

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, on Wednesday 1 June 2022, at 2.00 pm, pursuant to notice duly given and Summonses duly served.

**PRESENT**

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards)

THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Colin Ross)

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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>Craig Gamble Pugh<br>Alan Woodcock          | 19 <i>Nether Edge &amp; Sharrow Ward</i><br>Nighat Basharat<br>Peter Garbutt<br>Maroof Raouf   |
| 2 <i>Beighton Ward</i><br>Kurtis Crossland<br>Bob McCann<br>Ann Woolhouse                         | 11 <i>Ecclesall Ward</i><br>Roger Davison<br>Barbara Masters<br>Shaffaq Mohammed             | 20 <i>Park &amp; Arbourthorne</i><br>Nabeela Mowlana   |
| 3 <i>Birley Ward</i><br>Denise Fox<br>Bryan Lodge<br>Karen McGowan                                | 12 <i>Firth Park Ward</i><br>Fran Belbin<br>Abtisam Mohamed<br>Abdul Khayum                  | 21 <i>Richmond Ward</i><br>David Barker<br>Mike Drabble<br>Dianne Hurst                        |
| 4 <i>Broomhill &amp; Sharrow Vale Ward</i><br>Angela Argenzio<br>Maleiki Haybe<br>Brian Holmshaw  | 13 <i>Fulwood Ward</i><br>Sue Alston<br>Andrew Sangar  | 22 <i>Shiregreen &amp; Brightside Ward</i><br>Garry Weatherall                                 |
| 5 <i>Burngreave Ward</i><br>Talib Hussain<br>Mark Jones<br>Safiya Saeed                           | 14 <i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i><br>Alexi Dimond<br>Marieanne Elliot<br>Paul Turpin           | 23 <i>Southey Ward</i><br>Mike Chaplin<br>Tony Damms<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>Vickie Priestley<br>Richard Williams                             |
| 7 <i>Crookes &amp; Crosspool Ward</i><br>Tim Huggan<br>Ruth Milsom<br>Minesh Parekh               | 16 <i>Hillsborough Ward</i><br>Christine Gilligan<br>George Lindars-Hammond<br>Henry Nottage | 25 <i>Stocksbridge &amp; Upper Don Ward</i><br>Lewis Chinchin<br>Julie Grocutt<br>Janet Ridler |
| 8 <i>Darnall Ward</i><br>Mazher Iqbal<br>Mary Lea   | 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>Tom Hunt<br>Bernard Little                             |
| 9 <i>Dore &amp; Totley Ward</i><br>Joe Otten<br>Colin Ross  | 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. MINUTES SILENCE – DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR MIKE REYNOLDS**

- 1.1 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported with sadness, the death of former Councillor Mike Reynolds on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 1.2 Members of the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Reynolds, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence, from the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Council, be conveyed to Mike's family.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Penny Baker, Dawn Dale, Ben Miskell, Zahira Naz, Peter Price, Martin Smith and Sophie Wilson.

**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 Parish Nurses Project

- 4.1.1 The Council viewed a video and received a presentation from Michaela Suckling and Marjorie Skidmore (Parish Nurses) on the work of the Parish Nursing Project operated from St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield, in association with Parish Nursing Ministries UK.
- 4.1.2 The Project supports some of the most vulnerable people in the city, with its mission being to offer a listening service with crisis support and to create sanctuary, space and time for people; to provide information and health education, and to signpost to appropriate services and offer spiritual care to those of any or no faith. It delivers this by providing (a) health advice and support in the Moor Market by running a drop-in service, offering health assessments and guidance on how to get help; (b) a drop-in service at St Matthew's Church to provide sanctuary space for marginalised people in the community; (c) an outreach service in the community offering prayer or a listening ear for those who are marginalised, and where appropriate, offering spiritual support by signposting to services, resources and activities and (d) mental health support, offering time to discuss and assess mental health difficulties such as depression, anxiety, grief and trauma, and signposting to appropriate websites, health services, groups and resources.
- 4.1.3 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) thanked Michaela Suckling and Marjorie Skidmore for their presentation and for the valuable work that they undertake in the city.

4.2 The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards) reported that three 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. The Lord Mayor added that questions from another member of the public had been received early this morning and she proposed to use her discretion, as chair of the meeting, and permit the questions to be asked on this occasion.

#### 4.3 Petitions

##### 4.3.1 Petition Requesting the Council to Abandon the Park Hill Parking Scheme

The Council received a joint paper and electronic petition, containing 2,145 signatures, requesting the Council to abandon the Park Hill Parking Scheme.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Allison Rossiter and Dave McClelland. Allison Rossiter stated that she had organised the petition as a result of the high level of concern raised on a local social media group. Residents were concerned that such a scheme would have an adverse impact on the appearance and character of the area. She stated that there were no problems with parking on many of the streets proposed to be included in the scheme, with many residents expressing concern at the possibility of themselves and visitors having to pay for parking permits. Ms Rossiter stated that many residents were not aware of the full implications of the scheme, with the vast majority being against the scheme.

Dave McClelland stated that the number of signatures collected as part of the petition made it very clear that a high proportion of residents were against the scheme. He added that whilst some residents wanted some form of restrictions to help them to be able to park outside or near their homes, they were against the scheme in its current format.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked the petitioners, and stated that he was awaiting a report from officers following consultation on the proposals. He stated that following the completion of such a report, arrangements would be made for him, or Councillor Julie Grocutt (Co-Chair of the Committee), together with local Ward Councillors, to meet with the petitioners on site, to discuss their concerns.

##### 4.3.2 Petition Requesting Action Regarding the Pavements on Sheldon Road

The Council received a petition containing 115 signatures, requesting action regarding the pavements on Sheldon Road.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Marion Gerson and Chris Caulcott. Marion Gerson stated that residents had originally approached the Council for help in this regard, but had been refused on the basis that it was the responsibility of Amey. Amey had visited the area on two occasions to commence the repair works, but had been stopped by tree activists. Ms Gerson

stated that roots on a number of trees were forcing pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs or prams, in wheelchairs and the elderly and/or disabled, to pass by the trees on residents' drives or on the road. Decisions were still required to be made on how each tree would be treated before works could commence on repairing the pavements, which meant there were likely to be further delays.

Chris Caulcott stated that many residents had expressed concerns at the lack of safety due to the uneven surfaces, with some witnessing people tripping up and/or falling over. The uneven surfaces and lack of width, in parts, created particular problems for people with pushchairs or prams and the elderly or disabled, with the problems being exacerbated during the winter months. Mr Caulcott stated that the situation would only get worse, and hoped that the Council and Amey could produce a plan to provide more ease of movement and safety for local residents as a matter of urgency.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked the petitioners, and stated that he had been informed of the issues by local Ward Councillors, and would visit the area to meet the petitioners and discuss their concerns. Councillor Iqbal added that Councillor Joe Otten (Chair of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee) may also wish to respond.

Councillor Joe Otten stated that street scene issues were the responsibility of his Policy Committee, and that he was aware that a number of roads in the Nether Edge area, with Sheldon Road being one, had not yet received the full Streets Ahead treatment following the introduction of a new strategy due to the position regarding street trees. He stated that there was a wider strategy in place in terms of developing plans for each road in the area. Councillor Otten also promised to visit the area, with officers, to discuss the petitioners' concerns, and that the issue would be referred to the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee for further consideration.

#### 4.3.3 Petition Requesting Better Speed Controls on Fox Hill Road to Protect Pedestrians

The Council received a petition, containing 22 signatures, requesting better speed controls on Fox Hill Road to protect pedestrians.

Representations on behalf of the petitioners were made by Rob Reiss. Mr Reiss stated that there had been issues of speeding vehicles on Fox Hill Road for a number of years, and whilst there were road humps on parts of the road, drivers tended to speed up when approaching the humps. The situation was particularly bad in evenings and at weekends, and caused problems for families using the shopping centres on Halifax Road and Kilner Way. Children walking to school, and the elderly, felt particularly vulnerable due to speeding drivers, and a pedestrian had actually been killed in 2017. The proximity of Fox Hill Road to Hillsborough football stadium was an issue, particularly on match days, when the huge increase in the demand for parking in the area resulted in limited visibility for pedestrians when crossing roads. The petitioners requested that the police

used mobile speed cameras in the area, and that Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) be used, to constantly make drivers aware of the speeds they were going, to help make it safer for pedestrians.

The Council referred the petition to Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee). Councillor Iqbal thanked Mr Reiss for bringing the petition and stated that the local Ward Councillors were aware of the issues, and had been in contact with the police, who had produced data regarding speed checks undertaken in the area. Councillor Iqbal stated that the Council would continue to talk to the police, and that he, along with local Ward Councillors, would be happy to visit the area to discuss residents' concerns.

#### 4.4 Public Questions

##### 4.4.1 Public Questions Regarding The Park Hill/Norfolk Park Permit Parking Scheme

Stephen Burgin asked the following questions. Mr. Burgin said that he had read the initial business case and had several questions which he had submitted as a FOI request but so far had not received a response:-

1. Where are the backing documents to support this proposal e.g. case of need based on number of complaints per roads included in scheme; risk analysis; cost benefit analysis; opportunity cost analysis; income stream analysis?
2. Could someone explain the costings he had received from a Senior Transport Officer that says that the Scheme would cost £650,000 to set up, £241,000 to run but only £57,000 would be received annually, showing a loss of £184,000?
3. How has this proposal been drawn up without all the information available because, he as he understands it, not all the information is readily available but the proposal has been put forward?
4. Has any consideration been given to reviewing the 2018 parking strategy in light of the changing work patterns within Sheffield and the wider UK?
5. Are you able to confirm that the cost to income ratio (expenditure/income x 100) means it's going to cost more than four times to run than it will bring in?
6. What workforce planning has been done re staffing the proposed scheme? Staffing numbers and type (e.g. wardens, admin etc) infrastructure costs hardware/software costs?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) apologised to Mr. Burgin for the need for a Freedom of Information (FOI) request. He said he had a written response for Mr. Burgin which he would email to him later that day. There was a business case in

2018 and as he had stated earlier to the petitioners, some residents said they would like something done with regard to the issue of parking, and since then some residents have said it was not needed. Regarding the costs, he was more than happy to provide a very detailed response to this and said he would be happy to arrange a meeting with Mr. Burgin regarding the FOI request.

