

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “NATIONAL POLICIES TO TACKLE CHILD POVERTY”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Dawn Dale, seconded by Councillor Nighat Basharat

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

- (c) notes this Government have presided over the biggest fall in living standards ever recorded, but notes poverty has been rising dramatically since 2010;
- (d) believes that a newly elected government will face a difficult task of fixing the social and economic damage caused by 13 years of government mismanagement and austerity, and whilst this will certainly result in a new government needing to take tough choices, the Labour Party is absolutely committed to an anti-poverty strategy; driven by a focus on growing the economy, and making sure that growth is inclusive and in every part of the country;
- (e) notes that during the period of the last Labour government (1997-2010) the number of children in relative poverty fell by over 800,000, and for absolute poverty there was a fall of over two million;
- (f) notes local efforts to tackle child poverty in stark contrast with the actions of successive governments since 2010, and which include:-
 - (i) supporting thousands of children and young people with free school meal support and holiday activities;
 - (ii) new Community Youth Services, increasing youth sessions work across all local areas;
 - (iii) establishing a network of 171 community hubs and welcoming places (warm banks) delivered alongside the voluntary sector; and
 - (iv) the approval of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for the Household Support Fund (£10.4m) including targeted awards to households in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax

Support but who missed out on the Government's Cost of Living payments; and

- (g) requests that the Cost-of-Living Steering Group, in consultation with senior officers, look at how the Council can get money in people's pockets quickly.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marieanne Elliot

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (f):-

- (e) notes that the effect of bad policies on child poverty, like the bedroom tax, were brought in through the Welfare Reform Act 2012; and

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "QUICKER, SAFER, AFFORDABLE JOURNEYS"

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Andrew Sangar, seconded by Councillor Ian Auckland

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new paragraph (b) as follows, and the re-lettering of all further paragraphs accordingly:-
 - (b) believes that a strategy must help people get around the city, must have a vision for trams, trains, buses, taxis and other motor vehicles, and active travel, and must plan for how these forms of transport will interlink to create a multimodal, interconnected transport system;
2. the deletion, in the original paragraph (e) [re-lettered as a new paragraph (f)], of the words "believes that Sheffield and South Yorkshire have been badly let down by 13 years of government underinvestment in transport infrastructure, and further";
3. the deletion of the original paragraph (f) [re-lettered as a new paragraph (g)] and the addition of a new paragraph (g) as follows:-
 - (g) strongly supports bus franchising; notes that the Liberal Democrat group has supported bus franchising for many years; believes that repeated delay to implement bus franchising has cost South Yorkshire through a diminished bus service; and notes that the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's Bus Service Improvement Plan bid for £474m was rejected entirely by Government, while Greater Manchester got £95m and the North East Combined Authority got £163m;

4. the addition [after the original paragraph (g), re-lettered as a new paragraph (h)] of new paragraphs (i) and (j) as follows:-
 - (i) however, believes that active travel schemes and public transport initiatives are only successful when they have the support of their local community, and reaffirms the Council's commitment to devolving decisions and budgets on minor local transport and highways issues to Local Area Committees (LACs);
 - (j) furthermore, believes that bus transport must be accessible to all Sheffield residents and recognise the needs of those with limited accessibility, and therefore asks the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to consider placing reopening Pinstone Street to buses on its work programme;
5. the addition, at the end of the original sub-paragraph (j)(iii) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (m)(iii)], of the words “, the investigation of a tram line from Herdings to Meadowhead, and the investigation of a tram line to the Northern General Hospital”.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bernard Little, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

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) notes that Sheffield has had an agreed Transport Strategy in place since 2019; recognises that the strategy accepts the need for action now rather than wishful thinking under a future government; and believes the actions in the strategy should be carried out without further delay or watering down;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (f) and (g) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraphs (f) to (j) as new paragraphs (h) to (l):-
 - (f) notes that in 2017, emissions from the transport sector contributed 26% of Sheffield's emissions with $\frac{2}{3}$ of these from private car journeys;
 - (g) believes Sheffield must reduce our reliance on private cars to have any chance of meeting our net zero commitment, and that the most effective way to reduce congestion is to have more people using public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling;
3. the addition of new paragraphs (m) to (o) as follows:-
 - (m) notes that the Workplace Parking Levy in Nottingham contributed £90 million in direct funding and attracted £1 billion in investment for public transport and active travel over 10 years;

