

# City Council

Monday 24 September 2012

## PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Wright, in the Chair.

The Deputy Leader, 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, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker, Penberthy, Rennie, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wigans and Williams.

Apologies for absence: Councillors James and Mrs Pengelly.

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 6.10pm.

*Note: At a future meeting, the Council will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

## 40. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2012 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Smith encouraged all Members for the sake of openness to declare any shareholdings that they had in Sutton Harbour Holdings rather than just those exceeding £25,000 and any similar interests in Viable.

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the code of conduct from councillors in relation to items under consideration at this meeting –

Name	Item	Interest	Reason
Councillor Damarell	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Personal and Prejudicial Interest	Nominal shareholder in Sutton Harbour Holdings.
Councillor Mrs Dolan	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Personal	Former member of the Airport Consultative Committee.
Councillor Drean	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Personal	Previously worked at Plymouth City Airport and a former member of the Airport

			Consultative Committee.
Councillor Fox	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Personal	Former member of the Airport Consultative Committee.
Councillor Mrs Leaves	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Husband is a Taxi Driver.
Councillor Martin Leaves	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Taxi Driver.
Councillor Dr Mahony	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Personal and Prejudicial Interest	Nominal Shareholder in Sutton Harbour Holdings.
Councillor John Smith	Minute 44 – Plymouth City Airport Petition	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Owner of Hackney Carriage licence.

42. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES ETC**

The report of the Director for Corporate Services was submitted on current vacancies on committees, outside bodies etc. and changes to committees that have been made.

Agreed that the following appointments were made –

<b>Committee, Outside Body etc</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Emma Stirling Bequest	Councillor McDonald to fill the vacant position.
Plymouth Schools Forum	Councillors Parker replaces Councillor Williams.

43. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(i) South West in Bloom Tourism Cup

The Lord Mayor congratulated Parks Services staff on winning the gold award at the South West in Bloom 2012 ceremony.

Councillors were informed that the city picked up gold in the large city category (the South West Tourism Cup) after impressing the judges who had toured the city's gardens, floral displays, parks and community projects.

(ii) 'It's your Neighbourhood' Awards

The Lord Mayor congratulated Parks Services staff on achieving 48 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards.

Councillors were informed that the awards recognised community projects which had transformed local areas and made a difference to both the environment and the city and that judges had been impressed with the enthusiasm shown by local volunteers.

#### 44. **PLYMOUTH CITY AIRPORT PETITION**

Mrs Bridgeman, organiser of the Plymouth City Airport petition, attended the meeting to present the petition as follows:

'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.'

Mrs Bridgeman, as part of her presentation, informed councillors that –

- (a) over 37,000 local residents signed the petition, which was a clear indication of how important the airport was for the city and residents of the city;
- (b) having an airport was vitally important to the city in dealing with the global financial crisis and ensuring future investment in the city;
- (c) Plymouth already suffered from poor transport links and the airport should be protected at all costs from development for short term financial gain.

In response to the petition, Councillor Evans (Leader) moved the following motion –

“Plymouth City Council firmly believes that the residents and business of Plymouth deserve fast, efficient and reliable transport links with the rest of the country and beyond in order for Plymouth to prosper and for its residents to enjoy the freedom of movement enjoyed by most other cities of our size in the UK. We therefore call on the Prime Minister and the Secretaries of State for Transport and Business Innovation and Skills to take action which would result in Plymouth Airport becoming a national asset providing a reliable and extensive commercial air network for the benefit of local residents and businesses.

We recognise that it is not possible to protect the airport land for ever, but we will use our planning powers to protect the airport from development for as long as legally possible.

We call on all Plymouth politicians inside and outside this Chamber to support this resolution as well as the people of Plymouth and the Herald. We wish to demonstrate to Government the deeply felt concerns of Plymouth residents and the support they feel for Plymouth City Airport and call upon the Herald to organise a campaign to encourage residents, employees and businesses to join me in writing to the Prime Minister to express their support for what I have proposed today.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance).