#### 4.4.2 Public Question Regarding The Travel Buddy Scheme

Eileen Turner stated that she was 70 years of age next year and since becoming a pensioner, had been classed as severely disabled. Back in 2014, Sheffield Community Transport set up the Travel Buddy Scheme which was funded by the City Council. The Scheme became a lifeline for many disabled and lonely people, assisting with shopping and other needs. She paid a nominal fee of £15 per week for three hours. However, in 2017, the City Council took away the funding and the cost of the service increased to £15 per hour which, for many, was totally unaffordable. She had approached her local MP, Louise Hague, in February of last year and after some considerable time she responded to her saying that the door-to-door service and bus pass was available, but despite those services, the Travel Buddy provided a vital lifeline to many, both physically and mentally. She stated that she was one voice speaking out for many in the city and was asking the Council to get our Travel Buddies back.

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) said that these were the tragic consequences of having a Conservative Government and there were to be discussions later on in the meeting regarding the cost-of-living crisis. The cuts started back in 2010 when there was a coalition Government. The reason that Louise Haigh was so long getting back to Mrs. Turner was that she wanted information from the Council. He said that many residents in Sheffield relied on the service but due to the severe cuts, the Council could no longer afford to subsidise the service and had to put the costs back onto the users. Councillor Iqbal said that he was more than happy to take this matter to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Committee to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June and referred to the fact that the South Yorkshire Regional Mayor, Oliver Coppard, had given a commitment that he would like to bring public transport back under public control and Council members were in regular discussions and would take this matter up with him seeking to bring this service back. Councillor Iqbal stated that, unfortunately, he could not give a commitment to say that the scheme would be reinstated but the Council would scope this out and see if it would be possible.

#### 4.4.3 Public Question Regarding A Carbon Budget for Sheffield

Chris Broome stated that, in July 2019, the Council received a scientific report setting a carbon budget for Sheffield which would be in line with an international agreement to seek to limit average global temperature rise to well below 2C. We estimate that if Sheffield has followed the national trend, nearly 40% of that all-time carbon budget will have been used up. We therefore ask whether Councillors know how much of the budget has already been used and will they give us that information?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) said that the Council had been collecting data from 2018 and 2019 and would be happy to share that data with Mr. Broome. He said that the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee had recently met for the first time to look at the Work Programme for the Committee and he would be happy to place this item on the Work Programme for future consideration. Councillor Iqbal said that he had received an email from the Climate Alliance and would be happy to meet up with Mr. Broome and the Alliance. Councillor Iqbal added that the Council was committed to addressing the Climate Emergency and had signed up to delivering net zero by 2030, but needed investment from the Government in the city's infrastructure to be able to meet this target.

#### 4.4.4 Public Questions Regarding The Value Of Heritage And Requests For Information

Robin Hughes asked the following questions:-

##### *Question 1 on behalf of Joined Up Heritage Sheffield*

Joined Up Heritage Sheffield is encouraged to see small but increasing signs of a recognition of the role that heritage can play in growing the economy. The new Sheffield City Council Constitution places a responsibility on the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Change Policy Committee to champion heritage. There is a motion before Council today about exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector.

Such moves are welcome; but we are also keen to see recognition of the value of heritage expand beyond the traditional assumption that it primarily serves the leisure economy, and the visitor economy in particular. Historic England research shows that the heritage sector contributes £36.6bn GVA to the English economy, more than Arts and Culture, Aerospace or Defence. Based on the size of its economy, which we hope will grow, Sheffield's fair share of this would be £240m per annum.

Even this does not include the disproportionate impact of historic buildings in attracting the most creative and productive businesses or spending by visitors making heritage-led trips on accommodation, hospitality and other non-heritage activities. Heritage skills will be critical to the re-use and retrofitting of buildings, now an urgent priority to combat climate change, as highlighted only last week by the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee. About half of the measured economic value of heritage is in the construction industry.

What will this Council's strategic approach be to realising the full value of heritage in all its forms to the economy and skills? And how will this extend to maximise the benefits to climate change, education, health and wellbeing?

##### *Question 2 on behalf of Hallamshire Historic Buildings*

At the Co-operative Executive meeting on 16th March 2022, I asked a question

about the availability of historical information about the former John Lewis building and was assured that this would all be made available on request. On 24th March, I emailed Property and Regeneration Services to ask for this information. There was a degree of urgency, as the data was needed for evidence relating to the Council's application for a Certificate of Immunity from Listing.

This general enquiry for data that either the Council already had to hand - and had shared with a third party - or were planning to obtain was changed into a Freedom of Information request. I had not asked for this and was not consulted about it. Some information was sent to me late on 28th April, the very last moment to be within the statutory limit, but it was not complete. Emails asking for the missing information were not responded to until 19th May, when I was promised a reply the following week. None had been received by last Friday, 9 weeks after a simple request for data the Council already had.

Does this Council agree with me that it would have been a far more efficient and appropriate route simply to send the information directly to me when requested, rather than create an unnecessary delay through the Fol process? And will Council ensure that all data is delivered to me without further delay?

In response to question one, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that there was a new Heritage Champion, Councillor Janet Ridler, who would be following on work started by Councillor Drabble. Councillor Iqbal said that there would be crossover between various Policy Committee areas and that he was more than happy to arrange a meeting with Mr. Broome to discuss this matter. Regular discussions with Joined Up Heritage have already been held and will continue to do so.

In response to question two, Councillor Iqbal stated that the information should have been provided without the need to go down the FOI route. He said he was happy to receive emails to assist in any way he could.

#### 4.4.5 Public Questions Regarding The Low Traffic Neighbourhood Proposals in Nether Edge

Cate McDonald asked the following questions:-

I am a Nether Edge resident who is directly affected by the introduction of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) in Nether Edge. I welcome the recent statements made by Councillors Grocutt and Iqbal about improved local engagement on the plans. However, the way in which the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) was rushed through without local consultation has created considerable anger and distrust. In the interests of transparency and restoring public trust, can you answer the following questions please:-

1. There is no public record of any decision on the introduction of the ETRO. Who took the formal decision to introduce the ETROs?

2. There may be no requirement to undertake consultation beyond the statutory notice to introduce an ETRO, but I know from personal experience that this is not good practice. Why was there no consultation about the ETRO?
3. I live 50 metres from the LTN boundary. Why was I not even notified about the ETRO? Please note I don't consider a notice 7ft high on a lamppost to constitute notification.
4. How have the comments received during the earlier consultation on the scheme been taken into account in the implementation of this phase?
5. Can you confirm that traffic surveys have been undertaken on all surrounding roads so that the impact of displacement can be evaluated?
6. Likewise, can you confirm that baseline air quality measures have been taken on individual streets surrounding the LTN so that the impact can be assessed?
7. What criteria will be used to evaluate the success or otherwise of the so called 'trial' on the LTN and also on adjacent streets?
8. How will adverse effects of traffic displacement on surrounding streets be balanced against the benefits to residents within the LTN?
9. There was considerable disruption last week due to the absence of signposting. Why has there been no signposting before closing roads?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that he and Councillor Julie Grocutt, the Co-Chair of the Committee, were picking up what residents have said about not having been properly informed and engaged in discussions about the scheme. He acknowledged that the Council had failed to display road signs appropriately and said that he would be working with all Councillors in that Ward to make sure the scheme was a success and that a number of events were planned to ensure that residents were kept informed about the scheme. Councillor Iqbal said that a written response would be provided.

#### 4.4.6 Public Questions Regarding The Clean Air Zone And Taxi Licensing

Ibrar Hussain asked the following questions:-

Q1. In light of the very recent reporting in the press of an increase in signage costs for CAZ Scheme signs, from £483,000 to £981,000, almost double the price, what serious consideration has the Council given to increasing the grants to purchase vehicles for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles as their costs have doubled too in line with Council costs?

Q2. I hope this Council takes into consideration our costs urgently and an urgent review be considered immediately?

Q3. Why is the CAZ team not responding to any emails and that includes the

Head of Strategic Transport, Sustainability and Infrastructure?

Q4. What steps is the Council taking to stop cross border vehicles licensed by other authorities using our bus gates and bus lanes? In Southampton, the Council has adopted a policy which only allows vehicles licenced by them to use their bus gates and bus lanes.

Q5. What steps is the Council taking to stop cross border working in Sheffield predominantly and publish its actions in light of these concerns?

Q6. Vehicles licenced in Wolverhampton are now able to have their vehicles' MOT and compliance tests carried out at Sheffield/ Rotherham approved test centres at a lower cost and be able to work in Sheffield whilst Sheffield licensed private hire operators have no choice but to pay higher fees. Why are Sheffield private hire vehicle drivers not given the choice and able to have their vehicles tested at a lower cost?

In response, Councillor Mazher Iqbal (Co-Chair of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee) stated that he had arrived at the meeting by taxi and asked the driver how things were, and he replied that it was his first job for two and a half hours, so he was aware of how difficult things were for taxi drivers. With regard to the Clean Air Zone, he stated that he had received and noted the comments from the Manchester Combined Authority regarding the impact that the Zone would have not only on drivers but also the economic impact it will have on businesses. He said he would take the issue to the Committee regarding the serious concerns raised and hopefully he would be able to provide a written response to the questions as soon as possible. Councillor Joe Otten said that he was more than happy to work with Councillor Iqbal on these issues and take the matters raised to the Licensing Committee and Waste and Streetscene Policy Committee.

