

Agenda Item 15

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in The Octagon Centre, Clarkson Street, Sheffield, S10 2TQ, on Thursday 18 November 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 |
| 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>
Jack Scott
Sophie Wilson |
| 3 | <i>Birley Ward</i>
Denise Fox
Bryan Lodge
Karen McGowan | 12 | <i>Firth Park Ward</i>
Fran Belbin
Abdul Khayum
Abtisam Mohamed | 21 | <i>Richmond Ward</i>
David Barker
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 | 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
Steve Ayriss | 24 | <i>Stannington Ward</i>
Penny Baker
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>
Tony Downing
Kevin Oxley
Gail Smith | 27 | <i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i>
Alan Hooper
Mike Levery
Ann Whitaker |
| | | | | 28 | <i>Woodhouse Ward</i>
Paul Wood |

1. MINUTE SILENCE - DEATH OF SIR DAVID AMESS MP

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) reported with sadness, the killing of Sir David Amess MP who died after being stabbed multiple times at his constituency surgery at Belfairs Methodist Church Hall in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, on 15th October 2021.
- 1.2 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Sir David.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sue Auckland, Mike Drabble, Neale Gibson, Mazher Iqbal, Francyne Johnson, Ben Miskell, Vickie Priestley, Maroof Raouf, Moya O'Rourke, Mick Rooney, Safiya Saeed, Jackie Satur and Alison Teal.
- 2.2 It was observed that the meeting had been postponed from 3rd November and that notice of its rearrangement to the 18th had only been able to be given in the week prior to the meeting. This had given rise to difficulties for some Members to rearrange prior work or personal commitments at short notice.

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 six petitions and questions from two members of the public had been received prior to the published deadline for submission of petitions and questions for this meeting. On three of the petitions, representations were to be made on behalf of the petitioners, and the other three petitions would be received in the absence of a speaker.

4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Create 10,000 New Green Jobs in Sheffield Within Two Years

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 343 signatures requesting that the Council create 10,000 new green jobs in Sheffield within 2 years.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Joan Miller. Ms Miller stated that petitioners were requesting that 10,000 new green jobs be created in

Sheffield to tackle inequalities, youth unemployment and the climate and nature crises. She said that these jobs should be future proof, reduce carbon emissions, restore nature, and low carbon roles which would help Sheffield thrive. She added that she felt roles of this nature would provide a positive marketing opportunity for Sheffield City Council. Ms Miller said that she had attended Council almost 10 years ago to present a similar petition. She said she felt other Local Authorities were doing more to create green roles, and she referenced Barnsley Council, Leeds City Council, Manchester City Council and Coventry City Council. Ms Miller stated that in Leeds the leadership of the Climate and Nature emergency team was publicised on their website; however, she stated that she could not locate this information on Sheffield City Council's website. She added that she was aware of the 10 Point Plan and asked that the Council create the structure to implement the plan. She referenced a suggestion made to create a network of action focus task groups, and she listed some action focus groups she felt the city needed: a green jobs and skills task force, communications, alternative finance, retrofitting, renewable energy, waste recovery and nature recovery. She asked that these task groups begin shortly.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Paul Turpin (Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills). Councillor Turpin thanked Ms Miller for bringing her petition. Councillor Turpin stated that he felt the response had not been sufficient and added that work had begun on a report to address these issues. He stated that there was an opportunity to do more within Sheffield, and he acknowledged the example provided by Manchester City Council. Councillor Turpin shared some statistics from the Local Government Association's research into roles in the low carbon economy. He stated that he would keep Ms Miller updated on this issue.

4.2.2 Petition Requesting the Implementation of a 20mph Speed Limit as part of the Park Hill/Norfolk Park Parking Scheme

The Council received a joint electronic and paper petition containing 162 signatures requesting that the Council add a 20mph speed limit whilst implementing the proposed parking scheme for Park Hill and Norfolk Park.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Nadine Fischer. Ms Fischer stated that she and her daughter were local residents in the area. She said that the local streets were heavily congested and said that many residents had multiple cars. She stated that there was considerable danger when attempting to cross the road. Ms Fischer said that the petition had been brought following an incident in which a local resident had had their wingmirror clipped by another vehicle whilst trying to put their toddler into the car. She added that following discussions with residents in the area she had found that this incident was not isolated. Ms Fischer said that the hills in the area created further road safety issues.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport). Councillor Johnson thanked Ms Fischer for bringing the petition. He said that he supported the idea that all residential areas in Sheffield should have a speed limit of 20mph. He

stated that Officers had informed him that there were 89 areas which still required a change to the speed limit and added that these areas were ranked by priority. Councillor Johnson said that the Park Hill/Norfolk Park area was currently at number 32 on this list. He stated that he had been informed that funding and resources impacted when changes could be made. He added that he would review this area again and see if changes to the speed limit could be made at the same time as the introduction of the parking scheme.

4.2.3 Petition Requesting Safety Measures at Petre Street Woodland

The Council received an electronic petition containing 47 signatures requesting that the Council introduce safety measures at Petre Street Woodland.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Karen Malone. Ms Malone stated that fly tipping was a significant issue in the Petre Street Woodland area. She said that the Pitsmoor Litter Picking Group were visiting the site in an attempt to clear the area, and that they often found needles. Ms Malone said that the area was overgrown which made it harder to clear. She added that there was a skip area which she felt needed to be fenced off to prevent the overspill of rubbish. She suggested that thinning the woodland would reduce the drug taking currently taking place in the area and asked that more bins be added to the area to aid local people in disposing of rubbish. Ms Malone stated that Councillor Mark Jones had been assisting in cleaning up the area. She asked that all residents be provided with bins, the woodland area be thinned out to improve access to the area and that cameras be introduced to improve safety.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport), as Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure) was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Johnson thanked Ms Malone for bringing the petition. He stated that he felt a number of good points had been made, and he said he would take this issue to Officers and communicate with Councillor Teal on the outcome. He encouraged residents to contact the Streets Ahead team to report any incidents. He added that he would speak to local Councillors regarding possible investment which might come from the local budget. He thanked Ms Malone and her fellow residents for their work to improve the area.

