

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 6TH DECEMBER 2023

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

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “SHEFFIELD’S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES STANDING TOGETHER”

1. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Laura Moynahan, seconded by Councillor Karen McGowan

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of the following words at the end of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) “and in welcoming refugees who have fled previous wars including in Chile, Somalia, Kashmir, Burma, Palestine and Yemen, among many other countries”;
2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (a)(iv) and (v) as new sub-paragraphs (a)(v) and (vi):-
 - (iv) that Equality, Diversity and Inclusion will be a central feature of the new Council Plan;
3. the addition of the following words at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(i) “and will continue to do everything it can to bring communities together”;
4. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) as follows, and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (b)(ii) and (iii) as new sub-paragraphs (b)(iv) and (v):-
 - (ii) diversity in representation makes for good decision-making;
 - (iii) it is important that all elected bodies and political parties take steps to ensure that political representation reflects the diversity within the communities that they represent, particularly ensuring that people with protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation) are supported to play a full part in the democratic process;
5. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(vi) as follows:-
 - (vi) that our city is delighted to welcome the MOBO Awards, the UK’s biggest celebration of Black music and culture, to Sheffield in February 2024.

2. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alexi Dimond, seconded by Councillor Henry Nottage

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (a)(vi) to (vii) as follows:-
 - (vi) that all our residents, no matter their nationality, call this local authority their home and enrich Sheffield;
 - (vii) that the Council estimates that up to 750 refugees could be affected by the Streamlined Asylum Process up to 15th December, which may put them at risk of homelessness;
 - (viii) that denying people seeking asylum the right to work is dehumanising for the individual and harmful for the economy;
2. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(iv) and (v) as follows:-
 - (iv) every Sheffield resident should have equal democratic rights and be able to vote in our local elections;
 - (v) all Sheffield residents and members of all communities have a right to shelter, security, warmth and sustenance;
3. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (c)(i) to (v) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (ii) as new sub-paragraphs (c)(vi) and (vii):-
 - (i) raise the alarm locally about the refugee homelessness crisis and request the Housing Policy Committee to engage with VCS, faith groups, universities and housing providers to urgently discuss this;
 - (ii) request the Chair of the Housing Policy Committee to write to the Government to demand a fully resourced national homelessness prevention programme;
 - (iii) promote the right to vote and democratic participation opportunities to all communities in Sheffield through cultural-sensitive approaches such as:-
 - (A) delivering training to councillors and officers on the changes brought by the Elections Act;
 - (B) working collaboratively with the VCS to reach residents about current voter eligibility rules and how to vote; and

- (C) promoting voter registration and photo ID requirements to residents;
- (iv) apologise for flying the Israeli flag which caused hurt and division in Sheffield;
- (v) encourage all councillors to attend the launch of the local “Lift the Ban” campaign in the Town Hall on December 15th;

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “13 YEARS OF CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT FAILURE”

3. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Rob Reiss, seconded by Councillor Roger Davison

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the deletion of sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) and the addition of new sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) as follows:-
 - (i) Labour is not proposing any additional funding for local government, with Shadow Local Government Minister, Sarah Owen MP, quoted in the Manchester Evening News saying “the party does not want to talk about extra funding”;
 - (ii) in a speech on Monday, Sir Keir Starmer advised that Labour will not “turn on the spending taps”, arguing that austerity might not be just a “choice” after all;
 - (iii) the webpage containing the 10 pledges based on the “moral case for socialism” used in Kier Starmer’s leadership election has been taken down, and the pledges themselves largely reversed; and
 - (iv) Kier Starmer praised Margaret Thatcher in the Sunday Telegraph for bringing “meaningful change” and seeking “to drag Britain out of its stupor by setting loose our natural entrepreneurialism”;
2. the substitution, in sub-paragraph (b)(i), of the number “8” for the number “13”;
3. the insertion, in sub-paragraph (b)(iv) of the word “second” immediately before the word “Government”;
4. the insertion, in sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the words “and Labour” after the word “Conservatives”;
5. the deletion of sub-paragraph (c)(iii) and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iii) as follows:-

