, as a top priority, with the aim of establishing and embedding them within the Council, thus putting our communities at the heart of decision making and ensuring that Council services are responsive and accountable to the needs of our communities;
 - (ii) delivering new investment in District Centres throughout the city to ensure their recovery and renewal, coupled with a wider programme of initiatives to support the re-opening of the city's economy, such as the recently announced Summer in the Outdoor City Programme;
 - (iii) investing in our young people through delivery of the Administration's additional investment in youth services, following the service being brought back in-house;
 - (iv) implementing the recommendations set out in the Arup report to create a pathway to deliver the shared ambition for net zero;
 - (v) introducing a new approach to community safety, with additional safer neighbourhood wardens; and
 - (vi) appointing an independent person to conduct a local inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute;
- (e) believes that the overriding priority of the Council, and the city as a whole, should be to put Sheffield first and work in the interests of the city and its people and welcomes the commitment of the new Administration to always Put Sheffield First;
- (f) believes that to meet the challenges the city faces it is important for Councillors to work together and co-operate across the city and that this

is the responsible thing to do to provide the effective leadership and stability that the city needs from the Council going forward; and

- (g) notes that the Council will now begin a transition into new governance arrangements following the result of the governance referendum and welcomes the Council's plans to introduce transitional committees to facilitate this change in governance and believes that they will be an important part of piloting this new way of working and supporting the organisation to put in place the best possible arrangements to deliver for Sheffield, working in an open, inclusive and democratic way.

7.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and formally seconded by Councillor Colin Ross, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-

- (c) recognises the challenges of multi-party administration and believes that an agreement between parties to work together should be based on an agreed policy platform that will work for the people of Sheffield;

- (d) believes that such a policy platform should include the following:-

- (i) an independent inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute led by someone of the status of a retired judge and held in public;

- (ii) implement the recommendations in the ARUP report setting the path to making Sheffield carbon neutral by 2030;

- (iii) to secure jobs and businesses in the city as we come out of lockdown, no additional taxes on local business, such as a workplace parking levy;

- (iv) a moratorium on further insourcing of council services without applying Best Value principles, and a policy review to determine the best value approach to services in future, whether delivered in-house, through strategic partnerships, or competitively tendered;

- (v) retention of local portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy as defined in legislation, in the ward where it is raised, and to be administered by local area committees (or parish/town councils where appropriate) to mitigate the effects of development in the local area; not redistributed under a scheme that prevents almost all of it being spent where it is raised and needed; and

- (vi) each local area committee to receive an additional £700,000 to improve the local area for everyone according to local priorities, in addition to monies allocated on the basis of deprivation;
 - (e) welcomes the extent to which these policies have been adopted by this Administration and supports the principle of a better approach to community safety, but fears that dogmatically driven insourcing of youth services will inflate costs without a commensurate improvement in the service;
2. the re-lettering of existing paragraphs (e) and (f) as new paragraphs (f) and (g);
3. the deletion of the original paragraph (g) and the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (j) as follows:-
- (h) further believes that the existence of a strong and constructive opposition providing challenge and scrutiny and holding the administration to account, is an important feature of our democratic system, offering a clear alternative to the voters of Sheffield; and without this, their right to throw out any failing administration would be more difficult to exercise;
 - (i) notes that one of the first actions of the new executive was to abolish the Economic and Environmental Well-Being and Safer and Stronger Communities scrutiny and policy development committees, and -
 - (i) notes that, over the past year, the work programme for the Safer and Stronger Communities committee examined important issues such as Domestic and Sexual Abuse during Covid 19, scrutiny of the report on cladding of the Hanover Tower Block and homelessness and rough sleeping;
 - (ii) further notes that this Scrutiny Committee was due to further scrutinise the problems arising from the insourcing of the housing repairs service during its 2021/22 work programme; and
 - (iii) notes that the Economic and Environmental Well-Being Scrutiny committee last year scrutinised the bailout of Sheffield City Trust and losses incurred by Sheffield International Venues from running leisure facilities in Scarborough and Whitby; and
 - (j) supports in principle the establishment of transitional committees in working towards the introduction of the committee system, but has concerns at the loss of two scrutiny committees, while

executive arrangements are still in place, and the impact this will have on the opportunities for scrutiny.

