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CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 17 September 2018
2 pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Sam Davey, Chair

Councillor Mavin, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, K Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, P Smith, R Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter.

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

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Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

City Council

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**Adoption of Motor Neurone Disease Charter****This Council Notes that -**

Many Council services affect people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and their carers; in particular housing adaptations through Disabled Facility Grants, Housing Benefits and Council Tax reductions. Other services may include waste and recycling, electoral registration and environmental health.

Delivery of these services is already highly geared to recognising the differing needs of our residents but the MND Association has produced a Charter that aims to make sure that everyone understands and respects the rights of people with MND and their carers so they are given the very best opportunity to access the support they need to live the highest quality of life possible, and achieve dignity in death.

The Charter has helped raise awareness of MND and 33,630 individuals and organisations have signed up to the Charter. The full text of the Charter can be found at <http://www.mndcharter.org/the-mnd-charter/>

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk, and eventually breathe. A person's lifetime risk of developing MND is up to one in 300. It kills around 30% of people within 12 months of diagnosis, more than 50% within two years. It affects people from all communities and it has no cure.

Therefore, it is important that people with MND receive a rapid response to their needs and good quality care and support, ensuring the highest quality of life as possible. The MND Charter serves as a tool to help make this happen.

If the Council can contribute to getting care right for MND it can make a positive difference to the lives of people with MND, their carers and their loved ones.

This City Council agrees to:

- a) Adopt the MND Charter
- b) Asks the Strategic Director for People to ensure that council services are delivered in accordance with this Charter.

Proposed – Councillor Ian Tuffin (Via Email)

Seconded - Councillor Mrs Lynda Bowyer Via Email)

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**Modern Day Slavery**

This Council notes:

- Though slavery was abolished in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Figures from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) suggest that there are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world, with nearly 25 million held in forced labour.
- There were 3,805 victims of modern slavery identified in the UK in 2016. A rising number but still well below the 10-13,000 potential victims estimated by the Home Office in 2013 or the 136,000 estimated in the Global Slavery Index 2016.
- Modern slavery is happening nationwide. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

This Council believes:

- That actions need to be taken to raise awareness of modern slavery and the fact that it is happening all over the UK.
- That councils have an important role to play in ensuring that in all areas of their work they are seeking to identify and tackle the scourge of modern slavery.
- That councils should use the power of their expenditure to ensure that their contracts and supplies don't contribute to modern slavery and exploitation.

This Council welcomes the initiative taken by the Co-operative Party to support local authorities to tackle modern slavery through procurement and the provision of a Charter to embed this in local practice; the wording of the Charter is:

Plymouth City Council will:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.

7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.

Therefore, the City Council resolves to –

- (1) To ask all Service Directors, Scrutiny Panels and Cabinet Members to examine the work of the Council for which they have responsibility or oversight to ensure that the Council works to eliminate modern slavery from Plymouth.
- (2) To adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery to ensure our procurement practices don't support modern slavery.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Penberthy

Signed:



Seconded by Councillor Ian Tuffin

Signed:



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**Proposed merger of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police**

The Chief Constables of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police with the Police and Crime Commissioners for each force area have proposed a merger of the two forces, creating the largest police force by geographical area, and the fourth largest by population of the 43 forces in the country. The decision to proceed with the merger will be made at ministerial level within the Home Office, and will require the endorsement of the Police and Crime Commissioners of both forces.

The Council's values as set out in the Council's Corporate plan are not served by the proposed merger process. The Council has committed to provide strong, democratic community leadership in decisions affecting the city, to care about the impact of the actions of others, to be open and champion fairness, and to work with partners to serve the best interests of the city and its communities.


There is insufficient evidence currently available to allow the Council to fulfil its role in advocating for the city and mitigating the potential risks of the merger.

As such, this council agrees to;

- I. Express its severe reservations to the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners of the Devon and Cornwall and Dorset police forces about the proposed merger of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset Police, specifically the proposal's failure to adequately address:
 - i. Essential practice of providing key stakeholders with full details of the proposed merger until the engagement period has concluded. This raises considerable alarm about the lack of transparency and failure to disclose key facts that would enable informed feedback from stakeholders;
 - ii. Opportunities to formally consult with key stakeholders such as Local Authorities on a process that directly impacts local areas and local communities;
 - iii. Financial modelling sufficient to justify the proposal, or to demonstrate value for money to citizens;
 - iv. Discrepancies in how additional income will be generated and allocated as a result of the merger, with specific reference to funding the proposed additional 430 police officers or staff;
 - v. Whether any increase in revenue to the proposed merged force will be reinvested back into the city's policing offer;
 - vi. Whether policing resources will be committed to meet the specific needs of urban areas such as Plymouth, given its status in the force area, and how Plymouth's policing model will be affected;
 - vii. Whether the merger will result in further reductions in neighbourhood policing, specifically Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and neighbourhood beat managers (NBM)s;
 - viii. Whether the city will remain a Basic Command Unit within the new force, and what commitments are made to the visibility of senior police staff and the Police and Crime Commissioner in the city within a greatly enlarged force area;
 - ix. The impact assessment of the merger, specifically with respect to equalities and diversity, and as a result of any potential rise in council tax payments on the city's most vulnerable residents;

