

# Agenda Item 12

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

**1. MINUTE SILENCE - DEATHS OF FORMER COUNCILLORS HENRY STURROCK AND MARTIN BRELSFORD**

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported with sadness, the deaths of former Councillor Martin Brelsford who died on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, and former Councillor and Alderman of the City, Mr Henry Sturrock, who died on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- 1.2 The Lord Mayor reported details of the service provided to the Council by Mr. Sturrock, indicating that he had served on the Council from 1952 to 1974, and had been appointed as an Alderman of the city in 1970. He was the last surviving Alderman of the city.
- 1.3 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillors Brelsford and Sturrock, and this was followed by a tribute to former Councillor Sturrock given by Councillor Peter Price.
- 1.4 Time was allocated later in the meeting for Members to pay tribute to former Councillor Brelsford.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Barker, Tony Damms, Peter Garbutt, Neale Gibson, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Vickie Priestley, Kaltum Rivers and Safiya Saeed.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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

- 4.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported that five petitions and questions from five members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. On four of the petitions, representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners, and a fifth petition would be received in the absence of a speaker. A question from another member of the public had been received immediately prior to the start of the meeting and, as chair of the meeting, the Lord Mayor had used her discretion and would permit the question to be asked.
- 4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Petition Requesting A Meeting With The Housing Service To Discuss Criminal Damage To Vehicles On Brick Street

The Council received an electronic petition containing 63 signatures requesting a meeting with the Housing Service to discuss criminal damage to vehicles on Brick Street.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Carole Needham. Ms Needham stated that a number of tyres had been slashed on vehicles parked outside her home on Brick Street. She detailed a number of incidents in which cars were damaged around the area. She said that these incidents had been reported to South Yorkshire Police, and that on one occasion a suspect had been arrested but later released. She stated that residents did not feel able to provide witness statements due to fear of the suspected perpetrator. Ms Needham stated residents were concerned that these crimes could continue and increase in severity. She stated her belief that the perpetrator was a resident of nearby flats and said that the suspect had breached their tenancy agreement in carrying out these crimes. She asked that the Council intervene to prevent these incidents from continuing or worsening.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure). Councillor Teal thanked Ms Needham for bringing this petition and expressed her sympathy. Councillor Teal said she had reviewed Police reports, which suggested that bringing charges against the individual mentioned had been difficult as residents were reluctant to provide statements. Councillor Teal stated she understood residents' hesitancy to provide such statements. She said that the Police had visited all of those whose vehicles were affected and had stepped up patrols in the area. She added that the Police were looking into setting up a mobile camera in order to obtain further evidence to secure a prosecution. Councillor Teal stated she would discuss these incidents with the Housing Team, and would refer to the tenancy guidance quoted by Ms Needham when doing so.

4.2.2 Petition Requesting The Closure Of The Gennel Between Horndean Road and Idsworth Road Due To Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 57 signatures requesting that the Council close the gennel between Horndean Road and Idsworth Road due to anti-social behaviour.

Representations on behalf of petitioners were made by Salil Mahmood. Mr Mahmood stated that the gennel was originally built for the residents of Horndean Road to use to travel to Page Hall Road. He said that the area was now used by individuals who do not live in the area. Mr Mahmood said that residents did not feel safe going near the location, and they did not feel safe leaving their homes. He asked that the Council close off the alley and turn this into a green space. He stated that the Neighbourhood Association felt this change would allow the space to be used by the community for play and the growing of vegetables. He stated that child sexual abuse was taking place in

this location and said that this had been reported to the Police on a number of occasions. Mr Mahmood stated that every house on the road had signed this petition and asked that the Council suggest some ways to resolve these issues for the residents of Horndean Road.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure). Councillor Teal thanked Mr Mahmood for bringing the petition and offered to visit the area in order to learn more about the issues raised. She stated that there were serious safeguarding issues for the Council to look into, and she said that she was committed to visiting the area and learning more about the issues in order to resolve these problems.

#### 4.2.3 Petition Requesting The Council To Make Bold and Meaningful Public Commitments On Behalf Of The City Before COP26 Begins

The Council received an electronic petition containing 10 signatures requesting that the Council make bold and meaningful commitments on behalf of the city ahead of the start of COP26.

Representations on behalf of petitioners were made by Geoff Cox. Mr Cox stated that the Council had already declared Climate and Nature emergencies and referred to the 10-point Action Plan which the Council intended to implement in Autumn. He suggested that the 10-point Plan would only look at decarbonisation. He asked that the City's commitment include measures to address the Nature emergency, and that a bold and meaningful commitment be made to addressing these issues ahead of COP26.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson thanked Mr Cox for bringing the petition. He said that COP26 was a global event which encouraged central governments to address climate change and related issues. Councillor Johnson said that local government could deliver change; however, he stated that central government had financial and central control over these issues. Councillor Johnson stated that local government needed central government to support changes and asked them to partner up with local governments across the country. He referred to significant changes planned within the Housing Service through retrofitting, and within the Transport Service through the Transforming Cities Programme which aimed to support public transport and reduce carbon emissions. Councillor Johnson stated there was work being done to get millions of pounds of investment from central government in order to invest in new sustainable infrastructure within Sheffield. Councillor Johnson stated that this was the direction the Council was moving in, and said the Council was committed to addressing the climate crisis.

#### 4.2.4 Petition Objecting To The Cuts To Community-Led Learning In Sheffield

The Council received an electronic petition containing 119 signatures requesting that the Council stop cuts to community-led learning in Sheffield.

Representations on behalf of petitioners were made by May Connolly. Ms Connolly stated that many jobs were at risk due to cuts to community-led learning and said that many of those whose jobs were at risk had found out via a letter sent through an internet portal. Ms Connolly said that these employees support individuals who find it most difficult to access support. She added that meeting the quota of 10 people attending the sessions provided was challenging, as many of the individuals supported were unable to leave their homes, attending Social Service appointments which might clash with the community sessions provided or who might have childcare commitments. Ms Connolly said that some individuals might not attend all 6 sessions provided and stated that a 'payment by attendance' method was not appropriate. She stated that she felt the group's relationship with the Council was no longer productive or collaborative. She asked that the Council have a meeting with the group in which two-way communication was prioritised and their working relationship was discussed.

The petition was referred to Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills). Councillor Turpin thanked Ms Connolly for bringing the petition and apologised for the previous relationship between the Council and the organisations referenced. He said that he would like to start to rebuild and recreate these relationships and stated that he hoped more frequent meetings would take place which he would attend. He said that he could not make financial commitments, but added that through discussions he would see what could be delivered by the Council to support the organisation.

