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CITY COUNCIL – SUPPLEMENT ONE

Monday 30 January 2023
2.00 pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Lord Mayor, Chair

Deputy Lord Mayor, Vice Chair

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Mrs Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Mrs Bridgeman, Carlyle, Churchill, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Evans OBE, Finn, Goslin, Harrison, Haydon, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Luggier, Dr Mahony, McDonald, McLay, Murphy, Nicholson, Noble, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

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

For further information on attending Council meetings and how to engage in the democratic process please follow this link - [Get Involved](#)

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

City Council

4. Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc (Pages 1 - 6)

The Assistant Chief Executive will submit a schedule of vacancies on committees, outside bodies etc and of changes notified to us.

12. Calendar of Meetings: (Pages 7 - 12)

13. Motions on notice

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

13a Defibrillators (Pages 13 - 14)

Moved by Councillor Mrs Beer and seconded by Councillor Hulme.

13b Motion on Notice on the Loss of Trees in Armada Way (Pages 15 - 16)

Moved by Councillor Hulme and seconded by Councillor Nicholson.

13c Sir Francis Drake Motion (Pages 17 - 18)

Moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Singh.

13d NHS Motion (Pages 19 - 20)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Beer.

13e City Centre public realm 'improvements' (Pages 21 - 22)

Moved by Councillor Coker and seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

13f Get Me Home Safely (Pages 23 - 24)

Moved by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Rennie.

13g Plymouth City Council to treat Care Experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic (Pages 25 - 26)

Moved by Councillor Laing and seconded by Councillor Tippetts.

Date of meeting:	30 January 2023
Title of Report:	Political Proportionality
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
Author:	Ross Jago, Head of Governance Performance and Risk
Contact Email:	Ross.jago@plymouth.gov.uk
Your Reference:	AC.22/23(1)
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of changes to the political proportionality of the Council and allocation of committee seats.

The allocation of seats on committees is in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 and will require a simple majority to be approved.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Council approves the proportionality following changes to the political composition of the Council.

Reason: To maintain clarity of the Council's committee structure and membership

Alternative options considered and rejected

None. The Council is required to conduct proportionality reviews under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Clarity on appointments to committees ensures that key projects and activities can be progressed in line with the Corporate and Plymouth Plans.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None arising directly from this report.

Financial Implications:

None arising directly from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None arising directly from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None arising directly from this report.

Appendices

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A								
B								

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 20/01/2023											

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND PROPORTIONALITY JANUARY 2023



I. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPORTIONALITY

- I.1. Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on Councils to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which the Council makes appointments. The Act requires that the review should be held at the Annual General Meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting or when the membership of the Council changes.
- I.2. The Act provides four principles concerning political representation that must be observed when conducting a review. These are:
- a) that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group;
 - b) that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;
 - c) subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority, and
 - d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- I.3. The legislation provides that the Council may make alternative arrangements to the 'proportionality' principles only by a unanimous vote, with no member voting against.
- I.4. The Committees and Panels to which the provisions of Section 15 of the Act apply, and the recommended allocation of seats on each, applying the principles of the Act as closely as is reasonably practicable, are shown in Section 2 below. The recommended allocation of seats reflects the four proportionality principles so far as reasonably practicable.

2. OVERALL PROPORTIONALITY 2022/2023 (October) - NUMBER OF SEATS ON COUNCIL

Group	January 2023
Conservative	23 (40.35%)
Labour	25 (43.86%)
Green	3 (5.26%)
Independent Alliance	5 (8.77%)

Independent Member

1 (1.75%)

* There are 57 members on Plymouth City Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which sets out how seats should be allocated to members on a Council, describes the distribution of seats between the political Groups into which the Council has divided itself. There is no seat entitlement to members who are not in a Group. The definition of what constitutes a group on a Council is covered in The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and can be found in the following link <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/1990/1553/part/III/made>

A single representative does not constitute a Group which is defined as a number of persons bound together by common interests. As such, a single Member is not entitled to any Committee seats. This is consistent with practice previously employed by the Council in similar circumstances.

2.1. The application of the legislative principles is set out below:

Local Government Act 1989 – Principles	Is this principle met?
a. that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group	Principle Met
b. that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;	Not applicable as there is no majority group.
c. subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority;	Principle met – In order to meet this principle the Green Group have been allocated a seat on the Audit and Governance Committee and the Conservative Group have been allocated an additional seat on the TBTF Joint Committee.
d. Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.	Principle met as far as reasonably practicable – In order to meet this principle the Labour group have been allocated the remaining two vacancies following the application of principle C.

