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CITY COUNCIL ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday 26 January 2015

2.00 pm

Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Fox, Chair

Councillor Murphy, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Downie, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Dr. Salter, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Sparling, Stark, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Wigans.

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

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Order of Proceedings

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE LIST**

The Head of Legal Services will draw the attention of councillors and the public to the following including the fire and emergency procedures as printed below -

FIRE, EMERGENCY AND OTHER PROCEDURES

Would you please note that –

- Toilets are situated at the front of the Council House at the foot of the stairs.
- If the fire alarm sounds, make your way immediately out of the public gallery through the exit at the back (the door through which you entered). For those in the Council Chamber the exit is through the doors at the back of the Chamber and down the stairs to the front of the Council House. The assembly area is to the right as you exit the Council House. For the mobility impaired, the assembly point is directly in front of the Council House car park.
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- Plymouth City Council believes in openness and transparency. Anyone who wishes to report on our public meeting will be welcome and the meeting may be filmed, recorded or photographed.
- As the meeting is webcast, it is likely that your image will be captured by the cameras and will be broadcast. This may infringe your Human Rights and if any members of the public wish to avoid this, you should inform a council officer.
- Finally please can I ask everyone to ensure that their phone or other mobile devices are switched off or set to silent during the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillors

2 MINUTES

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The Lord Mayor will move that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 24 November 2014 are approved.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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The Head of Legal Services will invite councillors to make any declarations of interest relevant to today's meeting.

Councillors are reminded that an interest may be a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

In declaring a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest, councillors are advised that they must also declare the nature of that interest.

4 **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES ETC**

The City Council is asked to consider the following appointment –

	Committees and Other Bodies	Membership	Appointments 2014/15
(a)	Health and WellBeing Board	The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People The lead opposition member for health The Director of Public Health The Strategic Director for People One representative from the Clinical Commissioning Groups One representative of the local Healthwatch	Assistant Director for Learning and Communities as an additional member

5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Lord Mayor

- Former Devon County Councillor Norman Mallett
- Recent Events in France
- Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 – 27 January 2015
- Individual electoral registration – make sure you register to vote
- Lesa Annear, Strategic Director for Transformation and Change
- Loo of the Year Awards

Chief Executive, Assistant Director for Finance, Head of Legal Services

The Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees

6 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters which, in the opinion of the Lord Mayor, are relevant to the business of the meeting in accordance with paragraph 10 of the constitution.

There are three questions for today's meeting.

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q11/ 14-15	Mr Sharpe	Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader)	Plymstock Swimming Pool: comments received
Please could it be disclosed how many comments (of any type) the City Council has received from January 2014 until now on the subject of a Plymstock Swimming Pool and Site.			
Response: Twenty nine, including comments received on Downham School site.			

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q12/ 14-15	Mr Williams	Councillor Lowry (Cabinet member for Finance)	Magistrates' Court hearings for non-payment of Council Tax
Why does the Authority actively dissuade Council Tax payers summoned to the Magistrates' Court from attending their actual court hearing? Is it because the Authority believes that it will much more likely be awarded full costs from the Court if the tax payer fails to attend, and thus gain income?			
Response: Court proceedings for non-payment of Council Tax are used as a last resort and are certainly not used as a method for increasing income. We do not actively dissuade people from attending court in person. The majority of queries from customers who have received a summons for non-payment of council tax are around reasons they have not paid on time or about payment terms. We do advise customers that these issues are unlikely to affect the Magistrate's decision.			

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q13/ 14-15	Mr Morris	Councillor Lowry (Cabinet member for Finance)	Failure to pay Council Tax - court summons
<p>According to a report in the Herald, more than 15,000 court summons have been issued this financial year.</p> <p>How many hundreds of thousands of pounds have been added to the individuals' indebtedness to the Council as a consequence?</p>			
<p>Response:</p> <p>It is not correct that 'many hundreds of thousands of pounds' has been added to debts of people who haven't paid their council tax.</p> <p>If someone receives a court summons for not paying their Council Tax there is an additional charge of £40.</p> <p>This charge means that residents who pay their Council Tax on time do not have to pay for those who haven't.</p> <p>The Council has issued 16,911 summons in 2014/15.</p>			

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

7 City Deal South Yard Proposals

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The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Evans (Council Leader) to present the proposal to accept the City Deal funding towards the creation of a South Yard Marine Industries Production Campus. (Cabinet minute 102 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to accept the funding offered as part of the City Deal Agreement (dated 31 January 2014) towards the creation of a South Yard Marine Industries Production Campus ie: Department for Communities and Local Government grant of £8m, a £5m loan from the Local Enterprise Partnership (Growing Places) and a loan of up to £1m from the Ministry of Defence.

8. Council Tax Base Setting 2015/16 and Council Tax Support PAGES 63 – 70 Scheme 2015/16

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) to present the proposals for the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 tax setting and the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2015/16. (Cabinet minute 114 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to approve –

- (1) the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 Tax Setting as 68,460 Band D equivalents, which is the tax base after allowing for an estimated collection rate of 98.5%;
- (2) the 2014/15 Council Tax Support scheme continuing for the 2015/16 financial year and that all elements of the scheme remain the same.

**9. Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee: PAGES 71 – 130
Business Plan 2015/19 and 2015/16 Revenue Estimates
and Capital Programme**

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Transport) to present the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's Business Plan 2015/19 and 2015/16 Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme. (Cabinet minute 116 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to approve –

- (1) the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's 2015-2019 Business Plan 2015 – 2019 (as amended by minute 28 of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee);
- (2) the 2015/16 Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme as submitted.

**10. Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee: PAGES 131 – 152
Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 Discretionary
Policy**

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Transport) to present the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 Discretionary Policy. (Cabinet minute 117 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to approve the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 Discretions Policy.

11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16 PAGES 153 – 164

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) to propose the recommendations in the report of Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) on the Pay Policy Statement 2015/16.

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to –

- (1) approve the Pay Policy Statement 2015/16;
- (2) apply for Living Wage accreditation.

12. APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER **PAGES 165 – 168**

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) to propose the recommendation in the report of Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) on the appointment of a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

The Lord Mayor will invite the City Council to appoint the Assistant Director and Head of Legal Services, David Shepperd, as the Deputy Electoral Registration Officer with full powers.

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There are no motions for consideration.

14. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs covering aspects for their areas of responsibility or concern by councillors in accordance with Part B, paragraph 12 of the Constitution, on the basis of one minute for the question and two minutes for the reply. The same for supplementary questions.

(Note: There is a 45 minute time limit on this item)