## **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 South Yorkshire Joint Authorities**

There were no questions relating to the discharge of the functions of the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities for Fire and Rescue and Pensions and of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.6(i).

### **5.3 Written Questions**

A schedule of questions to Chairs of Policy Committees, 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 Policy Committee Chairs.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SUPPORTING RESIDENTS THROUGH THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR TERRY FOX AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JULIE GROCU TT**

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

- (a) believes that there can be no doubt that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, with surges in fuel, energy and food prices and with inflation running at a 30-year high;
- (b) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (c) notes that, whilst global shocks and the war in Ukraine have of course had an impact, a decade of low growth under Conservative-led governments has left the economy weakened and unable to deal with shocks;
- (d) believes the Government's response has been woeful and further highlights how out of touch they are, and that rather than getting to grips with the serious issues facing our country they instead are preoccupied with waging unnecessary culture wars;
- (e) believes there is much the Government needs to be doing, and one need only look to governments across Europe to see what can be done to help households against a sharp rise in energy bills, and yet here in the UK the Government's spring statement offered nothing to those who really need it;
- (f) believes, therefore, that the Government should take heed of the Labour Party's call for an emergency budget and supports the following activity:-
  - (i) a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies, which would save household bills by up to £600 (helping mitigate the Government's National Insurance rise);
  - (ii) a discount on business rates for small and medium sized businesses;
  - (iii) a "rapid ramp-up" of installing insulation into homes across the country to save on energy bills;
  - (iv) an investigation by the National Crime Agency into taxpayer money

lost through fraud; and

- (v) reversing the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit;
- (g) believes that whilst the Government is spectacularly failing to help families, members of the previous Council administration have, over the course of the last year, been working to ensure the Council is doing everything it can to support residents through the cost of living crisis;
- (h) notes that at an organisational level, Sheffield City Council are treating the cost of living crisis with the same resolve as it did for the pandemic;
- (i) notes that, just like in the pandemic, the Leader of the Council established a Gold Command Executive Management Team, and is ensuring that every effort is being made to review what the Council is doing in response to the difficulties facing our communities;
- (j) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (k) believes that our Council should act as a point of call for those in need, and reaffirms support for the forthcoming rollout of a Financial Support Access Plan – so Sheffielders can be best advised where to go for the right financial support, suited to their circumstances;
- (l) notes that due to the approval of the budget amendment proposed by the Labour Group in March 2022, which secured £3.5 million for sustainable local energy, the Council is increasing ways to get energy bills down, through installing renewable energy on our estate; such as schools, libraries, community centres and council homes;
- (m) notes that under the previous Administration's Housing Revenue Account, the Council is retrofitting 6,000 homes with new roofs, and 2,000 homes will benefit from boiler replacements, as well as ensuring that all council homes are to at least EPC C (Energy Performance Level C) – making homes warmer and reducing bills;
- (n) further notes that the approved amendment to the budget, proposed by the Labour Group, put extra resources into supporting neighbourhoods, and focused extra support on those who will be the most hardest hit, including further support for the Food Access Plan;
- (o) believes that this resolve to tackle this crisis must carry on throughout the new committee system, and calls on every Policy Committee to ensure that the cost of living crisis is a key priority in their work plans, and that all financial decisions must consider what impact they will be having on the crisis; and
- (p) notes that the Leader of the Council has already begun convening a

strategic conversation with partners and stakeholders (including the voluntary and community sector, public sector partners, utility companies and MPs) to maximise our collective effort around responding to the crisis.

6.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

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

(c) believes that the causes of the cost of living crisis include:-

- (i) various global supply chain problems with various causes;
- (ii) labour market changes resulting from the pandemic;
- (iii) weak economic growth and a weak pound following the Brexit referendum;
- (iv) Government Brexit policies that have created barriers to trade with our trading partners, including additional red tape and delays in the movement of goods;
- (v) the war in Ukraine affecting energy and grain supplies;
- (vi) low investment in fossil fuel extraction since the price low of 2017, without sufficient investment in nuclear and renewables to compensate;
- (vii) an energy price cap system that rolls the costs of failed energy intermediaries into the standing charge, hitting the poorest the hardest; and
- (viii) a lack of government action on cost of living;

2. the deletion of paragraphs (f) to (p) and the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (o) as follows:-

(f) welcomes the Government's belated agreement to a windfall tax on energy producers, previously called for by the Liberal Democrat Party last October and then by the Labour Party in January, as part of a package of measures to help with the cost of living crisis, but believes that this should include, additionally:-

- (i) taking £300 off struggling families' heating bills immediately by doubling and expanding the Warm Home Discount;
- (ii) scrapping the National Insurance tax hike introduced by the Government in April;

- (iii) ending the unfair freeze of the Income Tax personal allowance, which is a stealth tax falling disproportionately on low earners;
  - (iv) protecting pensioners from rising prices, including the 1.5 million low-income people on pension credit, by uprating pensions in line with the Bank of England's inflation forecast;
  - (v) reinstating the £1,000 boost to Universal Credit, to ensure that the most vulnerable households get proper support;
  - (vi) supporting low-income households on Universal Credit with rising mortgage costs by returning the Support for Mortgage Interest scheme to its pre-2018 format – turning it from an interest-bearing loan to a benefit payment; and
  - (vii) reversing the 63% cut of the Corporation Tax Banking Surcharge, so that big banks contribute fairly towards the UK's economic recovery from the pandemic after a year of record banking profits;
- (g) believes that this is no time for leaders of the previous Council administration to be self-congratulatory, as this City faces huge cost of living issues whilst the Council is at serious risk of financial failure due in part to the failures of previous administrations to get control of the Council's budget;
- (h) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis;
- (i) notes, with dismay, both the £20 million of reserves used to plug a hole in the Council's budget last year and that this Council is already falling drastically behind budget needs for this year;
- (j) believes there were failures of the previous administration to deal properly with budget overspends, and that this is now a very real problem for the people of Sheffield;
- (k) notes that this Council faces the prospect of Government-appointed Commissioners being brought in to lead it if it cannot get a grip of its budget;
- (l) calls upon all Councillors to consider the consequences of Government-appointed Commissioners taking control of Sheffield Council and the impacts this could have on our services and the standing of our City;

- (m) believes therefore that alongside an emergency national budget, this Council also requires an emergency financial recovery plan for Sheffield;
- (n) believes this should be brought forward as soon as possible; and
- (o) believes that this Council needs to get its spending under control and give the people of Sheffield a stable and economically sound Council they can rely on through this cost of living crisis.

6.3 It was then moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, and seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (i) and the consequential re-lettering of the remaining paragraphs in the Motion; and
2. the addition of new paragraphs (q) to (t) [which would be re-lettered as paragraphs (o) to (r)] as follows:-

- (q) recognises that the climate crisis and cost of living crisis are inextricably linked; and believes that both crises are caused or exacerbated by government policies and that the Government has failed to take measures to insulate the UK from energy price rises by cancelling the feed-in tariff for solar PV, imposing a moratorium on on-shore wind, cancelling tidal projects, failing to insulate homes and allowing rampant profiteering by privatised energy companies;
- (r) further recognises that unlimited growth on a finite planet is neither possible nor desirable and advocates a new sustainable and fairer way to manage the economy based on meeting the needs of all people that prioritises access to food, shelter, health and wellbeing while ensuring that we live within our planetary means and don't destroy the earth-systems which sustain humanity and other species;
- (s) believes that the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis must also be key priorities in the work planning of all Policy Committees and therefore supports the implementation of the comprehensive climate impact assessment tool which has been developed by officers during the previous administration and is based on the doughnut theory of economics which aims for a fully local, circular economy; and
- (t) believes that there is no time to lose in installing solar PV on Council buildings and therefore recommends the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to immediately establish a tendering process for providers who can install solar PV on newbuilt and

existing Council buildings at cheapest or no cost to the Council, prioritising offers from local partners who are committed to the City and will reinvest profits locally.

6.4 It was then moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchon, and seconded by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards), as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (i) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (i) as follows:-

- (c) notes that the inflationary pressures are mainly being caused by global factors – namely, the war in Ukraine and the post-pandemic recovery;
- (d) believes that the Government's £37 billion support package will help millions of households across the country deal with the cost-of-living pressures;
- (e) notes that much of the support package is targeted to those on the lowest incomes and those impacted most by inflation, including:-
  - (i) £650 for those on means-tested benefits;
  - (ii) £300 for pensioners; and
  - (iii) £150 for those receiving disability benefits;
- (f) also notes the non-repayable £400 off energy bills that all households will receive, as well as measures the Government has previously announced, including:-
  - (i) £150 Council Tax rebate for households in Bands A-D;
  - (ii) increases in the Household Support Fund – providing targeted support to those that need it most;
  - (iii) fuel duty cut, worth £100 a year to the average one-car family;
  - (iv) increasing the National Insurance threshold, resulting in a tax cut for those on the lowest incomes – meaning 70% of people will pay less tax even after the implementation of the levy (which will be used to increase health and social care spending);
  - (v) increasing the National Living Wage by 6.6%, meaning an extra £1,000 a year for a full-time worker; and
  - (vi) raising the Employment Allowance – a tax cut worth £1,000 for half a million businesses;
- (g) believes that we should not let excessive bureaucracy get in the way of delivering actual support;