Conservative 23 / Labour 25 / Green 3 / Independent Alliance 5 Non-aligned Independents are excluded from seat allocation									Total Seats	Allocated Seats	Vacant Seats
Councillors	23	40.35%	25	43.86%	3	5.26%	5	8.77%			
Seat Allocation as % membership	54	53.67	58	58.33	7	7.00	12	11.67			
Planning Committee	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Taxi Licensing Committee	3	2.82	3	3.07	0	0.37	1	0.61	7	7	0
Licensing Committee	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Chief Officer Appointments Panel	3	2.82	3	3.07	0	0.37	1	0.61	7	7	0
Chief Officer Disciplinary Panel	3	2.82	3	3.07	0	0.37	1	0.61	7	7	0
Chief Officer Appeals Panel	3	2.82	3	3.07	0	0.37	1	0.61	7	7	0
Audit and Governance Committee	2	2.02	2	2.19	1	0.26	0	0.44	5	5	0
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry JC	3	2.02	2	2.19	0	0.26	0	0.44	5	5	0
Devon and Somerset Fire Authority	2	1.61	2	1.75	0	0.21	0	0.35	4	4	0
Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Performance Scrutiny	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Children's Scrutiny	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Health & Adult Care Scrutiny	5	5.25	6	5.70	1	0.68	1	1.14	13	13	0
Standards Advisory Board	2	2.42	3	2.63	0	0.32	1	0.53	6	6	0
Lord Mayors Selection Committee	3	2.82	3	3.07	0	0.37	1	0.61	7	7	0
Seats allocated	54	0	60	0	7	0	12	0	133	133	0

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City Council



Date of meeting:	30 January 2023
Title of Report:	Plymouth City Council indicative committee meeting dates 2022/23
Lead Member:	Councillor James Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
Author:	Jamie Sheldon (Senior Governance Advisor)
Contact Email:	Jamie.sheldon@plymouth.gov.uk
Your Reference:	JS23/24
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Plymouth City Council indicative committee meeting dates for 2023/24. Consideration has been given to avoiding the schedule of main political party conferences, the Local Government Association conference and other key clashes in proposing these dates.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Council:

- I. Notes the following indicative dates for meetings to be held in 2023 and 2024.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The Council's Annual calendar of meetings gives notification of proposed dates to aid Councillors in their diary planning.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The meetings of Council are a central element of the democratic process of the Council which supports the democratic values of the Corporate Plan

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications

None identified.

Financial risks

None identified.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

There are no direct implications.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

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None identified.

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A	Committee Calendar							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 23/01/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor James Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance)											
Date approved: 30/01/2023											

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		JUNE 2023			AUGUST 2023
			Tues	1	
			Wed	2	
Thurs	1		Thurs	3	Taxi Licensing Committee
Fri	2		Fri	4	
Mon	5		Mon	7	Licensing Sub Committee
Tues	6		Tues	8	
Wed	7	Scrutiny Management Board	Wed	9	
Thurs	8	Taxi Licensing Committee	Thurs	10	Cabinet
		Cabinet			
Fri	9		Fri	11	
Mon	12	Licensing Committee			
		Licensing Sub Committee	Mon	14	
Tues	13		Tues	15	
Wed	14		Wed	16	
Thurs	15	Health and Wellbeing Board	Thurs	17	
		Planning Committee			
Fri	16	Chief Officer Appointment Panel	Fri	18	
Mon	19	City Council	Mon	21	
Tues	20		Tues	22	
Wed	21	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wed	23	
Thurs	22	Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Thurs	24	Planning Committee
Fri	23		Fri	25	Chief Officer Appointment Panel
Mon	26		Mon	28	
Tues	27	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tues	29	
Wed	28	Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wed	30	
Thurs	29		Thurs	31	
Fri	30				
		JULY 2023			SEPTEMBER 2023
			Fri	1	
Mon	3	Licensing Sub Committee	Mon	4	Licensing Sub Committee
Tues	4		Tues	5	
Wed	5		Wed	6	
Thurs	6		Thurs	7	Taxi Licensing Committee
					Health and Wellbeing Board
Fri	7	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel	Fri	8	
Mon	10		Mon	11	
Tues	11		Tues	12	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wed	12	Scrutiny Management Board	Wed	13	Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thurs	13	Taxi Licensing Committee	Thurs	14	Cabinet
		Cabinet			
Fri	14	Mount Edgecumbe Joint Committee	Fri	15	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel
Mon	17	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	Mon	18	City Council
Tues	18		Tues	19	
Wed	19		Wed	20	
Thurs	20	Planning Committee	Thurs	21	Planning Committee
Fri	21	Chief Officer Appointment Panel	Fri	22	Chief Officer Appointment Panel
Mon	24	Audit and Governance Committee	Mon	25	Audit and Governance Committee
Tues	25		Tues	26	
Wed	26		Wed	27	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thurs	27		Thurs	28	Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Fri	28		Fri	29	
Mon	31				

