

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

#### List of Amendments received by the Chief Executive

#### ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 6 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “PUTTING SHEFFIELD FIRST”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Colin Ross

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraphs (c) and (d) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (e) as follows:-
  - (c) recognises the challenges of multi-party administration and believes that an agreement between parties to work together should be based on an agreed policy platform that will work for the people of Sheffield;
  - (d) believes that such a policy platform should include the following:-
    - (i) an independent inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute led by someone of the status of a retired judge and held in public;
    - (ii) implement the recommendations in the ARUP report setting the path to making Sheffield carbon neutral by 2030;
    - (iii) to secure jobs and businesses in the city as we come out of lockdown, no additional taxes on local business, such as a workplace parking levy;
    - (iv) a moratorium on further insourcing of council services without applying Best Value principles, and a policy review to determine the best value approach to services in future, whether delivered in-house, through strategic partnerships, or competitively tendered;
    - (v) retention of local portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy as defined in legislation, in the ward where it is raised, and to be administered by local area committees (or parish/town councils where appropriate) to mitigate the effects of development in the local area; not redistributed

under a scheme that prevents almost all of it being spent where it is raised and needed; and

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

- (j) supports in principle the establishment of transitional committees in working towards the introduction of the committee system, but has concerns at the loss of two scrutiny committees, while executive arrangements are still in place, and the impact this will have on the opportunities for scrutiny.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Alison Teal

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (h) and (i) as follows:-

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

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tony Damms, seconded by Councillor Anne Murphy

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (h) as follows:-

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

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE CITY CENTRE”**

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Abdul Khayum, seconded by Councillor Denise Fox

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraphs (c) to (j) and the addition of new paragraphs (c) to (j) as follows:-

- (c) believes that when the regeneration of our city centre was stalled from the financial crash and lack of action from the previous Lib Dem administration, the Labour administration acted to take control of the scheme away from a development company back into the hands of the

city and believes that this proactive action was necessary in contrast to the inaction of the previous Lib Dem administration;

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

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Ruth Mersereau

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of paragraph (h), the relettering of paragraphs (i) and (j) as new paragraphs (q) and (r), and the addition of new paragraphs (h) to (p) as follows:-

- (h) believes that Sheffield must look forward to a vibrant city centre that supports Sheffield's local businesses, has a good quality of life for an increasing residential population and is an enjoyable place to visit;
- (i) believes that good access into the city centre is vital and we should aim to increase the numbers of people visiting on foot, by bike, by bus, tram and train;
- (j) therefore believes that the best way to support a good bus and tram network is to make it cheaper and more convenient to arrive by public transport than by private car;
- (k) believes that we need to improve air quality and should therefore reduce the number of unnecessary journeys by private car;
- (l) believes that reducing congestion in the city centre will make streets safer as well as cleaner and more pleasant to enjoy;
- (m) recognises that the city centre and its residents are desperately short of green spaces and outdoor public spaces, and that we need to free up some car parking spaces for use as public green/outdoor space to make the city a more attractive and healthier place to visit and to live in;
- (n) welcomes independent shops and would like to see more neighbourhood shops and services, so that a wide range of shops and services is within 15 minutes walk;
- (o) notes that research by the London Borough of Waltham Forest showed that people walking to their high street spent 40% more than people who drove but that business owners massively over-estimated their customers' car use;
- (p) recognises that whilst blue badge parking is still necessary for some, believes that a modern, electric FreeBee bus would make the city centre more accessible to many disabled people, recognising also that car ownership is lower among disabled people;

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (k) and (l) as follows:-

- (k) to give protection against inappropriate development and to give certainty to potential investors, believes that the grossly delayed development of the local plan must go ahead; and, following a resounding response from local people on options for housing numbers, calls on the co-operative executive to publish the draft local plan without further delay; and

- (l) is deeply concerned that to date the Administration has failed to explain whether there is an adequate clawback provision for the £3m offered to John Lewis to stay in Sheffield City Centre and calls on the co-operative executive to publish the financial implications to the Council of this closure.

## **ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY”**

### **7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mark Jones, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst**

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

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

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

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

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

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Barbara Masters

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

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

- (g) believes that, as residents' shopping habits have changed during the pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the amount of cardboard many residents wish to be recycled through their household waste recycling collection and often the blue bins are of insufficient size;



2. the re-lettering of paragraph (g) as a new paragraph (h) and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (h)(xi) and (xii) as follows:-
  - (xi) request the co-operative executive to bring forward proposals so that households are given the option of requesting a larger capacity blue bin to recycle their paper and cardboard; and
  - (xii) request the co-operative executive to review capacity for cardboard and paper at local recycling sites.

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