#### 4.2.5 Petition Requesting That Leopold Street and Pinstone Street Be Re-Opened To Traffic

The Council received a petition containing 52 signatures requesting that the Council re-open Leopold Street and Pinstone Street to traffic.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). As there was no speaker to this petition, Councillor Johnson stated he would provide a written response.

#### 4.3 Public Questions

##### 4.3.1 Public Question Regarding Increasing the Minimum Requirement of All Planning Applications in Relation to Domestic Heating

Matt Killeya asked the following question -

'Sheffield City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has committed Sheffield to be a net zero city by 2030. In the Arup report commissioned by the Council and released this year, domestic heating was identified as one of the largest single contributors to emissions in our city. Yet the Council continues to grant outline planning permission to substantial developments with a minimum requirement of only 10% of energy demands to be met by renewable and low carbon energy. Will the Council commit to

significantly increasing this minimum requirement for all planning applications as a matter of urgency, as part of its revised Sheffield Local Plan and core planning guidelines?’

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) thanked Mr Killeya for his question. Councillor Johnson stated he agreed with Mr Killeya and said he and his colleagues were often critical of developers who promised only 10% of renewal energy generation on site. Councillor Johnson said that the Council’s policy was at 10% currently and added that altering this would need to go into the Local Plan which was in progress at the moment. He stated that the Local Plan was being drafted and would go out to public consultation. Councillor Johnson encouraged Mr Killeya to contribute to the consultation.

#### 4.3.2 Public Question Regarding Re-Opening Leopold Street and Pinstone Street

Jane Luxon asked the Council to re-open Leopold Street and Pinstone Street to traffic. She stated that she had contacted Councillors regarding the issues she had trying to access the area with her husband, who uses a wheelchair, but said she had received only one response. She said that access to her Bank, the Theatre and The Moor was challenging without a bus route through the area. Ms Luxon asked how many elderly and disabled people were being affected by the pedestrianisation in the area. She added that she felt Sheffield was not disabled-friendly, and asked whether electric buses might allow areas to be de-pedestrianised whilst still having a positive impact on the environment.

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) stated that accessibility was an issue in many areas within Sheffield, including those areas which were not pedestrianised. He said that there had previously been a Shop Mobility scheme which supported individuals in accessing the City Centre. Councillor Johnson stated he felt this service should return. He said that the Council were working to improve accessibility through increasing blue badge parking and public seating, alongside assessing cobbled pavements and ensuring segregated cycling areas. Councillor Johnson said he felt the Amey contract was an opportunity to make more positive changes to accessibility within Sheffield; however, he said he felt this opportunity had not been engaged with fully. Councillor Johnson stated that many people were in support of the pedestrianisation of this area but added that he wanted to improve accessibility also. He encouraged Ms Luxon to share her contact details in order to allow her to feed into future plans to improve accessibility within the city centre.

#### 4.3.3 Public Question Regarding Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English (SAVTE) Referrals

Sylvia Ashton asked the following question -

‘Given that 70% of SAVTE referrals (for English language support) come from SCC front line staff, how does the Council plan to mitigate the negative impact of the recent change to the AEB and maintain support to people in desperate

need of these vital services? We appreciate that Members will not be able to give us a full answer to this today and would welcome a chance to explain further the impact of the change on services to the people of Sheffield.'

In response, Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills) thanked Ms Ashton for her question. He stated that he had spoken to Officers about SAVTE, and said it was his understanding that the language support offer had not changed. Councillor Turpin said he had arranged a meeting with Ms Ashton and her colleagues, within which he hoped to discuss the detail of this alongside the outcome of the tender. He stated that through this meeting, and ongoing meetings, he hoped to improve the relationship between the Council and the organisation whilst ensuring SAVTE were supported.

#### 4.3.4 Public Questions Regarding Road Safety

Kurtis Crossland asked the following questions:-

'What is the timescale for implementing the Waterthorpe and Westfield 20mph zones?'

'Does the Council have access to funding to improve road safety near children's playgrounds?'

In response to question one, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) stated that the implementation of both these schemes was included in the Road Safety Fund. He said that the delivery and construction would be determined by the cost of the scheme, the completion of the design work and the availability of materials. He added that there was currently a shortage of materials due to supply chain issues brought about by the pandemic. Councillor Johnson said that as soon as materials were available this work would be carried out.

In response to question two, Councillor Johnson stated that the Council did not have additional funding. He said that the Road Safety budget had been allocated on the basis of prioritising locations based on recurring evidence of road safety issues. Councillor Johnson said that new playgrounds would involve a change of use, and therefore road safety issues would hopefully be taken into consideration when new playgrounds were created. He also advised that any road safety issues be reported to South Yorkshire Police via the 101 service.

#### 4.3.5 Public Questions Regarding Care Home Fees

Nesar Rafiq stated that he had attended the Council meeting with Mr Marshall, a Care Home manager, to ask a question regarding Care Home fees. Mr Rafiq said that for 7 years they had been attempting to get an increase on Care Home fees. He stated that they had not received more than £1 per year, per resident. He added that after 7 years they had brought a petition to Council, in 2018, which had resulted in an agreement with senior Sheffield City Council employees that cases such as these would be considered and increases

awarded as a percentage. Mr Rafiq said that 18 months ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, they were happy with Sheffield City Council's relationship with Care Homes; however, he stated this was no longer the case. He said there was a risk that residents would not have a place any longer due to the limited increase in investment for Care Home residents. He asked for an increase of £15 per week, per resident, without which he said they may have to close facilities.

In response, Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (Executive Member for Health and Social Care) thanked Mr Rafiq for his question and for his work for Care Homes. He stated that for the home in question, they were on non-standard fees which meant that the facility was not included in the annual raise process. He asked that a conversation take place between Mr Rafiq and the Council. Councillor Lindars-Hammond added that he felt there needed to be a movement away from individual negotiations and towards wider system changes. He stated that he would look at a long-term solution and communicate this to Mr Rafiq within the next 10 days, in order to provide certainty to both Care Home staff and Care Home residents.

- 4.3.6 (NOTE: Questions which had been submitted by Danny Allsebrook, but which were not asked at the meeting, would receive written responses from the relevant Executive Member/s).

## **5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **5.1 Urgent Business**

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

### **5.2 Written Questions**

A schedule of questions to 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).