OCTOBER 2023

Mon	2		Mon	11	Licensing Committee
Tues	3		Tues	12	
Wed	4	Scrutiny Management Board	Wed	13	
Thurs	5	Taxi Licensing Committee	Thurs	14	Cabinet
					Planning Committee
Fri	6		Fri	15	Chief Officer Appointment Panel
Mon	9		Mon	18	
Tues	10		Tues	19	
Wed	11		Wed	20	
Thurs	12	Cabinet	Thurs	21	
Fri	13		Fri	22	
Mon	16	Licensing Sub Committee	Mon	25	
Tues	17		Tues	26	
Wed	18		Wed	27	
Thurs	19	Planning Committee	Thurs	28	
		South West Devon Waste Partnership	Fri	29	
Fri	20	Chief Officer Appointment Panel			
					JANUARY 2024
Mon	23		Mon	1	
Tues	24		Tues	2	
Wed	25		Wed	3	
Thurs	26		Thurs	4	
Fri	27		Fri	5	
Mon	30		Mon	8	Licensing Sub Committee
Tues	31		Tues	9	
		NOVEMBER 2023	Wed	10	Scrutiny Management Board
Wed	1		Thurs	11	Taxi Licensing Committee
Thurs	2	Taxi Licensing Committee			Cabinet
Fri	3		Fri	12	
Mon	6	Licensing Sub Committee	Mon	15	Audit and Governance Committee
Tues	7	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tues	16	
Wed	8	Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wed	17	
Thurs	9	Cabinet	Thurs	18	Health and Wellbeing Board
					Planning Committee
Fri	10	Mount Edgecumbe Joint Committee	Fri	19	Chief Officer Appointment Panel
Mon	13	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	Mon	22	
Tues	14	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tues	23	Budget Scrutiny
Wed	15	Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wed	24	Budget Scrutiny
Thurs	16	Planning Committee	Thurs	25	Budget Scrutiny
Fri	17	Chief Officer Appointment Panel	Fri	26	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel
Mon	20	City Council	Mon	29	City Council
Tues	21		Tues	30	
Wed	22	Scrutiny Management Board	Wed	31	
Thurs	23				
Fri	24	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel			
Mon	27	Audit and Governance Committee			
Tues	28				
Wed	29				
Thurs	30				
		DECEMBER 2023			
Fri	1				
Mon	4	Licensing Sub Committee			
Tues	5				
Wed	6				
Thurs	7	Taxi Licensing Committee			
Fri	8				

			Mon	1	Licensing Sub Committee
			Thurs	4	Taxi Licensing
Thurs	1	Taxi Licensing Committee	Thurs	18	Planning Committee
Fri	2		Fri	19	Chief Officer Appointment Panel
MAY 2024					
Mon	5	Licensing Sub Committee	Thurs	9	Taxi Licensing
Tues	6		Fri	17	City Council AGM
Wed	7	Scrutiny Management Board			
Thurs	8	Cabinet			
Fri	9	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel			
		Lord Mayor's Selection Committee			
Mon	12				
Tues	13	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Wed	14	Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Thurs	15	Planning Committee			
Fri	16	Chief Officer Appointment Panel			
Mon	19				
Tues	20	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Wed	21	Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Thurs	22				
Fri	23				
Mon	26	City Council			
Tues	27				
Wed	28				
Thurs	29				
MARCH 2024					
Fri	1				
Mon	4	Licensing Sub			
		Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education			
Tues	5				
Wed	6				
Thurs	7	Taxi Licensing Committee			
		Health and Wellbeing Board			
Fri	8				
Mon	11	Audit and Governance Committee			
Tues	12				
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Thurs	14	Cabinet			
Fri	15				
Mon	18	City Council			
Tues	19				
Wed	20				
Thurs	21	Planning Committee			
		Scrutiny Management Board			
Fri	22	Chief Officer Appointment Panel			
Mon	25				
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Thurs	28				

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

Defibrillators

Not all our public buildings have defibrillator and it's essential that there is this valuable piece of equipment on site here in the Council House and other Council owned buildings across the City.

I call up on Council to recommend to Cabinet that it makes an allocation within the draft budget for such a valuable piece of equipment that is proven to save lives and to install a defibrillator into all council owned public buildings including the Council House.