- (n) believes that if Sheffield Council really believed in "Quicker, Safer, Affordable Journeys", they would take all available measures within our power rather than waiting for a potential change of government; and
- (o) therefore calls on the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to add a feasibility study for a Workplace Parking Levy to its work programme and to relook at bus priority and bus lane hours on arterial roads, and increased parking enforcement powers so that there may be some real prospect of "Quicker, Safer, Affordable Journeys" rather than wishful thinking and hand wringing.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "PROTECTING OUR SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK"

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Nabeela Mowlana, seconded by Councillor Mark Jones

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new paragraphs (e) to (h) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraph (e) as a new paragraph (i):-

- (e) believes that the RTB policy as currently enacted has done considerable damage to Sheffield, and the wider nation, and further believes that replacing properties lost through RTB on a one-to-one basis would be a huge help in replacing lost stock;
- (f) believes that strong local communities are built on the back of families having a secure and stable home, not being forced to repeatedly uproot on the whims of landlords or due to escalating prices, and notes that the Labour Party has promised to deliver a new housing settlement, rebalancing power between developers and communities, and ensuring local councils can deliver the affordable housing their communities need;
- (g) notes that the Labour Party have stated they will create a new definition of affordable homes pegged to local incomes, close the loopholes that let developers wriggle out of commitments and introduce tough new powers so councils can develop more land for affordable housing, and this Council supports this approach;
- (h) notes the stated ambition of the Labour Party to ensure that more council homes are built in every part of the country that provide secure, genuinely affordable tenancies and which will further boost communities through the skills, apprenticeships and jobs created to build these homes, with Labour recognising the challenges councils face in delivering these vital services and being committed to working with them to address these; and

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw

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

- (e) believes that Right to Buy legislation has decimated good council housing estates, subsidised an exploitative private landlord market and left numerous properties across the country in poor repair;
- (f) believes that former council homes now in private ownership are often a major obstacle to large-scale effective housing retrofit schemes, leaving both council and private tenants in fuel poverty;
- (g) notes the successful award of a small amount of government money to address the problems of private tenants in right to buy properties missing out on the benefits of retrofitting of council homes and believes this to be an acknowledgement of one of the disadvantages of the right to buy scheme; and
- (h) therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, requesting the Government to abolish the Right to Buy.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "A FAIRER GREEN ECONOMY FOR SHEFFIELD"

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Smith, seconded by Councillor Rob Reiss

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the addition of new paragraphs (b) and (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (b) to (d) as new paragraphs (d) to (f):-
 - (b) believes that SMEs are essential for sustainable economic growth and job creation;
 - (c) believes that Sheffield's historic heavy industry sector continues to play a critical role in the city and that these large employers must be properly supported on the net zero transition, and welcomes the moves towards 'Green Steel' production through modern steelmaking technology;
- 2. the insertion, in the original sub-paragraph (b)(ii) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (d)(ii)], of the words "University of Sheffield and" after the words "£80m investment for a";
- 3. the insertion at the end of the original sub-paragraph (b)(iv) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (d)(iv)], of the words ", and the Committee's

continued funding for the Launchpad start up and early stage business support scheme”;

4. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (d)(v) [in the original paragraph (b)], as follows:-

(d)(v) that Sheffield has significantly improved its environment for business start ups, and in particular has:-

- (A) the strongest annual business growth across the core cities at 27%;
- (B) the 3rd lowest business failure rate across the core cities; and
- (C) been voted the best city to start a business in 2022;

5. the addition at the beginning of the original sub-paragraph (c)(iii) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (e)(iii)], of the words “a wide range of stakeholders including”;

6. the deletion of the original sub-paragraph (c)(vii) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (e)(vii)] and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (e)(vii) as follows:-

(e)(vii) the Liberal Democrats commitment to quadruple the Employment Allowance and create an Entrepreneur’s Allowance to help people start new businesses would further support Sheffield’s SME community;

7. the deletion of the original sub-paragraph (d)(ii) [re-lettered as a new sub-paragraph (f)(ii)] and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (f)(ii) as follows:-

(f)(ii) reaffirm the Council’s commitment to assessing the environmental impact of relevant decisions, and notes that this will include reference to the Decarbonisation Routemaps where relevant.