- (iii) call on members of the Council to represent their electors according to their best judgment, instead of condemning policies they are about to adopt;
6. the deletion of sub-paragraph (c)(iv) and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as follows:-
- (iv) support the Liberal Democrats policy on:-
 - (A) implementing a federal United Kingdom to move control and finance away from Whitehall and into local communities;
 - (B) committing to building 150,000 social homes a year;
 - (C) fixing our broken relationship with Europe, forge a new partnership built on cooperation, and move to conclude a new comprehensive agreement which removes as many barriers to trade as possible;
 - (D) invest in infrastructure and skills to create prosperity in every region of the UK, while tackling the climate emergency; and
 - (E) ensuring that tax burdens don't fall disproportionately on low earners and reversing the Conservatives' tax cuts for big banks.
4. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Paul Turpin, seconded by Councillor Brian Holmshaw
- That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-
- 1. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (a)(vi) to (ix) as follows:-
 - (vi) austerity has failed on its own terms as national debt has increased along with poverty and inequality, while public services have been decimated to the brink of failure or beyond;
 - (vii) Labour supported austerity in 2010 through 2015;
 - (viii) the Shadow Chancellor has committed to arbitrary and restrictive "fiscal rules" that would effectively continue austerity; and
 - (ix) Labour channelled Margaret Thatcher in 2010 and now Keir Starmer is doing the same;
 - 2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(vii) as follows:-

- (vii) Keir Starmer has made it clear that he “won’t turn on spending taps” if Labour win the next general election, and Labour do not have policies which will address the scale of the problems the UK faces;
3. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (c)(v) to (viii) as follows:-
- (v) request the relevant Policy Committees to consider placing on their work programmes consideration of backing income-generating schemes like the Employers’ Workplace Parking Levy, and review parking fees and charges, to help fund public transport, road safety and active travel measures;
 - (vi) request the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider placing on its work programme investigating the establishment of a wholly-owned Council company to help deliver the Council’s objectives and raise income to deliver reliable services for Sheffield residents;
 - (vii) request the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee to consider placing on its work programme consideration of every opportunity for investing in renewable energy projects on Council land and buildings to generate energy and income;
 - (viii) requests the Chief Executive to write to both Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak, calling for:-
 - (A) proper funding of Councils to deliver local services and to implement the recommendations of the Taxing Wealth Report;
 - (B) remove the two child cap on benefits, and to raise Universal Credit by £40; and
 - (C) proper funding of a Green New Deal, education, emergency services, health and legal services.
5. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bryan Lodge, seconded by Councillor Julie Grocutt

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

- (d) is disappointed that the Labour Group seem to be more interested in national politics rather than presenting Notices of Motions that deal with issues that affect the communities of Sheffield, including the cost of living crisis, rising energy costs and fuel poverty, and the decimation of public transport, but is not really surprised when the direction of the Labour Group in Sheffield is being driven by the Labour Party nationally through the imposed Campaign Improvement Board;

- (e) is astounded that at the same time that the Labour Group are criticising the Conservative Governments of the last 13 years, Sir Kier Starmer is singing the praises of Margaret Thatcher's role as Prime Minister, on the approach to the 40th Anniversary in 2024 of the devastating Miners' Strike of 1984-85, when, in this Council's belief, her governments wreaked havoc on the steel and coal mining industries that impacted on the jobs and wellbeing of thousands of Sheffield residents, and destroyed the public transport system that was the envy of the country, and with the impacts of this still being felt today; and
- (f) does not agree with Sir Kier Starmer's comments, nor thinks that they are reflected across the country, nor by members of our communities here in Sheffield.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 9 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "BANNING SINGLE USE VAPES ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH GROUNDS"

6. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Ruth Milsom, seconded by Councillor Alison Norris

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the substitution, in sub-paragraph (a)(i), of the word "single-use" for the word "disposable";
2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(iii) as follows, and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (a)(iii) and (iv) as new sub-paragraphs (a)(iv) and (v):-
 - (iii) single use vapes are wasteful of critical elements needed in the clean energy transition, with lithium and other critical minerals from vapes discarded in the UK over one year equivalent to 6,200 EV batteries (according to "*The Energy Mix*" news site);
3. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(i) as follows:-
 - (i) notes Labour's support for a phased smoking ban, increasing the minimum age for buying cigarettes, and its commitment to tackle marketing of vape products to children, and backs their proposals;
4. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(ii) as follows:-
 - (ii) the health advice is clear; vaping is never recommended for children, carrying a risk of future harm and addiction, and young people and those who have never smoked should not vape or be encouraged to vape;

5. the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraph (b)(i) as a new sub-paragraph (b)(iii).
6. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(iv) as follows:-
 - (iv) Sheffield Youth Cabinet have made combating vaping one of their key priorities and have, with regional partners in collaboration with ASH UK, produced a comprehensive toolkit of resources on how to stop children vaping in response to demands from parents and teachers, and reaffirms this Council's support for their work;
7. and the re-lettering of original sub-paragraphs (b)(ii) to (iv) as new sub-paragraphs (b)(v) to (vii):-
8. the addition of a new paragraph (c) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original paragraph (c) as a new paragraph (d):-
 - (c) calls on the Government to ban the marketing of vaping to children and for flavour descriptors and packaging that resemble confectionary, and images and advertisements designed specifically to target and appeal to children and young people, to be prohibited;
9. the addition of a new paragraph (e) as follows:-
 - (e) notes that the Council Leader and the Chief Executive wrote to Sheffield's MPs on 17th October asking them to support government plans to raise the age of sale for tobacco by one year every year, urging them to pledge their support by voting yes to increasing the age of sale of tobacco, and notes that Labour has reaffirmed that its MPs will support the proposed legislation.