4.2.4 Petition Requesting Motorcycle Barriers on the Gennell Between Bartle Road and Leadbeater Road

The Council received an electronic petition containing nine signatures requesting motorcycle barriers on the gennell between Bartle Road and Leadbeater Road. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure).

4.2.5 Petition Requesting Motorcycle Barriers on the Public Footpaths leading onto Jaunty Playing Fields, running behind Jaunty Road and Basegreen Close

The Council received an electronic petition containing 22 signatures requesting motorcycle barriers on the public footpaths leading onto Jaunty Playing Fields, running behind Jaunty Road and Basegreen Close. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Alison Teal (Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure).

4.2.6 Petition Requesting (a) Clarification for Private Hire Drivers Regarding Bus Lanes and Bus Gates in the City and (b) the Council to undertake a Policy Review of Private Hire Vehicle Specification

The Council received an electronic petition containing 79 signatures requesting (a) clarification for Private Hire Drivers regarding bus lanes and bus gates in the city and (b) the Council to undertake a policy review of Private Hire Vehicle specification. There was no speaker for this petition.

The Council referred the element of the petition regarding bus lanes and bus gates to Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport), and the element regarding Private Hire Vehicle specification to Councillor Paul Wood (Executive Member for Housing, Roads and Waste Management).

4.3 Public Questions

4.3.1 Public Questions Regarding Local Area Committees (LACs) in Sheffield

Nigel Slack asked the following questions of the Council:-

'I would like to draw attention to a weakness in the current framework of the LACs and in particular to the use of delegated powers. Currently it is planned that LACs will meet only 4 times per year and that as a result, at least in my 'South LAC' a decision has been made to allow officers to make delegated decisions up to £5,000 for 'emerging' issues.

This may not sound like a great expense but for illustration it is half the annual allocation to Graves Park Ward. Furthermore, there has been no consultation on this decision as, according to the minutes, none is required.

In addition, the procedures for the LACs seem to rule out making decisions by all councillors except at formal meetings. This further exacerbates the issue, denying 11 of the 12 Councillors from having a say in such circumstances.

All together these circumstances aggregate to deny the residents any role in participating in effective decision making and also exclude 11 of 12 local Councillors from decisions between formal meetings. The power to make decisions is therefore effectively vested in the person of the Chair.

The LAC is mirroring the very situation that led to the recent referendum and perpetuates the exclusion of most Councillors and all residents in decision making.

Will the Leader review the scheme of delegation that allows this undemocratic process to arise, and will the Governance Committee review the procedures around the LACs to prevent so much power residing in the person of the Chair?’

In response, Councillor Terry Fox (Leader of the Council) thanked Mr Slack for his questions. He stated that LACs would evolve over time and would change with demands and with the implementation of a Committee System. He stated that the delegation only applied to the budget allocated to the LACs, such as the £100,000 allocated to the LACs by the Leader. He said that ward pots were separate budgets, not under the control of the LACs, and added that ward pot decisions were always made in conjunction with Councillors with an Officer’s decision.

He said that it was not lawful for LACs to make decisions except at formal meetings held in public. He added that all LAC members were jointly involved in making the decision to delegate the authority for limited spending decisions to an officer. He said that the delegation enabled some activity, when required, to allow expenditure to be carried out between LAC meetings.

Councillor Fox stated that the Council was committed to making the process transparent. He welcomed suggestions on this issue from local residents and stated that these suggestions would be taken on board. He stated that it was unlawful for the Chair, or any other single Member, to make decisions relating to LACs. He stated that Executive decisions may be delegated by the Leader to the Executive, or Committee of the Executive. He stated that LACs may further delegate to an Officer, and Officer delegation may include provision that decisions must be taken in consultation with a Member, but he added that the ultimate decision must be the Officer’s in conjunction with the Member. Councillor Fox stated that LAC decisions must be based on community engagement. He said that under the Committee system decision-making might be delegated by Full Council rather than by the Leader. He added that the committees, sub-committees and working parties may, by a collective decision at the formal meeting, further delegate to Officers. He said there would be no decision-making power for any one individual Member.

4.3.2 Public Question Regarding a Traffic Incident on Mosborough High Street

Kurtis Crossland asked the following question of the Council: ‘In October, there was yet another crash on Mosborough High Street. Since presenting my petition earlier this year asking for you to tackle speeding in Mosborough, has the Executive Member taken any steps to do so?’

In response, Councillor Douglas Johnson (Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport) stated that speeding was a matter for the Police rather than the Council. He stated that he had attended a meeting in the area with Councillor Tony Downing and Police and Crime Commissioner Alan Billings and he encouraged all ward Councillors to be involved in similar discussions. Councillor Johnson stated that speeding was to be included in the Police and Crime Commissioner’s new priorities. He said he felt this was a promising development. He suggested that this be looked at by the LAC using

the funding given to this area. Councillor Johnson said he would follow up with the Ward Councillors.

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) had almost been reached.

5.3 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities

5.3.1 Having curtailed the previous item in order to accommodate a question on the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, which Councillor Alexi Dimond had given notice of immediately prior to the start of the meeting, the Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith) invited Councillor Dimond to ask his question.

