

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 1ST NOVEMBER 2023

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

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “STOPPING GENOSIDE IN GAZA”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Zahira Naz, seconded by Councillor Abdul Khayum

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(iv) as follows and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (a)(iv) to (vi) as new sub-paragraphs (a)(v) to (vii):-
 - (a)(iv) Save The Children have highlighted that the number of children reported killed in Gaza in the last three weeks has surpassed the annual number of children killed across the world's conflict zones since 2019;
2. the substitution, in new sub-paragraph (a)(vii) [the original sub-paragraph (a)(vi)], of the words “Israeli Government” for the words “state of Israel”;
3. the insertion, at the beginning of sub-paragraph (b)(i), of the words “there can be no justification for the loss of innocent lives, and”
4. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) as follows:-
 - (b)(ii) that Hamas’ appalling murder of civilians in Israel must be unequivocally condemned, and we continue to call for the safe release of all hostages;
 - (iii) that the Israeli Government's indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians must be unequivocally condemned;
5. the re-lettering of original sub-paragraph (b)(ii) as a new sub-paragraph (b)(iv);
6. the deletion of sub-paragraph (b)(iii);
7. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(v) as follows:-
 - (b)(v) we must not allow these tragic events to divide our communities at home, and we understand and feel the pain of all people in Sheffield, especially the Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities;

8. the re-lettering of original sub-paragraph (b)(iv) as a new sub-paragraph (b)(vi);
9. the deletion of sub-paragraph (b)(v);
10. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(vii) to (ix) as follows:-
 - (b)(vii) all UK political leaders must call upon the Israeli Government to ensure enough food, water, medicine and electricity is provided to Gaza, that there must be clear humanitarian corridors, and that all actors must follow and be held accountable under international law;
 - (viii) every effort must be made by the international community to make a two-state solution a reality, which requires a commitment to a formal peace process, an end to the occupation and for all parties to follow international law, in order to bring peace to the region;
 - (ix) that where Palestinians are forced to flee, they must not be permanently displaced from their homes, and calls on the UK Government to use all available pressure to ensure this;
11. the deletion of paragraph (c) and the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows:-
 - (c) regrets any hurt caused by flying the Israeli flag from the Town Hall, and calls for a review of the Council's flag-flying protocol;
12. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) regrets the UK Government's abstention at the UN against supporting a sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities;
13. the re-lettering of original paragraph (d) as a new paragraph (e); and
14. the deletion of new sub-paragraph (e)(i)(iii) [the original sub-paragraph (d)(i)(iii)] and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (e)(i)(iii) as follows:-
 - (e)(i)(iii) make every effort to resume the peace process;

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Andrew Sangar

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the deletion of all the words after the words "That this Council", and the addition of new paragraphs (a) to (i) as follows:-

- (a) deeply regrets and condemns the tragic loss of civilian life in both the Hamas terrorist attacks on the 7th of October and the ensuing bombardment of the Gaza strip by Israel;
- (b) notes that these horrific events have had a huge effect on many Sheffield citizens, in particular those with relatives and friends in the region;
- (c) calls for the immediate release of all Israeli hostages;
- (d) believes that:-
 - (i) any state has a right to protect its citizens from attacks and terror, subject to international law;
 - (ii) there is ultimately no military solution to this conflict;
 - (iii) innocent Palestinians must not pay the price for Hamas atrocities; and
 - (iv) the world has a duty to prevent civilian deaths;
- (e) condemns the decision by Israel to cut off essential supplies of water, food, and electricity, to the 2.2m residents of the Gaza strip;
- (f) condemns all hate crime against Palestinians, Israelis, Jewish or Muslim people;
- (g) welcomes the generous humanitarian fundraising from Sheffield communities over the last few days, in particular fundraising for aid to Gaza;
- (h) affirms its support for a two state solution and a lasting peace, which will allow the people of Israel and Palestine to live free from fear; and
- (i) resolves to call upon the UK Government to call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, in order to facilitate an intense period of diplomacy, bring humanitarian aid into Gaza, and provide an opportunity to seek the immediate release of all Israeli hostages.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR CARE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Sue Alston, seconded by Councillor Mohammed Mahroof

That the Motion now submitted be amended by the addition of new sub-paragraphs (d)(v) to (vii) as follows:-

- (d)(v) formally supporting the LGA’s Step Ahead campaign;
- (vi) continuing to build on the existing ringfenced apprenticeship opportunities for care experienced people by committing to an agreed number of apprenticeships places each year delivered through the Council’s levy funding; and
- (vii) taking an intersectional approach and commit to tackling the systemic discrimination and disproportionality faced by specific groups of care experienced people.

4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Angela Argenzio, seconded by Councillor Douglas Johnson

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of paragraph (c)(v) and the addition of a new paragraph (c)(v) as follows:- in line with section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 so that it reads, “
 - (c)(v) the Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (A) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - (B) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (C) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
2. the substitution, in sub-paragraph (d)(iv), of the words “calling upon other bodies to support the Council in its Corporate Parenting responsibility” for the words “calling upon other bodies to adopt corporate parenting”; and
3. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (d)(v) to (vii) as follows:-
 - (v) the impact on people with other protected characteristics such as race, sexual orientation or disability, as well as issues of intersectional or multiple discrimination;

- (vi) the scope for a trial scheme for a basic income pilot for care leavers, as piloted by the Welsh Government; and
- (vii) requesting the Government to ensure full funding that is needed to meet all the recommendations of the independent review of children's social care by Josh MacAlister.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "REGULATING THE SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SECTOR"

