

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2017

A MEETING of the COUNCIL was held at the CIVIC OFFICE on THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2017, at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor David Nevett  
Vice-Chair - Councillor George Derx  
Mayor - Ros Jones  
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillors Nick Allen, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Elsie Butler, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, John Cooke, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Jessie Credland, Linda Curran, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, Pat Haith, James Hart, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Sandra Holland, Mark Houlbrook, R Allan Jones, Kenneth Keegan, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Pat Knight, Sue Knowles, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, John McHale, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, Jane Nightingale, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Andrea Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Craig Sahman, Dave Shaw, Clive Stone, Austen White, Jonathan Wood and Paul Wray.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Corden, Eva Hughes, Ted Kitchen, Alan Smith and Sue Wilkinson.

57 Declarations of Interest, if any

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

58 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th November, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday, 24th November, 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the addition of the following sentence within Minute No. 53:-

“In support of his Motion, Councillor John Mounsey informed the Chamber that on that particular day, pickets wore t-shirts and trainers and although the police wore their protective clothing they had no numbers whatsoever on their shirt collars.”

59 To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service

The Chair of Council, Councillor David Nevett, made the following announcement:-

“I would like to make the following announcement. On behalf of the Council, I would like to offer our congratulations to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, who has been

honoured with a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her service to Local Government by HRH The Queen, in her New Year Honours List and also to Mrs Esther Mathews, who receives the British Empire Medal for services to Canoeing.

Mrs Mathews founded the Green Star Canoe Club in 1993 and it has grown to become one of the largest and most active clubs of its type in the country.

Congratulations to you both.”

The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, made the following announcements:-

“Colleagues

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on Regional Devolution.

Earlier this month, local Leaders of the Combined Authority considered the recent high court judgement, following a Judicial Review brought by Derbyshire County Council, and its implications for the Sheffield City Region’s Devolution Deal.

On the advice of the Combined Authority’s Managing Director and Legal Officer, it has been agreed that it is now not possible to hold a Mayoral election in May 2017. As a result, the election of a regional Mayor has been deferred until 2018.

As you know, this month, Sheffield City Region Leaders also received an outline proposal from West Yorkshire Combined Authority, for a potential Yorkshire wide devolution option. A copy of that proposal was circulated to all of our Councillors, MPs, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Contrary to reports, some of which have been rather misleading regarding both the model and the position of Doncaster and Barnsley, the Yorkshire-wide proposal would retain the existing Sheffield City Region Combined Authority as the basis for devolution. However, it would see one Mayor for Yorkshire, rather than a Mayor for the Sheffield City Region.

My position is clear.

Firstly, Doncaster is not walking away from the Sheffield City Region or regional devolution. We have worked hard to deliver a devolution opportunity for local people which would deliver new funding to the region to support job creation, economic growth, new housing and skills development.

Secondly, we are determined to deliver devolution for Doncaster and as we have discussed in this Chamber before, we need the best devolution deal for Doncaster.

Thirdly, given that the legal process has resulted in the requirement for further consultation on the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal and a delay in the election of a regional Mayor, my view is that we should also take this opportunity to explore the Yorkshire-wide devolution option put forward by West Yorkshire.

In my experience, it is best to properly consider a proposal before dismissing it out of hand. Similarly, we do not know what the outcome of the additional Sheffield City Region consultation will be, and we cannot pre-judge that consultation or ignore it.

This is the position of both Barnsley and Doncaster, and is a rational, sensible and reasonable approach to progressing devolution in our region. We are not ruling in or out either option, but giving ourselves the best chance to deliver devolution for Doncaster, and secure the best deal possible. I hope you agree with me that this is the most appropriate course of action.

We will of course wish to discuss further and I will ensure you are kept involved in the process, and should a proposal come forward, consultation would be held.

Thank you.”

Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, made the following announcement:-

“Colleagues,

All our young people deserve the very best start in life and we have been working hard, with our partners in Team Doncaster, to try and provide this in the borough.

Therefore, we welcome the Government’s announcement last week on 19th January that Doncaster had been chosen as one of six Social Mobility Opportunity Areas to share £72 million in Social Mobility Opportunity Funding.

This additional funding is intended to close the gap for those from disadvantaged areas, as well as prioritising existing DfE programmes such as Teachfirst, the National Citizens Service, the National Careers and Enterprise Company etc.

The introduction of a £3.5 million research school funded by the Education Endowment Foundation, will be a welcome addition to Doncaster. These ‘what works’ schools will focus on the development of evidence-based practice to spread expertise across the borough’s schools.

We believe that it will work well with the current partnership we have established with the ‘Partners in Learning’, our Teaching School Alliance, who are already doing some of this research work, also funded by the Education Endowment Foundation.

It was also pleasing to see that the Government has seen, and taken notice of our One Doncaster (Education Commission) report that was published in October 2016. This report highlights areas that need to be considered if we are to support all young people in the borough.

We need to ensure that we can attract and retain a high calibre of teachers, providing vocational as well as academic routes and increasing attainment levels.

The report has been thoroughly consulted upon and as the Chair of Team Doncaster, the Mayor will be launching their response at the Doncaster Ambassador’s Event on 1st February.

The good news is that we have had some great educational successes recently in Doncaster, particularly in our GCSE and A-Level results.

Last week saw the release of the confirmed GCSE results, which showed that we were the 5th most improved Local Authority area in the country for the number of young people receiving 5 or more A\* to C grades, including English and Maths.

This is heartening to see and has been contributed to by the Mayor's 'Move-on, Move Up' initiative, which provided additional weekend revision tuition in core subjects.

The Borough was also the 13th most improved in the new Attainment 8 measure. The improved partnership working with secondary academies and the work of the Teaching School Alliance, has played an important role in bringing about this achievement, which bodes well for the future.

More and more young people across the Borough are choosing to take apprenticeships and with the opening of the National College of High Speed Rail in September, this number will certainly increase.