### **5.3 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.

**6. TRIBUTES TO FORMER COUNCILLOR MARTIN BRELSFORD**

- 6.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) provided an opportunity for Members of the Council to pay tribute to former Councillor Martin Brelsford, who sadly had died on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 6.2 Former Councillor Brelsford had served as a Member of the Council from 1995 to 2011, representing the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Ward. He was a member of the Cabinet in the Municipal Years 2000/01 & 2001/02, and served as Scrutiny Committee Chair in 2004/05 and again from 2008/09 to 2010/11.
- 6.3 Several Members of the Council spoke to pay tribute to him.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "HOUSING AND THE LOCAL PLAN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED**

- 7.1 It was moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and seconded by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, that this Council:-
- (a) notes that the population of Sheffield is predicted to grow by approximately 90,000 over the next twenty years and a shortage of decent housing will have a profound effect on economic growth, social mobility and health;
  - (b) agrees that Sheffield will require more than 40,000 new homes over the next 20 years;
  - (c) agrees that the location, mix and affordability of that housing will have a huge impact on the future prosperity and quality of life for its citizens;
  - (d) notes that the Local Plan has been in development since 2012, with delay after delay leaving Sheffield in a position where we will become increasingly defenceless against inappropriate development;
  - (e) notes the overwhelming public response to the 2020 Issues & Options Consultation in favour of higher density, walkable neighbourhoods primarily focussed in and around the city centre and Attercliffe;
  - (f) further notes that development in these locations are particularly sustainable due to excellent transport links and existing infrastructure, and with good opportunities for affordable and accessible housing;
  - (g) agrees that it must listen to the people of Sheffield and commits to developing a Local Plan based on this spatial strategy; and
  - (h) further commits to issuing the draft Local Plan for consultation within the next six months.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt, and seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) and (h), the re-lettering of original paragraphs (e) to (g) as new paragraphs (d) to (f), and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (o) as follows:-

- (g) notes that due to the importance of protecting green spaces, the Council, under the previous Administration, undertook work to determine how the new homes in central Sheffield can be maximised - and following this work, Sheffield City Council produced a plan to meet the already high target of 40,000 new homes, whilst protecting the green belt;
- (h) reaffirms support for this approach, which would have delivered the correct number of homes for the city, whilst ensuring building in the right locations;
- (i) notes with real concern that cities in the North are now being forced by the Government to adhere to unrealistic house building targets, due to a U-turn which, we believe, was enacted to protect shires in the South;
- (j) notes that as a result of the Government's U-turn, Sheffield will now face a 35% increase in its nationally determined targets for new housing delivery;
- (k) believes that these Government-imposed targets are not appropriate to the scale of need, and threaten Sheffield's green belt, as well as undermining the good work undertaken by the Council in preparing a plan which would have provided enough homes and in the right locations;
- (l) notes that Sheffield City Council's Planning Committee has rejected a number of planning applications on green spaces, including in Loxley Valley, but the Government might in the future try and force through similar development, as they seek to take even more control on planning matters away from local councils;
- (m) believes that Sheffield facing a 35% increase on targets by the Government is a real concern for protecting our green spaces and will have an impact to the city's ecology and wildlife;
- (n) commits to challenging the Government and to making sure that we enact a Local Plan that delivers for Sheffield; and
- (o) asks that a copy of the notice of motion is sent to Government to highlight our position, and to all Sheffield MP's, calling on them to stand up for Sheffield and fight in Parliament the unrealistically high housing demands imposed by the Government.

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

- (i) believes that Sheffield's Local Plan must include higher environmental and carbon reduction standards and stronger rules on affordable homes than at present;
- (j) believes that more housing is required – but it must be the right housing, of the right size, in the right place; that the target “number of dwellings” does nothing to address the complexity of housing need and that, whether set locally or nationally, any targets must be broken down by size of dwelling;
- (k) believes there needs to be more good quality, affordable housing to rent and more social housing; and
- (l) therefore recommends that the “affordable-free zone” for developers in the city centre, where profits go out of the city and few affordable homes are built, is removed.

7.4 It was then moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton, and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (l) as follows:-

- (i) notes that Option A from the 2020 Issues & Options consultation provides a way of meeting the Council's housing forecast without building new houses on green field sites within the Green Belt and therefore commits to basing the draft Local Plan on that option;
- (j) believes that the previous Administration repeatedly ducked responsibility and postponed key decisions until just after local elections and therefore commits to issuing the draft Local Plan for consultation before next May;
- (k) further agrees that the Council must publish a timetable to produce an adopted local plan, with a firm commitment to a final date of publication; and
- (l) requests the Co-operative Executive to form a task and finish group immediately to deliver up to 2,500 houses in Attercliffe; using the Council's Compulsory Purchase Order powers if necessary, including as many affordable homes as possible in order to provide the homes the people of Sheffield need.

7.5 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Martin Smith, the amendment moved by Councillor Julie Grocutt was put to the vote and was carried, except for the proposed deletion of paragraph (d) of the Motion, which was negatived and thus paragraph (d) of the Motion was retained.

7.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Brian Holmshaw was then put to the vote and was carried.

7.6.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (i) and (k) and abstained from voting on paragraphs (j) and (l) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton was then put to the vote and was negated.

7.7.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Sophie Thornton were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For the amendment (27) - Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Against the amendment (43) - The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) and Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Ruth Milsom, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Tony Downing, Maroof Raouf, Alison Teal, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Bernard Little, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on the amendment (2) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) and Councillor Lewis Chinchin.

- 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) notes that the population of Sheffield is predicted to grow by approximately 90,000 over the next twenty years and a shortage of decent housing will have a profound effect on economic growth, social mobility and health;
- (b) agrees that Sheffield will require more than 40,000 new homes over the next 20 years;
- (c) agrees that the location, mix and affordability of that housing will have a huge impact on the future prosperity and quality of life for its citizens;
- (d) notes that the Local Plan has been in development since 2012, with delay after delay leaving Sheffield in a position where we will become increasingly defenceless against inappropriate development;
- (e) notes the overwhelming public response to the 2020 Issues & Options Consultation in favour of higher density, walkable neighbourhoods primarily focussed in and around the city centre and Attercliffe;
- (f) further notes that development in these locations are particularly sustainable due to excellent transport links and existing infrastructure, and with good opportunities for affordable and accessible housing;
- (g) agrees that it must listen to the people of Sheffield and commits to developing a Local Plan based on this spatial strategy;
- (h) notes that due to the importance of protecting green spaces, the Council, under the previous Administration, undertook work to determine how the new homes in central Sheffield can be maximised - and following this work, Sheffield City Council produced a plan to meet the already high target of 40,000 new homes, whilst protecting the green belt;
- (i) reaffirms support for this approach, which would have delivered the correct number of homes for the city, whilst ensuring building in the right locations;
- (j) notes with real concern that cities in the North are now being forced by the Government to adhere to unrealistic house building targets, due to a U-turn which, we believe, was enacted to protect shires in the South;
- (k) notes that as a result of the Government's U-turn, Sheffield will now face a 35% increase in its nationally determined targets for new housing delivery;

- (l) believes that these Government-imposed targets are not appropriate to the scale of need, and threaten Sheffield's green belt, as well as undermining the good work undertaken by the Council in preparing a plan which would have provided enough homes and in the right locations;
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- (o) commits to challenging the Government and to making sure that we enact a Local Plan that delivers for Sheffield;
- (p) asks that a copy of the notice of motion is sent to Government to highlight our position, and to all Sheffield MP's, calling on them to stand up for Sheffield and fight in Parliament the unrealistically high housing demands imposed by the Government;
- (q) believes that Sheffield's Local Plan must include higher environmental and carbon reduction standards and stronger rules on affordable homes than at present;
- (r) believes that more housing is required – but it must be the right housing, of the right size, in the right place; that the target “number of dwellings” does nothing to address the complexity of housing need and that, whether set locally or nationally, any targets must be broken down by size of dwelling;
- (s) believes there needs to be more good quality, affordable housing to rent and more social housing; and
- (t) therefore recommends that the “affordable-free zone” for developers in the city centre, where profits go out of the city and few affordable homes are built, is removed.