5.3.2 Councillor Dimond asked the following question - *"Border to Coast is in the early stages of developing a low carbon fund to be launched early 2023. Such a fund is essential if SYPA is to deliver on its commitment to net zero carbon by 2030. FCA and HMRC rules mean that such a fund can only be launched if there is a realistic expectation that there will be more than one investor of such a fund. Which other pension authorities with the Border to Coast pool have registered an interest in this development?"*

5.3.3 Councillor Garry Weatherall, the Council's Spokesperson on the Pensions Authority, responded by stating that he would arrange for a detailed written response to be supplied to Councillor Dimond by the Fund Director of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, and for that response to be published on the Council's website.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "DEVELOPERS CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PETER GARBUTT

6.1 It was moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt, that -

This Council believes:-

- (a) that building regulations standards for energy efficiency are not sufficient to address the climate emergency;
- (b) that incorporating renewable energy is not encouraged sufficiently in new developments;
- (c) that actions taken to reduce the risk of flooding need to be encouraged better in new developments through natural flood management and measures such as tree and hedge planting to increase water absorption, catch rainfall and slow down surface water run-off and reduce water pollution;
- (d) that action to preserve and promote biodiversity is not sufficiently appreciated in new developments and should be promoted;
- (e) that developers who go beyond the minimum standards required by national government are not recognised;
- (f) that there is limited public visibility for developers who do more than the minimum they are required to;

This Council resolves:-

- (g) that the Council will ask developers to give their answers to these questions as part of the Planning Application process by completing a Developers Climate Change Declaration:-
 - (i) What measures have been/will be taken to limit the carbon consumed through the implementation and construction processes? e.g. by reusing existing on-site materials, using low carbon materials and sourcing materials locally.
 - (ii) What measures have been/will be taken to utilise renewable or low carbon energy sources either in the course of development or for use by the occupiers of the completed development or both?
 - (iii) What measures have been/will be taken to reduce potential impacts of flooding associated with your proposed development? e.g. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, use of permeable materials, soakaways and leaving some land undeveloped to absorb rainfall.
 - (iv) What measures will be taken to promote biodiversity in your proposed development?
- (h) that the Council will publicly recognise annually those developers who have gone above and beyond minimum Government requirements to address the climate and nature emergency;

- (i) that the Council will encourage and recognise developers who address the green skills gap by taking on local apprentices and training staff in the installation of new green technologies; and
- (j) that the Council will use the results of the Developers Climate Change Declarations as an evidence base to encourage Government to improve building regulations so they are more fit for purpose to address the climate emergency.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, and seconded by Councillor Mark Jones, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (p) as follows:-

This Council:-

- (k) believes that we need an improved and well-resourced national planning system, to meet the need for quality housing standards, and that government needs to utilise expert ecologists and strategic planners to develop revised national guidance standards for housing developments, including flood risk assessments, net biodiversity gain assessments, species and habitat protections, climate change impacts and access for residents to green open spaces;
- (l) notes that the 2019 Labour Party Manifesto committed to a home building programme which delivers net biodiversity gains as well as reductions in carbon footprint, and believes that we need new planning rules to stop developers building inappropriate housing in high-risk areas, such as flood plains;
- (m) believes that councils should play a greater, more robust, role alongside an empowered Environment Agency in being able to halt planning developments in areas of serious flood risk;
- (n) notes that the Council has throughout the last decade required that all new buildings and conversions are designed to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and function in a changing climate, and that amongst other things, all developments are required to:-
 - (i) achieve a high standard of energy efficiency; and
 - (ii) make the best use of solar energy, passive heating and cooling, natural light, and natural ventilation;
- (o) notes that the Council requires that predicted energy needs of larger developments (five or more dwellings/more than 500 sq m gross internal floorspace) are reduced by 10% when compared to national building regulations, and this is usually delivered through improved building performance or renewable energy installations; and

- (p) believes, however, that our current requirements do not go far enough in tackling our climate and ecological emergencies, and that creating the new Sheffield Plan gives us the opportunity to implement new policies that will help new developments meet the Council's ambitions of the City being net zero by 2030, and that through our 10 Point Plan for Climate Action we are also committing to developing interim revised supplementary planning guidance on renewable and low carbon energy, which we will be able to apply before the Sheffield Plan is adopted.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Martin Smith, and seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (g);
2. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (k) as follows:-

This Council:-

- (g) notes the suggestion that developers could be asked to complete a Climate Change Declaration alongside their planning applications detailing commitments that might be made above and beyond those required by planning policy and believes that legal advice should be sought before any such policy is considered;
 - (h) believes that the lack of a Local Plan has hampered the ability of the Council to have policies that would withstand any challenge to Planning Applications refused on the basis of any enhanced policies to tackle the Climate Emergency declared by the Council;
 - (i) notes that Building Regulations are set by national, rather than local, government and further notes that a consultation process on energy efficiency began in January 2021;
 - (j) notes that water companies are statutory consultees on all schemes that impact on drainage and surface water disposal, and that applications can be rejected if they unduly increase runoff;
 - (k) believes that the Environment Agency needs to be a statutory consultee on a wide range of planning issues such as the modification of existing water courses, surface water discharge, flooding avoidance, protection of local nature reserves and other ecologically sensitive sites;
3. the re-lettering of original paragraphs (h) to (j) as new paragraphs (l) to (n); and
 4. the addition of new paragraphs (o) to (q) as follows:-
 - (o) resolves to carry out an appropriate public consultation before implementing these changes;

- (p) instructs the Chief Executive to send a copy of this motion to the Minister for Communities & Local Government; and
 - (q) believes that for this to have any benefit to sustainable development, any policies that result from this motion must be embedded into any emerging Local Plan, the Local Plan that has been delayed by many years by Council Administrations since 2012.
- 6.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Angela Argenzio, the amendment moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum was put to the vote and was carried.
- 6.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Bob McCann, 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, Steve Ayriss, Christine Gilligan, Kevin Oxley, Peter Garbutt, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Bernard Little, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker, voted for paragraphs (k) and (m) to (p) and abstained from voting on paragraph (l) of the amendment moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 6.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Smith was then put to the vote and was negated.
- 6.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That:-

This Council believes:-

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- (c) that actions taken to reduce the risk of flooding need to be encouraged better in new developments through natural flood management and measures such as tree and hedge planting to increase water absorption, catch rainfall and slow down surface water run-off and reduce water pollution;
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appreciated in new developments and should be promoted;

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This Council resolves:-

- (g) that the Council will ask developers to give their answers to these questions as part of the Planning Application process by completing a Developers Climate Change Declaration:-
 - (i) What measures have been/will be taken to limit the carbon consumed through the implementation and construction processes? e.g. by reusing existing on-site materials, using low carbon materials and sourcing materials locally.
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- (h) that the Council will publicly recognise annually those developers who have gone above and beyond minimum Government requirements to address the climate and nature emergency;
- (i) that the Council will encourage and recognise developers who address the green skills gap by taking on local apprentices and training staff in the installation of new green technologies;
- (j) that the Council will use the results of the Developers Climate Change Declarations as an evidence base to encourage Government to improve building regulations so they are more fit for purpose to address the climate emergency.