Proposed by: Councillor Terri Beer

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen Hulme

Signature: Approved by email

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

**Motion on Notice on the Loss of Trees in Armada Way**

With ongoing public opposition to the loss of trees in Armada Way, Council resolves:

1. to record its dissatisfaction with the lack of public engagement on the public realm works in Armada Way;
2. To request the cabinet to suspend all works and review the scheme with a view to saving significantly more trees than currently proposed.

Proposed by: Councillor Stephen Hulme

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Patrick Nicholson

Signature: Approved by email

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

**Sir Francis Drake Motion**

Plymouth is a proud maritime city that has seen many famous explorers and seafarers sail from her shores, none more famous than Sir Francis Drake. From 1577 to 1580, Drake led what became known as his circumnavigation of the globe – the first Englishman to do so – on board his ship, the Golden Hind, which sailed from and returned to Plymouth.

Drake achieved many more notable events, including defeating the Spanish Armada after playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe. Such feats are famous historical events and of prominence worldwide, but especially here in Plymouth.

Drake's place in history and his name is synonymous with Plymouth and is recognised with his statue on the Hoe, Drake Ward, Drake's Mall, Drake's Island and much more. Our proud history and heritage is important and valued and must be protected for future generations.

Resolution:-

1. We therefore call upon the Cabinet member for Culture & Tourism specifically, and all members of the Council, to use adequate resources (including legal, financial, time and publicity/media) to actively protect the important and famous existing use of the name Drake by the Local Authority in line with the law and functions of the Local Authority.
2. This includes anything associated with him, e.g. statue of Drake on the Hoe, Drake Ward, etc throughout the city, in order to seek to safeguard Sir Francis Drake's prominent historic achievements and proud links with the City of Plymouth.

Proposed by: Councillor Cllr Nick Kelly

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Chaz Singh

Signature: Approved by email

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

**NHS Motion**

Many Plymouth residents and their families will have been affected by the ongoing disputes in the Plymouth National Health Service whether as patients or as employees. Council resolves:

1. To reinforce our ongoing support for the delivery of vital NHS health care to the people of Plymouth.
2. Express our disappointment at the Government's lacklustre approach to resolving the current disputes with Nurses and Ambulance staff.
3. To acknowledge the ongoing significant challenges locally to continuing to recruit and retain nurses in Plymouth.
4. To call on the Conservative Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care to set-out his position on the current industrial action within the NHS and what he is doing to influence Plymouth's Members of Parliament and the Government to resolve the current disputes.

Proposed by: Councillor Cllr Patrick Nicholson

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Terri Beer

Signature: Approved by email

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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**City Centre public realm 'improvements'**

Council notes the ongoing, new and planned public realm works in the City Centre and recognises the need for action to be taken to improve the environment for all users of the City Centre and to respond to the Climate Emergency.

Council confirms that it -

- believes that there has been inadequate public consultation on the proposals for the City centre public realm improvements;
- is concerned by the substantial delays and lack of progress on the works to New George Street and Old Town Street resulting in the public realm being laid waste to the detriment of the residential, retail and natural environment;
- believes that it was extremely unwise to let a stand-alone contract to clear Armada Way and not to have made any contractual arrangements for improvements;
- is concerned that Armada Way will be laid waste in the same manner as New George Street and Old Town Street to the further detriment of the residential, retail and natural environments;
- welcomes the pause to tree felling announced by Cllr Drear at the November meeting of Council in order to reflect on public concerns about the Armada Way plans but is concerned about the lack of engagement with the public since that time;
- questions the wisdom of starting a major work programme in Mayflower Street whilst two other City Centre public realm improvement schemes appear to be stalled and are blighting Plymouth;
- believes that the commencement of a fourth programme in Guildhall Square should not happen until the existing schemes are completed in order not to further blight the city.

Council therefore resolves:

1. to request the Cabinet Member for Transport to publicly apologise to the people of Plymouth for the actions to date in relation to Old Town Street, New George Street and Armada Way improvements detailing the mistakes that have been made, the lessons learned and state how the approach will be rectified both in the current schemes and in future.
2. to request that Cabinet undertake a meaningful community engagement process before finalising any designs for Armada Way;
3. to request that Cabinet publish detailed information on how the current proposals for all four City Centre public realm improvement schemes will address the Climate Emergency and enhance the environment;
4. to request that Cabinet publish detailed full annual maintenance costs for the current New George Street, Old Town Street and Armada Way developments.
5. to request that Cabinet commit to not starting improvements to Guildhall Square until the existing work programmes are completed.

Proposed by: Councillor Mark Coker

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor George Wheeler

Signature: Approved by email

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

**Get Me Home Safely**

Shift work is widespread in many industries, such as hospitality, care services, the NHS, and retail, to name but a few. Such work can and does often entail early morning and late-night working. Likewise, many young people travelling to and from school, college or university face a long walk to their place of study because of huge cuts to public transport and the rising costs of fares.