- x. The failure to reference any intention to improve the condition and use of the police estate in Plymouth in line with the ambitions of a modern police force.
2. Write to both Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables requesting that they review their arrangements for consultation, endorsing the view set out in 1(i – x) above, to allow Plymouth City Council and other key stakeholders to review a business case that fully addresses all the above concerns prior to its submission to the Home Office.
3. Write to the Home Secretary expressing its severe reservations about the proposed merger between Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset Police, while highlighting the request to both Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables to review their arrangements for consultation to allow key stakeholders to review a business case that fully addresses our concerns prior to its submission to the Home Office.
4. Irrespective of the outcome of the police merger proposal, endorse the following Policing Asks for the city:
 - Investment back into neighbourhood policing, specifically the provision of more PSCOs and Neighbourhood Beat Officers;
 - Improvements are made to local 999 responses;
 - Commitment to improve the condition and use of the police estate in Plymouth in line with the ambitions of a modern police force;
 - A spend profile for Plymouth that reflects the complexity of needs and demands of policing a major urban centre;
 - Retention of the city's Basic Command Unit.

Proposed – Councillor Sally Haydon



Seconded – Councillor Ian Bowyer



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**Delivery of the Plymouth Road Junction improvements**

In 2015 Plymouth City Council was successful in securing £2.1m direct grant from the Department of Transport through the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership for Growth Deal 1 funding to deliver the Eastern Corridor Junction Improvements Programme.

The scheme is primarily focussed on renewing the existing and aging traffic signal infrastructure and equipment in use for the signal-controlled junctions along the eastern corridor including Plymouth Road in Plympton thereby increasing capacity along these arterial routes.

Delivery of the Plymouth Road improvements was scheduled to start in-the summer 2018, but following the re-election of a Labour Council this has now been unnecessarily delayed.

The City Council resolves to request the Cabinet to implement forthwith the publicly consulted and agreed scheme for Plymouth Road, its various junctions including Cot Hill and also the Merafield Road and Cot Hill junction which is vital to addressing increased traffic along Haye Road.

Proposed Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Via Email)

Seconded Councillor Terri Beer (Via Email)

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**Cuts To Youth Services**

Plymouth City Council notes that spending on universal youth services has fallen by 52% since 2012 (House of Commons Library). Nationally more than 600 youth centres have closed and nearly 139,000 youth service places have been lost. 83% of youth workers believe that youth service cuts are having an effect on crime and antisocial behaviour and 71% of youth workers believe that cuts are making it harder for young people to stay in formal education (Unison, 2016).

As violent crime continues to rise, the Council believes that properly funded youth services are vital for helping young people turn away from criminal activity by supporting them to succeed in school, training or employment. However, a major flaw in the current system is that there is no legal requirement on local authorities to provide youth centres, outreach and after-school activities, this means that these vital frontline services are vulnerable when local government budgets are slashed.

Currently nearly all government spending on youth services is invested in the National Citizen Service (NCS), a four-week voluntary initiative for 15 to 17-year-olds. 95% of the Government's youth services budget (2014-2018) (£634 million) was spent on the NCS. However, research undertaken by the Local Government Association (LGA) has revealed that only a tiny number of youngsters are accessing the scheme - just 12 per cent of those eligible took part in the NCS in 2016. Furthermore, the NCS is a time-limited programme, restricted to a small age group, meaning that the majority of young people will not be able to access it. As a result, Plymouth City Council does not believe that the scheme is providing good value for money.

Plymouth City Council therefore instructs the Director of Children's Services to write to the relevant government minister(s) formally asking the Government to:

1. Devolve a proportion of the funding allocated to the NCS to local government so that councils can increase spending on year-round provision for young people in the community.
2. Consider the introduction of new legislation requiring local authorities to provide a statutory minimum level of support for young people so that in future frontline youth services are better protected from Government cuts.