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- (k) believes that we need an improved and well-resourced national planning system, to meet the need for quality housing standards, and that government needs to utilise expert ecologists and strategic planners to develop revised national guidance standards for housing developments,

including flood risk assessments, net biodiversity gain assessments, species and habitat protections, climate change impacts and access for residents to green open spaces;

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- (m) believes that councils should play a greater, more robust, role alongside an empowered Environment Agency in being able to halt planning developments in areas of serious flood risk;
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 - (i) achieve a high standard of energy efficiency; and
 - (ii) make the best use of solar energy, passive heating and cooling, natural light, and natural ventilation;
- (o) notes that the Council requires that predicted energy needs of larger developments (five or more dwellings/more than 500 sq m gross internal floorspace) are reduced by 10% when compared to national building regulations, and this is usually delivered through improved building performance or renewable energy installations; and
- (p) believes, however, that our current requirements do not go far enough in tackling our climate and ecological emergencies, and that creating the new Sheffield Plan gives us the opportunity to implement new policies that will help new developments meet the Council's ambitions of the City being net zero by 2030, and that through our 10 Point Plan for Climate Action we are also committing to developing interim revised supplementary planning guidance on renewable and low carbon energy, which we will be able to apply before the Sheffield Plan is adopted.

6.6.1 (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, Steve Ayriss, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker, voted for paragraphs (a) to (f), (h) to (k) and (m) to (p), voted against paragraph (g) and abstained from voting on paragraph (l) of the Substantive Motion, and asked for this to be recorded.)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "WHITE RIBBON DAY AND ENDING MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR BEN CURRAN AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GARRY WEATHERALL

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Ben Curran, and seconded by Councillor Garry Weatherall, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that the Council must do everything it can to end male violence against women;
- (b) notes the work of White Ribbon UK in raising awareness and campaigning on this issue, with their particular focus on the need to engage with men and boys;
- (c) notes that November 25 is White Ribbon Day and many organisations across the country use this annual event as an opportunity to raise awareness about violence against women, and believes that Sheffield City Council should mark this occasion and show that the organisation is committed to being part of the solution;
- (d) believes that the White Ribbon Day should be marked by all areas of the Organisation, by undertaking the following:-
 - encourage all staff to wear a White Ribbon;
 - share messages about White Ribbon UK, including on social media, and why this is such an important issue to tackle;
 - particularly encourage men to wear a White Ribbon, and make the 'White Ribbon Promise' to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women;
 - display the White Ribbon symbol in and around council buildings – on windows and noticeboards;
- (e) directs that discussions should be undertaken with White Ribbon UK to investigate being part of their White Ribbon Accreditation scheme;
- (f) believes that raising awareness about violence against women, and acting to combat this, is not something that should be just shouted about one day a year, but all year round;
- (g) requests that all Local Area Committee chairs task their committees with investigating what work is being undertaken in their areas to combat violence against women; report on what action the committee will take; and report on how the Council can better support and educate communities on this issue;
- (h) shares concern that the Our Bodies, Our Streets installation on the Ponderosa, highlighting sexual harassment, was burned down, and shares the resolve of the woman who posted a sign reading 'this won't stop us' in the ashes;

- (i) resolves to work alongside the newly formed 'Claim Back West Street' Campaign - which aims to make West Street a safer place, following the recent escalation of drink spiking; and
- (j) reiterates the importance of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to address Violence Against Women and Girls in South Yorkshire, and notes that this constitutes a wide partnership of many organisations: South Yorkshire's four local authorities, youth offending teams, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, clinical commissioning groups/NHS, Department for Work and Pensions, voluntary and faith sectors, educational establishments and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) - and commits to working with the VRU to produce a strategy for South Yorkshire that will give greater coherence to what each organisation is doing individually, as well as putting front and centre the experience of victims.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Ruth Mersereau, and seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (e), the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (i) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (f) to (j) as new paragraphs (j) to (n):-

- (e) notes discussions with White Ribbon UK began in 2019 and were renewed in October this year with an enquiry regarding the White Ribbon Accreditation scheme;
- (f) believes that Sheffield City Council can fulfil all of the requirements of accreditation with the exception of one item;
- (g) requests this Council agree to address the outstanding item and support a change to licensing policy needed for accreditation - end the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues;
- (h) recognises this Council has previously admitted that it breached the Public Sector Equality Duty in respect of a licence application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue;
- (i) believes that while female bodies can be routinely bought and sold for male sexual pleasure, all women's safety is compromised and all suffer the indignity of objectification;

7.3 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Ben Curran, the amendment moved by Councillor Ruth Mersereau was put to the vote and was negatived.