5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Nabeela Mowlana, seconded by Councillor Fran Belbin

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(iii) as follows:-
 - (a)(iii) notes that the need for the regulation of the Supported Accommodation sector was identified in 2020 by Steve McCabe MP who highlighted concerns about the growing number of exempt accommodation providers housing vulnerable people without any expertise or experience and so launched the Supported Accommodation Bill to legislate for proper checks on the support provided by these registered providers, a fit and proper check on potential landlords and the standard of accommodation to ensure all tenants are safe and receive appropriate support;
2. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (c) to (e) as new paragraphs (d) to (f):-
 - (c)(i) notes that the Local Government Association (LGA) wants to see a locally-led fully funded oversight and enforcement regime for exempt accommodation within a strengthened national regulatory framework, stating that this should include a requirement for all exempt accommodation providers to be Registered Providers, and ensure that councils' responses can be tailored to the challenges they face and the contexts of local housing markets and demand; and
 - (ii) further notes that the LGA has highlighted that most councils' concerns about non-commissioned exempt accommodation could also be addressed by establishing council control over all referrals into exempt accommodation supported housing in their area;

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Douglas Johnson, seconded by Councillor Bernard Little

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the substitution, in paragraph (c), of the words “good quality SA” for the words “quality SA”;
2. the addition of new paragraphs (d) to (f) as follows, and the re-lettering of original paragraphs (d) and (e) as new paragraphs (g) and (h):-
 - (d) notes the loss of 32,245 Council homes through Right to Buy and believes the transfer of so many homes from the public sector to private landlords through the consequences of this policy is one of the drivers of the current record levels of homelessness and use of temporary accommodation;
 - (e) believes that this Council is currently doing what it can to increase the amount of social housing, despite all parties having to face the reality of inflation in the construction sector and the consequent reduction in the expected number of new homes that can be built;
 - (f) believes that not everyone gets the same chance in housing and recognises that many groups, such as refugees, are more likely to experience homelessness than people who are not refugees and may also experience worse standards when living in temporary accommodation.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 11 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "STOPPING THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT SEWAGE POLLUTION SCANDAL"

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mike Levery, seconded by Councillor Richard Williams

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the substitution, in sub-paragraph (a)(i), of the words “since 2015” for the words “under this Government”;
2. the insertion, also in sub-paragraph (a)(i), of the word “increasingly” following the words “water companies have”;
3. the addition of a new paragraph (a)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraphs (a)(iv) to (vi) as new sub-paragraphs (a)(v) to (vii):-

(a)(iv) in particular, staff at the Environment Agency dedicated to responding to pollution incidents have seen their numbers decline by 15% since 2015;

4. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(viii) as follows:-

(a)(viii) Welsh Water, a public benefit company, was recently criticised for illegal discharge of untreated sewage from sewage treatment works over several years;

5. the deletion of sub-paragraphs (b)(vi) and (vii), and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(vi) to (ix) as follows:-

(b)(vi) all discharges of raw sewage from sewage treatment works should result in significant fines and the fines reinvested in improvements, as was the case before 2015;

(vii) retention tanks should be constructed at all sensitive storm overflow sites;

(viii) water should be provided through public benefit companies, but as seen in the case of Welsh Water, tougher regulation is required even for these companies; and

(ix) Ofwat has consistently failed to regulate water companies properly since 2015, labelling three companies “top performers” even though they are responsible for more than 2.6m hours of sewage dumps in the last two years, and therefore believes that Ofwat should be abolished and replaced with a tough new UK wide regulator;

6. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (c)(iv) to (vi) as follows:-

(c)(iv) ban water company executive bonuses until sewage discharges and serious leaks end;

(v) abolish Ofwat and replace it with a tough new UK wide regulator with new powers to prevent sewage dumping; and

(vi) begin work to transform water companies into public benefit companies.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Marieanne Elliot, seconded by Councillor Alexi Dimond

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(vii) as follows:-

(a)(vii) as reported by The Guardian newspaper, £57bn has been handed out in payouts to shareholders over the last 30 years;

2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (b)(iv) to (vii) as new sub-paragraphs (b)(v) to (viii):-
 - (iv) thousands of voluntary River Rangers, Citizen Scientists and active swimmers, kayakers, anglers and walkers, armed with the invaluable data supplied by the Rivers Trust and other researchers, are contributing to monitoring water quality;
3. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(ix) to (xi) as follows:-
 - (ix) a rising tide of sewage discharges, such as the discharges in Sheffield by the Lady's Bridge into the River Don, threaten projects to support reintroducing salmon and trout to our rivers;
 - (x) water privatisation has been a failed experiment, and that a service as vital as water and sewerage needs to be run by the public and for the public good; and
 - (xi) shareholder payouts and CEO bonuses need to be halted with immediate effect where water quality is substandard;
4. the deletion of sub-paragraph (c)(ii) and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(ii) as follows:-
 - (c)(ii) make polluters pay by committing to resourcing the Environment Agency to effectively monitor and guide the water industry and agriculture, including a restoration of staff resources and a much more aggressive and focussed approach to enforcement and prosecution, working closely with voluntary organisations;
5. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as follows:-
 - (c)(iv) bring water back into public ownership as soon as practicable to stop sewage discharges and cut bills;
6. the addition of a new paragraph (d) as follows:-
 - (d) resolves to pro-actively consider every opportunity to implement nature based solutions in Sheffield that reduce the amount of rain in the sewage system to reduce flood and pollution risk, creating more vegetated green land, wetlands, Sustainable urban Drainage Schemes (SuDS) and rain gardens on council land and buildings.