We are now calling on the Government to show their further commitment to Doncaster by announcing the funding for a new University Technical College, which will further support our vision of a brighter future for the young people of Doncaster in ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary qualifications and skills to benefit from the increasing employment opportunities that our local businesses are creating."

60 Questions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13:-

- (A) Question from Mr. Doug Wright, 15 Chantry Close, Cantley, Doncaster, DN4 6RX, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones.

"South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

I am concerned that NHS England has failed to consult the Council on the STP. The Health/Social Care shortfall for Doncaster will be £139.5 million by 2020. No detailed financial information is available to the Council or to the public. The Plan contains no guarantee that current levels of hospital provision will be protected.

All Councillors should be concerned at the lack of information/implications of the STP which will dramatically affect the lives of Doncaster people.

Will the Mayor inform NHS England that she opposes this STP and in doing so ask for the support of all Councillors?"

The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, gave the following reply:-

"Thank you for your question Mr. Wright.

NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are the NHS' own proposals to improve services for patients. Plans are arranged across 44 geographical areas or 'footprints' which cover the whole of England. Doncaster forms part of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw STP, led by Sir Andrew Cash, the CEO of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The plans are being built in partnership with local councils, and in discussion with the communities they serve.

The published South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw STP has been shared with all Elected Members, and was discussed at the Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Board on 12th January, 2017 where I understand you raised concerns about the lack of detail provided as to where the savings would come from to make up the identified financial shortfall. You also asked for a temporary halt to the STP to enable a listening exercise to be carried out between the clinicians and the public.

At the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Board was informed about the public consultation exercise on the STP that is due to begin in February, that would be led by all the local Healthwatch providers. Councillor Glyn Jones expressed the view that the STP was still a very high level plan, in terms of its content, and there was not enough detail in the STP to allow people to come to an informed decision about the proposal. He asked to see further detail on the proposals, the results of the public consultation and the Due Regard Statement, that would identify the impacts of the STP proposals.

The Plan itself is at a very high level, and contains little or no detail as to how future changes to the NHS and social care will take place. The proposal is for a series of work streams to identify future changes and we await the implications of that work before passing comment on any individual proposals.

In relation to the STP itself, it has much to commend it, in terms of improving equality of access and quality of services for local people. However, I have significant concerns about the budget pressures which will have to be accommodated within that. I will be making those comments as part of the consultation process.

At this stage, I will neither be endorsing nor rejecting the Plan, but will continue to work alongside NHS partners to ensure the best quality of service for Doncaster residents. I look forward to receiving further detail on the proposal, the results of the public consultation and the Due Regard Statement.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.10, Mr. Wright asked the Mayor, the following supplementary question:-

“Will the Mayor and Council use their legal right to obtain undisclosed information on STP from Doncaster and Bassetlaw CCG, and inform all residents of Doncaster of the full consequences and implications of having the STP implemented. Otherwise we will find this STP with all its complexities, will strangle us and the NHS service will slowly die before us?”

In response, the Mayor stated that:-

“Mr. Wright, I share your concerns about the NHS, but I cannot endorse or reject proposals as we have to wait and see what the information is before us when it comes out.”

61 Proposals for Localised Council Tax Support for 2017/18 (the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme)

The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, presented a report to Council which sought approval of the proposals for the Localised Council Tax Support for 2017/18.

It was reported that under National Welfare reforms, from the 1st April, 2013 Council Tax Benefit was replaced by Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) and Local Authorities received considerably reduced funding from Government for the scheme. Previously, the full cost of awarding this reduction was funded by the Government.

Members noted that under the Localism agenda, Billing Authorities had to decide each year for working age claims, who was eligible for a reduction in their Council Tax and what level of support they should receive. Localised Council Tax Support was a means tested form of help to assist the most vulnerable and those who may not have the means to pay their Council Tax in Doncaster. Pensioners and other aspects of the local scheme were prescribed by the Government and the Council had no discretion in relation to these matters; with the increase in older people, there continued to be a further increase in the numbers of Pensioners qualifying for locally funded support.

It was brought to Members attention that Doncaster had a history of low Council Tax levels with the majority of properties falling in band A. In 2016/17, the Authority currently had the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest Band D Council Tax of the 91 Metropolitan and Unitary Authorities. The proposed local scheme would help to support over 27,950 of the most vulnerable and those least able to pay households in Doncaster, requiring those who could afford to pay something, pay more of the Council Tax. Of these, over 12,620 were of pension age and more than 15,330 were of working age on a low income.

The Council acknowledged the challenges facing both the Council due to cuts in Government funding and those affecting many citizens due to their low income, the cost of living challenge and wider welfare reforms which could be impacting on them. The Authority had been able this year to avoid making major changes to the scheme, avoiding reducing support further by introducing an across the board deduction which would impact on the most vulnerable and those who may not have the means to pay. Other Authorities who had introduced such schemes, were making further across the board deductions to try and make their schemes viable and balance their collection fund.

Concerns were expressed that the Authorities scheme could have come under such severe pressure that the Authority could have had to make further significant cuts. However, due to improvements in the local economy, a reduced number of working age claimants and a more buoyant tax base, it had not proved necessary to cut the scheme further for next year. The only revisions to the scheme being proposed from the 1st April, 2017 were those the Authority legally had to make under the Prescribed Requirement Regulations that were laid before Parliament on 22nd December, 2016 which came into force on the 15th January, 2017. The only other changes were to uprate some of the rates and allowances used to work out support for claims from those of working age which had been uprated in line with the Government's rates that applied to Housing Benefit, and the Authority's local scheme had stipulated that the Authority would apply this uprating on an annual basis, since it was introduced in 2013.