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that the Council must do everything it can to end male violence against women;
- (b) notes the work of White Ribbon UK in raising awareness and campaigning on this issue, with their particular focus on the need to engage with men and boys;
- (c) notes that November 25 is White Ribbon Day and many organisations across the country use this annual event as an opportunity to raise awareness about violence against women, and believes that Sheffield City Council should mark this occasion and show that the organisation is committed to being part of the solution;
- (d) believes that the White Ribbon Day should be marked by all areas of the Organisation, by undertaking the following:-
 - encourage all staff to wear a White Ribbon;
 - share messages about White Ribbon UK, including on social media, and why this is such an important issue to tackle;
 - particularly encourage men to wear a White Ribbon, and make the 'White Ribbon Promise' to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women;
 - display the White Ribbon symbol in and around council buildings – on windows and noticeboards;
- (e) directs that discussions should be undertaken with White Ribbon UK to investigate being part of their White Ribbon Accreditation scheme;
- (f) believes that raising awareness about violence against women, and acting to combat this, is not something that should be just shouted about one day a year, but all year round;
- (g) requests that all Local Area Committee chairs task their committees with investigating what work is being undertaken in their areas to combat violence against women; report on what action the committee will take; and report on how the Council can better support and educate communities on this issue;
- (h) shares concern that the Our Bodies, Our Streets installation on the Ponderosa, highlighting sexual harassment, was burned down, and shares the resolve of the woman who posted a sign reading 'this won't stop us' in the ashes;
- (i) resolves to work alongside the newly formed 'Claim Back West Street' Campaign - which aims to make West Street a safer place, following the recent escalation of drink spiking; and
- (j) reiterates the importance of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to address Violence Against Women and Girls in South Yorkshire, and notes that this

constitutes a wide partnership of many organisations: South Yorkshire's four local authorities, youth offending teams, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, clinical commissioning groups/NHS, Department for Work and Pensions, voluntary and faith sectors, educational establishments and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) - and commits to working with the VRU to produce a strategy for South Yorkshire that will give greater coherence to what each organisation is doing individually, as well as putting front and centre the experience of victims.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "EMPOWERING LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW SANGAR AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CLEMENT-JONES

8.1 It was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that decisions by democratically elected councillors should be taken at the lowest practical level, so that individuals and communities are empowered to influence decisions which affect their lives;
- (b) believes that the new Local Area Committees are an important step in revolutionising the way the Council runs and how accountable it is to local residents, alongside the new committee system voted for by the people of Sheffield;
- (c) recognises that the formation of the new Local Area Committees is an important step towards giving communities across Sheffield the decision-making involvement they desire to determine their own futures;
- (d) understands that for this Council both the new committee system and Local Area Committees offer a great opportunity to work more constructively across political parties;
- (e) believes, however, that the Local Area Committees have been given relatively limited powers and budgets to spend on the priorities of local residents;
- (f) therefore believes that as part of its current reorganisation, this Council should investigate and explore ways that would enable many more decision making powers to be devolved to Local Area Committees;
- (g) requests that this Council works to devolve powers and budgets; and as a minimum, these powers must be greater than those of the community assemblies at the time when they were abolished in 2013; and that there must be a concomitant decrease in the powers of the centre;

- (h) believes that amongst those services where decision making powers should be devolved to Local Area Committees are libraries, parks, management of local centres and streetscene including dealing with fly-tipping;
- (i) also believes that areas of Council responsibility such as elements of housing, public health, local transport, highways, road safety, and youth services could benefit from localised decision making and budgeting;
- (j) further believes that Local Area Committees should work in partnership with other services in the community including police, health, and social care organisations to enable better co-ordination of provision;
- (k) believes there should be a presumption in favour of decision-making powers at the Local Area Committee level in respect of service delivery; and
- (l) further requests that a greater proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 funding is devolved to Ward Councillors via the Local Area Committees to allow more money to be spent in the communities which live with these new developments.

8.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Mary Lea, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (a) to (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (h) as follows:-

- (a) notes that the previous Administration set-up Local Area Committees to revolutionise how citizens can influence the decisions that matter to communities, committing to a modern way of engaging, empowering and enabling residents to shape their local areas;
- (b) notes that the Labour–Green Co-Operative Agreement committed to implementing and empowering the new Local Area Committees - giving power back to Sheffield’s communities, devolving services to local areas, and giving local people a real say over decisions that affect their communities;
- (c) notes that the Committees are already going further than the previous Community Assemblies, whilst doing so with council finances significantly weaker than they were ten years ago – as since the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition began the national programme of austerity in 2010 (which is still with us), the Council has had its spending power reduced in real terms by £215m (31% of its budget);
- (d) notes that despite the financial difficulties, this Co-operative Administration is committed to making politics closer to the people it should serve and so that citizens can influence the decisions that matter to them and their communities and be empowered to shape their local areas, but doing so in a fair and prudent way;

- (e) notes that on 17th November the delegation process was informally agreed by the Local Area Committee Chairs, denoting that there is a process in place supported cross-party;
- (f) believes the delegation process outlined will empower the LACs from the 'bottom up' as well as provide a robust process for the delegation from the 'top down' to the LACs from the central committees;
- (g) believes that this is far from a return to Community Assemblies, and that the new arrangements will go much further than they ever did in empowering committees and making the Council more accountable and closer to local needs, but that devolution is a process, not an event, and that this Co-operative Administration remains steadfast in its commitment of making the Council closer to Sheffielders;
- (h) believes that the Local Area Committees are:-
 - (i) becoming the principal means by which the Council engages, empowers, enables, and seeks the active participation of all residents and community organisations on any topic of local interest;
 - (ii) actively utilising all available communication methods, including social media, and where possible using virtual meeting technology;
 - (iii) providing a geographical framework that, over time, will be used to prioritise and direct the local delivery of an increasing number of Council services;
 - (iv) starting the co-production of their area's Community Plan, and have began making decisions about funding in local areas, even at this early stage;
 - (v) already helping keep the Council – both employees and councillors – rooted in the communities they serve, and ensuring that decisions are devolved to a local level, rather than all being made centrally in town hall, which remains a key objective of this Co-operative Administration;
 - (vi) identifying how to use the additional £100k committed by the previous Administration to each LAC for improving the local environment – including tackling fly-tipping, litter and graffiti;
 - (vii) identifying how to improve community safety and cohesion, and use street wardens most effectively;
 - (viii) identifying the gaps within youth provision and how to best resolve these, specific to each area;

- (ix) providing housing reports, including on housing repairs, and scrutinising and holding the Council's housing service to account; and
- (x) responding to local issues, new and historic.