7.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (q) and (s) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from

voting on paragraphs (r) and (t) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (a) to (f) and (q) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraphs (j) and (m) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g) to (i), (k), (l), (n) to (p) and (r) to (t) 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**

8.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst and seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1, the order of business as published on the Council Summons be altered by (a) taking item 9 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Investing In Early Years") as the next item of business and (b) moving item 7 (Notice of Motion Regarding "Right To Food' – Working Together To Tackle Food Poverty In The City and To Develop A Local Food Access Plan") to be taken after item 8 on the agenda.

8.2 It was moved by Councillor Jayne Dunn, and seconded by Councillor Mike Drabble, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the early years are critical for a child's development and childcare is a fundamental building block of our economy and further believes that over the last decade, early years services have been neglected by the Government;
- (b) notes with concern the report 'Closed Doors' by Action for Children, which considered children's centre usage between 2014/15 and 2017/18 and stated "Despite the importance of children's centres to many families, their existence is under threat. Years of funding cuts have left councils with little choice but to reduce children's centre budgets. As resources become increasingly stretched, a number of centres have closed. Many of those that remain have been forced to reduce the level of service on offer.";
- (c) notes recent research which highlights that nationally over 1,000 Sure Start Centres have been lost since 2010 and believes that this is the legacy of the coalition government's reckless austerity policies targeting cuts at children most in need, and in addition, notes that 12,000 early education and childcare providers have been lost since 2015 and 30,000 more early years providers are at risk of closure within a year;
- (d) is concerned that the sector has been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 and believes that, although early years providers were relied upon to enable key workers to continue to work during the pandemic, they received insufficient financial protection;

- (e) welcomes that Sheffield City Council provided additional support for the publicly funded hours (over and above national guidance), however, believes that the Government failed early years providers providing little support for the paid provision;
- (f) is concerned that the insufficient increase in funding, historical underfunding, increasing costs and impact of Covid-19, means that early years' providers in Sheffield will be faced with financial sustainability issues across the childcare sector and that it is also becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain staff due to the early years providers' inability to pay competitive rates;
- (g) believes Sheffield continues to be underfunded as compared to other local authorities, with the disparity in Sheffield's hourly Funded Early Learning (FEL) rate compared to other core cities, with Bristol receiving £5.69 an hour for three and four year olds, which is 21% higher than Sheffield's rate of £4.71 per hour; Nottingham receives £5.06 per hour, Newcastle £5.05, Manchester £5.01, Leeds £4.95 and Birmingham £4.85, and only Liverpool receives less, at £4.69;
- (h) notes that Sheffield also receives a lower rate for two year olds at £5.36 per hour, compared to £5.59 in Bristol, £5.46 in Manchester, £5.40 in Birmingham, £5.39 in Nottingham and £5.38 in Liverpool, with Leeds and Manchester also receiving £5.36 per hour;
- (i) supports Sheffield trade unions in their petition to Government to significantly increase funding in Early Years, which states that the current levels of funding for early years education and care are insufficient to provide the high quality services young children in Sheffield deserve, and supports their call for:-
  - (i) increased investment to ensure Sheffield deploys the highly qualified workforce required to improve the quality of service to young children;
  - (ii) recognition of the professional role of early years workers; and
  - (iii) fair pay for all early years workers that properly rewards their skills and qualification; and
- (j) calls on the Government to address this disparity and provide Sheffield with a fair funding deal in addition to the additional investment needed to ensure every child can recover the learning and social development lost in the pandemic and has the chance to reach their full potential.

8.3 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and seconded by Councillor Ann Whitaker, 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 (n) as follows:-

- (c) recognises the considerable efforts of the Early Years Team in maintaining contact with the most vulnerable families during lockdowns, and developing online resources to provide advice and guidance to families;
- (d) notes that the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sure Start Children's Centres' 2015 report stated that 'the ultimate aim should be to position children's centres at the heart of service provision in their communities to enable them to provide the sort of holistic offer we know to be valued and effective';
- (e) notes that Surestart Children's Centres continue to operate in cities such as Manchester (34 centres), Bristol (24), Liverpool (25), Birmingham (22), Hull (20) and across the Metropolitan District of Leeds (65);
- (f) notes that Hull and Birmingham are examples where local and national charities operate their Children's Centres, and include trained voluntary workers in their Children's Centre teams;
- (g) notes that the number of children's centres in Sheffield had been reduced to 16 by 2017; of the 16, just 5 were Ofsted categorised as Good, and the other 11 were under Notice to Improve;
- (h) notes that Sheffield adopted the Barnsley model of Family Centres in 2017, reducing again to 7 Family Centres and 7 link sites in operation in 2021, a reduction in registered Children's Centres of 85% since 2010; further noting that Barnsley has 5 Family Centres, 5 link sites and 8 outreach venues;
- (i) notes that the Family Centre model changes provision from 0 – 5 to 0 – 18; and that Barnsley have extended their provision across the 0 – 18 age range, and Sheffield has yet to move beyond 0 – 5 four years after adopting this model in 2017;
- (j) notes that the former Children's Centres that are now linked sites have reduced their activity significantly, one site has closed and the activities in others are limited and inconsistent;
- (k) believes that Sheffield's Early Years strategy of Family Centres and link sites is failing to meet the needs of its most vulnerable children, particularly those who have no easy access to their nominated Family Centre;
- (l) believes that other models of provision should be explored including models involving the charitable sector operating as strategic partners for Early Years delivery;
- (m) believes that the link sites are not meeting the very basic needs of the communities they serve; and

- (n) calls on the Co-operative Executive to review the whole operating model of Family Centres and link sites; this should take place at the earliest opportunity with the objective of returning linked sites back to full operation to enable them to regain Surestart Children's Centre status, returning the city back to the 16 Children's Centres that operated in 2017; a very necessary step in the right direction.