RESOLVED that

- (1) Council note the protection for Pensioners as a result of the annual uprating of allowances, premiums and non-dependant deductions which are

prescribed by the Government and the associated change in expenditure which is funded locally;

- (2) the Authority should uprate relevant allowances and premiums for those of working age in line with the annual uprating set by the Government and used in the current scheme, and in other forms of support including Housing Benefit. The Government has decided to freeze certain allowances for 4 years from April 2016;
- (3) the Council note that any increase in Council Tax liability for the Council, its major preceptors and local parish preceptors, will increase the cost of Local Council Tax Support. The assumptions used in the cost of the scheme are an increase of 1.95% for Doncaster's Council Tax and that of the major preceptors and parish preceptors. There is also a further 2% Council Tax increase proposed and built into the assumptions for the Social Care flexibility. The purpose of this flexibility is to increase Council Tax further to help to fund additional expenditure pressures created by the Government's changes to the National Living Wage which has a significant impact in social care contracts and some of the additional spending pressures created by an increase in older people accessing social care services. Even a further 2% additional increase in Council Tax does not cover the additional expenditure created from the national living wage;
- (4) the Equality analysis attached at Appendix 1 and Due Regard Statement, be considered as part of the decision making; and
- (5) the revised scheme, which is linked at Appendix 2 and has been amended to take into account The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, be approved. These regulations in the main are to ensure consistency with changes to social security legislation. The amendments also increase certain of the figures which are used in calculating whether a person is entitled to a reduction and the amount of that reduction. These increases relate to pensioner claims and most of the rates used in the calculation of working age claims have been frozen in line with the rates for Housing Benefit. The Regulations were issued on the 22nd December, 2016 and came into force on the 14th January, 2017 for application in the Council's revised local scheme from the 1st April, 2017.

## 62 Business Rates Local Newspaper Relief Scheme

The Council considered a report, presented by Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transportation, which sought approval to adopt a Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for Local Newspapers for implementation from 1st April, 2017.

It was reported that as part of the March 2016 budget, the Government announced that it would provide funding for Councils to award Discretionary Business Rates Relief of up to £1,500 for office space occupied by local newspapers, wholly or mainly used as office premises for journalists and reporters.

This relief will be awarded up to a maximum of one discount per local newspaper title and per property, for a period of two years from 1st April, 2017 and review subsequently, should Government extend or remove the period of reimbursement.

Business rates legislation is not being changed. Any relief awarded will be under a discretionary scheme which should be introduced with effect from the 1st April, 2017.

Although the relief was awarded under a discretionary scheme, Government had issued guidance on the types of property they think should and should not qualify for the relief. The proposed scheme mirrors the Government guidance.

Any award of discretionary relief for business rates falls under the rules for state aid and any business wanting to benefit from the relief will need to submit a declaration of any existing state aid they may be in receipt of or confirmation they are not in receipt of any other state aid.

Any relief awarded that follows the guidance is fully funded by Government so this maximises the benefit to the local newspapers without incurring any cost to the authority or its citizens.

RESOLVED that

- (1) Council adopt the policy as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) consider the awarding of relief for years 2017/18 and 2018/19 to appropriate businesses in Doncaster and review subsequently, should the Government extend the period of reimbursement; and
- (3) all applications be required to submit a State Aid declaration.

63 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2016

Dr. Rupert Suckling presented to Council the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2016. The Director of Public Health report was considered on an annual basis and was the fourth report since the Public Health function had transferred from the NHS in April 2013. The Annual Report looked in detail at the health of the residents of Doncaster, using the 2016 Health Profile produced by Public Health England and made comparisons alongside the statistics from both 2011 and 2015.

The report provided information on the recommendations identified in 2015, and outlined what progress had been made against the four main challenges as detailed below:-

- Improving children's health and wellbeing;
- Making the link between education, work and health;
- Increasing healthy life expectancy and reducing preventable health conditions; and
- Reducing inequalities in health between and within Doncaster communities.

Dr. Suckling reported that progress had been made in a number of areas over the past year which had not been predicted, with a snapshot provided on a number of improvements that had been made including the following:-



- Postnatal depression;
- Improvement in the treatment of dementia;
- Childhood obesity was falling; and
- Smoking during pregnancy was falling.

However, it was reported that there was still a lot of work to be done in a number of areas including obesity and mortality, as well as children's health as a whole, along with food and nutrition, lifestyle and healthy life expectancy.

Following his presentation of the report, Dr. Suckling afforded all Members the opportunity to make any comments or ask questions with a number of issues raised on which he endeavoured to provide a thorough response. However, further to some questions, Dr. Suckling informed the Chamber that he would provide more detailed responses to these issues outside of the meeting, particularly in relation to the following:-

- The installation of Solar Panels and issues relating to funding;
- Cancer detection rates;
- An update on the proposed closures of local Pharmacies and how this would impact on the services they provided;
- The Cumulative Impact Zones and what work could be done with Planning and Licensing in order to have a positive impact on health; and
- The possibility of making Public Health a Statutory Consultee on the Local Plan.

RESOLVED that Council note and agree to publish the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2016.

#### 64 Changes to the arrangements for the Appointment of External Auditors

Members considered a report which sought Council's approval to adopt a sector-led approach to the future appointment of the Council's external auditors. The current external audit contract, which was provided by KPMG, was due to expire in March 2018 and therefore, a decision needed to be made on how the Council appointed its external auditors.

The report identified 3 options open to the Council and explained the advantages and disadvantages of these. In summary, the 3 options were detailed as follows:-

- (1) for DMBC to appoint its own auditors;
- (2) for DMBC to join with other Authorities to appoint their external auditors; or
- (3) to participate in a sector-led national procurement approach.

Members noted that the Audit Committee had considered the 3 options in detail at its meeting on 17th November, 2016 and had agreed to support Officers' recommendation to adopt a sector-led approach. This option was most similar to the arrangement that was being replaced. However, the adoption of the sector-led alternative must be made by Council and therefore, the recommendation had been put forward by the Audit Committee for approval by Full Council.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the options for appointing external auditors from April 2018, and the advantages and disadvantages of each option, be noted; and
- (2) The Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd be appointed to negotiate on behalf of and appoint the external auditor for Doncaster Council.