Many workers, particularly women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work. If we consider Office of National Statistics (ONS) National figures from November 2022, around 36,000 women in Plymouth have had to deal with some form of sexual harassment. Violent crime makes up 40.7% of crime in the city - this is violence toward women, girls, men and boys.

UNITE are running the 'Get Me Home Safely' campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers get home safely from work at night. We would hope all councillors support this campaign but we are calling for Council to go further to make it safe for everyone to travel around the city, enabling them to work, learn and socialise safely.

In accordance with the Violence Against Women and Girls Policy greater numbers of trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport are urgently needed, as the enforcement of the law is currently failing women and girls.

The Government's Safety of Women at Night Fund, which limits grants to only £300,000, is wholly inadequate to tackle the important issue of the safety of women and girls in public spaces, including public transport, at night and in the night-time economy.

Plymouth City Council resolves to:

1. Publicly call for improvement to late night and off-peak transport service provision through the Local Transport Authority as well as other appropriate transport services in Plymouth and its surrounding areas.
2. To instruct the appropriate Scrutiny Panel to look at the concerns raised and to make recommendations for how we make our city safer.
3. Lobby the Government and the Police Crime and Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall for stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport.

Proposed by: Councillor Zoe Reilly

Signature: Approved by email.

Seconded by: Councillor Eddie Rennie

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MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council

**Plymouth City Council To Treat Care Experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic****Plymouth City Council recognises:**

- Every elected member and employee of this Council is a corporate parent to the children and care leavers in our care.
- We are all responsible for providing the best possible care, safeguarding and outcomes for the children who are looked after by us.
- That Councils have a duty to put the needs of vulnerable people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.

Plymouth City Council notes:

- A UCL study which showed 70% of care experienced people die early. Over 50% of people who are in custody up to the age of 21 have been in care (Become Charity) and a quarter of the homeless population is care experienced (The Independent Review of Children's Social Care).
- The Government commissioned an independent national review of children's social care, chaired by Josh MacAlister, and one recommendation was to look at making care experience an additional protected characteristic; another was that all public bodies become corporate parents.
- That the Government has not responded to the independent review.

Plymouth City Council believes:

- Our children in care and those who have left care have the right to expect everything from a corporate parent that would be expected from a good and responsible parent. This includes how families continue their support, care, and ambition for their children after they leave home and gain independence including through employment opportunities.
- This authority has already taken important steps to support our care experienced children and care leavers better such as our work on the Care Leavers' Covenant but we can always do more.
- That we cannot wait until the government decides which recommendations to implement and therefore, here in Plymouth, we should act to be the best corporate parents we can be.
- That when making any decisions in relation to our policies or formulating our Corporate Plan that we should recognise care experienced people as a vulnerable group who face discrimination.
- That whilst we cannot change national legislation we can use our powers to ensure that the Council consider care experienced people as part of its decision making in order to seek to prevent discrimination and improve life chances, in doing this. This will mean that we treat people with care experience the same as those with a protected characteristic.

Plymouth City Council therefore resolves:

- I. That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer ensure that all council making decision documentation has in it appropriate sections to allow for the impact upon 'care experienced people' to be considered in decision making, where relevant and that:

- a. officers consider how information might be captured and reported upon in a similar way to that of the Public Sector Equality Duty Annual report; and
 - b. any publication of information relating to people who share a Protected Characteristic also includes 'care experienced people'
2. To proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people of all ages when developing new Council policies and plans and, where possible, those where the Council produces them in partnership with others.
 3. To request that the Chief Executive, as Head of Paid Service, explore with the Director of HR how the Council could seek to guarantee all care experienced persons an interview where they meet the essential criteria of the post applied for.
 4. That the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, Children and Young People writes to all public bodies represented in the City, the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses in Plymouth to make them aware of this motion and, where possible and within available resources, offer training on corporate parenting and issues facing care experienced people and to work with our partners and our care experienced population to understand what corporate parenting means for them.
 5. That the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Homes and Communities writes to Plymouth's MPs making them aware of this motion and asking them to press government to amend the law to include Care Experienced persons as a Protected Characteristic and for the extension of Corporate Parenting to all public bodies, following the recommendations of the MacAlister Report.
 6. That the Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer attend the first Corporate Parenting Committee meeting in the next municipal year to report on the actions taken as a result of this motion on notice.

Proposed by: Councillor Jemima Laing

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Seconded by: Councillor Dylan Tippetts

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