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## **CABINET**

Tuesday 15 January 2013

2pm

Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

### **Members:**

Councillor Evans, Chair

Councillor Peter Smith, Vice Chair

Councillors Coker, Lowry, McDonald, Penberthy, Vincent and Williams.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

This agenda acts as notice that Cabinet will be considering business in private if items are included in Part II of the agenda.

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# **CABINET**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I – PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence submitted by Cabinet Members.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 1 - 2)**

Cabinet Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda. A flowchart providing guidance on interests is attached to assist councillors.

#### **3. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 14)**

To sign and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2012.

#### **4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

To receive questions from the public in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions, of no longer than 50 words, can be submitted to the Democratic Support Unit, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2AA, or email to [democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk). Any questions must be received at least five clear working days before the date of the meeting.

#### **5. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

#### **6. NEW COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST (Pages 15 - 28)**

The Director for Place will submit a report indicating the need to support job creation and employment, whilst building community capacity in the north of the city. The report will seek Cabinet approval to carry out detailed feasibility studies to assess how best to establish a new Community Economic Development Trust proposed for the north of the city.

Background papers to this report can be accessed at the Council's website Council and Democracy/ Councillors and Committees/Library/Cabinet background papers or using the following hyperlink – <http://tinyurl.com/bdqgk2r>

**7. PLAN FOR JOBS (Pages 29 - 62)**

The Director for Place will submit a report on a proposed Plan for Jobs which contains 19 projects and aims to create over 2,000 jobs (including 500 apprenticeships) over the next two years. It brings together actions and commitments designed to reinvigorate the local economy and stimulate private sector growth and job creation.

The report will give further details of the purpose of the Plan, the approach that has been taken to its production, a summary of the Plan's content and how it will be implemented and communicated.

**8. ENERGY CO-OPERATIVES (Pages 63 - 70)**

The Director for Place will submit a written report to identify and agree the key principles for the creation of an Energy Co-operative in Plymouth. The report will also seek approval to delegate authority in progressing delivery of the co-operative.

Background papers to this report can be accessed at the Council's website Council and Democracy/ Councillors and Committees/Library/Cabinet background papers or using the following hyperlink –  
<http://tinyurl.com/bdqgk2r>

**9. CORPORATE AND CITY CARBON REDUCTIONS (Pages 71 - 78)**

The Directors for Place and Corporate Services will submit a report on a proposal to implement a Council estate reduction target of 20 per cent by 2014/15 from 2009/10 levels as per the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2005 - 2015.

The report will also seek approval of a programme of work to develop a low carbon theme to the Plymouth Plan, including a process of stakeholder engagement followed by a Low Carbon Summit event in summer 2013.

**10. NEW MODELS OF GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT - AN INVESTIGATION INTO A COMMUNITY GREENSPACE TRUST (Pages 79 - 86)**

The Director for Place will submit a report setting out a recommended process for investigating the cost, benefits, opportunities and risks of developing a Community Greenspace Trust.

The report will recommend a ten month investigation to assess all elements of developing a Community Greenspace Trust including potential governance arrangements and the responsibilities and accountabilities any new organisation must deliver. Fully evidenced recommendations will then be presented in a future report to Cabinet.

**11. IMPROVING QUALITY AND OUTCOMES, INCREASING CHOICE AND CONTROL - THE MODERNISATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICE PROVISION (Pages 87 - 96)**

The Director for People will submit a written report updating and seeking agreement to the continued direction of travel for the modernisation of the Adult Social Care service.

In particular it proposes five key strategic projects that will deliver “Improved Quality and Outcomes and Increased Choice and Control”

- Improving the community meals service through a trading model
- Improving the social care reablement service
- Improving the quality in dementia care
- Delivering a new model for short break provision
- Improving the choice and control in day opportunities.

**12. SOCIAL FUND REPLACEMENT (Pages 97 - 116)**

The Director for People will submit a written report on a proposal for the introduction of a local Emergency and Welfare Fund to replace the national Social Fund (which supports people in extreme financial difficulty via grants and loans) in April 2013.

A localised welfare assistance scheme will be designed and developed to replace the current Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans schemes administered by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Following consultation on eight key principles, market testing and consideration by a Customer and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel task and finish group, a service model has been developed on how the scheme will operate and addresses some key delivery and implementation issues arising from the principles including budget management, limiting awards, eligibility criteria, procurement of goods and services, administration arrangements, whether to have a loans or grants system and an appeals process.

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<http://tinyurl.com/bdqgk2r>

**13. THE PUBLIC SERVICES (SOCIAL VALUE) ACT 2012 (Pages 117 - 122)**

The Director for Corporate Services will submit a written report on the implications arising from the coming into force of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

**14. ADOPTION OF NORTH PROSPECT AREA PLANNING STATEMENT (Pages 123 - 158)**

The Director for Place will submit a written report seeking formal adoption of the North Prospect Area Planning Statement, to ensure that there is an up to date planning framework in place to manage the process of change in the area.

The Area Planning Statement incorporates the findings of the previous studies, along with additional information, comments and advice from stakeholders and the public, arising from a six week public consultation exercise that ended on 10 October 2012 and provides a strategy to guide the regeneration over the life of the project.

**15. TAMAR BRIDGE AND TORPOINT FERRY JOINT COMMITTEE: REVENUE ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 - 2016/17 (Pages 159 - 164)**

The Director for Place will submit a report seeking Cabinet approval of the Business Plan as recommended by the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee and recommending that Council approve the capital and revenue budgets for 2013/14. (Minutes 24 and 25 of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Joint Committee refer).

**16. REVENUES AND BENEFITS PERFORMANCE UPDATE (Pages 165 - 174)**

The Director for Corporate Services will submit a written report providing Cabinet with an update on the performance of the Revenues and Benefits service.

**17. COUNCIL TAX BASE SETTING (Pages 175 - 182)**

The Director for Corporate Services will submit a report on a Council tax-base for tax setting purposes in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended by SI 2003/3181.

**18. 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(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**PART II (PRIVATE MEETING)  
AGENDA**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE**

that under the law, members are entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

NIL.