

There are good ideas in all of these budget proposals but due to our skewed electoral system only one set of them will be voted through. Yet, even within this outdated electoral system, with a modern committee system all these ideas could be discussed at the same time with the best ones being put into practice. Furthermore, without the limit on amendments we could have split the amendments into separate parts so some of the parts had a chance to be passed.

The systems we use here are preventing Sheffield getting the best from it's council. In May Sheffielders will have, not only the opportunity to change the way the council works, but also to remove Labour's majority and leave us with no overall control. This could be the saving of our city as cooperative, collaborative politics becomes essential and everyone will have to work together for the common good.

While having much that I would support, I will state that the Lib Dems are the only party who *claim* to be the only party with a plan to address the climate crisis and that plan seems to be largely extracted from previous Green budget amendments! You're welcome!

Introduced last year after the best part of a decade of campaigning by Greens, webcasting has changed the way people can view meetings. It has opened up the all-too-often closed doors discussions of committees, as well as full council meetings. With archiving comes the great resource of previous webcast meetings, where we can look back at what was said, to hold people to account and keep a record of any information raised. However, this week, when seeking out the video of a Scrutiny committee in the summer, to look again at what was said regarding the CAZ, I was horrified to discover the link had expired, and in fact all web archives over six months old had disappeared! This cleansing of the record goes against everything webcasting was set up to do. Along with the rather unfortunate removal of the archives at the Sheffield Star, we are left with very little evidence of what was said by members and officers. I see no problem in all webcasts being uploaded to Youtube or similar platforms if the council doesn't want to provide full transparency itself.

I am shocked to see that despite the huge controversy over the Streets Ahead contract, the poor value for money and the defiant defence of it's secrets and practices by this administration, they are now planning on subsidising street cleaning services that are already paid for with the Streets Ahead contract. A contract that has risen in cost by over £1 million this year.

I have to comment on the plans to clear the council bank account by the current administration before they lose their majority. Why have they shown no interest in investing the Community Infrastructure Levy or New Homes Bonus in communities over the last five years? Why such a hurry now?

It's upsetting to see so many job cuts in the Labour amendment and it's disappointing to hear their leader spin pay cuts for the highest earners in the Green amendment, into something it clearly isn't.

I sincerely hope that we can develop a way to work where the best ideas are put into practice, no matter who suggests it. Where power is shared and all members can work for the betterment of Sheffield.