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## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **SUPPLEMENT**

**Date:** Monday 30 January 2012  
**Time:** 2pm  
**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 for your attention, a revised report relating to item 8 on the agenda. This replaces the one included in the Council agenda at pages 79 to 82.

I also attach three further motions on notice for consideration under item 12 on the agenda.

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# CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA

### PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

8. **TAMAR BRIDGE AND TORPOINT FERRY JOINT COMMITTEE: REVENUE ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2015/16** (Pages 1 - 4)

Joint Chair: Councillor Martin Leaves

A revised report from the Director of Place and Director of Corporate Services is submitted. This replaces the report circulated with the Council agenda at pages 79 to 82.

### 12. **ANY FURTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED.**

To consider any further motions submitted.

- 12a Councillors Involvement in Section 106 Agreements (Pages 5 - 6)

To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Tuffin.

- 12b Assistance for those affected by Welfare Benefit and Tax Credit Reforms (Pages 7 - 8)

To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Rennie.

- 12c Appointment of Chief Constable (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider a motion proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Williams.

**PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

**Subject:** Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee: Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme 2012/13 – 2015/16 (revised report)

**Committee:** City Council

**Date:** 30 January 2012

**Joint Chair:** Councillor Martin Leaves

**CMT Member:** Director of Place and Director of Corporate Services

**Author:** Nicholas Flay, Group Accountant

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**Ref:**

**Key Decision:** No

**Part:** I

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**Executive Summary:**

The current reserves balance of the TBTF budget stands at over £2M and is projected to run down to £381K by financial year 2015/16. This is based on a number of assumptions including the traffic flow reduction in 11/12 of 5.5%, to be built into future years' budgets.

An Officer/member workshop was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to discuss the current levels of reserves on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. The objective was to review current levels of reserve as this will impact on the timing of the next toll revision.

Officers have set up a series of workshops to further analyse income streams to support various options. The first of these is scheduled for February 2012 and will provide the opportunity to review all options on managing reserves and assessing income options. The review will allow adequate time for the committee to agree the appropriate level of action in the future and ensure the cost of the operation does not fall upon the host authorities' budget.

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**Corporate Plan 2011 – 2014:**

Providing a safe and well-maintained road network contributes to the economic well being of the City in support of the Growth priority.

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**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:  
Including finance, human, IT and land**

In the short term the undertaking has the capacity to reduce the current concessions (no addition approval is required for this) and thereby generate additional income. This will provide sufficient funds to support the business over the next two financial years if traffic flows continue to decrease.

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**Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:**

A risk register and mitigation measures are included in the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Business Plan 2011 to 2015.

It also should be noted that Cornwall Council, PCC and the Highways Agency have reviewed the TBTF Business Plan and are content that business continuity risks associated with the TBTF are adequately covered.

**Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

It is recommended that:

- i) The ongoing work of the Member/Officer workshops on budget forecast issues are noted and that the preferred option be reported to Cabinet prior to any decision being made.
- ii) The Revenue and Capital budgets for 2012/13, proposed by the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee are approved by the Council.
- iii) That all schemes included in the capital programme beyond 2013 are submitted to Cabinet supported by robust business cases.

**Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

The committee has reviewed the current levels of reserve as this will impact on the timing of the next toll revision. Further workshops are arranged to review further options.

**Background papers:**

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee, 02 December 2011, Agenda 4.3, 2012/13 to 2015/16, Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Business Plan 2011 to 2015