65 Annual Pay Policy Statement 2017/18

Council received a report presented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, that detailed the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18. Under Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011, Local Authorities were required to prepare an Annual Pay Policy Statement which set out the Council's policy for paying staff, in particular its Chief Officers, and detailed the relationship between the highest, lowest and average paid employees in the organisation.

It was noted that the Policy Statement was a public document which was published on the Council's website each year, which clearly demonstrated a willingness to increase accountability, transparency and fairness in setting pay. It also included information about where more detailed salary information was published as part of the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts. It was reported that the same format had been used this year as in previous years.

Members' attention was drawn to the following observations:-

- There had once again been a positive reduction in the ratios this year (the ratio being how many times greater a salary was compared to the lowest salary) between the highest and lowest paid staff;
- The current ratio between the highest paid salary £149k (Chief Executive) and lowest salary £16k (living wage spot point) had reduced again from 9.36 to 1 last year to 9.14 to 1 this year, and continued to compare favourably with other Local Authorities in the local area; and
- There had also been a change in the ratio between the lowest paid and average salaries which had slightly increased from 1.41 to 1 last year to a ratio of 1.47 to 1. This increase was as a result of an increase in the average salary as part of the Council's commitment to reduce the pay difference and address low pay.

Members noted that it was not anticipated that this policy would need to be amended during the period it covered; April 2017 to March 2018. However, if circumstances dictated that a change of policy was considered to be appropriate during the year, then any amendments would be included in the following year's statement presented to Full Council.

Following consideration of the report, Members were given the opportunity to make any comments. Whilst some concerns were raised in relation to the amount being paid to Officers employed on an interim basis, the report was welcomed with appreciation voiced in relation to the adoption of the Living Wage for low paid Council employees, and the restraint of pay at the top of the scale, and it was felt, as a general rule that

Doncaster Council was well placed in comparison with other similar sized Authorities across the country.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and that the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18, be approved.

66 Overview and Scrutiny Update and Progress Report June to December, 2016

Councillor John Mounsey, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) provided Council with an update on the key areas of work carried out by OSMC and its four Standing Panels for the period June to December, 2016.

Councillor Mounsey began by conveying his thanks to all those across the Council and beyond, who had taken the time to attend meetings and engage with the Overview and Scrutiny process in order to ensure that the function continued to successfully contribute to decision making, governance and the improvement of services across the Authority.

Members noted that there continued to be a firm focus on performance monitoring and review work through OSMC and its Panels which aimed to ensure that there was greater impact on future policy development and the improvement of services. More specifically, the Regeneration and Housing and Community and Environment Panels had undertaken detailed task and finish work on a small number of important issues, and the Health and Adult Social Care Panel had continued with the work involved in undertaking the Council's Statutory Health Scrutiny Role. Finally, the Children and Young People Panel had focused its work on a number of key issues, with one example being Examination Results across the Borough.

Additionally, Councillor Mounsey informed Council that OSMC had concluded its consideration of the Mayor's draft budget and had responded to this accordingly, with meetings held in December and January to discuss the proposals thoroughly and make an informed decision on what they felt was its deliverability and implementation.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny concluded his presentation of the report by looking forward to 2017, and identified key issues that Scrutiny needed to focus on, with the following highlighted as areas of particular importance:-

- The Corporate Plan
- Children's Mental Health
- Public Health Protection Responsibilities; and
- Crime and Disorder across the Borough.

Councillor Mounsey once again thanked all Members, Officers, Partners and Stakeholders for their contributions to the Overview and Scrutiny process and invited any comments from Members of the Council in respect of the work undertaken during the last 6 months.

Following the presentation of the report, the Chair of Council invited Members to make any comments which Councillor Mounsey endeavoured to provide further clarity on.

RESOLVED that the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and its four Standing Panels for the period June to December, 2016, be noted.

67 To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor Jonathan Wood and Seconded by Councillor Cynthia Ransome, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:-

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1, a Motion was submitted by Councillor Jonathan Wood and Seconded by Councillor Cynthia Ransome:-

“Following the publication of documents making it clear our City Region political representative on ‘Transport for the North’ has been directly lobbying HS2 for an option which is not endorsed by ourselves, Barnsley or Rotherham, is it time to re-evaluate how well we are served by representation with such an obvious conflict of interest.

This Council has no confidence in Sheffield City Council's ability to represent Doncaster and the wider Sheffield Region on Transport for the North.”

The Chair afforded all Members in the Chamber, the opportunity to speak on the Motion.

An amendment to the Motion was MOVED by Councillor Rachel Hodson and Seconded by Councillor Phil Cole, to read as follows:-

“Following the publication of documents making it clear our City Region political representative on ‘Transport for the North’ has been directly lobbying HS2 for an option which is not endorsed by ourselves, Barnsley or Rotherham, is it time to re-evaluate how well we are served by representation with such an obviously potential conflict of interest?

This Council recognises the importance of transparency and clarity when SCR representatives attend Outside Bodies and calls on the Executive Director of the Sheffield City Region to review all relevant protocols regarding representation at outside bodies to ensure that its appointed representatives represent the interests of the region as a whole.”

A vote was taken on the amendment to the Motion proposed by Councillor Rachel Hodson, which was declared as follows:-

For – 46

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

On being put to the meeting, the amendment to the Motion was declared CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the Substantive Motion which was declared as follows:-

For – 46

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

On being put to the meeting, the Substantive Motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that following the publication of documents making it clear our City Region political representative on 'Transport for the North' has been directly lobbying HS2 for an option which is not endorsed by ourselves, Barnsley or Rotherham, is it time to re-evaluate how well we are served by representation with such an obviously potential conflict of interest?