8.3 It was then moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt, and seconded by Councillor Christine Gilligan, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (b) to (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (b) to (h) as follows:-

- (b) believes that, whilst local area working is a good thing to connect communities, the structure of Local Area Committees was imposed centrally and rushed through without consultation;
- (c) believes the current size of Local Area Committees is too large (approx 80,000) and acknowledges the Council's own recognition that Sheffield has between 100 - 152 neighbourhoods;
- (d) believes that, whilst some decisions should be made at a LAC or ward level (or more locally still), other decisions must be made at a local authority level, such examples include:-
 - (i) road safety - where the locations of greatest danger should be tackled first, regardless of where they are in the city;
 - (ii) fly-tipping, which must be managed centrally, with resources directed to areas of greatest need; and
 - (iii) parks maintenance requires machinery and staff to work across large areas of the city, which is most effectively and efficiently managed centrally;
- (e) believes in the principle of equity that areas with the greatest need should be allocated the greatest share of resources, and that an even distribution of funding across LACs fails to achieve this;
- (f) believes that the spirit of cooperation needed to begin to accommodate community voices into decision making requires all political groups to set aside their differences and work together for the good of all Sheffielders;
- (g) therefore believes that as part of its current reorganisation, this Council should investigate the recommendations of the Citizens Hubs report by Opus Independents Ltd, alongside consulting with all 84 elected members on their ideas and opinions on how local area decision making within communities and with local residents can work better; and
- (h) believes that local area working requires listening to and engaging all voices of the community, including the seldom heard, and that more outreach into communities is required by the Council to achieve this.

- 8.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Andrew Sangar, the amendment moved by Councillor Mary Lea was put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (a) and (h) which were negatived.
- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt was then put to the vote and was carried, except for paragraphs (b) to (d) which were negatived.
- 8.5.1 The votes on the amendment moved by Councillor Peter Garbutt were ordered to be recorded and were as follows:-

For paragraphs (b) to (d) of the amendment (11) - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, Peter Garbutt and Bernard Little.

Against paragraphs (b) to (d) of the amendment (55) - 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, Talib Hussain, Mark Jones, 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, Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Sue Alston, Andrew Sangar, Cliff Woodcraft, Cate McDonald, Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Kevin Oxley, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker and Paul Wood.

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (b) to (d) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith).

For paragraphs (e) to (h) of the amendment (40) - 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, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Ruth Milsom, Mary Lea, Zahira Naz,

Fran Belbin, Abdul Khayum, Alexi Dimond, Cate McDonald, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, George Lindars-Hammond, Josie Paszek, Terry Fox, Anne Murphy, Peter Garbutt, Jack Scott, Sophie Wilson, David Barker, Dianne Hurst, Dawn Dale, Peter Price, Garry Weatherall, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Julie Grocutt, Ben Curran, Bernard Little and Paul Wood.

Against paragraphs (e) to (h) of the amendment (26) - 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, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Lewis Chinchin, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker.

Abstained from voting on paragraphs (e) to (h) of the amendment (1) - The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gail Smith).

8.6 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 the Labour–Green Co-Operative Agreement committed to implementing and empowering the new Local Area Committees - giving power back to Sheffield’s communities, devolving services to local areas, and giving local people a real say over decisions that affect their communities;
- (b) notes that the Committees are already going further than the previous Community Assemblies, whilst doing so with council finances significantly weaker than they were ten years ago – as since the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition began the national programme of austerity in 2010 (which is still with us), the Council has had its spending power reduced in real terms by £215m (31% of its budget);
- (c) notes that despite the financial difficulties, this Co-operative Administration is committed to making politics closer to the people it should serve and so that citizens can influence the decisions that matter to them and their communities and be empowered to shape their local areas, but doing so in a fair and prudent way;
- (d) notes that on 17th November the delegation process was informally

agreed by the Local Area Committee Chairs, denoting that there is a process in place supported cross-party;

- (e) believes the delegation process outlined will empower the LACs from the 'bottom up' as well as provide a robust process for the delegation from the 'top down' to the LACs from the central committees;
- (f) believes that this is far from a return to Community Assemblies, and that the new arrangements will go much further than they ever did in empowering committees and making the Council more accountable and closer to local needs, but that devolution is a process, not an event, and that this Co-operative Administration remains steadfast in its commitment of making the Council closer to Sheffielders;
- (g) believes in the principle of equity that areas with the greatest need should be allocated the greatest share of resources, and that an even distribution of funding across LACs fails to achieve this;
- (h) believes that the spirit of cooperation needed to begin to accommodate community voices into decision making requires all political groups to set aside their differences and work together for the good of all Sheffielders;
- (i) therefore believes that as part of its current reorganisation, this Council should investigate the recommendations of the Citizens Hubs report by Opus Independents Ltd, alongside consulting with all 84 elected members on their ideas and opinions on how local area decision making within communities and with local residents can work better; and
- (j) believes that local area working requires listening to and engaging all voices of the community, including the seldom heard, and that more outreach into communities is required by the Council to achieve this;

9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COP26 : NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR JOSIE PASZEK AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANNE MURPHY

9.1 It was moved by Councillor Josie Paszek, and seconded by Councillor Anne Murphy, that this Council:-

- (a) notes that in November the UK will host an event many believe to be the world's best last chance to get climate change, and carbon emissions, under control;
- (b) believes that this is an ideal opportunity for us all to take stock of what we are doing to reduce carbon emissions and build towards a more sustainable future;