- (h) believes that we need to be more proactive in administering measures such as the Household Support Fund so we are reaching the people we need to reach; and
  - (i) believes that Central Government, Local Government and partner agencies must work together constructively and put people first.
- 6.5 After contributions from four other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Terry Fox, the amendment moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed was put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraphs (f) & (h) of Part 2 of the amendment, which were carried as additional paragraphs to be added to the Substantive Motion.
- 6.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 26 Members; AGAINST - 35 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 13 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraphs (f) & (h) in Part 2 of the amendment.)
- 6.6 The amendment moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond was then put to the vote and was lost.
- 6.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 13 Members; AGAINST - 35 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted against paragraph (r) in Part 2 of the amendment.)
- 6.7 The amendment moved by Councillor Lewis Chinchin was then put to the vote and was lost.
- 6.7.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 1 Member; AGAINST - 72 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Green Group members voted against, but for paragraph (i) of the amendment.)
- 6.8 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) believes that there can be no doubt that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, with surges in fuel, energy and food prices and with inflation running at a 30-year high;
- (b) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (c) notes that, whilst global shocks and the war in Ukraine have of course had an impact, a decade of low growth under Conservative-led governments has left the economy weakened and unable to deal with shocks;
- (d) believes the Government's response has been woeful and further highlights how out of touch they are, and that rather than getting to grips

- with the serious issues facing our country they instead are preoccupied with waging unnecessary culture wars;
- (e) believes there is much the Government needs to be doing, and one need only look to governments across Europe to see what can be done to help households against a sharp rise in energy bills, and yet here in the UK the Government's spring statement offered nothing to those who really need it;
  - (f) believes, therefore, that the Government should take heed of the Labour Party's call for an emergency budget and supports the following activity:-
    - (i) a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies, which would save household bills by up to £600 (helping mitigate the Government's National Insurance rise);
    - (ii) a discount on business rates for small and medium sized businesses;
    - (iii) a "rapid ramp-up" of installing insulation into homes across the country to save on energy bills;
    - (iv) an investigation by the National Crime Agency into taxpayer money lost through fraud; and
    - (v) reversing the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit;
  - (g) believes that whilst the Government is spectacularly failing to help families, members of the previous Council administration have, over the course of the last year, been working to ensure the Council is doing everything it can to support residents through the cost of living crisis;
  - (h) notes that at an organisational level, Sheffield City Council are treating the cost of living crisis with the same resolve as it did for the pandemic;
  - (i) notes that, just like in the pandemic, the Leader of the Council established a Gold Command Executive Management Team, and is ensuring that every effort is being made to review what the Council is doing in response to the difficulties facing our communities;
  - (j) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
  - (k) believes that our Council should act as a point of call for those in need, and reaffirms support for the forthcoming rollout of a Financial Support Access Plan – so Sheffielders can be best advised where to go for the right financial support, suited to their circumstances;
  - (l) notes that due to the approval of the budget amendment proposed by the

Labour Group in March 2022, which secured £3.5 million for sustainable local energy, the Council is increasing ways to get energy bills down, through installing renewable energy on our estate; such as schools, libraries, community centres and council homes;

- (m) notes that under the previous Administration's Housing Revenue Account, the Council is retrofitting 6,000 homes with new roofs, and 2,000 homes will benefit from boiler replacements, as well as ensuring that all council homes are to at least EPC C (Energy Performance Level C) – making homes warmer and reducing bills;
- (n) further notes that the approved amendment to the budget, proposed by the Labour Group, put extra resources into supporting neighbourhoods, and focused extra support on those who will be the most hardest hit, including further support for the Food Access Plan;
- (o) believes that this resolve to tackle this crisis must carry on throughout the new committee system, and calls on every Policy Committee to ensure that the cost of living crisis is a key priority in their work plans, and that all financial decisions must consider what impact they will be having on the crisis;
- (p) notes that the Leader of the Council has already begun convening a strategic conversation with partners and stakeholders (including the voluntary and community sector, public sector partners, utility companies and MPs) to maximise our collective effort around responding to the crisis;
- (q) welcomes the Government's belated agreement to a windfall tax on energy producers, previously called for by the Liberal Democrat Party last October and then by the Labour Party in January, as part of a package of measures to help with the cost of living crisis, but believes that this should include, additionally:-
  - (i) taking £300 off struggling families' heating bills immediately by doubling and expanding the Warm Home Discount;
  - (ii) scrapping the National Insurance tax hike introduced by the Government in April;
  - (iii) ending the unfair freeze of the Income Tax personal allowance, which is a stealth tax falling disproportionately on low earners;
  - (iv) protecting pensioners from rising prices, including the 1.5 million low-income people on pension credit, by uprating pensions in line with the Bank of England's inflation forecast;
  - (v) reinstating the £1,000 boost to Universal Credit, to ensure that the most vulnerable households get proper support;

- (vi) supporting low-income households on Universal Credit with rising mortgage costs by returning the Support for Mortgage Interest scheme to its pre-2018 format – turning it from an interest-bearing loan to a benefit payment; and
- (vii) reversing the 63% cut of the Corporation Tax Banking Surcharge, so that big banks contribute fairly towards the UK's economic recovery from the pandemic after a year of record banking profits; and
- (r) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis.

6.8.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 47 Members; AGAINST – 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted for paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (q) & (r) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (c) & (i) of the Substantive Motion.)

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BUILDING THE LOCAL BUSINESS BASE" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN SMITH**

7.1 It was moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, and seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters, that this Council:-

- (a) notes the dire financial position this Council is in with a projected £18 million overspend already in this financial year and a serious risk of reserves being depleted within this financial year and the real threat of commissioners being appointed by the Government to take over the running of this Council;
- (b) notes the impact this could have on the people of Sheffield during the cost of living crisis, in particular the poorest in society, who are the least equipped to deal with the rising costs of food and energy;
- (c) furthermore notes that successful businesses not only bring jobs and prosperity to the City, reducing poverty across our city, but also helps the Council by bringing more business rates income;
- (d) notes that many businesses, large and small, also support local community projects and play an important role in improving our environment;
- (e) believes that Sheffield as a city has much to offer businesses both big and

small with its great location, wonderful and diverse people, proud manufacturing heritage, social history, landscape and built environment;

- (f) believes that business relies on good digital and transport infrastructure and that transport policy should focus on improving access for people to and from all parts of the city, improving transport links with neighbouring areas and enabling the efficient delivery of goods, with any road closures in the City Centre being subject to careful consideration;
- (g) recognises that a strong cultural offer in the city helps to attract high skill and high value inward investment; and
- (h) therefore believes that this Council should be doing everything it can to build its business base, including but not limited to:-
  - (i) working collaboratively with businesses and other organisations that want to invest in our city;
  - (ii) exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector which has been badly affected by the pandemic and recent rises in business costs, as we rebuild our economy;
  - (iii) working to revitalise both our city centre and the other district centres across the Council area to make them attractive places to do business;
  - (iv) ensuring that all Councillors act as ambassadors for Sheffield and build relationships with businesses big and small to help build and sustain our local economy; and
  - (v) ensuring that Council policies and initiatives do not actively deter organisations coming to Sheffield or harm the prospects of those that are already here.

7.2 Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Minesh Parekh, and seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (i) to (m) as follows:-

- (i) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (j) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);

- (k) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;
- (l) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations; and
- (m) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice.

7.3 It was then moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, and seconded by Councillor Peter Garbutt, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion, at the end of paragraph (a), of the words "and the real threat of commissioners being appointed by the Government to take over the running of this Council";
2. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (h) and the re-lettering of paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (c) to (f); and
3. the addition of new paragraphs (g) to (l) as follows:-
  - (g) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
  - (h) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
  - (i) recognises the great success of the Workplace Parking Levy introduced in Nottingham, which has invested millions of pounds each year into public transport, walking and cycling, and grants to businesses;

- (j) therefore asks the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to look at adopting the benefits of a similar approach in Sheffield;
- (k) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
- (l) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.

7.4 After contributions from five other Members, and following a right of reply from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, the amendment moved by Councillor Minesh Parekh was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

7.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson was then put to the vote and was carried in part. Parts 1 & 2 and paragraphs (i) & (j) of Part 3 of the amendment were lost and paragraphs (g), (h), (k) & (l) of Part 3 of the amendment were carried.

7.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 46 Members; AGAINST - 29 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but abstained on Part 1 of the amendment, voted against Part 2 and against paragraphs (i) & (j) of Part 3 of the amendment.)

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

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the dire financial position this Council is in with a projected £18 million overspend already in this financial year and a serious risk of reserves being depleted within this financial year and the real threat of commissioners being appointed by the Government to take over the running of this Council;
- (b) notes the impact this could have on the people of Sheffield during the cost of living crisis, in particular the poorest in society, who are the least equipped to deal with the rising costs of food and energy;
- (c) furthermore notes that successful businesses not only bring jobs and prosperity to the City, reducing poverty across our city, but also helps the Council by bringing more business rates income;
- (d) notes that many businesses, large and small, also support local community projects and play an important role in improving our environment;

- (e) believes that Sheffield as a city has much to offer businesses both big and small with its great location, wonderful and diverse people, proud manufacturing heritage, social history, landscape and built environment;
- (f) believes that business relies on good digital and transport infrastructure and that transport policy should focus on improving access for people to and from all parts of the city, improving transport links with neighbouring areas and enabling the efficient delivery of goods, with any road closures in the City Centre being subject to careful consideration;
- (g) recognises that a strong cultural offer in the city helps to attract high skill and high value inward investment;
- (h) therefore believes that this Council should be doing everything it can to build its business base, including but not limited to:-
  - (i) working collaboratively with businesses and other organisations that want to invest in our city;
  - (ii) exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector which has been badly affected by the pandemic and recent rises in business costs, as we rebuild our economy;
  - (iii) working to revitalise both our city centre and the other district centres across the Council area to make them attractive places to do business;
  - (iv) ensuring that all Councillors act as ambassadors for Sheffield and build relationships with businesses big and small to help build and sustain our local economy; and
  - (v) ensuring that Council policies and initiatives do not actively deter organisations coming to Sheffield or harm the prospects of those that are already here;
- (i) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (j) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);
- (k) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building

Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;