7.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and formally seconded by Councillor Alison Teal, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-

- (h) asserts that the historic first of a two-party Administration for this great city is an essential marker of openness, civic responsibility and genuine collaboration; and that this must be better for the people of Sheffield; and
- (i) believes that tackling global climate change and the ecological emergency requires both responsibility of leadership and collaboration at all levels of government to succeed.

7.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Tony Damms, and formally seconded by Councillor Anne Murphy, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-

- (h) welcomes that Sheffield has been shortlisted for City of the Year in the annual EG awards following a joint entry by Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield Property Association recognising Sheffield's all-encompassing strengths, our people and place that make us stand out from the rest and believes that Sheffield is deserving of the title of 'City of the Year.'

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was negated.

7.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried.

7.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraph (i) and abstained from voting on paragraph (h) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Tony Damms was then put to the vote and was also carried.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises the incredible efforts that all staff, partner organisations,

voluntary sector, local businesses, community groups and the people of Sheffield have made to get the city through the past 18 months, and thanks everyone for their contribution;

- (b) notes that as the city moves out of lockdown, and continues to open up, it is essential that the Council takes action to secure the city's recovery across a wide range of areas including support for jobs and the local economy, children and education, supporting people in financial hardship and the full reopening of Council services;
- (c) welcomes the co-operation agreement between the Labour and Green Groups, as set out below:-

"This Agreement is dated 19 May 2021 and is made between the Labour and Green political groups elected as Members of Sheffield City Council. This is an agreement for the 2021/22 municipal year and will therefore come to an end at the AGM in May 2022 unless extended by agreement of both parties.

This Agreement has been drawn up following detailed discussions between the two groups. The Green and Labour Groups acknowledge that no party has an overall majority on Sheffield City Council and this requires a new way of working to be established between the parties.

Both groups are committed to working in an open, inclusive and democratic way and ensuring the Council has stability and effective leadership. In order to support this and reflecting the decision of the people of Sheffield in the governance referendum, a politically proportionate transition committee model has been introduced and will be piloted to enable a new way of working in the Council which will facilitate the transition to the committee system.

Both parties will support the appointment of Terry Fox as Leader of the Council, Julie Grocutt as Deputy Leader of the Council and the appointment of five Labour and three Green Executive Members (designed to represent political proportionality). Whilst the Liberal Democrats declined to join the Executive, if they were to reconsider this decision, then they will get three seats, two to be offered by Labour and one offered by the Greens.

Both parties will work together in the interests of Sheffield. In order to secure the city's recovery we will:-

- (i) implement the new Local Area Committees, giving power back to our communities;
- (ii) introduce a new approach to community safety with additional safer neighbourhood wardens;
- (iii) provide additional investment in our young people;

- (iv) support the recovery of our district centres;
- (v) implement the recommendations in the Arup report dated 19 March to create a pathway to deliver the shared ambition for net zero; and
- (vi) appoint an independent person to conduct a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.

Both parties agree:-

- (i) a commitment to deal with each other fairly and honestly;
- (ii) to recognise that this is a new way of working that has not been experienced in Sheffield before;
- (iii) to recognise that all parties, officers and the public will take time to get used to a new style of governance;
- (iv) to recognise that mistakes will be made and to address these respectfully;
- (v) always to act in the best interests of the residents of the city; and
- (vi) to develop a new system to manage council business, taking account of the new working arrangements. This should ensure: All Cabinet briefings are open to both parties; All papers going to Cabinet are fully shared with both parties before the agenda is published; All Council communications in relation to executive decisions are cleared by both parties before issue; and consensus is sought wherever possible and a mechanism will be established between the leadership of both groups to resolve any issues that may arise.

