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CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 21 March 2022
2.00 pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members are invited to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

City Council

12. Motions on notice

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**LONG COVID**

An estimated 1.3 million people living in the UK (2.1% of the population) were experiencing self-reported long COVID as of 2 January 2022.

Long COVID symptoms adversely affect the day-to-day activities of 836,000 people, with about one third of these reporting that their ability to undertake their day-to-day activities has been “limited a lot”. The most common symptoms reported are fatigue, loss of smell, shortness of breath, and difficulty concentrating.

Long COVID is reported as most common in working aged people; females; key workers in health care; social care, teaching and education; people living in deprived areas; and people with another activity-limiting health condition or disability. Because of this, long COVID is likely to hit Plymouth residents particularly hard.

Long COVID is a poorly understood condition, and there are no agreed and accepted treatment approaches. Health service delivery must take account of the new pressure from long COVID, including the reduced quality of life and economic impact.

This council acknowledges the need to investigate and mitigate the detrimental impact of long COVID and long-term conditions.

This Council agrees:

- The Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ask them to:
- Invest in research to find treatments for long COVID
- Ensure access to long COVID clinics and services after routine COVID testing ceases
- The Leader to write to Dr Sarah Wollaston, Chair of the Integrated Care Partnership, asking her to ensure that the forthcoming Primary Care Strategy includes an action plan for long COVID and long-term conditions
- To examine the local long COVID provision via the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposed by: Councillor Dr Charlotte Cree

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Dr Pam Buchan

Signature: Approved by email

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**Motion of no confidence in the Leader and Election of New Leader**

This Council agrees -

1. to remove Councillor Nick Kelly from the position of Leader;
2. to elect a new leader at this meeting (21/03/22), subject to this motion being agreed, nominations to be proposed and seconded from the floor.

Proposed by: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE**Signature: Approved by email****Seconded by: Councillor Sue Dann****Signature: Approved by email**

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**Ukraine**

Plymouth City Council, standing with people of conscience across the world, deplores the inexcusable Russian invasion of Ukraine that has killed and injured thousands and has threatened global peace and security.

Plymouth City Council applauds the generosity of the residents of Plymouth who are collecting vital supplies to support people fleeing from the terrors in Ukraine.

This Council stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, as well as the many people of Russia who are risking their freedom by opposing this brutal war.

Therefore, Council agrees to -

1. suspend all twinning activities with our long-standing twin city of Novorossiysk, until such time as the Russian army has completely withdrawn from Ukraine.
2. use the front page of the Council's website to promote the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal and provide a list of local collection points for those wishing to give items needed in the relief effort.
3. begin the process of identifying an appropriate city in Ukraine to build a twinning relationship with.

Proposed by: Councillor Margaret Corvid

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Mrs Vivien Pengelly

Signature: Approved by email

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**Women's Life Expectancy**

Council notes the Plymouth Plan Annual Report (June 2021) tabled at the recent Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Changes Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in which a summary of key findings describes a worsening of life expectancy for women in Plymouth compared to England as a whole.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Director of Public Health to oversee an investigation of links between deprivation, long-term conditions and women's reduced life expectancy in Plymouth as compared with England and within 6 months make a report on their findings in the first instance to the Adult Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Proposed by: Councillor Mary Aspinall

Signature Approved by email.

Seconded by: Councillor Sue McDonald

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**£150 Government Council Tax Rebate**

Council recognises that the current cost of living crisis is going to worsen over the coming months and will have an adverse impact on Plymouth's residents.

Council believes that national and local government should do everything in their power to mitigate the impact of the cost of living crisis on Plymouth's residents.

Council acknowledges that the Government has awarded every Council Tax payer in bands A-D a £150 rebate to provide relief against some of the impact of the lifting of the energy price cap in April.

Council notes that the rebate will not lead to a reduction in Council Tax bills but requires a new system to be put in place to pay Council Tax payers a one off payment of £150. Council further notes that the system put in place will require different approaches necessary for the 75,000 eligible people who pay by direct debit; the 35,000 eligible people who pay by other means; and the people who will receive a discretionary award once the scheme is designed.

Council considers that it is important that our scheme should be effective, efficient and fair.

Council acknowledges that we are not alone in having to develop the systems necessary to implement this government policy.

Council therefore agrees that the Leader writes to the Chancellor and the Minister for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities requesting that the Government:

- provide information about the level of funding that will be made available to administer this work
- provide further guidance on the discretionary element in order for there to be some consistency in approach and not a postcode lottery
- request that energy companies provide information to councils about customers using key meters, PayPoint or who are regularly in arrears as these are likely to be more vulnerable residents who should be prioritised

Proposed by: Councillor Chris Penberthy

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE

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