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CITY COUNCIL ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

DATE: MONDAY 11 APRIL 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, (Stevens (suspended), Thompson, Tuohy, Vincent, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler, Wiggins, Wildy, Williams and Wright

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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**MEETING OF PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
11 April 2011**

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE LIST SITUATED AT THE REAR OF THE CHAMBER.

Before the start of the meeting, prayers will be said by the Reverend Tim Smith, the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Vicar of St Jude's Church, Beaumont Road.

The Lord Mayor will draw the attention of councillors and the public to the following including the fire and emergency procedures as printed below -

FIRE, EMERGENCY & OTHER PROCEDURES

Would you please note that –

- Toilets are situated at the front of the Council House at the foot of the stairs.
- If the fire alarm sounds, make your way immediately out of the public gallery through the exit at the back (the door through which you entered). For those in the Council Chamber the exit is through the doors at the back of the Chamber and down the stairs to the front of the Council House. The assembly area is to the right as you exit the Council House. For the mobility impaired, the assembly point is directly in front of the Council House car park.
- If you are in need of first aid, please make yourself known to any Council officer and the designated first aiders will be contacted.
- Unless the Chair agrees, mobile phones should be switched off and speech, video and photographic equipment should not be used during meetings.
- Smoking is not permitted within the Council House building.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Bragg and Martin Leaves.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Head of Legal Services will invite councillors to make any declarations of interest relevant to today's meeting.

Councillors are reminded that an interest may be personal or prejudicial, in accordance with the Local Government Code of Conduct, or in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.

In declaring a personal interest, councillors are advised that they must also declare the nature of that interest.

3 MINUTES

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The Lord Mayor will move that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2011 are approved.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive

Lord Mayor:

- **The Late Alderman Mrs Carol Brimblecombe**

Alderman Mrs Brimblecombe served on the City Council from 1973 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1995, as a representative of the Ham and Trelawny Wards. She was made an Alderman in July 1995.

The Council will be asked to stand in silence, for one minute, as a mark of respect.

- **Former Councillor Mrs Stephens**

- **Retiring Councillors: Councillors Dann and King**

(b) *The Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees*

(Note: There is a limit of three minutes for each announcement at (b) above)

5 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters which, in the opinion of the Lord Mayor, are relevant to the business of the meeting in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Constitution.

There are two questions for today's meeting.

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
7 (10/11)	Mike Fox	Councillor Wiggins	Withdrawal or reduced bus services
<p>How many bus routes and services have been withdrawn or had a reduction in frequency across the City since Conservative Councillors voted to sell Citybus to the private company Go Ahead last year?</p>			
<p>Response: Plymouth Citybus (PCB) became part of the Go Ahead Group on 1st December 2009 and operates approximately two thirds of the network within the city.</p> <p>Overall there have been 40 services withdrawn or had a reduction in frequency since that date, of these 21 were made by PCB. (8 additional routes that were withdrawn were subsequently replaced wholly or partly with new or revised services) The remaining 19 route reductions were made by other operators who service the rest of the network.</p> <p>Plymouth Citybus have endeavoured to minimise the impact of the changes on customers by making a range of positive alterations to the network; to fill gaps and to improve daytime frequencies, particularly on Sundays and Bank Holidays, as well as improving reliability.</p> <p>Changes to the Plymouth Citybus network have seen an overall increase in patronage of more than 5% when comparing April 2009 to January 2010 with April 2010 to January 2011. If the previous year prior to the takeover is also included (April 2008 to January 2009) this also shows an increase of more than 2% over the two year period.</p> <p>Citywide Patronage It is encouraging that irrespective of the service changes stated above, total bus patronage across the city is continuing to grow, with a 0.62% (more than 100,000 journeys) increase recorded between 2009/10 (Apr-Jan) and the same period in 2010/11.</p>			