Proposed by Councillor Jon Taylor (via Email)

Seconded by Councillor Sue McDonald (via Email)

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**Woolwell to The George Road widening scheme**

The former Conservative Council's bold and forwarding thinking proposal to widen the A386 from Woolwell to The George junction to alleviate congestion by widening the road to provide two lanes in each direction was widely acknowledged as a supporting factor in the Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan Planning Inspectors' support for the major development of new housing at Woolwell.

The proposed scheme also addresses years of public concern about the inadequacy of the highway infrastructure along the Northern Corridor and complements the £14m Derriford Transport Scheme.

This Council notes its objection to a recent public statement by Councillor Mark Lowry announcing that the City Council is scrapping the proposal from the 2018/19 Capital Programme. Such a decision would slow inward investment, lose the opportunity to create jobs and most importantly fail to provide vital new housing for the many homeless people in our City and for those Plymouth citizens on the housing waiting list.

The City Council requests the Cabinet to formally review this matter at its next meeting and to write to all Members of the City Council explaining whether or not the City Council is underwriting such an important highway infrastructure scheme for the future prosperity of the City of Plymouth.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Via Email)

Seconded by Councillor Mark Deacon (Via Email)

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**Support for the introduction of safe standing in football grounds**

Plymouth City Council supports our football club Plymouth Argyle and its fans. Should legislation allow it, Plymouth Argyle wish to implement a safe standing section within phase 2 of its redevelopment of Home Park and the Mayflower Grandstand.

The majority of football fans would like the choice to stand in dedicated standing sections. Of 33,000 football fans surveyed by the English Football League (EFL), 94% of respondents would like the choice between sitting and standing in safe, licensed areas

The Football Association (FA), Premier League and the EFL have stated that they support clubs' choice to install safe standing in the top two tiers of English football.

Safe standing sections have been shown to improve both the safety of spectators and the atmosphere at top flight clubs around the world.

Plymouth City Council supports the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) campaign for the introduction of safe standing sections in football stadia.

We ask the Leader of the Council to:

1. Write to the board of Plymouth Argyle FC supporting its aspiration to introduce a safe standing section in its Home Park redevelopment plans.
2. Write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, highlighting this council's support for legislative change to allow football clubs in England to introduce safe standing in stadiums.

Proposed by Cllr Darren Winter (via email)

Seconded by Cllr Jonny Morris (via email)

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Clean Our Patch – Plymouth Community Spirit at its Best

Council is asked to:

“Congratulate Clean Our Patch, a vibrant community group dedicated to keeping Plymouth tidy and making our city a nicer place for everyone to enjoy. Starting from a small number of people in Keyham, Clean Our Patch is increasing in number and regularly organises community litter in Devonport, Mutley, Greenbank, Mount Wise, Plympton and further afield. As resources from the Government continue to decrease, Plymouth City Council will continue to do what we can, but the emergence of local voluntary groups is a welcome addition to help in very localised efforts.

Working closely with Councillors and residents, Clean Our Patch represents the very best in community spirit and deserves the ongoing support of Plymouth City Council. We pledge to continue to work alongside this dedicated and expanding group and others like them to support their efforts in making Plymouth’s neighbourhoods areas we can be proud of and raising awareness of how we can all help keep our city clean and tidy.”

Proposed by Councillor Stevens (via Email)

Seconded by Councillor Corvid (via Email)

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**Conservative Attempts to Stop People Voting**

“Plymouth City Council supports The Salvation Army, AGE UK, The Royal National Institute of Blind People, Stonewall, The National Union of Students and numerous other groups in opposing the Conservative Government’s plans to make voting in British elections more difficult by requiring photo identification at Polling Stations.

In 2017, only 28 allegations of identity fraud were made out of nearly 45 million votes being cast, representing a potential problem of 0.00006222% if all the allegations were true. To date only one successful prosecution has been seen. As introducing these plans for General Elections is estimated at around £20 million, we believe £700,000 to address each allegation is somewhat excessive. This appears to be a calculated Conservative attempt to put barriers in the way of ordinary people wanting to vote for the representatives of their choice. Around 3.5 million adults (7.5% of voters) have no photo identification and 11 million have no passport or driving licence.

In pilots of the plans in five Council areas, 350 voters were turned away because they did not have sufficient identification documentation. There is no way of knowing how many others didn’t bother to go because they knew or assumed they would not be allowed to vote.

Voting in elections should be actively encouraged, not made more difficult as the Conservative Government wants, particularly for those from minorities and poorer parts of the UK.

To this end we ask the Audit and Governance Committee to examine what these plans mean for Plymouth voters, and what steps can be taken to increase, not decrease, the number of voters taking part in our elections.”

Proposed by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Wheeler

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