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CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 25 January 2021
2.00 pm

Members:

Councillor Mavin, Chair

Councillor Winter, Vice Chair

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Sam Davey, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler and Wiggins.

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

14. Motions on notice

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

- 14.a Marine Environment & Fishing (Pages 1 - 2)
- 14.b Tampon Tax (Pages 3 - 4)
- 14.c Supporting Student Renters and Student Landlords (Pages 5 - 6)

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**Marine Environment & Fishing**

Fishing and the Marine Environment are vitally important to the City of Plymouth and its economy.

To specifically support our local fishing community and to protect our internationally important marine environment we call on the Leader of Plymouth City Council:

To write on behalf of the Council, congratulating the Prime Minister on banning Electric Pulse Fishing and to support the Banning of Super Trawlers from UK waters.

Proposer: Cllr Glenn Jordan

Signature "By email"

Seconder: Cllr Nick Kelly

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**Tampon Tax**

We call upon the Leader and Deputy Leader of Plymouth City Council to write to the Chancellor Rishi Sunak to congratulate him on delivering an election promise to abolish VAT on Woman's sanitary products - from 1st January 2021 and to ask the Chancellor to make it clear that it is the government's intention that manufacturers and retailers should honour this commitment to provide a price reduction for the public.

This will now mean that young girls and woman facing period poverty will no longer have to pay extra tax on these products that will go some way to end period poverty in the UK.

Proposer: Cllr Terri Beer

Signature "By email"

Seconder: Cllr Dave Downie

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**Supporting Student Renters and Student Landlords**

Plymouth City Council notes that many students had arranged accommodation with Plymouth student landlords to attend university, but are unable to live in this accommodation due to most courses having switched to online learning and due to travel restrictions barring travel to Plymouth.

The council further notes that these restrictions, as part of a national lockdown, are necessary to slow the spread of coronavirus and protect the capacity of the NHS.

Noting that students, like many other people, have suffered profound economic consequences due to the necessity of these public restrictions, the Council will ask the Cabinet member for Education, Skills and Transformation to write to the UK Government, asking relevant departments to work with student landlords, both university-owned and private, to:

- reduce student rent by forty percent for the rest of the academic year,
- enable students who cannot occupy their accommodation to exit their contracts without penalty,
- reimburse students who have paid in advance and cannot occupy their occupation,
- reimburse lost income for student landlords whose tenants cannot occupy their accommodation
- consider allowing students who cannot work due to lockdown to claim Universal Credit

The council notes with gratitude that Marjon University has waived rent for students that have been unable to travel to the university due to lockdown, thanks the University for this action, and hopes that the University of Plymouth follows suit.

The council also asks the Cabinet member for Education, Skills and Transformation to write to universities throughout the UK which host students from Plymouth, calling on them to adopt similar measures to support those, and all, students.

Proposer: Cllr Margaret Corvid

Signature “By email”

Seconder: Cllr Sarah Allen

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