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
8 (10/11)	Mike Fox	Councillor Wiggins	Numbers 46 and 47 bus services
<p>The removal of the 46 and 47 bus serving the Budshead area has had a devastating effect on school children, workers and the elderly. The Council has the power to subsidise bus services. Will Plymouth City Council subsidise a replacement bus service on 46 and 47 bus route?</p>			
<p>Response:</p> <p>It is regrettable that Citybus have had to withdraw this service, although in this instance, for 95% of those affected, there are alternative services available. The Public Transport Team, as a result of investigating current provision along this route, identified that whilst some direct links may have been lost, the majority of passengers will be able to use an alternative service/s.</p> <p>The alternative service may require perhaps longer and maybe two bus journeys where previously one would have been the norm and this is again regrettable.</p> <p>The Council will not be looking to support a replacement of the existing service as we consider it does not represent good value for money, particularly as the community does, to a large extent, have alternative provision available.</p>			

ITEMS REFERRED FROM CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD AND OTHER COMMITTEES

6 Lord Mayoralty 2011/12

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The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) to propose that approval is given to the appointment of Councillor Brookshaw as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. (Lord Mayor Selection Committee minute 3 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation to appoint Councillor Brookshaw as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year.

7 Invest to Save Initiatives and Financial Update **PAGES 21 – 40**
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The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance) to present the recommendations in Cabinet minute 134 on Invest to Save Initiatives and Financial Update.

Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) will submit the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on the proposals (minute 126 of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation to include the following information in all future 'invest to save' schemes –

- the established criteria for 'invest to save' schemes;
- how the projects are scored;
- details of the running balance and how it was to be funded;
- the benefit/outcome to be achieved.

The Lord Mayor will then invite the Council to vote on the recommendations to –

- (1) approve the commencement of the Parent and Child Assessment 'invest to save' project and that this be financed from the Council's revenue 'invest to save' reserve £0.073m in 2011/12 and £0.010m in 2012/13;
- (2) approve the inclusion of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder 'invest to save' project in the 2011/12 capital programme at an estimated cost of £0.657m to be financed from a mixture of general fund reserves and schools balances;
- (3) approve the continuation of the Carefirst project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £0.831m in 2010/11, £0.832m in 2011/12, £0.106m in 2012/13, £0.177m in 2013/14 and £0.377m in 2014/15. The revenue costs are estimated to be £1.006m in 2010/11, £0.425m in 2011/12, £0.399m in 2012/13, £0.400m in 2013/14 and £0.400m in 2014/15. Officers have now identified costs being incurred in 2010/11 (mentioned above) which could be treated as capital and would therefore allow the Council more flexibility in its financing options. Funding towards the project has been identified from existing revenue and capital budgets, however there will be temporary shortfalls totalling £0.600m which will need to be met from the revenue invest to save reserve;

- (4) approve the Accommodation Strategy Phase 2 'invest to save' project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £2.106m in 2011/12, £1.008m in 2012/13 and £0.500m in 2013/14 to be financed from capital receipts and temporary unsupported borrowing;
- (5) approve an increase in the transport capital and revenue allocation (from 2010/11 levels) towards highway maintenance (which includes 'pot hole' maintenance) of £1.003m. This will be financed from an estimated increase in revenue government grant of £0.433m and a reallocation within the transport capital programme approved at 28 February 2011 Council from the 'integrated transport block' and street lighting maintenance;
- (6) approve an increase in the development capital programme for 2011/12 of £0.581m towards flood and coastal erosion schemes following the award of external grant funding;
- (7) approve that the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2010/11 and 2011/12 is amended to reflect option 1 (the regulatory method) for borrowing supported by the government through the revenue support grant mechanism;
- (8) approve the delaying of changes to fees and charges relating to the adult social care 'fairer charging' policy until July 2011. This is due to the review of all clients not being completed until the end of June 2011;
- (9) approve making the use of Tinside pool free to all users during the summer of 2011;
- (10) consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, following referral of the 'invest to save' projects to the Management Board on 6 April 2011, to reflect previous recommendations for scrutiny involvement in 'invest to save' projects (see Management Board recommendation above);
- (11) amend the revenue budget to include the procurement 'invest to save' proposal of £758,100.

8 Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 PAGES 41 – 68

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) to present the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 for adoption (Cabinet minute 137 refers) subject to an amendment of an error on Guiding Principle No 8 (page 55 refers) so that the sixth bullet point reads '.....Gypsy and Traveller families' (to replace '.....gypsy and traveller' families).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation to adopt the Children and Young People's Plan, as amended.

