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## **CITY COUNCIL - SUPPLEMENT**

Monday 25 January 2016  
2 pm  
Council House, Plymouth

**Members:**

Councillor Dr. Mahony, Chair

Councillor Ball, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Dr. Salter, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Wiggins.

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach a motion on notice for consideration under agenda item 12b and 12c.

**Tracey Lee**

Chief Executive

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I – PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

12(b) Habitable Private Rented Homes **(Pages 1 - 2)**

12(c) Junior Doctors **(Pages 3 - 4)**

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## **MOTION ON NOTICE – HABITABLE PRIVATE RENTED HOMES**

This council notes the passing of the Housing and Planning Bill through its Third Reading on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

This council expresses deep concern that the three Members of Parliament representing Plymouth (Oliver Colvile, Jonny Mercer and Gary Streeter) voted against proposed new rules requiring private sector landlords to ensure that their properties are fit for human habitation.

Private Sector homes in Plymouth make up approximately 20% of all housing stock in the city and in the 2010 stock condition survey 37.2% failed to meet the decent homes standard with a lack of affordable heating amongst the many problems.

This council has endorsed the findings of the Plymouth Fairness Commission, including those calling for improvements in the city's private rented sector housing. This council has adopted the current administration's pledge 30 to support this and has produced the Plan for Private Rented Housing as a response to the Plymouth Charter for Private Rented Housing. This part of the Housing and Planning Bill would have supported the great work we are doing in the city and gone some way to helping eradicate poor quality accommodation for all.

This council resolves to:

- 1) Write to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning, Brandon Lewis MP, and our Members of Parliament expressing our concerns that they voted against new rules requiring Private Sector Landlords to ensure their properties are fit for human habitation.
- 2) Continue to champion the Private Rented Charter in Plymouth and to work with Private Sector Landlords, Property Owners, Letting agents, and the Voluntary and Community Sector to improve the standards of Private Rented Homes across the City.

Further this council:

- 3) Calls on all of Plymouth's Private Sector Landlords to ensure that their properties are fit for human habitation and complies with all legislative requirements and to seek advice if they are unsure what this entails.
- 4) Encourages all of Plymouth's Private Sector Landlords to join a recognised Landlords Association.

**Proposed by Councillor Kate Taylor**

**Seconded by Councillor Chris Penberthy**

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### **MOTION ON NOTICE – JUNIOR DOCTORS**

Plymouth City Council reaffirms our support for a world class National Health Service, free at the point of use, with high quality care and safety standards and a justly recognised and rewarded body of staff.

We deplore the heavy handed approach of the Conservative government in negotiations with Junior Doctors and their subsequent threat to impose a uniform contract described by the British Medical Association as "unsafe and unfair" and "bad for patients, bad for junior doctors and bad for the NHS." Measures such as the reduction in pay for working anti-social hours and the removal of the GP Trainee Supplement will be bad news for health care in Plymouth and could lead to a worrying reduction in coverage as Doctors are forced to work abroad instead.

Noting the overwhelming support for Junior Doctors in Plymouth, we call upon our Conservative Members of Parliament to join us in calling for the Government to resume meaningful talks and ensure Junior Doctors are rightly recognised with a just pay and reward system reflecting their vital role at the heart of the National Health Service.

**Proposed by Councillor: Councillor Stevens**

**Seconded by Councillor: Councillor Kate Taylor**

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