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

- (k) further to (i), will write to Sheffield's MPs to lobby the Government to demand parity for Sheffield's children as compared with those of other cities;
- (l) calls on the Government to commission an independent review of childcare funding and affordability;
- (m) commits to publicly thanking early years practitioners and support staff in the city for caring for children while other services in the city were closed, recognising that their pay, terms and conditions are not commensurate with that of teachers of older children;
- (n) welcomes and commends the partnership between Sheffield Hallam University, Watercliffe Meadow School, Sheffield City Council, and Save the Children UK, which has led to a Early Years Community Research Centre opening in Shirecliffe and commits to looking at innovative ways to fund similar centres in lieu of much-needed central government funding;
- (o) recalls, however, this Council's past choices to close Surestart centres and cut grants to outstanding community nurseries in the most deprived parts of the city where market forces do not support commercial private-sector nursery businesses;
- (p) recognises that the current moment in time is an important point for reflection and collaboration so that the experiences and learning of the last 18 months is not lost;
- (q) recognises that families and children receiving Universal Credit and legacy benefits; asylum seekers, people with no recourse to public funds, speakers of English as an additional language and limited access to the internet, are disproportionately affected by the lack of provision in Early Years and that this has been exacerbated by the pandemic; and
- (r) therefore, commits to bringing stakeholders together from across the city for an open session to discuss approaches to current challenges and share practice.

- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was put to the vote and was negated.
- 8.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond was then put to the vote and was carried.
- 8.6.1 (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, Ruth Milsom, Zahira Naz, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed, Cate McDonald, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Tony Downing, Ben Miskell, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur and Paul Wood, voted for paragraphs (k) to (n) and (p) to (r) of the amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and voted against paragraph (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.
2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (o) to (r) of the amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (k) to (n) of the amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 8.7 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the early years are critical for a child's development and childcare is a fundamental building block of our economy and further believes that over the last decade, early years services have been neglected by the Government;
- (b) notes with concern the report 'Closed Doors' by Action for Children, which considered children's centre usage between 2014/15 and 2017/18 and stated "Despite the importance of children's centres to many families, their existence is under threat. Years of funding cuts have left councils with little choice but to reduce children's centre budgets. As resources become increasingly stretched, a number of centres have closed. Many of those that remain have been forced to reduce the level of service on offer.";
- (c) notes recent research which highlights that nationally over 1,000 Sure Start Centres have been lost since 2010 and believes that this is the legacy of the coalition government's reckless austerity policies targeting cuts at children most in need, and in addition, notes that 12,000 early education and childcare providers have been lost since 2015 and 30,000 more early years providers are at risk of closure within a year;
- (d) is concerned that the sector has been disproportionately impacted by

- Covid-19 and believes that, although early years providers were relied upon to enable key workers to continue to work during the pandemic, they received insufficient financial protection;
- (e) welcomes that Sheffield City Council provided additional support for the publicly funded hours (over and above national guidance), however, believes that the Government failed early years providers providing little support for the paid provision;
  - (f) is concerned that the insufficient increase in funding, historical underfunding, increasing costs and impact of Covid-19, means that early years' providers in Sheffield will be faced with financial sustainability issues across the childcare sector and that it is also becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain staff due to the early years providers' inability to pay competitive rates;
  - (g) believes Sheffield continues to be underfunded as compared to other local authorities, with the disparity in Sheffield's hourly Funded Early Learning (FEL) rate compared to other core cities, with Bristol receiving £5.69 an hour for three and four year olds, which is 21% higher than Sheffield's rate of £4.71 per hour; Nottingham receives £5.06 per hour, Newcastle £5.05, Manchester £5.01, Leeds £4.95 and Birmingham £4.85, and only Liverpool receives less, at £4.69;
  - (h) notes that Sheffield also receives a lower rate for two year olds at £5.36 per hour, compared to £5.59 in Bristol, £5.46 in Manchester, £5.40 in Birmingham, £5.39 in Nottingham and £5.38 in Liverpool, with Leeds and Manchester also receiving £5.36 per hour;
  - (i) supports Sheffield trade unions in their petition to Government to significantly increase funding in Early Years, which states that the current levels of funding for early years education and care are insufficient to provide the high quality services young children in Sheffield deserve, and supports their call for:-
    - (i) increased investment to ensure Sheffield deploys the highly qualified workforce required to improve the quality of service to young children;
    - (ii) recognition of the professional role of early years workers; and
    - (iii) fair pay for all early years workers that properly rewards their skills and qualification;
  - (j) calls on the Government to address this disparity and provide Sheffield with a fair funding deal in addition to the additional investment needed to ensure every child can recover the learning and social development lost in the pandemic and has the chance to reach their full potential;
  - (k) further to (i), will write to Sheffield's MPs to lobby the Government to

demand parity for Sheffield's children as compared with those of other cities;

- (l) calls on the Government to commission an independent review of childcare funding and affordability;
- (m) commits to publicly thanking early years practitioners and support staff in the city for caring for children while other services in the city were closed, recognising that their pay, terms and conditions are not commensurate with that of teachers of older children;
- (n) welcomes and commends the partnership between Sheffield Hallam University, Watercliffe Meadow School, Sheffield City Council, and Save the Children UK, which has led to a Early Years Community Research Centre opening in Shirecliffe and commits to looking at innovative ways to fund similar centres in lieu of much-needed central government funding;
- (o) recalls, however, this Council's past choices to close Surestart centres and cut grants to outstanding community nurseries in the most deprived parts of the city where market forces do not support commercial private-sector nursery businesses;
- (p) recognises that the current moment in time is an important point for reflection and collaboration so that the experiences and learning of the last 18 months is not lost;
- (q) recognises that families and children receiving Universal Credit and legacy benefits; asylum seekers, people with no recourse to public funds, speakers of English as an additional language and limited access to the internet, are disproportionately affected by the lack of provision in Early Years and that this has been exacerbated by the pandemic; and
- (r) therefore, commits to bringing stakeholders together from across the city for an open session to discuss approaches to current challenges and share practice.