9 Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan - Adopted PAGES 69 – 204

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Wogens (Cabinet Member for Transport) to present Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan for adoption. (Cabinet minute 140 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation to adopt Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan.

10 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There are two motions on notice.

Motion on Notice No 20 (10/11) PAGE 3 of the first supplement

WITHDRAWAL OF BUS SERVICES

The Council notes with regret the effects of the withdrawal from service of the routes 46/7 and route 45.

The route 46/7 provided the only service from and to some bus stops; it also provided essential links between locations in Kings Tamerton, St Budeaux, West Park, Whiteleigh and other places. Passengers are now faced with walking longer distances than before; in some cases, people with disabilities have to walk further than they are able to manage.

The route 45 provided essential links between Cattedown, Coxside and the city centre; there is no alternative service.

The Council resolves to request the relevant portfolio holder to work with Citybus and other operators to restore some service to stops which now have no service and to restore links which have been severed, and to consider providing some financial support for whatever service can be restored.

**Proposed by Councillor Evans
Seconded by Councillor Wheeler**

Motion on Notice No 21 (10/11)

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The City Council will be asked to note a typographical error in the motion circulated as indicated, in bold italics, below.

FINAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE: ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT

The Council notes the proposal by AAD (South West) to establish a plant at Lee Moor to process up to 75,000 tons of brown-bin commercial waste. The process involves autoclaving and anaerobic digestion and was the subject of an exhibition at Lee Moor on 1 and **2 ~~(12)~~** April.

It is understood that the gate fee is expected to be less than £80 per ton, the capital cost is some £9 million and the expected time of construction is less than 12 months from grant of planning permission.

This compares with MVV's gate fee which is understood to be in the region of £120 per ton with a capital cost of between £100 million and £200 million and a construction period of between 2 and 3 years from grant of planning permission. Firm figures have not been disclosed.

Apart for the financial benefits, the environmental benefits are very significant. There will be no emissions, either toxic or greenhouse. There will be no ash. Recyclates are recovered cleanly. The product of the digestion will be in demand for many years for land restoration at Lee Moor and it is hoped that the product will soon be suitable for agricultural use.

The Council resolves to request the South West Devon Waste Partnership to think again about its future waste disposal options, given the proposal by AAD (South West) to establish a waste processing plant at Lee Moor.

**Proposed by Councillor Wheeler
Seconded by Councillor Evans**

**TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS
TO THE MEETING, OR MATTERS TAKEN AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

11 Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council and Committees 2011/12 PAGES 205 –208

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) to present the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and committees 2011/12 for approval.

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the proposal to approve the programme for 2011/12.

12 Appointment to Committees, Outside Bodies etc**PAGE 209**

The City Council is asked to consider the following proposal -

	Organisation	No of Members	Appointments / Nominations
1.	Plymouth Community Homes	Four representatives: Councillors Dann, Fox, McDonald and Thompson.	Councillor Browne to replace Councillor Fox.

The City Council is asked to note that the following changes of Committee membership, have been notified to the Monitoring Officer -

	Committee	Change of Membership
2.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Browne has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.
3.	Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Lock has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.
4.	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	Councillor Williams has replaced Councillor Stevens (suspended). nominated substitute: Councillor Delbridge is substitute for Councillor Ricketts (from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel).
5.	Planning Committee	Councillor Fox has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens. Councillor Wildy has replaced Councillor Stevens (suspended).
6.	Standards Committee	Councillor Mrs Bragg has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**13 General Questions**

Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs covering aspects for their areas of responsibility or concern by councillors in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Constitution on the basis of one minute for the question and two minutes for the reply. The same for supplementary questions.

(Note: There is a 30 minute time limit on this item)

14 Forward Plan

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Councillor Mrs Pengelly will introduce the Forward Plan.

(Note: There is a five minute time limit on this introduction)

Councillors may ask questions specific to the Forward Plan of the Leader/Cabinet Members on the basis of one minute for the question and two minutes for the reply. There are no supplementary questions.

(Note: There is a 15 minute time limit on these questions)