- (c) believes that Sheffield should lead the way in fighting the climate emergency and do everything possible to work with citizens and partners across the city to foster an understanding of the emergency – taking action that needs to be done, and taking full advantage of the hugely positive changes that a more sustainable economy will produce;
- (d) believes that though tough choices will inevitably need to be taken to address the crisis, this must be done in a fair and just way;
- (e) believes that addressing climate change should not be seen as an economic challenge but an economic opportunity, and that proper government investment into a decarbonised steel industry would help secure the future of steel in the North of England and deliver thousands of jobs in a revitalised green steel industry;
- (f) notes that Sheffield has been crowned the UK's most environmentally-friendly big city by the independent Green Cities Report, and notes that tackling the climate emergency and making the city more sustainable is not just something that has recently become important to the Council;
- (g) notes that under the administrations since 2011, the Council took radical and forward thinking action to make Sheffield more sustainable, protect the environment, and clean up the city's air, including:-
 - (i) a commitment to bring forward the city's carbon neutral target from 2050 to 2030;
 - (ii) making Sheffield the first local authority in the country to ban fracking applications on council owned land;
 - (iii) improved kerbside waste collection with a 'Twin Bin' recycling service, replacing the blue box, which the previous Liberal Democrat administration brought in, with a brown bin for Metals, Glass and Plastics, and relaunched the Green Bin service;
 - (iv) developed a Trade Waste Recycling Facility to encourage recycling by businesses, and improved recycling facilities for shared properties such as flats, high density housing, and student accommodation;
 - (v) household waste recycling centres kept open throughout the pandemic, something not achieved by many local authorities;
 - (vi) rollout of electric bin lorries powered by the very waste they have collected, with the re-powered lorries having zero carbon emissions and producing no air pollution;
 - (vii) working with the city's schools to see a reduction in plastic, including huge reductions in the amount of single use plastics used at school meal times;

- (viii) a commitment to plant 100,000 extra trees as part of the Trees and Woodland Strategy;
 - (ix) promoting active travel with more walking routes, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes;
 - (x) secured an £85m programme for cycling, walking and bus corridor improvements as part of a further Sheffield City Region Transforming Cities Fund bid;
 - (xi) purchase of electricity generated from 100% renewable sources;
 - (xii) established Energy Surgeries and installed Smart Energy Meters for Council tenants – creating a 40% saving for tenants as well as a substantial reduction in wasted energy; and
 - (xiii) secured funding worth over £22 million to protect the city from flooding;
- (h) notes that rather than letting waste be put in UK landfill, or sent to landfill abroad as is sadly often the case, the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) in Sheffield generates electricity for the National Grid and heat for the city's award-winning District Energy Network from rubbish from black wheelie bins;
- (i) notes that Sheffield, therefore, sends less than 0.5% of waste to landfill and that the ERF reduces greenhouse gas emissions because it avoids the need to burn fossil fuels to produce energy, preventing around 21,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from being released every year, as well as generating energy for the city's schools, council owned buildings and hundreds of homes;
- (j) notes that a Clean Air Zone will be enacted in September 2022 – targeting the most polluting buses, taxis, vans, coaches and lorries - a historic step towards making the city's air cleaner;
- (k) believes that fairness is at the core of everything we do and before any clean air zone plan was to be implemented, the previous administration worked hard to secure a range of support packages for drivers of older more polluting vehicles to assist them in upgrading their vehicles, instead of paying a daily charge, and secured funding to deliver these from Government; and
- (l) believes that whilst these changes are laudable, much more needs to be done to tackle the climate and that we must not shy away from doing what needs to be done, and regrets that for too long successive UK governments have failed to deliver what is needed, and that locally we are showing government how to take innovative, radical action to address the climate and ecological emergency.

9.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and seconded by Councillor Tim Huggan, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (g) to (l) and the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (n) as follows:-

- (g) believes that this Council needs to go further and faster to tackle the climate emergency, not waiting for national policy to force it to make changes as is happening with food waste recycling;
- (h) believes this Council should do everything it can to make being environmentally friendly as easy for Sheffield residents as it can by recycling a broader range of plastics;
- (i) believes that waste should also be collected in the most environmentally friendly ways possible and calls for carbon neutral 'bin lorries' most appropriate for the terrain of the city of Sheffield to be fully rolled out and working on our streets as soon as possible;
- (j) notes that whilst sending waste to the energy recovery centre is much better for the environment than putting it in landfill, it is not a substitute for recycling;
- (k) therefore, believes that this Council must do everything it can to increase its recycling from the current rate of 26.5%;
- (l) believes that this Council needs to be ambitious and should be aiming to be above the national average recycling rate of 45.5%;
- (m) calls on the Council to look at best practice from other Councils, such as Three Rivers District Council which has a nation leading recycling rate of 64.1%; and
- (n) notes that this Council has voted for and spoken about many motions like this over the last 10 years and believes the time for action is now and requests that reports that matches progress against commitments be submitted on an annual basis to the Council.

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

- (m) in light of the need for action, therefore, resolves to request that the Co-operative Executive:-
 - (i) lobby Government to improve building regulations to ensure all buildings are constructed to the Passivhaus Standard or equivalent;
 - (ii) develop a demonstration project for retrofitting housing to a high

energy efficiency standard - an immediate opportunity to do this would be as part of the Gleadless Valley Masterplan;

- (iii) ensure all future Council lead development projects are built to the Passivhaus standard or equivalent;
- (iv) cease with immediate effect the installation of gas powered heating systems in all new properties developed by this Council;
- (v) provide detailed input via the Local Government Association into the Local Net Zero Forum where local government highlights to central government how they can make it easier for councils to take climate action;
- (vi) investigate the potential for renewable energy on Council land and buildings and return with proposals as soon as possible;
- (vii) create a Carbon Reduction Investment Fund setting aside funds to complete new sustainability projects that reduce carbon consumption in order to avoid unnecessary delay in achieving a 2030 net carbon zero target;
- (viii) promote energy efficiency schemes in maintained schools by using unallocated Community Infrastructure Levy receipts;
- (ix) set aside unallocated New Homes Bonus funding to retrofit, insulate and introduce solar panels on Council housing, to generate energy and to reduce tenants' bills;
- (x) build climate resilience into the city's housing stock by ensuring that all funding for new-build Council housing is only used for housing designed at high standards of thermal efficiency, so that future tenants do not risk fuel poverty;
- (xi) earmark funding for walking and cycling, offering people riding bikes the protection of segregated cycle lanes and secure bike storage, thereby increasing the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health and better air quality;
- (xii) ensure that all future transport plans focus on sustainable modes of transport and do not have any adverse impact on air quality;
- (xiii) take steps to reduce the demand for individual car ownership by investing in a new scheme to develop car-sharing in line with the "liftshare" scheme;
- (xiv) encourage use of public transport by working with bus providers to provide free bus and tram travel on Sundays before Christmas by switching the subsidy from free car parking in the city centre;