This Council recognises the importance of transparency and clarity when SCR representatives attend Outside Bodies and calls on the Executive Director of the Sheffield City Region to review all relevant protocols regarding representation at outside bodies to ensure that its appointed representatives represent the interests of the region as a whole.

68 Questions by Elected Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 15.2 and 15.3:-

A. Questions on Notice

No questions on Notice from Elected Members, had been received for this meeting.

B. Questions Without Notice

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.2, the Chair accepted the following questions from Elected Members during Question Time:-

A. Questions to Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster

Q. Councillor Kevin Rodgers asked the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“Thank you Mayor Jones for the update you gave us on Devolution earlier on in the Council agenda. Why do you think the Sheffield Chamber have so totally misrepresented what Doncaster and Barnsley Councils have stated regarding the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Yorkshire proposals and have not correctly put forward what the proposal is?”

A. “Thank you, for your question Councillor Rodgers.

I am second guessing and it's wrong to second guess because you are assuming what's in someone's head. However, I want to reiterate; we shared everything that was going forward in respect of Devolution, with all Councillors, with our MPs, with our Chamber of Commerce. When I read what the Chief Executive of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce said, it was quite obvious he had not read the documentation, to actually come out and say one overall LEP and Combined Authority is wrong. No, what the proposal put forward by West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and which needs to be worked up, is that we maintain our Devolution deal along with other deals, and its one overarching Mayor. So perhaps, he hadn't got time before he was asked to comment, I don't know, but if you are going to comment on something, make sure that you have read the

actual thing that is being proposed. I find it deplorable that people do not read documentation.

I will praise our own Chamber of Commerce, who have thanked us for our openness and transparency. They will be talking to their Members and will share their comments with us. Our Chamber think that it is a very brave move and whether the Yorkshire deal can come forward or not, they would feel quite excited about it. That's their initial response this is the proper way that Chambers work; by joined up thinking and talking together and ensuring that they get the full message out there and then working together. Doncaster Chamber supported the Devolution deal for the Sheffield City Region, but they can also see the plusses for going forward Yorkshire wide.

We are looking at what can be delivered. Our Chamber always reads what we send them and are supportive when it's the right thing for the businesses of Doncaster. This is a proposal that has got to be worked up, and we are looking at one deal so that we know what's been proposed.

It's wrong for any other Council not to actually have an open mind and see what comes forward, because I am here to drive Doncaster forward. I'm here to drive our economy forward. And we do that in conjunction with many others.

So, you are asking me to guess. I can only assume that he didn't read the documentation that was actually put out there, which I assume that every one of our other Councillors have because people are supportive in general for us pursuing the concept."

Q. Councillor Nick Allen asked the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

"When Senior Officers are appointed on an Interim basis, or through an agency, and obviously we have spoken about this earlier today, do you feel if their interim basis lasts for more than a 100 days, they should still be approved by the Chief Officer's Appointments Committee?"

A. The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones gave the following response:-

"The only Chief Officer Appointment that I'm actually involved in is the Chief Executive. And therefore, I would always look to get the best we can. And when we are looking to move this Borough forward, I leave the management of the staff down to the Chief Executive."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, Councillor Nick Allen asked the following supplementary question:-

Q. "In doing that, do you have any oversight of whether we get good value for public money?"

A. The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, gave the following response:-

“I think that good value for public money has already been identified by the answer that you got from Councillor Glyn Jones. If you look at the amount, that’s within the footprint of actually appointing people in those levels of office.”

B. Questions to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Equalities

There were no questions put to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Equalities.

C. Questions to Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport

Q. Councillor R. Allan Jones asked Councillor Joe Blackham:-

“It’s my understanding that Planning have refused the application for a Care Home on Goodison Boulevard. Can you bring me up to date on that situation?”

A. Councillor Joe Blackham gave the following response:-

“If I sat on the Planning Committee I would be able to provide you with that information. It is a quasi-judicial Committee and judges each application on its own merits. I will provide you with a written reply.”

In response, Councillor R. Allan Jones stated the following:-

Q. “I apologise; I thought that it’s your Portfolio area, that’s all.

A. Councillor Joe Blackham gave the following response:-

“Planning as you know only too well, has no oversight in terms of its decision making. It is a quasi-judicial system. The Planning Committee make the decision that they felt appropriate at the time. If there is any detailed information that you want in relation to that decision, I will have it forwarded to you.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, Councillor R. Allan Jones asked the following supplementary question:-

Q. “I apologise. This is one of the problems I have got; Planning doesn’t have an oversight of this Council and it is quite clear that I have talked to both the Mayor and the Chief Executive about some aspects of Planning. The question I am asking is Cabinet made that decision to close the Care Homes and it was called-in. I am just trying to get to the point that we should all be aware that we shouldn’t be breaking the rules.”

A. Councillor Blackham gave the following response:-

“Cabinet made a recommendation. Planning Committee does not have to adhere to Executive recommendations. It’s a quasi-judicial system. They will do what they feel fit; judging every planning application on its

merits at the time that they are considering it. Nobody has oversight of that process in the purest sense; it is purely Planning Committee. I will find out some information and forward it on to you.”

Q. Councillor Nick Allen asked Councillor Joe Blackham:-

“Does the Asset Management Board feed into the Planning Committee at all?”

A. Councillor Joe Blackham gave the following response:-

“No.”

D. Questions to Councillor Tony Corden, Cabinet Member for Customer, Corporate and Trading Services

In the absence of Councillor Tony Corden, Cabinet Member for Customer, Corporate and Trading Services, the Chair of Council informed Members that any questions for Councillor Corden should be submitted in writing to the Executive Office after the meeting and a response would be provided accordingly.

E. Questions to Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

There were no questions put to Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools.