A programme of meetings will be planned to facilitate discussions on the budget. It is the full intention to reach a consensus on the Council's 2022/23 Budget and Housing Revenue Account.”;

- (d) welcomes the plans by the Administration to deliver on the following commitments:-
 - (i) to introduce Local Area Committees, agreed by this Council in March, as a top priority, with the aim of establishing and embedding them within the Council, thus putting our communities at the heart of decision making and ensuring that Council services are responsive and accountable to the needs of our communities;
 - (ii) delivering new investment in District Centres throughout the city to ensure their recovery and renewal, coupled with a wider

- programme of initiatives to support the re-opening of the city's economy, such as the recently announced Summer in the Outdoor City Programme;
- (iii) investing in our young people through delivery of the Administration's additional investment in youth services, following the service being brought back in-house;
 - (iv) implementing the recommendations set out in the Arup report to create a pathway to deliver the shared ambition for net zero;
 - (v) introducing a new approach to community safety, with additional safer neighbourhood wardens; and
 - (vi) appointing an independent person to conduct a local inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute;
- (e) believes that the overriding priority of the Council, and the city as a whole, should be to put Sheffield first and work in the interests of the city and its people and welcomes the commitment of the new Administration to always Put Sheffield First;
- (f) believes that to meet the challenges the city faces it is important for Councillors to work together and co-operate across the city and that this is the responsible thing to do to provide the effective leadership and stability that the city needs from the Council going forward;
- (g) notes that the Council will now begin a transition into new governance arrangements following the result of the governance referendum and welcomes the Council's plans to introduce transitional committees to facilitate this change in governance and believes that they will be an important part of piloting this new way of working and supporting the organisation to put in place the best possible arrangements to deliver for Sheffield, working in an open, inclusive and democratic way;
- (h) asserts that the historic first of a two-party Administration for this great city is an essential marker of openness, civic responsibility and genuine collaboration; and that this must be better for the people of Sheffield;
- (i) believes that tackling global climate change and the ecological emergency requires both responsibility of leadership and collaboration at all levels of government to succeed; and
- (j) welcomes that Sheffield has been shortlisted for City of the Year in the annual EG awards following a joint entry by Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield Property Association recognising Sheffield's all-encompassing strengths, our people and place that make us stand out from the rest and believes that Sheffield is deserving of the title of 'City of the Year'.

7.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (i) and (j), against paragraphs (c) and (d) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g) and (h) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d)(i) to (v), and (e) to (j) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on sub-paragraph (vi) of paragraph (d) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "INVESTING IN EARLY YEARS" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JAYNE DUNN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICK ROONEY

In accordance with the arrangements referred to by the Lord Mayor earlier in the meeting, and at the request of the proposed mover of the motion (Councillor Jayne Dunn), and with the consent of both the proposed seconder of the motion (Councillor Mick Rooney) and of the meeting, item 8 on the agenda (Notice of Motion Regarding "Investing In Early Years"), was withdrawn from consideration.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TIM HUGGAN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Tim Huggan, and formally seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that with the right support, Sheffield businesses have the opportunity to be leaders in green and sustainable technology;
- (b) believes successful local councils of the future will be those which adopt the 'circular economy' approach, which designs out waste, is regenerative by design and is powered by renewable energy; at its heart is the idea of reducing resource use through well-developed local plan policies that embeds reusing resources and materials that are in circulation in the economy and recycling as a last resort, which will help us meet our sustainable development goals;
- (c) believes a prime example of this is the EU 'right to repair' legislation which requires manufacturers to design longer lasting products and make

spare parts readily available in a push to reduce waste and increase opportunities for small businesses in the after-sales support sector;

