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CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS ON NOTICE

DATE: MONDAY 5 JULY 2010
TIME: 2.00 PM
PLACE: COUNCIL HOUSE, PLYMOUTH (NEXT TO THE CIVIC CENTRE)

Members –

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Aspinall, Chair
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Coker, Vice Chair
Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Berrow, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bragg, Brookshaw, Browne, Dann, Delbridge, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jordan, King, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lock, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Reynolds, Ricketts, Roberts, Dr. Salter, Smith, Stark, Mrs Stephens, Stevens, Thompson, Tuohy, Vincent, Viney, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler, Wignens, Wildy, Williams and Wright

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting of the City Council and attach three motions on notice for the meeting.

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

(Pages 1 - 8)

To consider motions from Members in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Constitution.

- The withdrawal of the St Budeaux and Weston Mill taxibus service;
- Budget measures;
- Buses - loss of service

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

5 July 2010

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- (1) Motion on Notice No 1 10/11: Withdrawal of the St Budeaux and Weston Mill Taxibus service**
- (2) Motion on Notice No 2 10/11: Budget measures**
- (3) Motion on Notice No 3 10/11: Buses – loss of service**

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**MOTION ON NOTICE No 1 10/11: WITHDRAWAL OF THE ST BUDEAUX
AND WESTON MILL TAXIBUS SERVICE**

This Council notes with disappointment the withdrawal of the St Budeaux and Weston Mill taxibus service, to take effect from 6th August. No discussion took place with the Council prior to notice being given to the Traffic Commissioner, so no prior discussion over a replacement service has been possible. The Council further notes the content of the leaflet that the operator is distributing, with its implication that the withdrawal is the fault of the Council for providing no subsidy.

Prior to the introduction of this service, the previous taxibus service received a small Council subsidy. This had to be withdrawn when Taxifast registered its commercial service.

With the introduction of this service 4 years ago, the other weekday services that operated along parts of these routes have been withdrawn. This means that residents, including elderly and disabled people, have no alternative than to pay the cost of a taxi to get to the doctors' surgeries or to shops.

The Council resolves -

- 1) to request the present operator to consider an extension to the withdrawal date to allow discussions to take place with other operators so that a reliable service may be provided to take the place of the current operation;
- 2) to open discussions as a matter of urgency with other potential operators;
- 3) to consider offering subsidy to support a replacement service;
- 4) to offer publicity regarding the Council's responsibility for supporting the present service, to correct the publicity being distributed by the present operator.

Proposed by Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Evans

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 2 10/11: BUDGET MEASURES

THIS COUNCIL

Notes that the Government -

- (1) plans to reduce the deficit much further and faster than the Labour Government with a consequent threat to the recovery and greater damage to public services;
- (2) has imposed additional in year cuts to local council programmes costing this council £1.8 million;
- (3) has chosen to increase VAT, a regressive tax bearing hardest on the least well-off;
- (4) has frozen child benefit, cut disability benefit and housing benefit, abolished free swimming, and abandoned the free school meals programme which would have helped 500,000 children;
- (5) and in so doing has penalised people on low and middle incomes while doing little to ensure that the well-off bear their fair share.

This Council resolves to -

- (a) call on the Government to re-think its regressive budget measures, which will hit hardest those who can least afford it;
- (b) consult with local councillors and the communities which they represent prior to implementing any changes to any frontline services;
- (c) work with its strategic partners to identify ways in which the Plymouth economy can be protected from the cuts to the public sector and the rise in VAT, which is likely to cost the economy in the region of £200 million over the next four years.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Williams

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 3 10/11: Buses – loss of service

Council notes recent changes to Citybus routes 28b, 45, 46 and 47 and the withdrawal of 146, 147, 247 and 246 announced in the press. These changes result in loss of services in areas where car ownership is amongst the lowest in the City.

Council resolves that in future Citybus and First should consult widely with the travelling public and councillors before advertising any changes to bus services.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Wildy

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