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CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 15 March 2021
2.00 pm
Virtual Meeting

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 Wigans.

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

9. Motions on notice

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

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**Budget for NHS and Carers**

Last year Plymouth took to its doorsteps to loudly show our appreciation for our NHS staff and carers in our communities, care homes and supported living accommodation.

NHS staff and carers have cared for our sick and dying in Plymouth during the pandemic and are going above and beyond to rapidly deliver the vaccination programme to get us all back to normal life.

Despite this, the Government has yet again delivered a budget that fails to recognise the value of our NHS staff and carers, or address the significant pressures on our Adult Social Care system.

The 1% rise for NHS staff is an insult and it is clear that Plymouth's frontline health and care workers are being asked to pick up the cost of the pandemic which they have heroically fought, and in which some staff have lost their lives.

With the workforce already on its knees, this budget will make recruitment and retention even more difficult. It will lead to more doctors, nurses and carers leaving the profession and this will mean longer waiting lists for patients in Plymouth. Waiting lists for non-urgent treatment are at a record high, and with the £8 billion cuts against frontline services, the NHS will struggle to cope.

Additionally, the Government has failed to address the urgently needed, long-term reform of Adult Social Care, despite the Prime Minister promising that he would bring forward plans for reform as part of his election manifesto. This has led to Local Authorities being able to support less people, despite rising need, and invest less in preventative services whilst receiving less funding from Government.

The pandemic has also shown the health and social care sector needs additional investment and yet the Government has not provided the funding to the NHS, Local Authorities or care providers to match this, nor have they confirmed the extension of the Infection Control Fund which has allowed care workers to access sick pay and care providers to fund infection control measures to keep staff and residents safe.

Plymouth City Council condemns this government's budgetary failure for Plymouth's NHS and carers and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to:

A) Acknowledge that the government's offer of a 1% rise is an insult and simply not good enough, and to provide a fair pay settlement for NHS and care workers which recognises the contribution that the current workforce has made during the pandemic. This will encourage others to come into caring professions to support the recovery and ensure that the growing NHS waiting lists can be tackled.

B) Live up to their election promise which they have so far failed to carry out, by urgently providing a clear, date-led timescale for the reform of Adult Social Care to give Plymouth City Council and other Local Authorities and care providers the assurances that they need to plan for the future;

C) Urgently provide confirmation that the Infection Control Fund will continue after March to ensure that our hard-working care staff are able to continue accessing sick pay during the pandemic.

Proposer: Councillor Kate Taylor

Signature "By email"

Seconder: Councillor Darren Winter

Signature "By email"

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**Weston Mill Recycling Centre**

We resolve to ask the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Street Scene, Cllr Sue Dann, to mobilise resources and plan to enable Weston Mill Recycling Centre to fully re – open from the 12th April 2021 in line with the Government Roadmap.

This is a valued service and facility by those residents living in the North and West of our city.

We have seen the impact on Chelson Meadow Recycling Centre this past week, with long traffic queues. Such queues cause a detrimental effect to the road network, inconvenience to those living in this part of the city and is not aligned with our Climate Emergency as more and longer vehicular movements are being made necessary. The continued suspension of the Bulky Waste service, the advent of Spring and the removal of certain Covid restrictions will only increase the demand for the provision of PCC's waste facilities. This reduced service is also with the back drop of increased Council tax.

Proposer: Councillor Maddi Bridgeman

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Seconder: Councillor John Riley

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**Take Away Litter**

Throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic we have seen an increase in the use of fast food takeaways and we have also seen an increase in litter from 'Drive Thrus'.

Therefore, we call upon the Leader of the Council or relevant Cabinet Member of PCC, to write to the Fast Food and Take Away Drive Thru providers, throughout Plymouth, to request additional resources be provided such as frequent litter picks and larger bins for a cleaner, greener Plymouth.

We also request that they actively investigate and identify possible deterrents to encourage customers to dispose of their litter appropriately.

Proposer: Councillor Maddi Bridgeman

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Seconder: Councillor Terri Beer

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**Future of Pounds House**

The results of the COVID Pandemic have seen a massive increase in the use of Central Park and recreational spaces throughout Plymouth. Despite previous public comments from Labour Councillors urging the re-use of Pounds House, the Labour Council continues to allow the neglect and deterioration of an important local asset.

Conservative Councillors urge the City Council to end this deliberate neglect and to consult and work with the local community in agreeing future complementary uses for Pounds House.

Resolved that:

The Cabinet Member for Finance, with responsibility for corporate property, be requested to bring a report to Scrutiny, at the relevant panel's first meeting of the 2021/22 Municipal Year, on the future options for re-using Pounds House with complementary activities, to support the wider recreational activities in the Pounds House grounds and more widely in Central Park .

Proposer: Councillor Nick Kelly

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Seconder: Councillor Patrick Nicholson

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**Demise of the 'Friends of Central Park'**

On 1st March 2021 Conservative Councillors were advised by the Chair that the 'Friends of Central Park' a valuable Plymouth community group with the aim of preserving and enhancing Central Park, will cease on 31st March 2021

Resolved that:

The City Council acknowledges and thanks the Friends of Central Park for all their support in standing up for the preservation and improvement of Central Park, Plymouth's 'Green Lung' over many years and assisting with the improvements undertaken in the Park since 2016.

Notes it's disappointment that the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Street Scene, Cllr Sue Dann, hasn't engaged as fully as she could have, on behalf of the City Council, with the Friends of Central Park.

Notes its disappointment that the Friends of Central Park has decided to cease to operate as a locally constituted community group from 31 March 2021.

Proposer: Councillor Patrick Nicholson

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Seconder: Councillor Nick Kelly

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