- (d) believes that Sheffield must have a huge and positive role to play in the transition to a circular economy;
- (e) notes that Sheffield has a recycling rate for household waste of 30.7% which is well below the highest performing English local authority, Three Rivers, of nearly 65%; and a radical improvement in the City's recycling rate will therefore require the collection and recycling of food waste;
- (f) also notes that food waste is a hugely important economic and environmental issue for the country, with more than 600 tonnes thrown away by Sheffield households each year; and
- (g) therefore resolves to:-
 - (i) publish the results of the consultation with local universities, charities and Ellen MacArthur Foundation Knowledge Partner organisations, that have experience of delivering circular economy projects with businesses and local authorities, as resolved at the Council meeting in December 2019;
 - (ii) support the introduction of local deposit return and refill schemes for all food and drinks containers;
 - (iii) make 'evidence of environmental improvement' a requirement for all businesses and organisations seeking grant funding or any other form of financial support from the Council;
 - (iv) instruct the Executive Director, Place, to carry out a full study that quantifies the potential benefits of the circular economy approach to the city and report back to full Council within six months;
 - (v) use best practice in conjunction with councils across the UK and beyond, to define a metric for progress made in the transition to circular economy;
 - (vi) explore measuring food waste in all Council premises and support measures to communicate the importance of reducing food waste;
 - (vii) develop proposals to introduce a pilot scheme for the collection of food waste from households to identify the issues and opportunities in a wider roll-out across the whole city, with the intention to roll out domestic food waste collection across the city to produce biogas energy via anaerobic digestion as soon as is practicable;
 - (viii) support local businesses to transition to closed loop systems and eco-design approaches using the RESolve framework, with an

emphasis on production of products that can last several lifecycles, that are easily repaired and are designed for easy disassembly and remanufacture;

- (ix) write to the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask them to introduce environmental taxation and introduce tax credits to incentivise efficiency of resource use, longer lifespan and remanufacture of products to reduce commercial and domestic waste; and
- (x) in consultation with local businesses, trial a reusable coffee cup scheme in Sheffield city centre, involving a cash deposit for a reusable coffee cup and a station where drops can be dropped for reuse.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and formally seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (a) to (g) as new paragraphs (d) to (j):-
 - (a) welcomes the revisiting of this motion brought in December 2019;
 - (b) notes that in December 2019 we could not have foreseen that six months later we would have been in the grasp of a global pandemic which has cost this city, our nation and all of humanity so much, and:-
 - (i) believes that, as we look to move to a 'new-normal' way of working, now is the time to revisit this critical issue; and
 - (ii) notes the efforts of the dedicated staff at our household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) along with Council Officers who worked hard to keep our HWRCs open, showing councils up and down this land what can be done even in the face of such challenging times;
 - (c) resolves to go on record and thank all those dedicated public servants who went above and beyond to keep our city working;
2. the deletion of the new paragraph (h) [the original paragraph (e)] and the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-
 - (h) believes it is incumbent on all councils to reduce waste and drive up the recycling rates;
3. the addition of the following words at the end of new paragraph (j)(i) [the original paragraph (g)(i)] - "and bring this report to the appropriate Transitional Committee at the earliest time";

4. the deletion of the new paragraph (j)(ii) [the original paragraph (g)(ii)] and the addition of a new paragraph (j)(ii) as follows:-

- (j)(ii) explore the introduction of local deposit return and refill schemes for all food and drinks containers; these local deposit schemes could be piloted at a local level through the Local Area Committees;

5. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (j)(xi) to (xv) as follows:-

- (xi) explore the introduction of a Carbon Impact Assessment to accompany all decisions, and report to the appropriate committee at the earliest date possible within 6 months;

- (xii) recognising that Sheffield's HWRCs are no longer fit-for-purpose, establish a working group to explore the delivery of new generation of HWRC Supersites, incorporating: Reuse Shops, Electrical Equipment Banks for repair and reuse, Waste Transfer Sites to facilitate greater recycling, making the experience of recycling more pleasant for citizens and workers alike; again, bringing this to the appropriate committee at the earliest date possible within 6 months;

- (xiii) work across the South Yorkshire Mayoral Authority to enhance recycling options for Sheffield and our neighbours, exploring where we can co-deliver recycling sites and where we can leverage in economies of scale, enabling the establishment of 'new' recycling sectors as economically viable opportunities;

- (xiv) look beyond existing waste streams and explore with partners like Yorkshire Water the establishment of biogas production from sewage, looking to examples like the BioBus and determine if this is a viable and environmentally responsible way forward; and

- (xv) explore the establishment of green-house systems to cultivate food in a sustainable way locally, and use biproducts of Enzymatic Digesters to cultivate value food crops, like mushrooms.