F. Questions to Councillor Pat Knight, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

Q. Councillor Paul Wray asked Councillor Pat Knight:-

“It was stated earlier by Mr. Wright that the cancer detection equipment that was on-going savings for and fund raising for, would now not be placed in Doncaster. Is it true that in actual fact it is only being postponed because of financial difficulties by the Trust? I think this is important because that fund raising is still on-going and if it was thought that it would never happen, that would affect that fund raising. Thank you.”

A. Councillor Pat Knight gave the following response:-

“Yes, it just so happens that I contacted DBH this morning and I will just read out what they sent me, because they assumed that this was to come up somewhere. DRI has one CT scanner and one SPECT scanner for both elective and emergency scans. We have undertaken some work and are now able to utilise the scanners much more effectively. Use of CT continues to grow on an average of 6% per year and so in the future we will require a further scanner. We do have the option of a mobile scanner, which we do use on site on average of 4 times a month. This can be increased to 5 times a week if the demand increases.



The radiotherapy expansion from Sheffield Teaching Hospital has been put on hold, not cancelled, whilst the need for radiotherapy levels is reviewed. The Cancer Detection Trust used to raise money for a CT scanner to aid diagnosis pathways for cancer, whilst at the same time, the Trust is developing a business case for a CT scanner adjacent to the Emergency department. There are currently no delays at all for Doncaster residents. So it has been put on hold, it's not been cancelled at all."

Q. Councillor Andy Pickering asked Councillor Pat Knight:-

"Councillor Knight, I believe that you are a member of the Board of Governors on the NHS Foundation Trust. I wonder if you can provide us with some information surrounding the Fred and Ann Green Legacy Trust; who are the Members that currently sit on the Fred and Ann Green Sub-Committee. I would be grateful if you could tell us if the minutes are a public document and if so, could you point us in the right direction for the minutes and let us know what the frequency of the meetings are?"

A. Councillor Pat Knight gave the following response:-

"Obviously, I have not got that information here with me here today, but I will look into the issue you have raised and provide you with a written response."

G. Questions to Councillor Chris McGuinness, Cabinet Member for Communities, the Voluntary Sector and Environment

Q. Councillor Cynthia Ransome asked Councillor Chris McGuinness:-

"When I asked a question at the last meeting which is recorded in the minutes, you said that you would get back to me about Fly Tipping because you had done an awful lot about it. In the meantime and I think that everybody has got this as well, there is the Street Scene and Highways Transformation 2016-18 Plan; is this the Plan that you were talking about. My next question is, I would also like to see what plans have been put in place in respect of roadside litter?"

A. Councillor Chris McGuinness gave the following response:-

"On Fly Tipping because it is the end of the calendar year, we are gathering some figures together now, so there is a plan, but I can tell you that last year, there were 130 actions taken against Fly Tippers. Normally it's between 20-40 per year, so they are going up, but I will ensure that you are provided with an update on this."

Q. Councillor John Cooke asked Councillor Chris McGuinness:-

"Going back to what Councillor R. Allan Jones was referring to in relation to this Care Home, I welcome the decision of the Planning Committee to reject it on the grounds that it is green open space and it is in breach of our UDP. But what I am more than interested in is why we were not told

of the decision being blocked. Nobody who objected to it was informed and this happens quite a lot with regard to these decisions. Also, is it the case that because it was encouraged by the Cabinet, that we are going to have to bend the rules now to get it through Planning, which I think, is quite wrong?"

A. Councillor Chris McGuinness gave the following response:-

"I am not sure why you are asking me because I don't do Planning, but it does give me a chance to say that Planning is not a Full Council function; it never has been and all planning applications have to be treated on their own merit. So we may think, or you may think that was a great idea or it was a bad idea and you will not always agree with Planning Committee and that is one of the joys of being on it and they will tell you."

To provide clarification in relation to the issue under discussion, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer, Scott Fawcus, stated that he understood that the application had not yet been considered by the Planning Committee and therefore, no decision had been made or communicated to Elected Members.

Councillor R. Allan Jones made the following comment:-

"For the Council's information, I actually spoke to the Officer in charge of that particular application. We went through all the points and that's what I was told; it would be refused because it would be on green open space and that was against the Policy."

In response, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services stated that decisions relating to Planning Applications were not within the remit/Terms of Reference of Full Council and recommendations and opinions provided by Officers of what they may or may not believe was not a matter for debate in the Chamber. Scott Fawcus confirmed that a report would be submitted to the Planning Committee in due course and for consideration by Elected Members of that Committee in accordance with normal practice.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, Councillor John Cooke asked the following supplementary question:-

Q. "Can you forward my question on to Planning then please?"

Q. Councillor Nick Allen asked Councillor Chris McGuinness:-

"I have had a number of reports from residents in my Ward about Council vehicles parking on the grass drives or just driving across them and causing all sorts of problems, with sludge on the grass, and just making a bit of a mess. I was wondering how many complaints the Council has received over the last year or so about this and if there is any advice they might give to Officers about dealing with it, so we are not causing such a mess?"

A. Councillor Chris McGuinness gave the following response:-

“I am not sure that this is my Portfolio either, but I will pass it on. As far as I am aware, I have not had or heard of any complaints; I have had no reports and I don’t know if Councillor Blackham has.”

With the agreement of the Chair of Council, Councillor David Nevett, The Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Iris Beech, addressed the Chamber:-

“As Chair of the Planning Committee, I would just like to assure the Members in the Chamber that we are our own people. We often turn over decisions that are put before us and the recommendations put before us because we do hear both sides of the story and if anyone, a Councillor or any party wishes to speak on a Motion, all they have to do is say so to the Committee Officers, and they will be able to come and speak for up to 5 minutes and all the Ward Councillors for that area can do so. As I say, we very often do over turn the recommendations, so be assured, if this comes before the Committee, we will look at it with an open mind as we always do”

H. Questions to Councillor Bill Mordue, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills, Tourism and Culture

Q. Councillor James Hart asked Councillor Bill Mordue:-

“While the majority of Doncaster can settle down and watch Netflix or whatever streaming services they choose to in the comfort of their own homes, many of our rural villages are still struggling to access broadband. I have recently been contacted by some of our residents at Loversall, a village in my Ward, who were told in early 2016 that they would have superfast broadband in the next 6 months and they are still waiting and haven’t had any contact yet. I wonder if you could speak to the stakeholders and the broadband suppliers just to see when our residents might be able to get something and maybe look at the other black hole areas of Doncaster?”

