



Labour and Green Co-operation Agreement Sheffield City Council

This Agreement is dated 19 May 2021 and is made between the Labour and Green political groups elected as Members of Sheffield City Council

This is an agreement for the 2021/22 municipal year and will therefore come to an end at the AGM in May 2022 unless extended by agreement of both parties.

This Agreement has been drawn up following detailed discussions between the two groups.

The Green and Labour Groups acknowledge that no party has an overall majority on Sheffield City Council and this requires a new way of working to be established between the parties. Both groups are committed to working in an open, inclusive and democratic way and ensuring the council has stability and effective leadership.

In order to support this and reflecting the decision of the people of Sheffield in the governance referendum, a politically proportionate transition committee model has been introduced and will be piloted to enable a new way of working in the council which will facilitate the transition to the committee system.

Both parties will support the appointment of Terry Fox as Leader of the Council, Julie Grocutt as Deputy Leader of the Council and the appointment of five Labour and three Green Executive Members (designed to represent political proportionality). Whilst the Liberal Democrats declined to join the Executive. If they were to reconsider this decision, then they will get three seats, two to be offered by Labour and one offered by the Greens

Both parties will work together in the interests of Sheffield.

In order to secure the city's recovery we will:

- Implement the new Local Area Committees, giving power back to our communities;
- Introduce a new approach to community safety with additional safer neighbourhood wardens;
- Provide additional investment in our young people;
- Support the recovery of our district centres;
- Implement the recommendations in the Arup report dated 19 March to create a pathway to deliver the shared ambition for net zero; and
- Appoint an independent person to conduct a local non-statutory inquiry into the management of the street trees dispute.

Both parties agree:

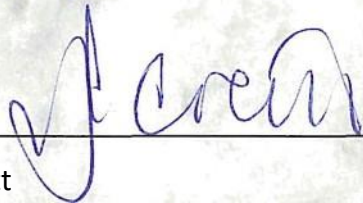
- A commitment to deal with each other fairly and honestly
- To recognise that this is a new way of working that has not been experienced in Sheffield before
- To recognise that all parties, officers and the public will take time to get used to a new style of governance
- To recognise that mistakes will be made and to address these respectfully
- Always to act in the best interests of the residents of the city
- To develop a new system to manage council business, taking account of the new working arrangements. This should ensure:
 - All Cabinet briefings are open to both parties;
 - All papers going to Cabinet are fully shared with both parties before the agenda is published;
 - All Council communications in relation to executive decisions are cleared by both parties before issue; and
 - Consensus is sought wherever possible and a mechanism will be established between the leadership of both groups to resolve any issues that may arise.

A programme of meetings will be planned to facilitate discussions on the budget. It is the full intention to reach a consensus on the Council's 2022/23 Budget and Housing Revenue Account

Signed on behalf of the Labour Group

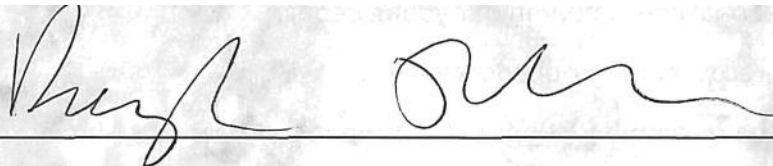


Councillor Terry Fox



Councillor Julie Grocutt

Signed on behalf of the Green Group



Councillor Douglas Johnson



Councillor Alison Teal