- (l) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations;
  - (m) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice;
  - (n) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
  - (o) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
  - (p) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
  - (q) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.
- 7.6.1 On being put to the vote, the Substantive Motion was carried, except for paragraph (a) which was lost.
- 7.6.2 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 73 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted for, but against paragraph (a) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (a), (c) & (h) of the Substantive Motion.)
- 7.7 Accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council was as follows:-

RESOLVED: That this Council:-

- (a) notes the impact this could have on the people of Sheffield during the cost of living crisis, in particular the poorest in society, who are the least equipped to deal with the rising costs of food and energy;
- (b) furthermore notes that successful businesses not only bring jobs and prosperity to the City, reducing poverty across our city, but also helps the Council by bringing more business rates income;
- (c) notes that many businesses, large and small, also support local community projects and play an important role in improving our environment;
- (d) believes that Sheffield as a city has much to offer businesses both big and small with its great location, wonderful and diverse people, proud manufacturing heritage, social history, landscape and built environment;
- (e) believes that business relies on good digital and transport infrastructure and that transport policy should focus on improving access for people to and from all parts of the city, improving transport links with neighbouring areas and enabling the efficient delivery of goods, with any road closures in the City Centre being subject to careful consideration;
- (f) recognises that a strong cultural offer in the city helps to attract high skill and high value inward investment;
- (g) therefore believes that this Council should be doing everything it can to build its business base, including but not limited to:-
  - (i) working collaboratively with businesses and other organisations that want to invest in our city;
  - (ii) exploring ways of using our heritage to support businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector which has been badly affected by the pandemic and recent rises in business costs, as we rebuild our economy;
  - (iii) working to revitalise both our city centre and the other district centres across the Council area to make them attractive places to do business;
  - (iv) ensuring that all Councillors act as ambassadors for Sheffield and build relationships with businesses big and small to help build and sustain our local economy; and
  - (v) ensuring that Council policies and initiatives do not actively deter organisations coming to Sheffield or harm the prospects of those that are already here;

- (h) believes that we must do everything we can to keep as much money as possible in the local economy, and notes that in the 12 months before the pandemic £80 million more was kept in the local economy, in comparison than with the previous financial year, due to council procurement policies which ensure priority for local contracts and suppliers;
- (i) believes that we need to go further in empowering our local economy and deliver radical and lasting policies around 'community wealth building' (a people-centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy, and places control and benefits into the hands of local people);
- (j) supports, therefore, the development of a 'Community Wealth Building Charter' encompassing a commitment to long-term collaboration between the city's anchor institutions; supporting shared 'community wealth building' goals to commit to fair employment, opportunities for development, growing the local economy, and supporting small businesses, the voluntary sector, and co-operatives;
- (k) believes we must work collaboratively to deliver climate action and provide clean growth for the entire region, and to encourage citywide job security, better employment opportunities and drive up wages; as such we want to see all employers paying at least the Real Living Wage and spending more with local and regional suppliers, and we believe in empowering employees to be informed and involved in decision making within their organisations;
- (l) recommends that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee reports back to Council within 6 months to deliver a Community Wealth Building Charter with a clearly defined set of shared objectives to deliver locally for Sheffield, as well as providing an enhanced Ethical Procurement Strategy that delivers on our commitment to social, economic, and climate justice;
- (m) believes that successful, sustainable and ethical businesses, which pay their taxes in the UK, treat their workers fairly and minimise their environmental impact, bring jobs and prosperity, reducing poverty across our city;
- (n) believes that locally owned and managed businesses, using local supply chains, retain more money in the local economy and should be especially encouraged over businesses that take their profits out of the local economy, support distant shareholders and have no real stake in the City of Sheffield;
- (o) gives thanks to the Sheffield Sustainability Network and all those businesses in Sheffield which are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint and other negative impacts on society; and
- (p) gives thanks to Business Sheffield for the excellent support it gives to Sheffield's local businesses with business support, administering of

grants and delivering the new carbon assessment programme, all free of charge.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER A BETTER FUTURE FOR SHEFFIELD" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR ANGELA ARGENZIO AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARIEANNE ELLIOT**

8.1 It was formally moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, and seconded by Councillor Marieanne Elliot -

That this Council believes:-

- (a) that thanks are due to the people of Sheffield who took part in democracy and voted in recent local elections to choose who will represent them;
- (b) that thanks are also due to those who voted in the May 2021 referendum which established a new, modern committee system that needs political groups to work together in a more collaborative and less adversarial way of working;
- (c) that the Council and the communities we represent face the multiple challenges of the cost of living crisis, overstretched and underfunded Council services and a growing demand for those services from the public;
- (d) that new initiatives, detailed below, are needed and we call on all groups on the Council to support them;
- (e) that people's experience of engaging with the Council is not always positive and poor access to services has a worse impact on people already disadvantaged for other reasons; people experience difficulties engaging with the Council and in getting responses to local concerns and issues;
- (f) that local Councillors are often the ones most aware when the Council's processes are not working because local people contact them when the system doesn't work;
- (g) that due to the cost of living crisis our services will be in even higher demand and need, and making them more accessible must be prioritised in light of this;
- (h) that the challenge for this Council, like other councils around the country, is to play a leading role locally in addressing the cost of living crisis that our communities face;
- (i) that the cost of living crisis is caused by a combination of corporate greed,

rising prices, low incomes and policy choices made by national governments, condemning millions to increasing levels of poverty which disproportionately affects women, children, disabled people and members of marginalised and minority communities;

- (j) that we must seek to address both immediate need and also make our communities resilient to future crises through a combination of measures, such as retrofitting homes to high energy efficiency standards to reduce energy usage, and provision of skills and training;
- (k) that whilst all councils operate a Corporate Risk Register, where all the risks the Council faces are detailed and a risk management plan is produced to mitigate those risks, this approach can mean that councils focus on risks rather than opportunities;
- (l) that the Council's financial sustainability now depends on funding opportunities, not further cuts;
- (m) that to act as a balance to the Corporate Risk Register, there should be a Corporate Opportunities Register, detailing new funding opportunities, partnership opportunities and initiatives that will help deliver the Council's objectives, such as supporting those affected by the cost of living crisis;

This Council resolves:-

- (n) to recommend that the Council's Strategy and Resources Policy Committee notes this Motion and requests a Customer Service Improvement Plan to be in place within 4 months, to show how it will aim to improve response times and accessibility to services, regardless of the community that customers come from or their background, language or disability; and recognising that the Council's services also need to be available to people without access to the phone or internet;
- (o) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee establishes a Cost of Living Crisis Working Group, together with other public and voluntary sector partners, to be tasked with producing a Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan within 4 months;
- (p) that progress on the delivery of this action plan be reported regularly to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee; and
- (q) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee requests a Corporate Opportunities Register to be in place within 6 months, kept up-to-date by Executive Directors and reported regularly to the relevant committee, noting this motion.

8.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, and formally seconded by Councillor Jayne Dunn, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (r) to (gg) as follows:-

This Council:-

- (r) believes that there can be no doubt that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, with surges in fuel, energy and food prices and with inflation running at a 30-year high;
- (s) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (t) notes that, whilst global shocks and the war in Ukraine have of course had an impact, a decade of low growth under Conservative-led governments has left the economy weakened and unable to deal with shocks;
- (u) believes the Government's response has been woeful and further highlights how out of touch they are, and that rather than getting to grips with the serious issues facing our country they instead are preoccupied with waging unnecessary culture wars;
- (v) believes there is much the Government needs to be doing, and one need only look to governments across Europe to see what can be done to help households against a sharp rise in energy bills, and yet here in the UK the Government's spring statement offered nothing to those who really need it;
- (w) believes, therefore, that the Government should take heed of the Labour Party's call for an emergency budget and supports the following activity:-
  - (i) a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies, which would save household bills by up to £600 (helping mitigate the Government's National Insurance rise);
  - (ii) a discount on business rates for small and medium sized businesses;
  - (iii) a "rapid ramp-up" of installing insulation into homes across the country to save on energy bills;
  - (iv) an investigation by the National Crime Agency into taxpayer money lost through fraud; and
  - (v) reversing the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit;
- (x) believes that whilst the Government is spectacularly failing to help families, members of the previous Council administration have, over the course of the last year, been working to ensure the Council is doing everything it can to support residents through the cost of living crisis;
- (y) notes that at an organisational level, Sheffield City Council are treating the cost of living crisis with the same resolve as it did for the pandemic;

- (z) notes that, just like in the pandemic, the Leader of the Council established a Gold Command Executive Management Team, and is ensuring that every effort is being made to review what the Council is doing in response to the difficulties facing our communities;
- (aa) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (bb) believes that our Council should act as a point of call for those in need, and reaffirms support for the forthcoming rollout of a Financial Support Access Plan – so Sheffielders can be best advised where to go for the right financial support, suited to their circumstances;
- (cc) notes that due to the approval of the budget amendment proposed by the Labour Group in March 2022, which secured £3.5 million for sustainable local energy, the Council is increasing ways to get energy bills down, through installing renewable energy on our estate; such as schools, libraries, community centres and council homes;
- (dd) notes that under the previous Administration's Housing Revenue Account, the Council is retrofitting 6,000 homes with new roofs, and 2,000 homes will benefit from boiler replacements, as well as ensuring that all council homes are to at least EPC C (Energy Performance Level C) – making homes warmer and reducing bills;
- (ee) further notes that the approved amendment to the budget, proposed by the Labour Group, put extra resources into supporting neighbourhoods, and focused extra support on those who will be the most hardest hit, including further support for the Food Access Plan;
- (ff) believes that this resolve to tackle this crisis must carry on throughout the new committee system, and calls on every Policy Committee to ensure that the cost of living crisis is a key priority in their work plans, and that all financial decisions must consider what impact they will be having on the crisis; and
- (gg) notes that the Leader of the Council has already begun convening a strategic conversation with partners and stakeholders (including the voluntary and community sector, public sector partners, utility companies and MPs) to maximise our collective effort around responding to the crisis.

