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CITY COUNCIL – MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday 20 June 2022
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Council House, Plymouth

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

City Council

8. Motions on notice

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

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**Ambulance Response Times**

It has recently been reported that the South West has some of the longest ambulance waiting times in the country for emergency calls - a typical response taking nearly 15 minutes longer than in the north west, the second worst performing region.

This is a matter of enormous concern to people living here in Plymouth, calling 999 in an emergency in the expectation of receiving timely help is a cornerstone of our NHS and we must not tolerate a sustained deterioration in this vital lifeline.

Accordingly this council requests:

1. The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee ensures that the performance of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) is included in any upcoming scrutiny review of health services within Plymouth
2. The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee writes immediately to the city's three MPs and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to inform them of the seriousness of the situation
3. Members formally acknowledge the dedication of the staff of SWASFT whose professionalism will have saved countless lives over the years. This motion is not intended as a criticism of these selfless people who work day and night to care for the residents of Plymouth

Proposed by: Councillor Jemima Laing

Signature: Confirmed by email.

Seconded by: Councillor Dylan Tippetts

Signature: Confirmed by email.

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**Changes to the Planning System**

Plymouth City Council is extremely concerned about the changes to the Planning system outlined in the 2022 Queen's Speech, in particular the proposal for so-called "street votes".

This is an ill-considered, ill-thought out concept which will waste public money, undermine Planning objectivity and consistency whilst damage community cohesion. The long term effect would be to arbitrarily extend permitted development rights, lessening the ability of local people and their elected Councillors to influence the shape and appearance of our neighbourhoods.

Plymouth would be much better served by a government that strengthens community cohesion and ensures Planning Departments are properly resourced, especially Enforcement teams.

This Council therefore opposes any government measure which remove local influence and accountability and urges Plymouth's Members of Parliament to do the same.

Proposed by: Councillor Bill Stevens

Signature: Via email

Seconded by: Councillor Tina Tuohy

Signature: Via email

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**Standards in Public Life**

This Council notes with grave concern the apparent lowering of standards of behaviour in some areas of public life. Particularly, a culture and desire to water down the commitment to the Nolan principles. Something which has been key to high standards in public life for the last 25 years.

Upholding standards in public life is key to public confidence in our institutions. It is central to accountability and to our democratic system of government both nationally and locally. Lowering the bar of probity can only undermine our democracy.

As democratically elected Councillors we are governed by those very principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, transparency, honesty, and leadership in the public interest. The Nolan principles are used widely in all aspects of public office and are as relevant today as they were 25 years ago when they were established.

As Councillors and as a Council we should reiterate our belief and commitment to high standards and the Council resolves to request the Leader to write to the Prime Minister and copies to our three MPs expressing concerns that the lowering of the bar of probity, seen in national government, is undermining the fabric of democracy and public confidence in it.

Proposed by: Cllr Sally Cresswell

Signature: Via email

Seconded by: Cllr Tudor Evans OBE

Signature: Via email

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