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

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

- (g)(x) support local businesses who offer reduced prices and other incentives when people use their own cups to be refilled;

2. the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (k) as follows:-

- (h) believes that the low regulation, low tax policies typical of free market and neoliberal economics has been the single biggest driver of climate change and the pollution of our water, air and land;
- (i) recognises that environmental pollution is intrinsically linked to the climate crisis and a joined up, holistic approach is needed to tackle it, not politically motivated isolated concepts;
- (j) recognises that since the Co-operative Executive has been formed, sustainability has been written into economic grant recovery schemes, obliging applicants to consider how they will address the climate emergency, for example, in terms of transport, energy use and single use plastics;
- (k) resolves to:-
 - (i) develop a Climate Impact Assessment for every decision;
 - (ii) look into how waste is dealt with in order to drastically reduce the amount of fossil CO2 produced at the incinerator and will investigate how to deal with food waste in more sustainable ways;
 - (iii) work with businesses to help them reduce their carbon footprint and eliminate single use plastics and will promote businesses that are, or seek to become, carbon neutral and/or plastic free;
 - (iv) work with businesses to help research and set up procurement partnerships to reduce the cost of recycled and/or compostable packaging; and
 - (v) look to introduce more free-to-use water fountains to reduce plastic waste and protect people from heat waves.

9.3.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the amendment (Councillor Angela Argenzio), the amendment as circulated at the meeting and published with the agenda was altered by the replacement of the word “promote” with the word “support” in the new sub-paragraph (g)(x) referred to in Part 1 of the amendment.)

9.4 It was then formally moved by Councillor Penny Baker, and formally seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraph (g) as follows:-

- (g) believes that, as residents’ shopping habits have changed during the pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the amount

of cardboard many residents wish to be recycled through their household waste recycling collection and often the blue bins are of insufficient size;

2. the re-lettering of paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (h) and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (h)(xi) and (xii) as follows:-

- (xi) request the co-operative executive to bring forward proposals so that households are given the option of requesting a larger capacity blue bin to recycle their paper and cardboard; and
- (xii) request the co-operative executive to review capacity for cardboard and paper at local recycling sites.

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones was put to the vote and was carried.

9.5.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 and against Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 and abstained from voting on Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, as altered at the meeting, was then put to the vote and was carried, with the exception of paragraph (k)(ii) which was negatived.

9.6.1 (NOTE: 1. The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood, voted for Part 1 and paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k)(i), (iii), (iv) and (v) in Part 2, and against paragraph (k)(ii) in Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (i) to (k) in Part 2 and against Part 1 and paragraph (h) in Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

9.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Penny Baker was then put to the vote and was carried.

- 9.7.1 (NOTE: The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Safiya Saeed, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood, voted for Part 1 and paragraph (xii) in Part 2, and against paragraph (xi) in Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 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) welcomes the revisiting of this motion brought in December 2019;
- (b) notes that in December 2019 we could not have foreseen that six months later we would have been in the grasp of a global pandemic which has cost this city, our nation and all of humanity so much, and:-
 - (i) believes that, as we look to move to a 'new-normal' way of working, now is the time to revisit this critical issue; and
 - (ii) notes the efforts of the dedicated staff at our household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) along with Council Officers who worked hard to keep our HWRCs open, showing councils up and down this land what can be done even in the face of such challenging times;
- (c) resolves to go on record and thank all those dedicated public servants who went above and beyond to keep our city working;
- (d) believes that with the right support, Sheffield businesses have the opportunity to be leaders in green and sustainable technology;
- (e) believes successful local councils of the future will be those which adopt the 'circular economy' approach, which designs out waste, is regenerative by design and is powered by renewable energy; at its heart is the idea of reducing resource use through well-developed local plan policies that embeds reusing resources and materials that are in circulation in the economy and recycling as a last resort, which will help us meet our sustainable development goals;
- (f) believes a prime example of this is the EU 'right to repair' legislation which requires manufacturers to design longer lasting products and make spare parts readily available in a push to reduce waste and increase opportunities for small businesses in the after-sales support sector;