8.3 It was then formally moved by Councillor Mike Levery, and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (d) to (q) and the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (k) as follows:-

- (d) believes that the Council must be committed, both politically and organisationally, to delivering the savings needed for long term financial sustainability, and that the use of one-off reserves to balance the 2022/23

budget is only a short-term solution;

- (e) furthermore, believes that the underlying imbalance between spending and income must be addressed;
- (f) consequently, believes that the Council must continue to investigate and implement service re-designs and transformations to reduce the underlying gap in its budgets for 2023/24 onwards;
- (g) believes that by taking £20 million out of reserves last year and already having an overspend of £18 million this year, this Council faces the very real prospect of impending financial failure;
- (h) welcomes the recognition in the “Our Sheffield: The Year Ahead” plan, considered by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee yesterday, of the weak performance of a number of council services and the ambition to put these services back on track;
- (i) believes that the causes of the cost of living crisis include:-
  - (i) various global supply chain problems with various causes;
  - (ii) labour market changes resulting from the pandemic;
  - (iii) weak economic growth and a weak pound following the Brexit referendum;
  - (iv) Government Brexit policies that have created barriers to trade with our trading partners, including additional red tape and delays in the movement of goods;
  - (v) the war in Ukraine affecting energy and grain supplies;
  - (vi) low investment in fossil fuel extraction since the price low of 2017, without sufficient investment in nuclear and renewables to compensate;
  - (vii) an energy price cap system that rolls the costs of failed energy intermediaries into the standing charge, hitting the poorest the hardest; and
  - (viii) a lack of government action on cost of living;
- (j) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis; and
- (k) believes the Housing Policy Committee should work quickly to advance the retrofitting of homes to high energy efficiency standards, to bring long

term benefits around the cost of heating a home to a large number of Sheffield residents.

- 8.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum was put to the vote and was carried.
- 8.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 48 Members; AGAINST - 1 Member; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (t) & (z) of the amendment.)
- 8.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Mike Levery was then put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (h), (j) & (k), which were carried as additional paragraphs to be added to the Substantive Motion.
- 8.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 26 Members; AGAINST - 47 Member; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (h), (j) & (k) of the amendment. The Green Group members voted against, but for paragraph (k) of the amendment. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against paragraph (i) of the amendment.)
- 8.6 The original Motion, as amended, was then put as a Substantive Motion in the following form and carried:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council believes:-

- (a) that thanks are due to the people of Sheffield who took part in democracy and voted in recent local elections to choose who will represent them;
- (b) that thanks are also due to those who voted in the May 2021 referendum which established a new, modern committee system that needs political groups to work together in a more collaborative and less adversarial way of working;
- (c) that the Council and the communities we represent face the multiple challenges of the cost of living crisis, overstretched and underfunded Council services and a growing demand for those services from the public;
- (d) that new initiatives, detailed below, are needed and we call on all groups on the Council to support them;
- (e) that people's experience of engaging with the Council is not always positive and poor access to services has a worse impact on people already disadvantaged for other reasons; people experience difficulties engaging with the Council and in getting responses to local concerns and issues;

- (f) that local Councillors are often the ones most aware when the Council's processes are not working because local people contact them when the system doesn't work;
- (g) that due to the cost of living crisis our services will be in even higher demand and need, and making them more accessible must be prioritised in light of this;
- (h) that the challenge for this Council, like other councils around the country, is to play a leading role locally in addressing the cost of living crisis that our communities face;
- (i) that the cost of living crisis is caused by a combination of corporate greed, rising prices, low incomes and policy choices made by national governments, condemning millions to increasing levels of poverty which disproportionately affects women, children, disabled people and members of marginalised and minority communities;
- (j) that we must seek to address both immediate need and also make our communities resilient to future crises through a combination of measures, such as retrofitting homes to high energy efficiency standards to reduce energy usage, and provision of skills and training;
- (k) that whilst all councils operate a Corporate Risk Register, where all the risks the Council faces are detailed and a risk management plan is produced to mitigate those risks, this approach can mean that councils focus on risks rather than opportunities;
- (l) that the Council's financial sustainability now depends on funding opportunities, not further cuts;
- (m) that to act as a balance to the Corporate Risk Register, there should be a Corporate Opportunities Register, detailing new funding opportunities, partnership opportunities and initiatives that will help deliver the Council's objectives, such as supporting those affected by the cost of living crisis;

This Council resolves:-

- (n) to recommend that the Council's Strategy and Resources Policy Committee notes this Motion and requests a Customer Service Improvement Plan to be in place within 4 months, to show how it will aim to improve response times and accessibility to services, regardless of the community that customers come from or their background, language or disability; and recognising that the Council's services also need to be available to people without access to the phone or internet;
- (o) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee establishes a Cost of Living Crisis Working Group, together with other public and voluntary sector partners, to be tasked with producing a Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan within 4 months;

- (p) that progress on the delivery of this action plan be reported regularly to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee;
- (q) to recommend that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee requests a Corporate Opportunities Register to be in place within 6 months, kept up-to-date by Executive Directors and reported regularly to the relevant committee, noting this motion;

This Council:-

- (r) believes that there can be no doubt that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, with surges in fuel, energy and food prices and with inflation running at a 30-year high;
- (s) believes that the cost of living crisis is the single biggest issue, and most immediate concern, for most people across the UK;
- (t) notes that, whilst global shocks and the war in Ukraine have of course had an impact, a decade of low growth under Conservative-led governments has left the economy weakened and unable to deal with shocks;
- (u) believes the Government's response has been woeful and further highlights how out of touch they are, and that rather than getting to grips with the serious issues facing our country they instead are preoccupied with waging unnecessary culture wars;
- (v) believes there is much the Government needs to be doing, and one need only look to governments across Europe to see what can be done to help households against a sharp rise in energy bills, and yet here in the UK the Government's spring statement offered nothing to those who really need it;
- (w) believes, therefore, that the Government should take heed of the Labour Party's call for an emergency budget and supports the following activity:-
  - (i) a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies, which would save household bills by up to £600 (helping mitigate the Government's National Insurance rise);
  - (ii) a discount on business rates for small and medium sized businesses;
  - (iii) a "rapid ramp-up" of installing insulation into homes across the country to save on energy bills;
  - (iv) an investigation by the National Crime Agency into taxpayer money lost through fraud; and
  - (v) reversing the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit;

- (x) believes that whilst the Government is spectacularly failing to help families, members of the previous Council administration have, over the course of the last year, been working to ensure the Council is doing everything it can to support residents through the cost of living crisis;
- (y) notes that at an organisational level, Sheffield City Council are treating the cost of living crisis with the same resolve as it did for the pandemic;
- (z) notes that, just like in the pandemic, the Leader of the Council established a Gold Command Executive Management Team, and is ensuring that every effort is being made to review what the Council is doing in response to the difficulties facing our communities;
- (aa) notes that Sheffield City Council and partners have put together a Sheffield Money Support website to provide a single point of access for residents;
- (bb) believes that our Council should act as a point of call for those in need, and reaffirms support for the forthcoming rollout of a Financial Support Access Plan – so Sheffielders can be best advised where to go for the right financial support, suited to their circumstances;
- (cc) notes that due to the approval of the budget amendment proposed by the Labour Group in March 2022, which secured £3.5 million for sustainable local energy, the Council is increasing ways to get energy bills down, through installing renewable energy on our estate; such as schools, libraries, community centres and council homes;
- (dd) notes that under the previous Administration's Housing Revenue Account, the Council is retrofitting 6,000 homes with new roofs, and 2,000 homes will benefit from boiler replacements, as well as ensuring that all council homes are to at least EPC C (Energy Performance Level C) – making homes warmer and reducing bills;
- (ee) further notes that the approved amendment to the budget, proposed by the Labour Group, put extra resources into supporting neighbourhoods, and focused extra support on those who will be the most hardest hit, including further support for the Food Access Plan;
- (ff) believes that this resolve to tackle this crisis must carry on throughout the new committee system, and calls on every Policy Committee to ensure that the cost of living crisis is a key priority in their work plans, and that all financial decisions must consider what impact they will be having on the crisis;
- (gg) notes that the Leader of the Council has already begun convening a strategic conversation with partners and stakeholders (including the voluntary and community sector, public sector partners, utility companies and MPs) to maximise our collective effort around responding to the

- crisis;
- (hh) believes that the Council must be committed, both politically and organisationally, to delivering the savings needed for long term financial sustainability, and that the use of one-off reserves to balance the 2022/23 budget is only a short-term solution;
  - (ii) furthermore, believes that the underlying imbalance between spending and income must be addressed;
  - (jj) consequently, believes that the Council must continue to investigate and implement service re-designs and transformations to reduce the underlying gap in its budgets for 2023/24 onwards;
  - (kk) welcomes the recognition in the “Our Sheffield: The Year Ahead” plan, considered by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee yesterday, of the weak performance of a number of council services and the ambition to put these services back on track;
  - (ll) welcomes the establishment by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee of a cost of living Gold Command and resolves to support the work of that Command, bringing in partners, and seeking innovative ways to help the people of Sheffield get through this crisis; and
  - (mm) believes the Housing Policy Committee should work quickly to advance the retrofitting of homes to high energy efficiency standards, to bring long term benefits around the cost of heating a home to a large number of Sheffield residents.

8.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 46 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members. The Liberal Democrat Group members abstained, but voted for paragraphs (hh) to (mm) of the Substantive Motion. The Green Group members voted for, but against paragraphs (t), (z) and (hh) to (ll) of the Substantive Motion. Councillor Lewis Chinchen stated to the meeting that although he would be voting for the Substantive Motion, he would be voting against paragraphs (c), (i) & (t) to (y) – however, his vote did not appear in the e-voting record.)