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING "OPPOSING MINIMUM SERVICE LEVELS"

NB. Proposed alteration to be sought by the mover of the Motion (Councillor Sophie Wilson)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.10(a) (Alteration of motion or amendment), the mover of the Motion (Councillor Sophie Wilson) will seek the consent of the meeting to alter sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the Motion by the insertion of the words “, including the discretion not to issue work notices,” between the words “to consider how the Council will, if it can use provisions in the Act” and the words “continue to protect the rights of its workers to strike”.

Once the mover has requested the alteration, the Lord Mayor will then ask the meeting to give its consent to the alteration.

7. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Peter Price, seconded by Councillor Mike Chaplin

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

- (c) notes that an incoming Labour government would repeal the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act and that Labour has been vocal in their opposition to this piece of legislation;
- (d) notes that an incoming Labour government would, from day one, implement a New Deal for Working People – which will strengthen the rights and protections for all workers, and believes that a strengthening of rights and improved working conditions is not only the right thing to do for employees but is also the right thing for our economy and wider society;
- (e) supports Labour’s approach to provide people with real help right now and a vision for the future of work where working people enjoy dignity, gain security, receive respect, and are supported to prosper; and
- (f) resolves to work with trades unions and other relevant bodies to do everything we can to avoid the prospect of work notices being issued, whilst supporting the fundamental right of workers to strike and to fight for dignity and fair pay at work.

8. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Sophie Thornton

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

- 1. the deletion of sub-paragraph (b)(iii) and the addition of a new sub-paragraph (b)(iii) as follows:-
 - (iii) that this Government, instead of developing a unifying vision for national success and shared prosperity, is engaging in a divisive blame game over the state of public services against a movement dominated by political opponents;
- 2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as a new sub-paragraph (c)(v):-
 - (iv) to welcome the Liberal Democrat policy “Strengthening the ability of unions to represent workers effectively by broadening the right to collective bargaining in pay and conditions, including pay and pensions, working time and holidays, equality issues, health and

safety, training and development, work organisation and the nature and level of staffing.”;

3. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(vi) as follows:-

- (vi) in so doing, to remind Sir Keir of his leadership election pledge (since deleted) to “Repeal the Trade Union Act. Oppose Tory attacks on the right to take industrial action and the weakening of workplace rights.”.

9. Amendment to be moved by Councillor Martin Phipps, seconded by Councillor Paul Turpin

That the Motion now submitted be amended by:-

1. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(iii) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraphs (a)(iii) and (iv) as new sub-paragraphs (a)(iv) and (v):-

- (iii) that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 exposes Trade Unions to being liable to pay damages of up to £1 million, and forces Trade Unions to act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and the government;

2. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (a)(vi) as follows:-

- (vi) that today, 6th December, Green Party Baroness, Natalie Bennett, will move a Fatal Motion in the House of Lords on the Government’s Anti-Strike Regulations;

3. the addition of new sub-paragraphs (b)(vii) to (ix) as follows:-

- (vii) that if Keir Starmer’s Labour refuse to back the Green Fatal Motion it will further demonstrate his betrayal of British workers, his contempt for democracy and basic democratic rights and further expose his duplicity when campaigning to be the leader of the Labour Party;

- (viii) existing anti-union and anti-strike laws introduced since 1979 should be repealed, including bans on secondary picketing, and bans on industrial action for political objectives including climate and ecological justice; and

- (ix) these laws should be replaced with a positive charter of workers’ and trade union rights, enshrining the fundamental right to organise and strike, drawn up in consultation with trade unions;

4. the addition of a new sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as follows, and the re-lettering of the original sub-paragraph (c)(iv) as a new sub-paragraph (c)(v):-

- (iv) to urge members of the House of Lords to support the motions to reject the Strikes Minimum Service Levels regulations for the Code of Practice for Unions, for the NHS Ambulance Services and NHS Patient Transport Service, for Border Security and Passenger Rail services; and