- (xv) invest in public-facing visual displays on the city's air quality monitoring stations, to ensure the public can see and monitor the measure of air pollution affecting them in real time;
 - (xvi) tackle dangerous and irresponsible parking, by creating 6 new jobs for parking enforcement officers, to be provided with e-bikes instead of patrol cars, where possible;
 - (xvii) develop proposals to introduce a workplace parking levy for larger employers, in order to generate additional long-term revenue to invest in the city's public transport, whilst improving air quality and encouraging more active forms of travel to work;
 - (xviii) re-introduce the FreeBee bus service in the city centre, operating every 10 minutes, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, by investing in 3 new electric buses owned directly by the local authority;
 - (xix) commit to publicly opposing any plans for airport expansion in the South Yorkshire Combined Authority area and support a moratorium on airport expansion;
 - (xx) invest in planting trees bearing edible fruit in open spaces and parks, to be decided and distributed fairly on a Ward basis; and
 - (xxi) provide mandatory carbon literacy training for all Elected Members;
- (n) recognises that affordable, reliable public transport is necessary to reduce private car use, and therefore laments the fact that, in contrast to other devolved authorities, the South Yorkshire Combined Authority has made no progress in moving towards public control of buses through franchising, opting instead for an Enhanced Partnership with bus operators, which leaves the final say over the network in their hands; and
- (o) therefore resolves to inform the South Yorkshire Combined Authority of this Council's support for conducting a statutory assessment of franchising and requests a Combined Authority vote to release a "notice of intent to prepare a franchising assessment" within 6 months.
- 9.4 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Josie Paszek, the amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar was put to the vote and was carried.
- 9.4.1 (NOTE: Councillors Angela Argenzio, Brian Holmshaw, Kaltum Rivers, Douglas Johnson, Ruth Mersereau, Martin Phipps, Alexi Dimond, Paul Turpin, Christine Gilligan, Peter Garbutt and Bernard Little voted for paragraphs (h), (i) and (k) to (n), and voted against paragraphs (g) and (j) of the amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, and asked for this to be recorded.)
- 9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps was then put to the vote

and was carried, except for paragraphs (m)(ii) to (iv), (vii) to (x) and (xii) to (xix), which were negated.

9.5.1 (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, Steve Ayris, Kevin Oxley, Penny Baker, Richard Williams, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery and Ann Whitaker, voted for paragraphs (n) and (o), and abstained from voting on paragraph (m) of the amendment moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, and asked for this to be recorded.)

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 November the UK will host an event many believe to be the world's best last chance to get climate change, and carbon emissions, under control;
- (b) believes that this is an ideal opportunity for us all to take stock of what we are doing to reduce carbon emissions and build towards a more sustainable future;
- (c) believes that Sheffield should lead the way in fighting the climate emergency and do everything possible to work with citizens and partners across the city to foster an understanding of the emergency – taking action that needs to be done, and taking full advantage of the hugely positive changes that a more sustainable economy will produce;
- (d) believes that though tough choices will inevitably need to be taken to address the crisis, this must be done in a fair and just way;
- (e) believes that addressing climate change should not be seen as an economic challenge but an economic opportunity, and that proper government investment into a decarbonised steel industry would help secure the future of steel in the North of England and deliver thousands of jobs in a revitalised green steel industry;
- (f) notes that Sheffield has been crowned the UK's most environmentally-friendly big city by the independent Green Cities Report, and notes that tackling the climate emergency and making the city more sustainable is not just something that has recently become important to the Council;
- (g) believes that this Council needs to go further and faster to tackle the climate emergency, not waiting for national policy to force it to make changes as is happening with food waste recycling;

- (h) believes this Council should do everything it can to make being environmentally friendly as easy for Sheffield residents as it can by recycling a broader range of plastics;
- (i) believes that waste should also be collected in the most environmentally friendly ways possible and calls for carbon neutral 'bin lorries' most appropriate for the terrain of the city of Sheffield to be fully rolled out and working on our streets as soon as possible;
- (j) notes that whilst sending waste to the energy recovery centre is much better for the environment than putting it in landfill, it is not a substitute for recycling;
- (k) therefore, believes that this Council must do everything it can to increase its recycling from the current rate of 26.5%;
- (l) believes that this Council needs to be ambitious and should be aiming to be above the national average recycling rate of 45.5%;
- (m) calls on the Council to look at best practice from other Councils, such as Three Rivers District Council which has a nation leading recycling rate of 64.1%;
- (n) notes that this Council has voted for and spoken about many motions like this over the last 10 years and believes the time for action is now and requests that reports that matches progress against commitments be submitted on an annual basis to the Council;
- (o) in light of the need for action, therefore, resolves to request that the Co-operative Executive:-
 - (i) lobby Government to improve building regulations to ensure all buildings are constructed to the Passivhaus Standard or equivalent;
 - (ii) provide detailed input via the Local Government Association into the Local Net Zero Forum where local government highlights to central government how they can make it easier for councils to take climate action;
 - (iii) investigate the potential for renewable energy on Council land and buildings and return with proposals as soon as possible;
 - (iv) earmark funding for walking and cycling, offering people riding bikes the protection of segregated cycle lanes and secure bike storage, thereby increasing the numbers of Sheffield citizens cycling to work and contributing towards improved physical and mental health and better air quality;
 - (v) invest in planting trees bearing edible fruit in open spaces and

(c) Stephen Bennett, Michael Heselton, Janet Hickey, Krupa Sodha and David White be appointed to serve as additional members of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel, all serving for 4 year terms of office, as recommended by the Director of Legal and Governance following a recent recruitment exercise; and

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

Norton Educational Foundation and Non-Educational Trusts - Councillor Steve Ayriss to replace Councillor Sue Auckland

Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - Ms. Ruth McDonald to fill a non-Council Member vacancy