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "COMMITTING TO THE GMB ETHICAL HOME CARE CHARTER" - GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGE LINDARS-HAMMOND AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH MILSOM**

9.1 It was formally moved by Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, and formally seconded by Councillor Ruth Milsom, that this Council:-

- (a) believes that over a decade of national government inaction has created a social care crisis, which is simply unacceptable for such a rich nation;

- (b) believes that we should aspire to make Sheffield the best city to grow old in, but that the Government's failure to fund social care means that many do not get the care they should;
- (c) believes that our homecare workers do vital and amazing work helping our most vulnerable residents, in a job which continues to be incredibly difficult and we must do everything we can to support them;
- (d) reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that care workers are given the respect, pay and conditions they deserve and that, ultimately, this is the right thing to do for workers and will ensure a far better care service for clients; and
- (e) calls for the GMB Ethical Commissioning Charter 2022 to be fully endorsed, including aiming for the following:-
  - (i) committing to a block delivery model of commissioning and ending the culture of 'Time & Task' in home care delivery;
  - (ii) committing that the job evaluated rate of pay at Sheffield City Council should be a benchmark and the ultimate goal for pay in commissioned care; this must drive the journey to increasing the value of care in our communities;
  - (iii) committing the Council to continue to recognise and value the training and professional development of staff within the sector; and
  - (iv) reaffirming this Council's commitment to recognising social value in assessing all potential providers and committing to supporting providers working in new and innovative ways to support staff and clients.

9.2 Whereupon, it was formally moved by Councillor Steve Ayris, and formally seconded by Councillor Kevin Oxley, as an amendment, that the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of paragraph (a) and the addition of a new paragraph (a) as follows:-
  - (a) believes that this national government has created a social care crisis, which is simply unacceptable for such a rich nation;
- 2. the addition of new paragraphs (f) to (k) as follows:-
  - (f) notes that the Liberal Democrats on this Council proposed putting an additional £200,000 into vocational development for front line care workers in the financial year 2021/2022 over and above the £4.2m enhanced pay provision agreed, as a way of boosting the

esteem of the caring vocation and the role it plays as a valuable employer;

- (g) notes the plight of unpaid 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, allowing our carers to lead decent lives, after recent research suggested a third struggle to make ends meet even before rises in the cost of living;
- (i) believes that with tens of thousands of vacancies in the sector, professional care staff are overstretched and unable to give people the time and attention they need;
- (j) calls upon the Government to set up a cross-party convention to try to build a cross-party agreement for a long-term, sustainable future that will help deal with the issues in our national care-sector; and
- (k) calls upon the Government to implement the proposals of the Dilnot Commission to socialise care costs, which proposed a more generous means-testing threshold, a cap on care costs and a reduction of the postcode lottery for services.

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

- (f) requests the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee to seek to adopt and establish cooperative care models in order to empower caregivers and care receivers alike, so that the sector is more sustainable, resilient and that the profit motive is replaced by the motive to provide the best care for patients and achieve high levels of worker security, retention and development.

9.4 The amendment moved by Councillor Steve Ayris was put to the vote and was lost, except for paragraph (g) in Part 2 of the amendment which was carried.

9.4.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 27 Members; AGAINST - 31 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 14 Members. The Labour Group members voted against, but for paragraph (g) in Part 2 of the amendment.)

9.5 The amendment moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio was then put to the vote and was carried.

9.5.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 48 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 26 Members.)

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) believes that over a decade of national government inaction has created a social care crisis, which is simply unacceptable for such a rich nation;
- (b) believes that we should aspire to make Sheffield the best city to grow old in, but that the Government's failure to fund social care means that many do not get the care they should;
- (c) believes that our homecare workers do vital and amazing work helping our most vulnerable residents, in a job which continues to be incredibly difficult and we must do everything we can to support them;
- (d) reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that care workers are given the respect, pay and conditions they deserve and that, ultimately, this is the right thing to do for workers and will ensure a far better care service for clients;
- (e) calls for the GMB Ethical Commissioning Charter 2022 to be fully endorsed, including aiming for the following:-
  - (i) committing to a block delivery model of commissioning and ending the culture of 'Time & Task' in home care delivery;
  - (ii) committing that the job evaluated rate of pay at Sheffield City Council should be a benchmark and the ultimate goal for pay in commissioned care; this must drive the journey to increasing the value of care in our communities;
  - (iii) committing the Council to continue to recognise and value the training and professional development of staff within the sector; and
  - (iv) reaffirming this Council's commitment to recognising social value in assessing all potential providers and committing to supporting providers working in new and innovative ways to support staff and clients;
- (f) notes the plight of unpaid carers who have performed heroic efforts to look after our most vulnerable in society during the pandemic; and
- (g) requests the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee to seek to adopt and establish cooperative care models in order to empower caregivers and care receivers alike, so that the sector is more sustainable, resilient and that the profit motive is replaced by the motive to provide the best care for patients and achieve high levels of worker security, retention and development.

- 9.6.1 (NOTE: The result of the vote was FOR - 75 Members; AGAINST - 0 Members; ABSTENTIONS – 0 Members. Councillor Lewis Chinchon voted for, but against paragraphs (a) & (b) of the Substantive Motion.)

**10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIPS OF COUNCIL BODIES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES**

- 10.1 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: On the motion formally moved by Councillor Dianne Hurst and formally seconded by Councillor Joe Otten, that:-

(a) each Councillor named in the table below be appointed as Chair or Deputy Chair of the Committee or Sub-Committee stated, for the Municipal Year 2022-23:-

Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Bryan Lodge (Chair)
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Milsom (Chair)
Senior Officer Employment Committee	-	Councillors Julie Grocutt (Chair) and Penny Baker (Deputy Chair)
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	-	Councillor Denise Fox (Chair)
Admissions Committee	-	Councillor Garry Weatherall (Deputy Chair)

(b) Councillor George Lindars-Hammond be appointed to replace Councillor Martin Phipps as the Co-Chair of the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee;

(c) (i) approval be given for the membership of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to be increased from 9 to 11 members while preserving proportionality both overall and on the committee itself, as per the addendum to this report and (ii) accordingly, Councillors Paul Wood and Shaffaq Mohammed be appointed to serve as additional members of that Committee and it be noted that Councillor Mohammed will be the Group Spokesperson on the Committee;

(d) it be noted that the Councillors named in the table below have been nominated as Group Spokespersons on the Policy Committee or Policy Committee Sub-Committee stated, with effect from the dates shown:-

Strategy and Resources Policy Committee	-	Councillor Douglas Johnson, with effect from 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
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Finance Sub-Committee	-	Councillor Maroof Raouf, with effect from 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Housing Policy Committee	-	Councillor Paul Wood, with effect from 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee		Councillor Paul Turpin, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee		Councillor Alexi Dimond, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee		Councillor Marieanne Elliot, with effect from 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022

(e) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the appointment of Policy Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs), Deputy Chairs and Group Spokespersons on each Policy Committee or Sub-Committee of a Policy Committee, to serve on the Urgency Sub-Committee of that Committee or Sub-Committee;

(f) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from that date:-

Strategy and Resources Policy Committee	-	Councillor Julie Grocutt, being Co-Chair of a Policy Committee, to be appointed to serve on the Committee
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Mersereau to replace Councillor Paul Turpin
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee	-	Councillors Henry Nottage and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee	-	Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Bernard Little to fill vacancies
Local Area Committee Chairs Group	-	Councillors Simon Clement-Jones, Jayne Dunn, Alan Hooper, Mary Lea, Bernard Little, Karen McGowan and Andrew Sangar to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board	-	Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies

- Local Enterprise Partnership - Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies
- Access Liaison Group - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancy
- Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group - Councillors Barbara Masters and Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancies
- Castlegate Members Working Group - Councillor Penny Baker and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Sue Alston and Colin Ross to fill vacancies
- Heritage Champion - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Anne Reresby Trust, High Green - Councillor Ann Whitaker to fill vacancy
- The Bradfield Feoffee Educational Foundation Charity - Councillor Vickie Priestley to fill vacancy
- Norton Educational and Non-Educational Trusts - Councillor Steve Ayris to fill vacancy
- Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum - Councillor Richard Williams to fill vacancy
- Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Gail Smith to fill vacancy
- Local Government General Assembly - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Roger Davison to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - Councillors Roger Davison and Joe Otten to fill vacancies

- Sheffield Tobacco Control Programme Accountable Board - Councillor Andrew Sangar to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Transport 4 All - Councillor Ian Auckland to fill vacancy
- Joint Advisory Committee for the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service - Councillor Barbara Masters to fill vacancy
- Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education - Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to fill vacancy

(g) it be noted that, in accordance with the authority given by the City Council at its annual meeting held on 18th May 2022, the Monitoring Officer had authorised the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:-

- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to replace Councillor Andrew Sangar and Councillor Andrew Sangar to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Planning and Highways Committee - Councillor Brian Holmshaw to fill vacancy and Councillor Henry Nottage to be appointed as a substitute member of the Committee, both with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Strategy and Resources Policy Committee - Councillors Angela Argenzio, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney, being Co-Chairs of Policy Committees, to be appointed to serve on the Committee, with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Corporate Members Group - Councillor Penny Baker to fill vacancy, with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillor Gail Smith to replace Councillor Vic Bowden, with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Licensing Committee - Councillor Sophie Thornton to replace Councillor Gail Smith, with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