8.7.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a), (b) and (k) to (r) of the Substantive Motion, and voted against paragraphs (c) to (j) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchin voted for paragraphs (o) to (r) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraphs (c) to (f) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) to (n) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE GILLIGAN**

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

- (a) notes that in 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities' so localities can play their part in delivering the UK's 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement;
- (b) further notes that, in May 2021, the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, said collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit - "Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around";
- (c) believes that, despite these agreements and statements, there is still no formal relationship allowing joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action;
- (d) therefore resolves to add this Council's voice to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, and others, for a joint local and national government taskforce to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions; such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable; and
- (e) will therefore ask the Chief Executive to write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and formally seconded by Councillor Mike Chaplin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (o) as follows:-

- (f) believes that the Government needs to get serious about their supposed 'levelling-up' agenda and support local authorities, by delivering regional investment banks – to support councils in creating jobs and building the energy and transport infrastructure we so desperately need;

- (g) notes that the Council has always sought to work with government in delivering positive action in tackling the climate emergency, and protecting against its adverse effects;
- (h) notes, for instance, the multi-million-pound investment in flood defences, and that this Council is building today for tomorrow's changed climate, and that the Council's long-term plan is needed to deliver Natural Flood Measures, but these measures will need investment to maintain and develop, and calls on the Government to support us with substantially more investment in delivering this;
- (i) believes that the Government needs to implement radical waste management strategies and that for too long they have failed to act on this issue, when they should be supporting councils to kick start new clean industrial sectors - reclaiming and retaining energy at every step of a product's life cycle;
- (j) notes the extension to Household Waste Recycling Centre opening times, but this comes at cost to the Council and believes that the Government needs to significantly invest in Sheffield to deliver 21st Century Waste Recycling Centres with a focus on sustainability;
- (k) believes that the Government should provide investment to deliver bio-gas facilities to reduce our national dependency on extractive gas imports, and greater investment to push forward with hydrogen and renewables to reduce carbon emissions from home heating, and reduce carbon emissions whilst housing infrastructure is made fit for the future;
- (l) believes that the Government must offer tax incentives for homegrown companies to develop the energy infrastructure of not only tomorrow, but today;
- (m) believes we need a significant and long-term funding commitment from the Government so that all Council homes can be improved to take them from Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C to net zero, as the current funding arrangements leave a shortfall of funding required which local authorities are unfairly having to pick up;
- (n) calls on the Government to commit to increasing funding on new homes to ensure that homes are built at net zero, and that the biggest challenge in the city for achieving residential net zero is the private sector (rented and owner occupied) with currently little funding available to deal with the cost of retrofitting; and
- (o) believes that the current piecemeal funding strategy of the Government creates unrealistic delivery timeframes, and they should provide much more support and long-term planning to allow councils to invest sustainably and responsibly in tackling the climate emergency.

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

1. the addition of the following words at the end of paragraph (c) -

“recognising the importance of local government in achieving net zero across the world, and notes that globally, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) have called for COP26 to be recognised as the ‘Multilevel Action COP’ in acknowledgment of the fact that more than half of the emissions cuts needed rely on people and businesses taking up low-carbon solutions - decisions that are made at a local and individual level”;

2. the re-lettering of paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f) and the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-

(e) calls for the inclusion of a dedicated chapter for local governments in the official agreement reached at COP26, recognising the importance of local government in co-designing and delivering climate action and to ensure that local government is politically and financially empowered to meet that ambition;

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

(g) requests that Sheffield, in committing to the ambitious targets as set out in the ‘ARUP’ report, sets clear targets with a review of progress towards its self-declared Climate Goals being reported to the appropriate committee on an annual basis, together with any actions required to maintain the Council’s commitments.

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

9.4.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (f) and (h) to (o) of the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones, and abstained from voting on paragraph (g) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchin voted for paragraphs (k) and (l) of the amendment moved by Councillor Mark Jones, voted against paragraphs (g) and (i) of the amendment, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (f), (h), (j) and (m) to (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)

- 9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Tim Huggan was then put to the vote and was also carried.
- 9.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried.

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes that in 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities' so localities can play their part in delivering the UK's 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement;
- (b) further notes that, in May 2021, the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, said collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit - "Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around";
- (c) believes that, despite these agreements and statements, there is still no formal relationship allowing joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action recognising the importance of local government in achieving net zero across the world, and notes that globally, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) have called for COP26 to be recognised as the 'Multilevel Action COP' in acknowledgment of the fact that more than half of the emissions cuts needed rely on people and businesses taking up low-carbon solutions - decisions that are made at a local and individual level;
- (d) therefore resolves to add this Council's voice to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, and others, for a joint local and national government taskforce to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions; such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable;
- (e) calls for the inclusion of a dedicated chapter for local governments in the official agreement reached at COP26, recognising the importance of local government in co-designing and delivering climate action and to ensure that local government is politically and financially empowered to meet that ambition;
- (f) will therefore ask the Chief Executive to write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for a joint Local/National

- Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible;
- (g) believes that the Government needs to get serious about their supposed 'levelling-up' agenda and support local authorities, by delivering regional investment banks – to support councils in creating jobs and building the energy and transport infrastructure we so desperately need;
  - (h) notes that the Council has always sought to work with government in delivering positive action in tackling the climate emergency, and protecting against its adverse effects;
  - (i) notes, for instance, the multi-million-pound investment in flood defences, and that this Council is building today for tomorrow's changed climate, and that the Council's long-term plan is needed to deliver Natural Flood Measures, but these measures will need investment to maintain and develop, and calls on the Government to support us with substantially more investment in delivering this;
  - (j) believes that the Government needs to implement radical waste management strategies and that for too long they have failed to act on this issue, when they should be supporting councils to kick start new clean industrial sectors - reclaiming and retaining energy at every step of a product's life cycle;
  - (k) notes the extension to Household Waste Recycling Centre opening times, but this comes at cost to the Council and believes that the Government needs to significantly invest in Sheffield to deliver 21st Century Waste Recycling Centres with a focus on sustainability;
  - (l) believes that the Government should provide investment to deliver bio-gas facilities to reduce our national dependency on extractive gas imports, and greater investment to push forward with hydrogen and renewables to reduce carbon emissions from home heating, and reduce carbon emissions whilst housing infrastructure is made fit for the future;
  - (m) believes that the Government must offer tax incentives for homegrown companies to develop the energy infrastructure of not only tomorrow, but today;
  - (n) believes we need a significant and long-term funding commitment from the Government so that all Council homes can be improved to take them from Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C to net zero, as the current funding arrangements leave a shortfall of funding required which local authorities are unfairly having to pick up;
  - (o) calls on the Government to commit to increasing funding on new homes to ensure that homes are built at net zero, and that the biggest challenge in the city for achieving residential net zero is the private sector (rented and owner occupied) with currently little funding available to deal with the

cost of retrofitting;

- (p) believes that the current piecemeal funding strategy of the Government creates unrealistic delivery timeframes, and they should provide much more support and long-term planning to allow councils to invest sustainably and responsibly in tackling the climate emergency; and
- (q) requests that Sheffield, in committing to the ambitious targets as set out in the 'ARUP' report, sets clear targets with a review of progress towards its self-declared Climate Goals being reported to the appropriate committee on an annual basis, together with any actions required to maintain the Council's commitments.