During the debate the issues raised included –

- (d) Sutton Harbour Holdings took over the airport in 2000 after being granted a 150 year lease;
- (e) at present the airport was protected from housing development as part of the Core Strategy, however, this protection, currently until 2021, could be amended when the Core Strategy was replaced by the Plymouth Plan;
- (f) the Council held the freehold of the airport land and given the citizens of Plymouth, (37,000 signatures), want it to remain an airport, the Council should do all it can to protect this land for the long term future;
- (g) the Plymouth Plan could have a clause inserted protecting the airport for a further period; the Plan would be put out for consultation in the near future, and members of the public were urged to respond accordingly;
- (h) it was disappointing that Sutton Harbour Holdings had not allowed Derriford Hospital or Flag Officer Sea Training to use these facilities;
- (i) the decision to close the airport in 2011 was a regrettable decision, but one that was necessary due to Sutton Harbour Holdings proving, following extensive studies, that the airport was no longer commercially viable;
- (j) the Council was committed to working on the basis that the land would remain useable for an airport until every possible opportunity had been exhausted;
- (k) in order to ensure that any airport operator would be able to run the airport as a commercially viable business, the Council had devised five tests for potential operators;
- (l) the Council was committed to better transport and connectivity, and it was hoped that the state could help with this matter, as that was the request of the citizens of Plymouth in signing the petition.

Councillor Evans summed up and the motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

(Councillors Mrs Dolan, Drean and Fox declared a Personal Interest in the above item).

(Councillors Damerell, Mrs Leaves, Martin Leaves, Dr Mahony and John Smith left the meeting, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest or prejudicial interest and did not take part in the discussion of this item).

45. **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Three questions had been received from members of the public in relation to matters which, in the opinion of the Lord Mayor, were relevant to the business of the meeting, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Constitution.

Mrs Sharon Privett attended the meeting to ask her question and Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Cooperatives and Communities Development) responded as set out below –

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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><b>Response:</b> 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><b>Children, young people and their families</b> Improving outcomes for the children of service families and tackling child poverty issues amongst families of former service personnel.</p> <p><b>Health and wellbeing</b> Developing services focused on the health and wellbeing of service personnel, veterans and their families, including mental health support.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> 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><b>Working in partnership</b> Creating opportunities for the armed forces to work closely with the Council and other community covenant partners.</p>			

**Support for veterans and their families**

Considering and supporting the needs of service personnel during and after their transition to becoming a veteran.

**Employability and education**

Helping ex-service personnel and their families to identify education opportunities and maximise their employability.

**Governance**

Evaluating the impact and reach of the Community Covenant, through regular meetings and reviews.

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.

Mr Carleton Mayer attended the meeting to ask his question and Councillor Evans (Leader of the Council) responded as set out below:

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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><b>Response:</b></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>			

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.

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:

- 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.

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.

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.

Mr Sharpe did not attend the meeting and his question, and the response from Councillor Peter Smith, (Deputy Leader of the Council), was circulated to councillors as set out below. The response would be sent to Mr Sharpe following the meeting.

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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?			
<b>Response:</b> We don't have this information in either our Planning Services or Leisure Services Units.			

46. **Performance and Finance Report (including Capital Programme Update)**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the proposed new capital schemes for approval as detailed in Cabinet's recommendation to Full Council (Cabinet minute 60 referred).

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Parker.

Agreed the new capital schemes over £0.500m for investment as detailed in Table 4 of the Cabinet report amounting to £4.450m in 2012/13 and £4.450m for future years.

47. **Theatre Royal Regeneration Project**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the proposed new capital scheme relating to the Theatre Royal Regeneration Project report as detailed in Cabinet's recommendation to Full Council (Cabinet minute 62 referred).

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.

Agreed the inclusion of a new capital scheme up to the value of £1,995,000. The scheme is to be funded from the withholding of Plymouth City Council revenue contributions (approved by Cabinet in minute 62) for a three year period (equating to £1,995,000), making the capital works cost neutral to the Council.

48. **Investment in Customer Transformation and ICT Core Infrastructure**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the proposal recommended by Cabinet to amend the capital programme (Cabinet minute 63 referred).

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.

Agreed to amend the capital programme to include an additional £1.5m, making a total spend of £4.5m.