- (g) believes that Sheffield must have a huge and positive role to play in the transition to a circular economy;
- (h) believes it is incumbent on all councils to reduce waste and drive up the recycling rates;
- (i) also notes that food waste is a hugely important economic and environmental issue for the country, with more than 600 tonnes thrown away by Sheffield households each year;
- (j) believes that, as residents' shopping habits have changed during the pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the amount of cardboard many residents wish to be recycled through their household waste recycling collection and often the blue bins are of insufficient size;
- (k) therefore resolves to:-
 - (i) publish the results of the consultation with local universities, charities and Ellen MacArthur Foundation Knowledge Partner organisations, that have experience of delivering circular economy projects with businesses and local authorities, as resolved at the Council meeting in December 2019 and bring this report to the appropriate Transitional Committee at the earliest time;
 - (ii) explore the introduction of local deposit return and refill schemes for all food and drinks containers; these local deposit schemes could be piloted at a local level through the Local Area Committees;
 - (iii) make 'evidence of environmental improvement' a requirement for all businesses and organisations seeking grant funding or any other form of financial support from the Council;
 - (iv) instruct the Executive Director, Place, to carry out a full study that quantifies the potential benefits of the circular economy approach to the city and report back to full Council within six months;
 - (v) use best practice in conjunction with councils across the UK and beyond, to define a metric for progress made in the transition to circular economy;
 - (vi) explore measuring food waste in all Council premises and support measures to communicate the importance of reducing food waste;
 - (vii) develop proposals to introduce a pilot scheme for the collection of food waste from households to identify the issues and opportunities in a wider roll-out across the whole city, with the intention to roll out domestic food waste collection across the city to produce biogas energy via anaerobic digestion as soon as is practicable;

- (viii) support local businesses to transition to closed loop systems and eco-design approaches using the RESolve framework, with an emphasis on production of products that can last several lifecycles, that are easily repaired and are designed for easy disassembly and remanufacture;
- (ix) write to the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask them to introduce environmental taxation and introduce tax credits to incentivise efficiency of resource use, longer lifespan and remanufacture of products to reduce commercial and domestic waste;
- (x) support local businesses who offer reduced prices and other incentives when people use their own cups to be refilled;
- (xi) explore the introduction of a Carbon Impact Assessment to accompany all decisions, and report to the appropriate committee at the earliest date possible within 6 months;
- (xii) recognising that Sheffield's HWRCs are no longer fit-for-purpose, establish a working group to explore the delivery of new generation of HWRC Supersites, incorporating: Reuse Shops, Electrical Equipment Banks for repair and reuse, Waste Transfer Sites to facilitate greater recycling, making the experience of recycling more pleasant for citizens and workers alike; again, bringing this to the appropriate committee at the earliest date possible within 6 months;
- (xiii) work across the South Yorkshire Mayoral Authority to enhance recycling options for Sheffield and our neighbours, exploring where we can co-deliver recycling sites and where we can leverage in economies of scale, enabling the establishment of 'new' recycling sectors as economically viable opportunities;
- (xiv) look beyond existing waste streams and explore with partners like Yorkshire Water the establishment of biogas production from sewage, looking to examples like the BioBus and determine if this is a viable and environmentally responsible way forward;
- (xv) explore the establishment of green-house systems to cultivate food in a sustainable way locally, and use biproducts of Enzymatic Digesters to cultivate value food crops, like mushrooms;
- (xvi) request the co-operative executive to bring forward proposals so that households are given the option of requesting a larger capacity blue bin to recycle their paper and cardboard; and
- (xvii) request the co-operative executive to review capacity for cardboard and paper at local recycling sites;

