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CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday 24 September 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

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

Members:

Councillor Wright, Chair

Councillor Singh, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Browne, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins and Williams.

The order of proceedings for the meeting is attached.

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR CITY COUNCIL ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2012

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

24 September 2012



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

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 AND OTHER PROCEDURES

Would you please note that –

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- 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.
- This meeting is being broadcast live to the internet.
- Smoking is not permitted within the Council House building.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs Pengelly.

2 MINUTES

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The Lord Mayor will move that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 30 July 2012 are approved.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance will invite councillors to make any declarations of interest relevant to today's meeting.

Councillors are reminded that an interest may be personal, prejudicial or a disclosable pecuniary interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

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

4 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES ETC

PAGES 17 - 18

The City Council is asked to consider the following vacancies and further details relating to the requests as set out below –

	Committee	Membership	Appointments
1	Emma Stirling Bequest	Councillors Lowry, Peter Smith and William and one vacancy.	Councillor McDonald to fill the vacant position.
	Three of the four councillors must be the three Honicknowle Ward representatives.		
2	Plymouth Schools Forum	Three councillors: Councillors Bowie, Stark and Williams.	Councillor Williams to be replaced by Councillor Parker.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Lord Mayor

South West in Bloom Awards

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

6 PLYMOUTH CITY AIRPORT PETITION

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In accordance with the process for the petition debate at council, Ms Maddie Bridgeman, petition organiser, will present the following petition on Plymouth City Airport. (The process gives 10 minutes for the presentation).

The petition says:

'Plymouth City Airport is a vital hub for the South West, but it is due to close, like so many other UK airports, to satisfy property developers. We need flexibility as well as investment in our transport infrastructure. Regional airports offer much greater flexibility than trains for both domestic and international travel. With investment and the right management, Plymouth City Airport would be profitable. The state should take ownership.'

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) will propose a response from the Council and this will be debated by councillors.

7 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 three questions for today's meeting.

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q4/12-13	Mrs Sharon Privett	Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Community Development	Armed Forces Covenant
<p>Does the Council really mean what it says when it supports the Armed Services Covenant? If so, why did only one Councillor attend despite the fact that I e-mailed inviting them all to the vigil at the War Memorial on 24 July protesting about the cuts of 20,000 soldiers?</p>			
<p>Response: I would like to thank Mrs Privett for this opportunity to restate Plymouth City Council's commitment to our armed forces community.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor signed the Plymouth Armed Forces Community Covenant on Armed Forces day on behalf of the City of Plymouth on 30th June 2012. The Covenant seeks to ensure that those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether regular or reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. In order to achieve this the Covenant is underpinned by an action plan with seven key themes. They are:</p> <p>Children, young people and their families Improving outcomes for the children of service families and tackling child poverty issues amongst families of former service personnel.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing Developing services focused on the health and wellbeing of service personnel, veterans and their families, including mental health support.</p> <p>Housing Ensuring there is clear guidance from the Council and the armed forces on what housing services and provision are available to the services community.</p> <p>Working in partnership Creating opportunities for the armed forces to work closely with the Council and other community covenant partners.</p> <p>Support for veterans and their families Considering and supporting the needs of service personnel during and after their transition to becoming a veteran.</p> <p>Employability and education Helping ex-service personnel and their families to identify education opportunities and maximise their employability.</p> <p>Governance Evaluating the impact and reach of the Community Covenant, through regular meetings and reviews.</p>			

We have developed a multi agency steering group to ensure that the above aims are delivered. I am pleased to announce that at its last meeting the steering group appointed Councillor Pauline Vincent as its Chair, I know that she will be an effective advocate and champion for our armed forces community.

I am sorry that, due to a prior engagement, I was not able to attend the vigil at the War Memorial on 24th July. I am unable to comment specifically on the number of councillors attending as that would depend on their personal circumstances and availability. However, by signing the Plymouth Armed Forces Community Covenant and delivering the associated action plan, we feel that the city is demonstrating its ongoing strong commitment to our armed forces community, both serving and veterans, and their families.