A. Councillor Bill Mordue gave the following response:-

“Thank you for your question Councillor Hart. This may come under my Portfolio; I will do what I can to get you a response.”

Q. Councillor Jonathan Wood asked Councillor Bill Mordue:-

“Bill, this does come under your Portfolio. It actually comes under a thing called Superfast South Yorkshire, which is another of these combined agencies that get created across the region to try and deliver benefits to people, but at the end of the day, end up failing a great number. In this case, it fails all those that live in rural wards. We see broadband speeds generally across the Borough, about 5-6 megabits per second. The average in rural wards is just 1. The Government policy is to say that anything less than 2 is considered a vulnerable broadband region and most of our Borough is that. Now, in terms of the fact that this is Superfast South Yorkshire, I have tried to figure out who holds our seat

on this and we do have a seat, but nobody can confirm in this Authority who that is. So my first question is, do you know who sits on Superfast Broadband and represents us?"

A. Councillor Bill Mordue gave the following response:-

"The answer to that is no I don't."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, Councillor Jonathan Wood asked the following supplementary question:-

Q. "In relation to this, we have 2 seats. We have one seat that is held by Julie Grant who sits on a Deployment Board and we have another one, and I have a feeling I know who that is, but they have never attended a meeting and would like to ask you to investigate why we are not doing that.

With regard to the second question, Superfast South Yorkshire have the right to allow people to apply for a £300 grant from the Department of Culture Media and Affairs, who have a scheme. If you apply for that you can take care of superfast broadband by doing it by what's called 'Local Area Wi-Max'. It's like Wi-Fi and you can do it. But of course, because we have an exclusive arrangement with BT Open Reach in Doncaster, all of those applications tend to be denied. Actually, 3 were allowed, but in other places like Sheffield and in Hull and other Yorkshire regions, we see up to two and a half thousand applications succeeding. My supplementary question is simply, who sits on it. Can you assure me that they will go to that organisation and try and fix this to the extent that we are allowed to get grants, because where people can actually do it on their own, they are not allowed to because they are frustrated by the systems that they face?"

A. Councillor Bill Mordue gave the following response:-

"Thank you Councillor Wood. The reason I said no was because I knew that you already had the answer to the question that you were asking. We have discussed this before and you have obviously done a lot of work on this and are in possession of facts and information that I must admit, I wasn't aware of at the time. I have had no involvement in Superfast South Yorkshire Broadband and will take this forward and get the answers to you, if you don't already know."

I. Questions to Councillor Jane Nightingale, Cabinet Member for Housing

Q. Councillor Majid Khan asked Councillor Jane Nightingale:-

"Jane, would you like to comment on the M25 Housing interview with Radio Sheffield this morning regarding Tent City, including their allegation of the cost of hundreds of thousands of pounds?"

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

“The radio interview by M25 Housing this morning asked about how much Tent City has allegedly cost the Council. Mrs. Foster states that it has cost over a £100,000 and that isn't actually correct. I haven't got the exact figures, but it is nowhere near that amount. St Leger Homes and our own Communities Team formed our own triage service that went out; it was our own staff in their working time, who went out to engage with the homeless people. They are saying that the cost was over £100,000 for the Council which is actually incorrect.

At the moment, we are still working with these people who are both homeless and vulnerable. We obviously need to keep engaging with them, so we are working with them along with various partners. M25 are one of those that are included, as are Aspire, and there are volunteers within the community. This situation is not going to go away.

Nationally, homelessness is rising by 16%. Tent City itself is a national organisation; it has been in various Boroughs within South Yorkshire and it will keep going until obviously everything is sorted out. I do feel that some instances of the interview that Joyce Foster referred to against the Council aren't quite right. Two years ago these services were subject to a tender process which Riverside won over M25. We have not cut any funding to M25. They did make an approach during the Tent City situation with offers, but obviously they wanted money whereas we could provide that service ourselves with our partners as a Team in Doncaster.”

A. Councillor Chris McGuinness provided the following information:-

“I think that some things do need to be said. I was really disappointed. If anyone hasn't seen that statement from M25, it is 3 pages long and you really should look at it. There are some things in there that gives me chance to say this; it describes Tent City as a poor outcome. There were Council staff and staff across St Leger Homes who worked extraordinary hours, all times of the day and night to deal with that. I find the response astonishing. And during the interview this morning, it was claimed that at the moment in Doncaster, on any given particular day, there are between 70 and 90 homeless people in Doncaster.

If you go on the BBC's website today, they have released the figures. Officially 9 rough sleepers is how it was described on the BBC in 2015 and 13 last year. On Tent City, there were 86 people on and off, because it went up and down. Some were from the Midlands, some were from the North West as it moved on, and some were from the North East. Of the 86 people, 11 were definitely not homeless, people came and went. 72 people were assessed, 14 didn't take up any offer of assessment. 46 accepted accommodation. Some people simply left and went off again.

It was not straightforward as people believe. And for some people to say that 90 people were homeless on any given day in Doncaster; it's certainly higher than the combined figure for Leeds and Sheffield. It is probably higher than the combined figures for Leeds, Sheffield and York. It's an astonishing figure. And I just think that there was a question

about legal action being taken. My role was on the edge of it, because we didn't see it as being an enforcement issue, we saw it as a homelessness issue. It was the organisers who set an end date for it. And it was the organisers who worked towards the end date. The only legal action that was established was to make sure that there was a clear cut off date on that day."