9.6.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (a) to (g) and (i) to (q) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraph (h) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchin voted for paragraphs (a) to (f), (l), (m) and (q) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraphs (h) and (j) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (g), (i), (k) and (n) to (p) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "'RIGHT TO FOOD' - WORKING TOGETHER TO TACKLE FOOD POVERTY IN THE CITY, AND TO DEVELOP A LOCAL FOOD ACCESS PLAN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MILSOM AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SOPHIE WILSON**

10.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Ruth Milsom, and formally seconded by Councillor Sophie Wilson, that this Council:-

- (a) recognises that we are seeing a crisis of food poverty borne out of political choices and systemic failings from successive governments since austerity began;
- (b) believes that food poverty should never be seen as inevitable, and notes that from 1997 to 2010 poverty reduced significantly (for instance the Institute for Fiscal Studies notes that the number of children in relative poverty fell by over 1.1 million from 1997-2010), showing that with sufficient political willpower these issues can be tackled;
- (c) notes that after a decade of government-imposed austerity, child poverty and food hunger has increased significantly, and led to a precarious

situation for many, even before the pandemic struck;

- (d) believes that the pandemic has exacerbated problems and pushed more people into food poverty, with perhaps the worst yet to come, and though it is hard to quantify the extent of food poverty in Sheffield we know the following:-
  - (i) around 24,000 children are currently eligible for Free School Meals and therefore at risk of going hungry during the school holidays, with this number rising; and
  - (ii) according to data collected by Voluntary Action Sheffield from 19 food banks, between 13th April 2020 and 8th June 2020 the number of households supported increased by just over 92% from 1144 to 2202 households; it is well acknowledged that this does not represent the full picture of emergency food aid during this time – and shows supply, not level of need, which could be much higher;
- (e) condemns the Government for the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit, which will come into effect from 6th October 2021, noting the following:-
  - (i) universal credit is claimed by more than 5.5 million households across the UK;
  - (ii) the Joseph Rowntree Foundation - a charity which researches poverty - states millions of households will face an income loss equivalent to £1,040 a year;
  - (iii) the charity Citizens Advice has warned that a third of people on Universal Credit will end up in debt due to the reduction, which will inevitably lead to more people being reliant on food banks; and
  - (iv) the 5-week wait for Universal Credit impacts people's ability to pay bills and buy food, and believes that this wait is wholly unjustifiable and should be scrapped;
- (f) notes that the cross-party Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee established a working group to look at the Council's response to Food Poverty in Sheffield, and that this first phase looked at the Council's strategic role in relation to food poverty, and with organisations working in this space on food projects;
- (g) believes that all recommendations from the Food Poverty Working Group's report should be adopted in full;
- (h) believes that, as noted in the Scrutiny Committee's report, tackling food poverty requires a citywide effort, across the Council and public services, the VCF, communities and business, with a long term, structural

approach to find lasting solutions and that, as such, the Council should adopt a Local Food Access Plan;

- (i) believes that this would help the Council, community organisations and other partners to work together to identify risks, assess the current response and coordinate action, with an understanding that those involved can achieve more by acting together than they could by acting separately, and helping to strengthen 'food poverty alliances' (the many different networks in the city working to combat food poverty and hunger);
  - (j) believes that tackling food poverty is not a standalone issue and is underpinned by wider socio-economic factors, and as such the development of a Food Access Plan must be part of the Council's forthcoming Poverty Summit, which will in turn lead to the development of co-ordinated work to tackle inequality in the city;
  - (k) gives its support to The Right to Food campaign, a national campaign which argues that the 11 million people in food poverty should be central to this strategy, and that 'Right to Food' should be enshrined into law - clarifying government's obligations on food poverty and introducing legal avenues to hold government bodies accountable for violations; and
  - (l) calls for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into an amendment to the forthcoming Government White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy, and asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to make this case.
- 10.1.1 (NOTE: With the agreement of the Council and at the request of the mover of the Motion (Councillor Ruth Milsom), the Motion as published on the agenda was altered by the insertion of the words "an amendment to the forthcoming Government White Paper in response to" after the words "be incorporated into", in paragraph (l) of the Motion.)
- 10.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and formally seconded by Councillor Cliff Woodcraft, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-
- 1. the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (c) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (f) as follows:-
    - (a) recognises that we are seeing a crisis of food poverty;
    - (b) believes that food poverty should never be seen as inevitable;
    - (c) notes that in the last 25 years relative poverty reduced significantly, in part due to the increases in the personal income tax allowance made by the 2010-2015 Government, with the number of people in absolute poverty having halved in that time according to Office for National Statistics (ONS) data;

- (d) notes the upward turn shown in the number of people in poverty in the last few years due to the policies of the Government since 2015, as shown by research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Institute for Fiscal Studies;
- (e) recognises that universal access to shelter, a good diet, adequate infrastructures is essential for a rewarding life and believes that the provision of universal access to these basic needs should be at the centre of all council policy;
- (f) calls upon the Government to provide free school meals to every pupil whose parents or guardians are in receipt of Universal Credit;
2. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (d) and (e) as new paragraphs (g) and (h) and the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (k) as follows:-
- (i) calls on the Government to address the 5-week wait for Universal Credit, using its resources to reduce this to less than one week to stop families in Sheffield falling into a debt trap that they may not get out of;
- (j) notes the plight of carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic;
- (k) also calls on the Government to raise the Carer's Allowance by £1000 a year in line with the Universal Credit uplift, and not what this Council believes to be the insultingly low 5p a day announced in April, allowing our carers, many of whom are young people, to not slide into poverty, with recent research suggesting a third struggle to make ends meet;
3. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) to (l) as new paragraphs (l) to (r).
- 10.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Alison Teal, and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (p) as follows:-
- (m) commits to developing a Food Strategy linking the need to reduce carbon to meet climate change targets and boosting biodiversity to protect nature, along with developing a wellbeing economy and improving health equality across the city;
- (n) notes that research evidence shows that urban agriculture provides many benefits in addition to food provision; and these include:-
- Improving human health through physical exercise and a more nutritious diet
  - Mental health benefits of being outside and engaging in community
  - Protecting soil, improving soil quality, and maintaining carbon

- storage in soil
  - Improving and enhancing biodiversity
  - Increasing food supply resilience against climate and economic events
  - Reducing food miles and food waste
  - Supporting plant genetic diversity
  - Reducing urban heat island effects
  - Paid employment and training opportunities
  - Community empowerment
  - Reducing poverty
  - Improving community cohesion
  - Feeding urban communities sustainably
- (o) commits to working with local organisations like ShefFood, Heeley City Farm, FoodWorks, the University of Sheffield, and others, to develop a Food Strategy to support a rapid increase in urban and peri urban food production; and
- (p) will seek to protect the use of greenbelt land around Sheffield for sustainable agriculture and nature.
- 10.4 It was then formally moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), and formally seconded by Councillor Ben Miskell, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (q) as follows:-
- (m) notes that there are now 2,000 food banks across the UK, and believes that in the 6th richest country in the world this is an absolute disgrace;
- (n) notes that food bank usage has increased during the pandemic, but the preceding decade of austerity meant millions of people were already needing to rely on them - for example, 1.6 million emergency food parcels were distributed by the Trussell Trust in 2019;
- (o) believes that main reasons for referrals to food banks are changes made since 2010 to the benefit system – including payment cuts, delays to benefit payments, and punitive benefit sanctions – as well as the rise of increasingly insecure work and in-work poverty;
- (p) calls on the Government to commit to eradicate food bank usage within three years and reduce usage by half within 12 months; and
- (q) thanks all food banks in Sheffield for their work, and commits to doing everything we can to support them in their invaluable work for communities.
- 10.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was negatived, except for paragraphs (i) to (k) in Part 2 of the amendment, which were carried.

