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## CITY COUNCIL SUPPLEMENT

Monday 27 January 2014

2.00 pm

Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

### Members:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pengelly, Chair

The Deputy Lord Mayor, 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, Wogens, Williams and Wright.

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach for your attention two motions on notice received for consideration at the Council meeting under agenda item 14.

**Tracey Lee**

Chief Executive

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I – PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

(a) **Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27 January 2014**

Proposed by Councillor Penberthy and seconded by Councillor Philippa Davey;

(b) **Public Health Settlement – Plymouth**

Proposed by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Evans.

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY – Monday 27 January 2014

Council recognises that the Holocaust shook the foundations of modern civilisation. Council believes that we must make sure that everyone especially future generations understands the causes of the Holocaust and reflects upon its consequences and lessons for today.

Council notes that -

- Holocaust Memorial Day was established in the UK in 2001. It remembers and honours all the victims and survivors of the Holocaust under Nazi persecution and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo and Darfur.
- Six million Jewish men, women and children perished in ghettos, mass-shootings, and concentration and extermination camps before any survivors were liberated by allied troops in 1945.
- Nearly half a million Gypsies and Travellers were also registered, sterilised and then deported to concentration camps by the Nazi's in an event they call the Porajmos (the 'devouring').
- Similar fates met gay men, lesbians and transgendered and disabled people. Between 1933 and 1945, an estimated 100,000 men were arrested as homosexuals, of whom some 50,000 were officially sentenced with 15,000 incarcerated within concentration camps. Figures in relation to lesbians and transgendered people are not known. An estimated 200,000 disabled people were killed by the Nazis.

Over a thousand events will be taking place around the UK today, on Holocaust Memorial Day; and attending these will be Holocaust survivors. Locally, Solly Irving, a holocaust survivor is undertaking his annual visits to our schools to talk about his experiences as well as speaking at a public event in Crownhill. We held our Civic commemorative event yesterday at Mount Edgcombe and today there is a daylong exhibition in the University attended by many of our school children.

We, as a Council, recognise the significance of Holocaust Memorial Day as an opportunity for us all to remember the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. We are grateful that it also gives us the chance to pay tribute to those who survived and to ensure we remain aware of what can happen if prejudice, discrimination and hatred go unchallenged.

Plymouth City Council therefore resolves to –

- (1) promote the importance of today's and future Holocaust Memorial Days and to support annual commemorative events within our city.

- (2) foster a shared responsibility to create a better present and future for all by recognising that humanity is still scarred by the belief that race, religion, disability or sexuality makes some people's lives worth less than others.
- (3) support the development and promotion of Plymouth's Welcoming City plan.
- (4) take a stand against genocide, anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, hate crimes and discrimination.

**Proposed by Councillor Penberthy**

**Seconded by Councillor Philippa Davey**

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEALTH SETTLEMENT - PLYMOUTH

The health profiles recently published by Public Health England show the scale of the challenge that faces us in Plymouth. Only 4 of the 32 indicators are green and for 18 the situation in Plymouth is significantly worse than the national average.

We are currently attempting to address these serious public health issues with an allocation (in 2013/14) of £43 per head. This compares to the Public Health England (PHE) target figure of £55 per head. We are underfunded by £12 per head this year. Plymouth's funding situation will not improve significantly in 2014/15 as we will still be underfunded by £11 per head (£47 allocation compared to the PHE £58 target). Even with the two annual 10% uplifts our closing distance from target figure will be minus 19.6% in 2014/15.

When compared with our Office of National Statistics comparators, Plymouth's poor settlement situation becomes even more apparent. As already stated, in 2014/15 our per head allocation will be £47. This compares with, for example, Portsmouth £77, Brighton and Hove £67, Bristol £66 and Southampton £62. The Public Health England Profiles for these areas reveals that their health indicators appear to be more favourable than those of Plymouth.

The People of Plymouth deserve the best of health and to support this we need fair funding for public health.

We therefore call upon this Council to request that the Leader of the Council write to the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health and to the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Public Health, Jane Ellison MP to request a meeting with us and our MPs to ensure this funding shortfall is rectified as a matter of urgency.

In addition the Chief Executive seeks an urgent meeting with Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of Public Health England to discuss the matter.

**Proposed by Councillor McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor Evans**

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