49. **BOB COMBER, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Councillor Evans (Leader) reported that Bob Coomber, Interim Chief Executive, would be leaving the City Council at the end of October and proposed that the Full Council extend their warm thanks and gratitude to Bob Coomber.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Fry.

Agreed that Bob Coomber, Interim Chief Executive, is thanked for the service he has given to Plymouth City Council since his appointment in May 2012.

50. **The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance submitted a written report on The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) presented Cabinet's recommendations for approval (Cabinet minute 65 referred).

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lowry.

Agreed that the Council receives an annual report on the use of the 'special urgency' provision under Regulation 11 (where key decisions are taken without prior public notice).

51. **Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Panels**

Councillor Mrs Aspinall (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) submitted the proposed amendments to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' Terms of Reference (Overview and Scrutiny Management Board minute 24 referred) for approval.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Tuffin.

Agreed the amendment to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' Terms of Reference.

52. **Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2011/12**

Councillor Wheeler (Chair of the Audit Committee) presented the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2011/12 (Audit Committee minute 10 referred) and informed members that the report was referred to Council for noting as required by the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lowry.

Agreed that the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2011/12 is noted.

53. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

(i) Government consultation re planning system

Councillor Stevens (Chair of Planning Committee) proposed the following motion on notice –

**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 un-built 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.

Councillor Evans (Leader) seconded the motion.

During the debate issues raised included that –

- (m) the government's proposals on relaxing planning regulations for permitted development had not been finalised or published and that the Council should wait until such time before responding on this issue;
- (n) the government's proposal was currently out for consultation and local authorities had a four week period in which to respond;
- (o) the government's proposal would not help stimulate the economy but would instead create divisions between communities and remove the protection of local people and their rights to challenge developments;
- (p) the current planning process was not an issue or hindrance to the economy, was demonstrated by the fact that over 400,000 houses currently had planning permission but had not yet been built;
- (q) other authorities, such as Richmond had agreed to oppose the government's proposal.

Councillor Stevens summed up and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

#### 54. **POLLING PLACE, POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING STATION ALTERATIONS**

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance submitted a written report on Polling Place, Polling District and Polling Station alterations, following a review, in accordance with the Representation of People Act 1983 and Electoral Administration Act 2006.

Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) moved the recommendations in the written report and Councillor Rennie seconded the proposal.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Churchill that referred to recommendation 10 as follows:

'to have Coltness Road and numbers 131 – 139 Wembury Road transferred from polling district UD to polling district UB, allowing these electors to vote at the Staddiscombe Club. (The Electoral Registration Officer and Electoral Services Manager were consulted and they fully supported this amendment.)'

Councillors Smith and Rennie indicated that they were prepared to accept the amendment and incorporate it into the recommendations.

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance informed councillors that –

- (a) they were being asked to agree polling places and polling districts and that the location of polling stations would be determined by the

Returning Officer;

- (b) if any councillors had any issues with polling stations they should raise the issue with the Electoral Services Manager;

The recommendations as amended were put to the vote and it was agreed that -

- (1) the Manadon Hall at Tavistock Road is allocated as polling station for Polling Place/Polling District EF, replacing Crownhill Methodist Church;
- (2) Polling Place/Polling Districts EG and EH is merged forming a new Polling Place/Polling District to be known as EG using Derriford Reformed Church as the polling station;
- (3) voters of Polling Place/Polling Districts LB as specified in this report are transferred to Polling Place/Polling District LC;
- (4) the Tabernacle Christian Fellowship Church, Gordon Terrace is allocated as polling station for Polling Place/Polling District MA and that the streets in the immediate vicinity of the new location are transferred to this new polling area form Polling Place/Polling District MB;
- (5) Polling Place/Polling Districts PG and PH are merged forming a new Polling Place/Polling District to be known as PG using St Pauls Community Church as the polling station;
- (6) Crownhill Methodist Church is allocated as polling station for Polling Place/Polling District HB and that the Polling Place/Polling District is modified to incorporate the areas specified in the report;
- (7) Weston Mill Primary School is temporarily allocated as polling station for Polling Place/Polling District BA;
- (8) voters of Polling Place/Polling District SC as specified in this report are transferred to Polling Place/District SA with Plympton St Mary's C of E Infants School, Market Road allocated as the polling station;
- (9) Polling Place/Polling District UF is divided as specified in this report with voters allocated St Matthews Church (to be known as Polling Place/Polling District UF) and Elburton Methodist Church (to be known as Polling Place/Polling District UD) as respective polling stations;
- (10) Polling Place/Polling District UD is divided between polling districts UC and the current UF as specified in this report. Voters allocated to Polling Place/Polling District UC would vote at Goosewell Primary School and the voters allocated to UF would vote at Elburton Methodist Church, and this new station will be known as

