

Agenda Annex

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 4TH DECEMBER 2024

List of Amendments to Notices of Motion received by the Chief Executive

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “A FAIR DEAL FOR SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Laura McClean, seconded by Councillor Matthew Dwyer

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following new paragraphs (a) to (f):-

- (a) believes that fourteen years of cuts and fiscal mismanagement, compounded by spiralling inflation and a failure to grow our economy, has hit public services hard;
- (b) believes the Budget sets the country on the path to making our public services fit for the future, but recognises that there is no quick fix, and difficult decisions will have to be taken;
- (c) notes the budget included a £22.6 billion increase in day-to-day spending and £3.1 billion capital boost for the Department for Health and Social Care for 2025/26 compared to 2023/24, which is intended to reduce waiting times and rebuild the NHS and social care;
- (d) welcomes the commitment from the Deputy Prime Minister to support local government by creating a fairer funding system;
- (e) supports the new legislation to establish the first-ever Fair Pay Agreement for care professionals to ensure care workers are fairly rewarded for the work they do, noting the Fair Pay Agreement should help resolve the recruitment and retention crisis in the profession, alleviating pressures on public services in the longer term; and
- (f) welcomes the work of the Council’s cross-party Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee and Education, Children and Families Policy Committee for the transformational work being undertaken to support Sheffield’s social care provision and ensure the sector’s long term viability.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (i) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (i) to (l) as new paragraphs (j) to (m):-
 - (i) introducing a wealth tax of 1% on assets over £10 million and 2% on assets over £1 billion could have raised £70 billion/year and would have been a better option to fund social care than taxing employment;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (n) to (p) as follows:
 - (n) in Sheffield, some Social Care providers, particularly smaller ones, may become unviable, with the consequent impact on users of those services;
 - (o) the loss of smaller services would in turn make it more difficult for the Council to address needs;
 - (p) the Government should introduce free personal care along the lines successfully brought in by the Scottish Government, to ensure dignity in old age and for disabled people;
3. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (m) to (o) as new paragraphs (q) to (s).

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROTECT OUR RIVERS"

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (f) to (i) as new paragraphs (g) to (j):-
 - (f) notes that according to the Rivers Trust, 35% of England's rivers fail to meet 'good condition' due to treated sewage;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (k) to (m) as follows:-
 - (k) notes that in the previous Parliament, Sheffield MPs including Olivia Blake and Clive Betts voted with the Conservatives to force Ofwat to consider the impact of economic growth on water companies when imposing a fine or other action;

- (l) believes that this has weakened the powers of regulators in holding water companies to account and continues to put profit before environment in the water industry;
 - (m) believes that a 'Blue Flag' programme for rivers, streams and lakes, like current Blue Flag beach status, would mark an important step in ensuring clean and healthy water;
3. the re-lettering of the original paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (n);
 4. the addition of new paragraphs (o) and (p) as follows:-
 - (o) believes that Ofwat should be replaced with a 'Clean Water Authority', which would regulate water companies both financially and environmentally;
 - (p) believes that water companies' ownership structures should be reformed into 'Public Benefit Companies' with local environmental experts on their boards;
 5. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (k) to (n) as new paragraphs (q) to (t); and
 6. in the newly re-lettered paragraph (r) [the original paragraph (l)], the substitution of the words "Communities, Parks and Leisure" for the words "Transport, Regeneration and Climate".
4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Marieanne Elliot, seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (h) to (j) as new paragraphs (i) to (k):-
 - (h) recognises that sewage is just one form of water pollution and other sources such as industrial, agricultural, oil leaks and urban runoffs need addressing;
2. the addition, in the newly re-lettered paragraph (i) [the original paragraph (h)], after the words "organisations and volunteers", of the words "such as the Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust, the Upper Don Trail Trust and the River Stewardship Company,";
3. the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (p) as follows:-
 - (l) welcomes work on an integrated Blue and Green Spaces Strategy by the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy

Committee, involving partners and a cross-party, cross-committee working group;

- (m) recognises the 20-year achievement of Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group as the only forum for all public, private and voluntary bodies with a responsibility or interest in our rivers, including the Council and now including Yorkshire Water;
 - (n) thanks citizen scientists highlighting the scandal of sewage discharges by water companies and acknowledges their vital role and the need for public accessibility of rivers for this purpose;
 - (o) recognises the need for a joined-up approach by the Council to increase access for citizen science and also to take opportunities for natural flood management, active travel routes, tourism and celebrating Sheffield's industrial heritage;
 - (p) notes that this Council, as a major owner of land along Sheffield's rivers, has riparian rights and duties to contribute towards maintaining the watercourses;
- 4. the re-lettering of the original paragraph (k) as a new paragraph (q);
 - 5. the addition of a new paragraph (r) as follows:-
 - (r) call on the Government to bring water companies back into public ownership to stop shareholder profits and ensure greater investment in vital water infrastructure;
 - 6. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (l) to (n) as new paragraphs (s) to (u); and
 - 7. in the newly re-lettered paragraph (s) [the original paragraph (l)], the substitution of the words "Communities, Parks and Leisure" for the words "Transport, Regeneration and Climate".