Q. Councillor Nick Allen asked Councillor Jane Nightingale:-

"Great minds think alike. I was going to ask about the M25 interview too, but I would like to know if we can have a breakdown of the true costs to the Council and St Leger Homes of Tent City? I refer you to the question and answer at the last Council meeting about Tent City. It seems that we have moved on a great deal from there at that stage, so well done."

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

"I have got a breakdown of costs and everything that M25 wanted and the £69,000 that Joyce quoted this morning and a breakdown of what that was for. She was going to employ new staff and create new accommodation, but she wanted the Council to pay for it. I have not got an issue with that Councillor Allen, I can provide you with how many people we engaged with, how many people we homed, how many people are in temporary accommodation. We have that information and you can have that. If anybody wants this information, just drop me an email and let me know; I will provide that information fully to you."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, Councillor Nick Allen asked the following supplementary question:-

Q. "I think somewhere else it was mentioned that 11 of the 86 were not actually properly homeless. What do you feel about people who aren't actually homeless, who are nevertheless trying to exploit that vulnerability. Do you feel it was for political reasons maybe or something like that?!"

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

"All I was made aware of was that some people who were staying in Tent City were not homeless. They had got tenancies in other areas of the Borough, for example in Rossington and obviously were staying there because they did not like that tenancy, they wanted to move. So they thought that if they came to Tent City and stayed there, and said that they were homeless, they would be picked up. We have a statutory homelessness policy which we have to work through and with that an assessment is done and people have to meet a certain criteria, they didn't meet that and had to go back."

Q. Councillor Nigel Ball asked Councillor Jane Nightingale:-

"I think the question was disturbing and irresponsible. Irrespective of why people were there, there is a myriad of complex issues why they have become homeless. People become homeless if they have lost their

jobs, personal breakdown, anything. I'm sure the Portfolio Holder will agree with me that it is wrong to label these people.

Some are suffering from mental health issues and I think the comments coming forward don't recognise that. The Portfolio Holder will accept the complex needs these people have and it is nothing to do with exploiting the situation, it is where they are in their lives at the current time."

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

"I fully agree that they have chaotic needs and this is for various reasons. Obviously, we need to speak to them and help as much as we can whether this is to help them find a home or for medical assistance; we are there for them. St Leger Homes and the Community Teams headed by Pat Hagan and Karen Johnson worked tirelessly, worked long hours and gained their trust. They engaged with the people so they felt safe and let us help them. It was a big project and we have been out there late at night and in the early hours of the morning, doing different things."

Q. Councillor Phil Cole asked Councillor Jane Nightingale:-

"Councillor Nightingale, there are clearly huge differences between homeless needs, whether it be to overcrowding, rough sleeping or political protest. On housing problems in the Borough, Members have discreetly touched on them, but is it worth holding a Seminar for Elected Members to look at this further? There is a huge difference for example between mental health issues and drug problems which both result in people ending up on the street and it is a question of how we address this problem."

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

"It will be no problem to set that up through Member Support. I will work with Councillor Knight, as part of her role with Health and Wellbeing, and any other Members who can help in order to get the appropriate people involved.

However, if we do set it up, I hope that Elected Members will please attend."

Councillor Jane Cox stated that:-

"Having worked with homeless people and the people being talked about in the Chamber today, for many years we're in danger of making assumptions about people you don't know. I could walk you around Doncaster and introduce you to a number of homeless who already have tenancies, but it is their choice, I work with people year after year who choose to live like this and there is nothing that can be done about it. People sit here and speak of things they know nothing about and if they actually went out there and spoke to people, they may have a better understanding."

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

“Councillor Cox is absolutely right, we need to speak to them and that’s what I have been doing, late at night, early hours of the morning, we have been out there, doing different things, engage with them, but you’ve got to gain their trust and confidence.”

Councillor Jane Cox stated that:-

“I agree with Councillor Nightingale, and it wasn’t aimed at her, more at others who think they know what’s going on.”

Q. Councillor Paul Wray asked Councillor Jane Nightingale:-

“There was a question from a Member about whether we could have a conference on this; we have just had one. Members were invited to a Seminar which was organised by the partners that are working against homelessness and it was at the Hub on 1st December, 2016. People were invited to that.

As Chair of the Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel, we have looked in depth at the problems regarding homelessness and I can reassure this Chamber that things are on track to actually try and reduce homelessness; it’s working in partnership and as I have mentioned before, it’s looking at the problems these individuals have to try and resolve them, but it is also coming up with a strategy to keep them in their properties. A lot of these individuals are given a property, but they can’t maintain these tenancies and they end up back on the streets again. So, a lot of work is being done to combat that and I can give you confidence that we are going in the right direction.

However, due to the austerity measures that we are in the middle of, this is why we are getting the increase in homelessness and people sleeping on the streets. There are other things happening in the system, for instance, emergency accommodation and half way houses, and things like that; it is not in their interest to quickly move these people on as we would want them to do. I would ask the Portfolio Holder to confirm what I have just said that we do have an active programme to tackle homelessness in this Town?”

A. Councillor Jane Nightingale gave the following response:-

“Yes, obviously. I have a document relating to the issue of homelessness and I will ensure that all Members receive a copy. In addition, I will obviously speak to Officers and see what we can do in relation to the issues raised by Members this afternoon.”

J. Questions to Councillor John Mounsey, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

There were no questions put to Councillor John Mounsey, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.



69 To receive the Minutes of the following Joint Authorities:-

RESOLVED that the Minutes and Briefing Notes of the following Joint Authorities, be noted:-

- A. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 28th October, 2016;
- B. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 24th October and 5th December, 2016;
- C. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 17th October and 28th November, 2016, and Section 41 Briefing Notes for December 2016 and January 2017; and
- D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 24th November, 2016.

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