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## CITY COUNCIL - SUPPLEMENT

Monday 22 July 2013

2pm

Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

### Members:

Councillor Mrs Pengelly, Chair

Councillor Churchill, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Casey, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Morris, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker, Penberthy, Rennie, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins, Williams and Wright.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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# CITY COUNCIL

## II. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

To consider motions from councillors in accordance with Part B, paragraph 14 of the Constitution.

- (a) Fire Cover in Plymouth **(Pages 1 - 2)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Tudor Evans and seconded by Councillor Ted Fry.
- (b) UK Strategic Transport Corridor **(Pages 3 - 4)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Tudor Evans and seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.
- (c) Camels Head Waste Water Treatment Works **(Pages 5 - 6)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Tudor Evans and seconded by Councillor Mark Coker.
- (d) Opposition to the Process of Privatisation taking place within the Royal Mail **(Pages 7 - 8)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Bill Stevens and seconded by Councillor Jon Taylor.
- (e) Happy Birthday NHS **(Pages 9 - 10)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Philippa Davey and seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.
- (f) Supporting the Financial Transaction Tax **(Pages 11 - 12)**  
To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Nicky Williams and seconded by Councillor Chris Penberthy.

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**MOTION ON NOTICE****FIRE COVER IN PLYMOUTH**

Council believes that the proposals by D&SFA to cut fire cover in the City are unacceptable. The suggestion by Councillor Healey that Plymouth taxpayers pay twice to maintain current levels of service must be resisted.

**Proposed by Councillor** - Tudor Evans

**Seconded by Councillor** – Ted Fry

**Dated** – 8 July 2013

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## **MOTION ON NOTICE**

### **UK STRATEGIC TRANSPORT CORRIDOR**

Council believes Plymouth should be on the UK Strategic Transport Corridor and will campaign to this end.

**Proposed by Councillor** - Tudor Evans

**Seconded by Councillor** – Peter Smith

**Dated** – 8 July 2013

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**MOTION ON NOTICE****CAMELS HEAD WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

The Council is extremely concerned about the recurrence of odour issues at the Camels Head Waste Water Treatment Works.

We welcome the repairs to the screening system that commenced last week and the planned for investment of £4M to replace the old tanks with modern ones in 2015 and urge SWW to ensure that this investment is made at the very start of their 2015 -20 investment programme.

Council officers will work with SWW to deliver these improvements but as a city council we will be prepared to use our legal powers to resolve any odour issues affecting the local community both now and until a permanent modern solution is provided.

**Proposed by Councillor** - Tudor Evans

**Seconded by Councillor** – Mark Coker

**Dated** – 12 July 2013

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**MOTION ON NOTICE****OPPOSITION TO THE PROCESS OF PRIVATISATION TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE ROYAL MAIL**

Plymouth City Council wishes to place on record its opposition to the process of privatisation taking place within the Royal Mail and the threat to the 'six day, one price goes anywhere' delivery. These proposals will lead to higher prices and a worse service for Plymouth residents.

Unjustified closures of Post Offices will have a detrimental impact on the local economy and result in the loss of true community facilities.

Council officers will convey these views to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills seeking assurances that services in Plymouth will be protected and request Plymouth's Members of Parliament to oppose the sell-off of Royal Mail.

**Proposed by Councillor** – Bill Stevens

**Seconded by Councillor** – Jon Taylor

**Dated** – 15 July 2013

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# **CITY COUNCIL**

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## **MOTION ON NOTICE**

### **Happy Birthday National Health Service**

This council wishes to offer its congratulations to the NHS on celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Proposed by Councillor**

*Philippa Davey*

**Seconded by Councillor**

*Peter Smith*

**Dated**

**Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX (FTT)

#### Council notes that:

- Local government has seen massive real term cuts in central grant funding under the Coalition over the last few years. The June 2013 Comprehensive Spending Review places further extreme pressure on public sector budgets for the foreseeable future;
- Many of these cuts have had a direct detrimental impact on the City's most vulnerable and needy residents. For example, the introduction of a local Council Tax Support scheme, with less funding, providing less benefit to those people who are struggling to pay their daily living expenses;
- There are better, and fairer, ways of generating central government revenue that will ease the need to squeeze local government to the point of crippling front line services and vital support to our citizens;
- Extending the current Financial Transaction Tax, (FTT), on shares to other asset classes such as bonds and derivatives could raise £20bn of additional revenue in the UK a year;
- At least 11 European nations including France, Germany, Italy and Spain are moving ahead with FTTs on shares, bonds and derivatives estimated to raise £30bn a year.

#### Council believes that:

- Revenues from the FTT could help repair the damage caused by cuts in public services since 2010 and that;
- Local government deserves to receive a significant proportion of FTT revenues, making an important contribution to both capital and revenue expenditure such as reversing cuts to council tax benefits;

#### Council motion:

This council notes the suffering forced upon local residents as a result of this Coalition government's cuts programme and asserts that there is an alternative to its ideologically driven attack on public services – namely the levy of a financial transaction tax on the speculative activities that have accelerated the recent enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many. The council therefore calls upon Government to enact the FTT and use the revenues from this measure to reverse on-going shrinkage in central grants to our council and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor to this effect.

**Proposed by Councillor**

Cllr Nicky Williams

**Seconded by Councillor**

Cllr Chris Penberthy

**Dated**

15 July 2013