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CITY COUNCIL SUPPLEMENT

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Date: Monday 25 July 2011

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: COUNCIL HOUSE, PLYMOUTH (next to the Civic Centre)

Members:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Brookshaw, Chair

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Delbridge, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Berrow, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bragg, Browne, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Davey, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lock, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Reynolds, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Thompson, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins, Wildy, Williams and Wright.

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting, and attach three additional motions on notice for consideration at the City Council meeting under item 9.

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CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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

- Council priority for value for communities (circulated with the agenda)
- Child poverty (circulated with the agenda)
- Private sector housing pressures (circulated with the agenda)
- Resisting cuts to Plymouth police (circulated with the agenda)
- Localisation of Business Rates (NNDR)
- Children's Transport to School
- Tree Husbandry

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**25 JULY 2011****MOTION ON NOTICE No 8 (11/12)****Localisation of Business Rates (NNDR)**

Council notes the intention of the Government to give Council the power over the setting of NNDR and to retain the proceeds.

Council notes that the figures obtained in the House of Commons would mean that Plymouth would lose £12 million under this process every year as a minimum.

The Council requests our MPs to vote against the localisation of business rates unless a pool system is retained to ensure that 'NNDR rich' areas do not gain at the expense of 'NNDR poor' areas like Plymouth. We say 'no localisation without equalisation'.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Williams

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PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

25 JULY 2011

MOTION ON NOTICE No 9 (11/12)

Children's Transport to School

Council believes the decision by the private bus company Citybus to scrap all child and student fares prior to 9.30 am will cause hardship to many Plymouth families.

Council notes that the Portfolio holder and Cabinet have agreed that all non-statutory school transport will cease from September 2011.

Council requests the Portfolio Holder to review the decision in the light of the Citybus decision; recent changes to school organisation; the impact this may have on parental choice and delivery of Council priorities.

Proposed by Councillor Wildy

Seconded by Councillor Williams

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PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

25 JULY 2011

MOTION ON NOTICE No 10 (11/12)

Tree Husbandry

Council notes the alarming rise in casework calls from Plymouth residents about the state of trees across Plymouth.

These trees are often not receiving regular planned maintenance, some are dead and need removing. Others are the result of accidental damage, vandalism and weather related. Some are growing out of control not having received planned maintenance like pruning or lopping. They are often described as having caused damage to houses or high sided vehicles.

Members have been told that the waiting list for trees to be attended to can be as long as FOUR YEARS.

Council believes that this waiting time is unacceptable, as well as the risk to public health, it poses a potential to leave the Council open to claims for damages against people and property. It is also damaging to the environment, as infected trees can go unnoticed and untreated and so can pass on diseases to healthy trees.

Council requests that the portfolio holder brings forward a plan for change in tree maintenance, via Cabinet before the next meeting of the City Council.

Proposed by Councillor Vincent

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

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