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "SUPPORTING NEW EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR SHEFFIELD WORKERS"

- 5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Kurtis Crossland, seconded by Councillor Simon Clement-Jones

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (e):-
 - (c) supports Liberal Democrat MPs' amendments to the Bill including setting out entitlement to kinship care leave and requiring

companies with more than 250 employees to publish information about their parental leave and pay policies;

- (d) notes that, according to the Local Government Association, costs resulting from the Bill will exacerbate service pressures in local authorities unless they are matched by increased funding;
 - 2. in newly re-lettered paragraph (e) [the original paragraph (c)], the deletion of all the words following the words “zero-hour contract”;
 - 3. the addition of a new paragraph (f) as follows:-
 - (f) believes that we should find ways to improve rights and conditions for those on zero-hour contracts such as establishing a new ‘dependent contractor’ status with entitlements such as minimum earnings levels, sick pay and holiday entitlement and increasing the minimum wage for zero-hours contract workers by 20%;
 - 4. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (d) to (g) as new paragraphs (g) to (j);
 - 5. the deletion of the original paragraph (h) and its replacement by a new paragraph (k) as follows:-
 - (k) thank trade union members for their work at Sheffield City Council, noting the importance of the freedom of association in a free society, and request the Future Sheffield Member Working Group to consider whether the current spend on facility time represents a cost-effective contribution to the Target Operating Model;
 - 6. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (i) and (j) as new paragraphs (l) and (m).
6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Toby Mallinson, seconded by Councillor Henry Nottage

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (j) as follows:-
 - (h) is concerned that the increase in employers' national insurance contributions may lead to redundancies, loss of new job opportunities and therefore fewer employees able to benefit from improvements in employment rights;
 - (i) believes a fairer tax system, that treats all types of income equally, would address this problem and help create a fairer society where prosperity benefits the many rather than the few;

- (j) notes that four day working week trials have shown improved productivity, well-being, work-life balance, recruitment and retention, sickness absence, and carbon emissions;
2. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (h) to (j) as new paragraphs (k) to (m);
 3. the addition, in the newly re-lettered paragraph (l) [the original paragraph (i)], after the words “grow the economy of Sheffield”, of the words “, as long as such growth works to reduce inequality, promotes a fairer and more sustainable society and brings consumption within liveable limits,”; and
 4. the addition of new paragraphs (n) to (q) as follows:-
 - (n) welcome the increase in the minimum wage, but urges that this should go further to reflect the true cost of living;
 - (o) call that the impact of the above on small businesses should be offset by reducing their National Insurance payments, funded through a fairer tax system that taxes wealth;
 - (p) ask the Chief Executive to forward this motion to the Government; and
 - (q) request the Finance and Performance Policy Committee to consider adding to its work programme, exploring the benefits of a four-day working week, including researching other councils’ trials.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BRINGING BACK OUR BUSES"

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ben Miskell, seconded by Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words “That this Council” and the addition of the following new paragraphs (a) to (h):-

- (a) notes that the £2 bus fare cap was due to end on 31 December, with no funds provided by the previous government to continue it;
- (b) notes that the new Government has introduced a £3 fare cap until the end of 2025;

- (c) notes that average single fares are expected to remain below £3, and passengers may get best value from buying returns, weekly, monthly, or multi-operator tickets that are more affordable and flexible;
- (d) welcomes the Government's recent announcement of £17.6 million funding for South Yorkshire's bus service;
- (e) welcomes the comments from the Mayor of South Yorkshire that the additional funding will help to protect the network;
- (f) supports bringing buses back under public control and encourages public participation in the consultation;
- (g) reaffirms our commitment to making Active Travel in Sheffield the best it can be, and notes the ongoing delivery of Connecting Sheffield schemes, work to tackle congestion, and the Road Safety Action Plan, including school streets and new powers to enforce moving traffic; and
- (h) notes the transformative transport changes underway and upcoming for the Region, including plans for bus franchising, public control of Supertram and plans for expansion, £570 million investment to renew existing tram infrastructure, and plans for public ownership of trains through Great British Railways.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, seconded by Councillor Peter Gilbert

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new paragraphs (f) and (g) as follows:-
 - (f) the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has pledged to create a new bus company;
 - (g) the sterling work of Better Buses for South Yorkshire;
2. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (f) to (i) as new paragraphs (h) to (k);
3. the addition of new paragraphs (l) to (t) as follows:-
 - (l) it's regrettable the Autumn budget only included £1 billion for buses, compared with the fuel duty freeze costing £3 billion;
 - (m) public transport should be incentivised and properly funded, rather than continuing with costly and regressive fuel duty cuts;
 - (n) the principle of free public transport, which has been achieved in several European cities, should be supported;

- (o) the bus fare cap increase is discriminatory, affecting those who can least afford it;
 - (p) buses are vital for people who don't have access to private vehicles;
 - (q) affordable, frequent bus services are critical to addressing the climate emergency and improving air quality;
 - (r) reliability is improved when buses are given priority through interventions like bus gates, bus lanes, and effective enforcement of obstruction of bus lanes during operational hours;
 - (s) the new cross-committee working group looking at enforcement of traffic infringements is welcomed;
 - (t) if transformational government funding is not forthcoming, this Council should explore implementing a Workplace Parking Levy;
4. the addition, at the end of the original paragraph (j), of the words "and extend the fare cap to trams";
 5. the re-lettering of the original paragraph (j) as a new paragraph (u);
 6. the addition of new paragraphs (v) and (w) as follows:-
 - (v) call on SYMCA to reinstate the vital number 11 bus service;
 - (w) call on SYMCA to use new powers under the Better Buses Bill to set up a publicly owned bus operator enabling buses to be brought back into public ownership.
 7. the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (k) and (l) as new paragraphs (x) and (y).