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CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS ON NOTICE

DATE: MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2011
TIME: 2 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, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler, Wiggins, Wildy, Williams and Wright

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach 8 motions on notice for consideration at the meeting under agenda item 8.

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

31 JANUARY 2011

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Removal of education maintenance allowance – No 11 (10/11)
2. Supporting people – No 12 (10/11)
3. Plymouth Argyle Stadium – No 13 (10/11)
4. Glass recycling – No 14 (10/11)
5. Proposed incinerator at North Yard – No 15 (10/11)
6. Police numbers – No 16 (10/11)
7. Support to families and vulnerable groups – No 17 (10/11)
8. Grit and salt – No 18 (10/11)

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PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 11 (10/11)

REMOVAL OF EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Important Council and Local Strategic Partnership Priorities for Plymouth are 'Growth' and 'Raising Aspiration'.

1. The Council recognises that the Tory led Coalition Government has voted to remove the Educational Maintenance Allowance from students and will not allow any further applications. This will affect over 3000 young people in Plymouth who will therefore lose this support grant. Figures show that post-16 achievement in Plymouth is below what it should be. This underperformance affects Plymouth's ability to achieve its stated priorities.
2. Council therefore CALLS upon the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Watkins) and the Cabinet Member for Finance (Cllr Bowyer), working with the Directors for Corporate Support and Children's services to –
 - a) Bring forward proposals in the Council Budget (2010-2013) to provide financial help to ensure that those young people in Plymouth previously in receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance are able to continue with their post-16 educational courses.
 - b) Make the strongest representations to their Government to rapidly replace or reinstate Educational Maintenance Allowance to ensure continued investment in young people in Plymouth, and nationally, so that that all young people have equal access to Further Education and the opportunities it brings.

Proposed by Councillor Wildy

Seconded by Councillor Evans

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MOTION ON NOTICE

SUPPORTING PEOPLE No 12 (10/11)

This Council notes

That as a result of cuts in funding by the Conservative led Government Cornwall Council has decided to cut its Supporting People budget by 40%. Plymouth City Council also faces significant budget pressures and will be reviewing its contracts with a view to making substantial savings. Given that several Housing Associations and other providers funded by the supporting peoples' budget have said that they do not have the capacity to maintain current levels of services on a reduced budget this Council resolves to –

Ask Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to arrange for an evaluation of the range of services funded by the Supporting People's budget with a view to identifying best practice and value for money and the possible affect of reduced funding across the Devon and Cornwall region on the capacity for providers to deliver in Plymouth. That the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny be used to inform the Executive when making decisions about the allocation of Supporting Peoples' funding.

Proposed by Councillor Williams

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 13 (10/11)

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE STADIUM

In the light of Plymouth Argyle's current financial predicament, Council CALLS UPON the Cabinet Member to offer to buy back the land at current market valuation from the present owners.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Wildy

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 14 (10/11)

GLASS RECYCLING

1. Council notes the Conservative Election Manifesto promise of 2007 to introduce doorstep glass recycling.
2. Council calls upon the Executive to bring forward a detailed implementation plan in time for inclusion in the 2011/12 budget.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Wildy

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 15 (10/11)

PROPOSED INCINERATOR AT NORTH YARD

Given the investment in the NDC area of Devonport by Plymouth City Council and Government, this Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment to look carefully at any suggestions that South Yard should be used as an alternative entry point for lorries carrying waste to an from the site of the proposed incinerator.

Council further resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning to make any Traffic Impact Assessment available to Members of Plymouth City Council in a timely manner so that it can be discussed by ward members prior to the relevant meeting of the planning committee.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Wildy

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 16 (10/11)

POLICE NUMBERS

It has been suggested that the number of serving police officers in the Plymouth BCU is to fall to levels unseen since 1983 due to the cuts imposed by the Conservative-led government on the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority.

The Council believe that this will inhibit the police in maintaining their excellent record of reducing crime in our city, and should be opposed.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Wheeler

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 17 (10/11)

SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE GROUPS

Council priorities in the Corporate Plan include 'Reducing Inequalities' and 'Value for Communities'.

1. Council notes that the proposed budget for 2011-2014 proposes restructuring or removing targeted support in many areas including school transport, family intervention services and the youth offending service.
2. The current impact assessment shows that this will affect Families and Vulnerable Groups and have the potential to widen inequalities.
3. Further, removing some of these services could result in increased costs for some services in the long run.
4. Council **resolves** that these cuts run contrary to the Corporate Plan and should not be pursued as part of the budget cost cutting delivery plans.

Proposed by Councillor Wildy

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

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MOTION ON NOTICE No 18 (10/11)

GRIT AND SALT

Council notes that during the recent cold snap most pavements and bus stops were left ungritted and/or unsalted.

Council also notes that many areas of the city have few salt or grit bins, and those that exist were not re-filled.

Council resolves to request the portfolio holder to change policy and procedure before the winter is over so that pavements are cleared as well as roads, and grit provided to constituents.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Vincent

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