- 10.5.1 (NOTE: Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) in Part 1 and paragraph (j) in Part 2 of the amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayriss, voted against paragraph (d) in Part 1 of the amendment, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (a) and (f) in Part 1 and paragraphs (i) and (k) in Part 2 of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 10.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alison Teal was then put to the vote and was carried.
- 10.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards was then put to the vote and was also carried.
- 10.7.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (m), (n), (p) and (q) of the amendment moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, and abstained from voting on paragraph (o) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.
2. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for paragraph (q) of the amendment moved by Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (m) to (p) of the amendment, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 10.8 The original Motion, as altered and amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) recognises that we are seeing a crisis of food poverty borne out of political choices and systemic failings from successive governments since austerity began;
- (b) believes that food poverty should never be seen as inevitable, and notes that from 1997 to 2010 poverty reduced significantly (for instance the Institute for Fiscal Studies notes that the number of children in relative poverty fell by over 1.1 million from 1997-2010), showing that with sufficient political willpower these issues can be tackled;
- (c) notes that after a decade of government-imposed austerity, child poverty and food hunger has increased significantly, and led to a precarious situation for many, even before the pandemic struck;
- (d) believes that the pandemic has exacerbated problems and pushed more people into food poverty, with perhaps the worst yet to come, and though it is hard to quantify the extent of food poverty in Sheffield we

know the following:-

- (i) around 24,000 children are currently eligible for Free School Meals and therefore at risk of going hungry during the school holidays, with this number rising; and
  - (ii) according to data collected by Voluntary Action Sheffield from 19 food banks, between 13th April 2020 and 8th June 2020 the number of households supported increased by just over 92% from 1144 to 2202 households; it is well acknowledged that this does not represent the full picture of emergency food aid during this time – and shows supply, not level of need, which could be much higher;
- (e) condemns the Government for the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit, which will come into effect from 6th October 2021, noting the following:-
- (i) universal credit is claimed by more than 5.5 million households across the UK;
  - (ii) the Joseph Rowntree Foundation - a charity which researches poverty - states millions of households will face an income loss equivalent to £1,040 a year;
  - (iii) the charity Citizens Advice has warned that a third of people on Universal Credit will end up in debt due to the reduction, which will inevitably lead to more people being reliant on food banks; and
  - (iv) the 5-week wait for Universal Credit impacts people's ability to pay bills and buy food, and believes that this wait is wholly unjustifiable and should be scrapped;
- (f) calls on the Government to address the 5-week wait for Universal Credit, using its resources to reduce this to less than one week to stop families in Sheffield falling into a debt trap that they may not get out of;
- (g) notes the plight of carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic;
- (h) also calls on the Government to raise the Carer's Allowance by £1000 a year in line with the Universal Credit uplift, and not what this Council believes to be the insultingly low 5p a day announced in April, allowing our carers, many of whom are young people, to not slide into poverty, with recent research suggesting a third struggle to make ends meet;
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- organisations working in this space on food projects;
- (j) believes that all recommendations from the Food Poverty Working Group's report should be adopted in full;
- (k) believes that, as noted in the Scrutiny Committee's report, tackling food poverty requires a citywide effort, across the Council and public services, the VCF, communities and business, with a long term, structural approach to find lasting solutions and that, as such, the Council should adopt a Local Food Access Plan;
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- (m) believes that tackling food poverty is not a standalone issue and is underpinned by wider socio-economic factors, and as such the development of a Food Access Plan must be part of the Council's forthcoming Poverty Summit, which will in turn lead to the development of co-ordinated work to tackle inequality in the city;
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- (o) calls for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into an amendment to the forthcoming Government White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy, and asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to make this case;
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- (q) notes that research evidence shows that urban agriculture provides many benefits in addition to food provision; and these include:-
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- (r) commits to working with local organisations like ShefFood, Heeley City Farm, FoodWorks, the University of Sheffield, and others, to develop a Food Strategy to support a rapid increase in urban and peri urban food production;
- (s) will seek to protect the use of greenbelt land around Sheffield for sustainable agriculture and nature;
- (t) notes that there are now 2,000 food banks across the UK, and believes that in the 6th richest country in the world this is an absolute disgrace;
- (u) notes that food bank usage has increased during the pandemic, but the preceding decade of austerity meant millions of people were already needing to rely on them - for example, 1.6 million emergency food parcels were distributed by the Trussell Trust in 2019;
- (v) believes that main reasons for referrals to food banks are changes made since 2010 to the benefit system – including payment cuts, delays to benefit payments, and punitive benefit sanctions – as well as the rise of increasingly insecure work and in-work poverty;
- (w) calls on the Government to commit to eradicate food bank usage within three years and reduce usage by half within 12 months; and
- (x) thanks all food banks in Sheffield for their work, and commits to doing everything we can to support them in their invaluable work for communities.

10.8.1 (NOTE: 1. Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker voted for paragraphs (d) to (u), (w) and (x) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraphs (a) to (c) of the Substantive Motion and abstained from voting on paragraph (v) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.

2. Councillor Lewis Chinchen voted for paragraphs (g), (i) to (m), (p) to (s) and (x) of the Substantive Motion, voted against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion, and abstained from voting on paragraphs (b) to (f), (h), (n), (o) and (t) to (w) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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

11.1 RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the annual meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, be approved as true and accurate records.

## **12. REPRESENTATION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES**

12.1 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Dianne Hurst, seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that:-

(a) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the Chief Executive had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

Peak District National Park Authority - Councillor Safiya Saeed to replace Councillor Moya O'Rourke, with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Local Area Chairs Group - Councillor Bernard Little to replace Councillor Ruth Mersereau, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Sheffield City Trust (Observer) - Councillor Cate McDonald to fill a vacancy, with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

(b) Councillor Brian Holmshaw be appointed to serve on the Allotments Advisory Group, filling a vacancy.