- (l) believes that the low regulation, low tax policies typical of free market and neoliberal economics has been the single biggest driver of climate change and the pollution of our water, air and land;
- (m) recognises that environmental pollution is intrinsically linked to the climate crisis and a joined up, holistic approach is needed to tackle it, not politically motivated isolated concepts;
- (n) recognises that since the Co-operative Executive has been formed, sustainability has been written into economic grant recovery schemes, obliging applicants to consider how they will address the climate emergency, for example, in terms of transport, energy use and single use plastics; and
- (o) resolves to:-
 - (i) develop a Climate Impact Assessment for every decision;
 - (ii) work with businesses to help them reduce their carbon footprint and eliminate single use plastics and will promote businesses that are, or seek to become, carbon neutral and/or plastic free;
 - (iii) work with businesses to help research and set up procurement partnerships to reduce the cost of recycled and/or compostable packaging; and
 - (iv) look to introduce more free-to-use water fountains to reduce plastic waste and protect people from heat waves.

9.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Ann Woolhouse, Tim Huggan, Mohammed Mahroof, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Vic Bowden, Alan Woodcock, Roger Davison, Barbara Masters, Shaffaq Mohammed, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Vickie Priestley, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (g), (i), (j), and (k)(i) to (ix) and (xi) to (xvii), and voted against paragraphs (h), (k)(x) and (l) to (o) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchin voted for paragraphs (a) to (k) and (m) to (o) and against paragraph (l) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

10. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES

10.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Tony Damms, that:-

(a)(i) the impact on the allocation of seats on Council Committees of the new Governance Committee, established at the meeting of the Council on 16th June 2021, and comprising 11 seats, as appended to this report, be noted and (ii) the final adjustment of one seat (to be given up by the Liberal Democrat Group and allocated to the Labour Group) to ensure that each group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, be approved, with that adjustment being to reverse the adjustment made at the annual meeting of the Council on 19th May 2021 on the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee;

(b) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 19th May 2021, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointment, with effect from the date shown:-

Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy, with effect from 22nd June 2021.

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

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Councillor Jack Scott to replace Councillor Kevin Oxley; and Councillor Vickie Priestley to replace Councillor Mike Levery.

Scrutiny Committee Substitute Members - Councillor Kevin Oxley to replace Councillor Joe Otten.

Our Council Transitional Committee - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill a vacancy; creating a Transitional Committee Substitute (non-Executive) Member vacancy; and Councillor Colin Ross to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed.

Education, Health and Care Transitional Committee - Councillor Kevin Oxley to replace Councillor Colin Ross.

Transitional Committee Substitute (non-Executive) Members - Councillors Sue Alston, Sue Auckland, Tim Huggan, Barbara Masters and Richard Shaw to fill vacancies.

Licensing Committee - Councillor Ann Woolhouse to replace Councillor Mohammed Mahroof.

Governance Committee - Councillors Sue Alston, Dawn Dale, Christine Gilligan, Mark Jones, Mike Levery, Mohammed Mahroof, Sioned-Mair Richards and Kaltum

Rivers to fill vacancies.

- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy.
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillor Angela Argenzio to fill a vacancy.

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

- South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - Councillor Garry Weatherall to replace Councillor Francyne Johnson.
- South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel - Councillor Bryan Lodge to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall.
- Emergency Planning Shared Services Joint Committee - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy.
- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy.
- Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group) - Councillor Alison Teal to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall.
- River Stewardship Company - Councillor Douglas Johnson to replace Councillor Garry Weatherall.
- Sheffield Business Adviser Panel - Councillor Paul Turpin to fill a vacancy.
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors - Councillor Martin Phipps to fill a vacancy
- Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board - Councillor Alison Teal to fill a vacancy.
- Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill a vacancy.
- Transport 4 All - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill a vacancy.