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CITY COUNCIL

Monday 21 March 2016
2pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Dr. Mahony, Chair
Councillor Ball, Vice Chair

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

Please find attached supplementary reports in relation to item 9 on your agenda 'Motions on Notice'

Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

City Council

9. Motions on Notice

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

9a. Trident Replacement Programme **(Pages 1 - 2)**

9b. Crown Status of the Post Office **(Pages 3 - 4)**

9c. Hospital Parking Charges **(Pages 5 - 6)**

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council date 21 March 2016

**Trident replacement programme**

On 23 November 2015 this Council resolved to ask the Chief Executive to write to all national political parties to establish their policy in relation to the replacement of the current Vanguard-class ballistic submarine fleet.

By 14 March 2016 three responses had been received. The Conservative Party and Ulster Unionist Party indicated their support for the replacement programme, whilst the Liberal Democrats did not support the proposal.

This Council records its disappointment over the lack of any response from the Leader of the Labour Party given the major importance of the Dockyard and Naval Base to the local economy of Plymouth and all of its people.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write once again to ask for an urgent reply from the Leader of the Labour Party, pointing out that the people of Plymouth require clarity over this issue in order to make an informed decision at the local election on 5 May

Proposed by Councillor Ian Bowyer

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Nicholson

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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**Crown Status of Post Office**

This Council notes with great concern that St Andrew Cross Crown Post Office is planned to be franchised into another Business. This Council believes that a City Centre the size of Plymouth is fully deserving of a Post Office of Crown status, staffed by highly skilled and experienced post office employees. Furthermore, this Council believes that this move would have a negative impact on the City Centre, and a detrimental effect on postal services being offered to the Plymouth public.

Consequently, this Council wishes to express its opposition to the Post Office's plan, and calls upon them to reverse their decision.

Proposed by Councillor Ian Tuffin

Seconded by Councillor Sue McDonald

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**Hospital Parking Charges**

As the National Health Service (NHS) was founded on the principle of access based on need and not an individual's ability to pay, Plymouth City Council notes with sadness that the Conservative Government has repeatedly failed to intervene to scrap hospital car parking charges. This failure has led to hospitals hiking up parking charges to plug gaps created by the Conservative Government's cuts to the NHS.

Plymouth City Council believes this is little more than a stealth tax on the sick and their families causing financial hardship for many in Plymouth, especially those who have to visit hospital regularly for treatment or get to their workplace. There are direct consequences too for neighbourhoods close by such as Derriford, Thornhill and Estover as staff avoid unaffordable parking charges by parking in surrounding areas causing problems for residents.

We therefore call on the Government to scrap hospital parking charges immediately for patients, carers and staff, so Plymothians can have access to free hospital parking which is already available elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Proposed by Councillor Jon Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Bill Stevens

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