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q5/12-13	Mr Carleton Mayer	Councillor Evans, Leader	Plymouth airport
<p>National and international businesses expect to do business by flying into a city.</p> <p>Their expectations require a willingness on the Council to ensure air links are maintained in Plymouth.</p> <p>Does the council appreciate the ramifications that the message, of not having an airport, sends out about our city.</p>			
<p>Response:</p> <p>The independent study carried out by Berkeley Hanover Consulting in mid- 2011 - after the airport non-viability notice had been served on the Council - revealed that the business community had relatively little reliance on the air services, to and from Plymouth, and that had been the case since the air link to Heathrow was terminated in 1997. Neither could the consultants find any evidence that air services had made any material difference to business investment decisions.</p> <p>I do not say that this will be the case in respect of all business travelling and investment decisions, but the trend has been for greater reliance on road and rail transport, and indeed the use of other airports.</p> <p>Nevertheless, I am on the record as saying that the Council will support any new airport operators if they can pass five tests that I think are prudent and realistic, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to acquire ownership of the airport - I mean the existing lease from Sutton Harbour, and associated infrastructure • To operate without the need for public subsidy • Have an on-going commitment to air services • Have a fully-funded long-term business plan • Clearly evidence demand for and provision of Plymouth air services. <p>The Council very much hopes that a new airport operator will step forward with a sustainable business plan both for the airport and of course airline services.</p>			

The Council still has a very ambitious economic growth agenda for the future that it will be pursuing whether or not there is a Plymouth Airport, but I would reiterate, in case anybody is in any doubt, that the airport site remains protected under existing planning policy.

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q6/12-13	Mr F E Sharpe	Councillor Peter Smith, Deputy Leader,	Swimming pool at Sherford
According to Council records how many residents of the two Plymstock Wards support a Swimming Pool connected to Sherford rather than one in Central Plymstock?			
Response: We don't have this information in either our Planning Services or Leisure Services Units.			

TO DETERMINE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

8 Performance and Finance Report (including capital programme update) PAGES 21 – 48

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) to present the proposed new capital schemes referred to in the performance and finance report (Cabinet minute 60 (3) refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation to approve the new capital schemes over £0.500m for investment as detailed in Table 4 (page 29 refers) amounting to £4.450m in 2012/13 and £4.450m for future years.

9 Theatre Royal Regeneration Project PAGES 49 - 60

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) to present the proposed new capital scheme relating to the Theatre Royal Regeneration Project (Cabinet minute 62 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation for the inclusion of a new capital scheme up to the value of £1,995,000. The scheme to be funded from the withholding of PCC revenue contributions approved in Cabinet resolution (6) for a three year period (equating to £1,995,000), making the capital works cost neutral to the Council.

10 Investment in Customer Transformation and ICT Core Infrastructure PAGES 61 - 94

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) to present the proposed amendment in the capital programme for investment in customer transformation and ICT core infrastructure. (Cabinet minute 63 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation that the capital programme is amended to include an additional £1.5m, making a total spend of £4.5m.

11 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 PAGES 95 – 102

The Lord Mayor will invite the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance to present the written report on the proposed reporting arrangements for the use of the 'special urgency' provision under Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. (Cabinet minute 65 refers).

Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader) will be invited to make a proposal for consideration.

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendation that it receives an annual report on the use of the 'special urgency' provision under Regulation 11 (where key decisions are taken without prior public notice).

12 Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Panels PAGES 103 - 120

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Mrs Aspinall (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) to present the proposed amendments to the overview and scrutiny panel's terms of reference for approval. (Overview and Scrutiny Management Board minute 24 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the proposed amendments to the panel's terms of reference.

13 Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2011/12 PAGES 121 - 218

The Lord Mayor will invite Councillor Wheeler (Chair of the Audit Committee) to present the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2011/12 as required by the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice. (Audit Committee minute 10 refers).

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to note the annual report.

14 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

(a) Motion on Notice No 3 (12/13)

SUPPLEMENT

Proposed by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Evans

Government consultation re planning system

Plymouth City Council opposes Government proposals to relax parts of the Planning system relating to extensions to residential properties up to 8m.

These changes would remove essential controls on potentially controversial development, remove residents' right to object, deter homeowners from gaining sensible advice and do nothing to boost economic growth.

Plymouth City Council would prefer the Government to urgently address the issue of unbuilt housing in Plymouth, with over 6,200 homes waiting to be built.

To this end Council officers will respond to Government consultation along these lines and request Oliver Colvile MP, Gary Streeter MP and Alison Seabeck MP to voice similar opposition to these divisive plans.

15 POLLING PLACE, POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING STATION ALTERATIONS PAGES 219 – 230

The Lord Mayor will invite the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance to present his written report on the Polling Place, Polling District and Polling Station Alterations.

The Lord Mayor will invite the Council to vote on the recommendations set out on pages 219 to 222.

16 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs covering aspects for their areas of responsibility or concern by councillors in accordance with Part B, 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 45 minute time limit on this item)

17 EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.