**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member											

**Tamar Bridge Joint Committee 12/13 Budget**

- 1.0 The current reserves balance of the TBTF budget stands at over £2M and is projected to run down to £381K by financial year 2015/16. This is based on a number of assumptions including the traffic flow reduction in 11/12 of 5.5%, to be built into future years budgets.
- 1.1 An Officer/member workshop was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to discuss the current levels of reserves on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. The objective was to review current levels of reserve as this will impact on the timing of the next toll revision.
- 1.2 Officers have set up a series of workshops to further analyse income streams to support various options. The review will allow adequate time for the committee to agree the appropriate level of action and ensure the cost of the operation does not fall upon the host authorities' budget.
- 1.3 Staffing budgets are due to increase in 12/13 for a variety of reasons. This allows for a potential pay award of 2%, although this may be needed to be considered following the outcome of the planned for February workshop. Additional budget would also be required on the impact of the shift environment for lower paid workers. There is also a need to recruit additional staff within the Bridge Control Room.
- 1.4 The capital programme beyond 2012/13 includes elements that, whilst prudent to be included for future budget profiling purposes at this stage, have yet to be subjected to a full business case appraisal. Therefore, future year's capital spend is not agreed at this stage and will be informed by a full and thorough business assessment.
- 1.5 A review on the cost of Bridge & Ferry operations with a view to driving out efficiencies is due to be discussed with Officers and members.
- 1.6 The tolls are scheduled to increase in 2014/15 – although this will be subject to the outcomes above.

It is recommended that:

- I. The ongoing work of the Member/Officer workshops on budget forecast issues are noted and that the preferred option be reported to Cabinet prior to any decision being made.
- II. The Revenue and Capital budgets for 2012/13, proposed by the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee are approved by the Council.
- III. That the three further additional schemes included in the capital programme beyond 2013 are submitted to Cabinet supported by robust business cases.

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# CITY COUNCIL

30 January 2012



## **MOTION ON NOTICE NO 17 (11/12)**

### **COUNCILLORS INVOLVEMENT IN SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS**

Plymouth City Council believes its Planning system must be seen to be acting in the interests of Plymouth, including agreed Planning Obligations and Gains.

Whilst recognising that each must comply with council planning documents, policies and guidance and Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010, contributions made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act must be seen to mitigate the effects of developments.

To this end, the allocation of any such contributions recommended as part of the Planning permissions will be subject to consultation with the relevant Ward Councillors at an early stage in the consideration of the application and before the decision is put before the Planning Committee or taken by an Officer under delegated authority.

**Proposed by Councillor Stevens**

**Seconded by Councillor Tuffin**

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**CITY COUNCIL**

30 January 2012

**MOTION ON NOTICE NO 18 (11/12)****ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WELFARE BENEFIT AND TAX CREDIT REFORMS**

This Council notes that a number of changes in welfare benefits and tax credit systems will be implemented over the next 12 months.

The Government intends to make the following savings through these changes:

- CPI indexation (£5.8 bn)
- Tax Credit changes (£4.51 bn)
- Housing Benefit reform (£2.02 bn)
- Child Benefit (£2.42 bn)
- Contributory Employment Support Allowance (ESA) time-limit (£2bn)
- Disability Living Allowance reform (£1.2 bn)
- Council Tax Benefit (£0.49 bn)
- Benefits cap (£0.27 bn)
- End to 'asset –based welfare' (£0.6 bn)
- Social Fund reforms

Inevitably there will be confusion and distress caused to people who have their benefits cut, whilst the cost of living continues to rise.

This Council resolves to –

Actively promote information about the changes in welfare benefits and tax credits and signpost those likely to be affected to appropriate organisations such as the CAB in order that they may provide advice and support.

**Proposed by Councillor Williams**

**Seconded by Councillor Rennie**

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# CITY COUNCIL

30 January 2012



## **MOTION ON NOTICE NO 18 (11/12)**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Council notes the decision by the DC and IoS Police Authority to defer a decision on replacing Stephen Otter, the Chief Constable with a permanent replacement until after the forthcoming Police Commissioner elections.

Council also notes that, according to media reports, this decision is being reconsidered.

Council believes the best interests of policing in Plymouth and the force area are best served by a permanent appointment and requests our PA rep to lobby for the earliest possible permanent replacement.

**Proposed by Councillor Evans**

**Seconded by Councillor Williams**

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