(h) approval be given to the following changes to the memberships of

Committees, Boards, etc.:-

- Strategy and Resources Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed to fill vacancy
- Finance Sub-Committee - Councillor Ben Miskell to be removed as member, and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Ben Curran to be appointed as substitute members
- Finance Sub-Committee Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Joe Otten to fill vacancy
- Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee - Councillors Julie Grocutt and Richard Williams to fill vacancies and Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed, Joe Otten, Martin Smith and Angela Argenzio be appointed as substitute members
- Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee - Councillor Vic Bowden to be appointed as a substitute member
- Adult Health and Social Care Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillors Angela Argenzio, George Lindars-Hammond and Ann Woolhouse to fill vacancies
- Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Gail Smith to replace Councillor Vic Bowden, Councillor Angela Argenzio to fill vacancy, and Councillors Peter Garbutt, Brian Holmshaw, Martin Phipps, Colin Ross and Garry Weatherall to be appointed as substitute members
- Education, Children and Families Policy Committee - Councillor Vic Bowden to replace Councillor Gail Smith as a substitute member and Councillor Tim Huggan to be appointed as a substitute member
- Education, Children and Families Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillor Ann Whitaker to fill vacancy
- Housing Policy Committee - Councillor Safiya Saeed to replace Councillor Fran Belbin, and Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor Safiya Saeed as substitute member, and Councillor Alan Woodcock to be appointed as substitute member
- Housing Urgency Sub-Committee - Councillors Sophie Thornton and Ben Curran

Committee	to fill vacancies
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee	- Councillor Kurtis Crossland to be appointed as a substitute member
Transport, Regeneration and Climate Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillor Ian Auckland to fill vacancy
Economic Development and Skills Policy Committee	- Councillors Colin Ross and Safiya Saeed to be appointed as substitute members
Economic Development and Skills Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Kurtis Crossland and Paul Turpin to fill vacancies
Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee	- Councillors Fran Belbin and Barbara Masters to be appointed as substitute members
Waste and Street Scene Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Mike Chaplin, Alexi Dimond and Tim Huggan to fill vacancies
Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee	- Councillor Roger Davison to be appointed as a substitute member
Communities, Parks and Leisure Urgency Sub-Committee	- Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Alan Hooper to fill vacancies
Governance Committee	- Councillor Dawn Dale to be removed as member, and Councillors Christine Gilligan, Dianne Hurst, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies
Planning and Highways Committee	- Councillor Cliff Woodcraft to replace Councillor Richard Williams, Councillors Peter Garbutt, Christine Gilligan, Bernard Little and Douglas Johnson to be appointed as substitute members, and Councillor Richard Williams to replace Councillor Cliff Woodcraft as a substitute member
Licensing Committee	- Councillor Jayne Dunn to replace Councillor Safiya Saeed and Councillor Henry Nottage to fill vacancy
Audit and Standards Committee	- Councillor Kevin Oxley to replace Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed and Councillors Tom Hunt and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies

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| Admissions Committee                          | - | Councillors Karen McGowan, Safiya Saeed and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies   |
| Senior Officer Employment Committee           | - | Councillors Mike Chaplin and Abtisam Mohammed to fill vacancies  |
| Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee     | - | Councillors David Barker, Denise Fox and Peter Price to fill vacancies   |
| Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board          | - | Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy   |
| Access Liaison Group                          | - | Councillors George Lindars-Hammond, Douglas Johnson, Gail Smith and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies   |
| Allotments and Leisure Gardens Advisory Group | - | Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy  |
| Castlegate Member Working Group               | - | Councillors Abdul Khayum, Ruth Mersereau, Zahira Naz and Martin Phipps to fill vacancies   |
| Community Covenant Working Group              | - | Councillors Penny Baker and Tony Damms to fill vacancies   |
| Corporate Joint Committee with Trade Unions   | - | Councillors Angela Argenzio, Terry Fox, Julie Grocutt, Douglas Johnson, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies  |
| Corporate Parenting Board                     | - | Councillor Peter Garbutt to replace Councillor Alexi Dimond, and Councillors Denise Fox, Craig Gamble Pugh, Anne Murphy, Peter Price, Mick Rooney and Ann Whitaker to fill vacancies |
| Cycle Forum                                   | - | Councillors Marieanne Elliot and Henry Nottage to be removed as members, and Councillors Peter Price and Richard Shaw to fill vacancies  |
| Heritage Champion                             | - | Councillor Janet Ridler to replace Councillor Barbara Masters  |
| Housing and Neighbourhoods Advisory Panel     | - | Councillors Penny Baker and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies  |
| Local Area Committee Chair                    | - | Councillor Fran Belbin to replace Councillor   |

Group		Jayne Dunn, and Councillor Julie Grocutt to fill vacancy
Monitoring and Advisory Board (Adult Services)	-	Councillors Steve Ayriss and George Lindars-Hammond to fill vacancies
Sheffield Conservation Advisory Group	-	Councillors Peter Garbutt and Janet Ridler to fill vacancies
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	-	Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee – People Services	-	Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Schools	-	Councillor Dawn Dale to fill vacancy
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Place	-	Councillors Mazher Iqbal, Douglas Johnson, Joe Otten and Richard Williams to fill vacancies
Portfolio Joint Consultative Committee - Resources	-	Councillor Zahira Naz to fill vacancy
Joint Commissioning Committee	-	Councillors Steve Ayriss, Bryan Lodge and Mick Rooney to fill vacancies
(i) representatives be appointed to serve on other bodies as follows:-		
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel	-	Councillor Maleiki Haybe to be appointed as substitute member
South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillor Ruth Milsom to fill vacancy
Emergency Planning Joint Committee	-	Councillors Mike Levery and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives	-	Councillors Douglas Johnson and Janet Ridler to fill vacancies
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Business, Recovery and Growth Board	-	Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill a substitute member vacancy

- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Education, Skills and Employability Board - Councillor Ben Miskell to fill a substitute member vacancy
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Housing and Infrastructure Board - Councillors Terry Fox and Julie Grocutt to fill vacancies, and Councillor Paul Wood to be appointed as a substitute member
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Transport and the Environment Board - Councillor Mazher Iqbal to fill vacancy and Councillor Christine Gilligan to be appointed as a substitute member
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillors Dianne Hurst and Bryan Lodge to fill vacancies, and Councillors Ian Auckland and Penny Baker to be appointed as substitute members
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Audit, Standards and Risk Committee - Councillors Ben Curran, Talib Hussain and Mike Levery to fill vacancies, and Councillors Simon Clement-Jones and Joe Otten to be appointed as substitute members
- Church Burgesses - Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh to fill vacancy
- Poors Land (Ecclesall Bierlow Charity) - Councillor Peter Price to fill vacancy
- ACIS Local Management Committee - Councillors Terry Fox and Dianne Hurst to fill vacancies, and Councillor Anne Murphy to be appointed as a substitute member
- Great Places: Sheffield Housing Board - Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Jackie Satur to fill vacancies
- Sanctuary Housing: Shiregreen Community Committee - Councillors Dawn Dale and Peter Price to fill vacancies
- Together Housing – Local Panel - Councillors Garry Weatherall and Henry Nottage to fill vacancies
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Local Access Forum - Councillor Peter Price to fill vacancy
- Doncaster Sheffield Airport - Councillor Mark Jones to fill vacancy

Consultative Committee

- Environment Agency – Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill vacancy
- Learning Disabilities Partnership Board - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Learn Sheffield - Councillor Mick Rooney to fill vacancy
- Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillors Terry Fox, Douglas Johnson and Paul Wood to fill vacancies
- Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy
- Manor and Castle Development Trust - Councillors Anne Murphy and Sioned-Mair Richards to fill vacancies
- Migration Yorkshire (SY Sub-Regional Migration Group) - Councillor Alexi Dimond to fill vacancy
- National Association of British Market Authorities - Councillor Joe Otten to fill a vacancy and Mr Chris Rosling-Josephs to fill vacancy
- National Coal Mining Museum for England – Liaison Committee - Councillor Garry Weatherall to fill vacancy
- Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Joint Committee - Councillor Henry Nottage to fill vacancy
- Reserve and Cadet Forces Association – Yorkshire and Humber - Councillor Tony Downing to fill vacancy, and Councillor Denise Fox to be appointed as a substitute member
- River Stewardship Company - Councillor Douglas Johnson to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Business Adviser Panel - Councillors Mike Chaplin and Martin Smith to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Carers and Young Carers Board - Councillors Dawn Dale and Gail Smith to fill vacancies
- Sheffield City Trust - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy

- Sheffield Co-Operative Development Group - Board - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Football Trust - Councillor Colin Ross to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Futures Board - Councillor Denise Fox to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Museums Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Roger Davison to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust - Council of Governors - Councillors Martin Phipps and Garry Weatherall to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Trust Ltd – Directors and Members - Councillor Ben Curran to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Media and Exhibition Centre Ltd – Directors and Members - Councillor Ruth Mersereau to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Partnership Board - Councillors Terry Fox and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- Sheffield Sustainable Communities Partnership - Councillor Alan Hooper to replace Councillor Joe Otten, and Councillor Tony Damms to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Theatres Trust – Directors and Members - Councillor Anne Murphy to fill vacancy
- Sheffield Transport Users Group - Councillor Abdul Khayum to fill vacancy
- South Yorkshire Leaders' Group - Councillor Terry Fox to fill vacancy
- Southey/Owlerton Area Regeneration Board - Councillors Fran Belbin, Mike Chaplin, Abdul Khayum and Peter Price to fill vacancies
- Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities - Councillor Bryan Lodge to fill vacancy
- Transport 4 All - Councillors Abdul Khayum and Douglas Johnson to fill vacancies
- University Technical College Trust Board - Councillor Mike Drabble to fill vacancy

Upperthorpe and Netherthorpe Healthy Living Centre Trust - Councillor Tom Hunt to fill vacancy

Voluntary Action Sheffield - Councillor Gail Smith to fill vacancy

(j) Councillor Jayne Dunn be appointed to replace Councillor George Lindars-Hammond as the Co-Chair of the Licensing Committee.

(NOTE: The above appointments incorporate the three corrections to the schedule of appointments circulated to the meeting, which were reported by Councillor Joe Otten when he formally seconded the motion to approve the changes to memberships of Council bodies and appointments of representatives to serve on external bodies.)