Polling Place/Polling District UD, *subject to Coltness Road and numbers 131 – 139 Wembury Road transferred from polling district UD to polling district UB, allowing these electors to vote at the Staddiscombe Club (as stated in recommendation 10).*

- (11) Polling Place/Polling Districts CB and CC are merged forming a new Polling Place/Polling District to be known as CB using St Boniface Church Hall as polling station;
- (12) the official list of Polling Places, Polling Districts and Polling Stations is updated accordingly in line with the Representation of the People Act 1983 and Electoral Administration Act 2006.

The following was noted:

- (13) Austin Farm Primary School will be re-instated as polling station for Polling Place/Polling District HE;
- (14) St Barnabas Church Hall will replace Stuart Road Primary School as polling station;
- (15) Mutley Baptist Church to replace the Swarthmore Centre – Polling Place/Polling District LE.

## 55. **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the constitution, the following questions were asked of the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs covering aspects of their areas of responsibility -

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Peter Smith	Who should receive the response to a member's written question? The media or the member?
	Councillor Smith advised that if Councillor Bowyer provided details of a specific question he would look into this issue.		
2	Councillor Mrs Bowyer	Councillor Peter Smith	Would Cllr Smith undertake to check current terms and conditions of the hire of sports pitches to ensure that it was made clear to hirers that it was their responsibility to ensure all litter was cleaned up after use?
	Cllr Smith advised that Cllr Vincent was the responsible Cabinet Member and he would be asked to provide Cllr Mrs Bowyer with a written response.		
3	Councillor Dr Mahony	Councillor Coker	Was it acceptable that Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) were not

			notified to councillors within the ward? On the specific ward issue would there be a further consultation undertaken?
	Cllr Coker commented that it was not acceptable and apologised for the lack of notification to ward members. He further added since being informed about this issue by Cllr Mahony's ward colleagues, that this specific TRO had now been put on hold until further consultation had been undertaken.		
4	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Peter Smith	Why was the Planning Committee meeting on 20 September 2012 not broadcast on the webcast or made available in the archive?
	Cllr Smith would provide Cllr Darcy with a written response.		
5	Councillor Churchill	Councillor Coker	Why did Plymouth City Council impose a local act to prevent Plymouth taxi drivers picking up passengers who had booked from outside the city boundaries? This was deemed to be stifling growth, how would this be reconciled?
	Cllr Haydon, Chair of Taxi Licensing Committee, responded that it was in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Plymouth City Council needed to abide by that.  Cllr Coker advised that Plymouth City Council was in the process of responding to a government consultation about taxi licensing and that if Cllr Churchill would like to highlight his concerns they would be fed into the response process.		
6	Councillor Fry	Councillor Vincent	Was he aware that proposals had been published by this council to establish a children's home for two teenagers in a semi-detached private house in Compton ward and that local residents had not been consulted on these proposals?
	Cllr Vincent would provide Cllr Fry with a written response.		
7	Councillor Ricketts	Councillor Vincent	Could you urgently rectify the condition of the Staddiscombe playing pitches?
	Cllr Vincent would provide Cllr Ricketts with a written response.		
8	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Peter	As part of the summer Olympics,

		Smith	Plymouth played host to several foreign training camps. Could you please update the Council on how you helped to promote the city to those visiting countries whilst they had their athletes in the city?
	Cllr Smith advised that he had met every team staying in Plymouth adding that ties had now been strengthened with those countries and many athletes had planned to return to the city to use it as a training camp for the Commonwealth Games in two years' time.		
9	Councillor Tuffin	Councillor Vincent	How was the council dealing with the continuing problem of bin management and in particular how was it addressing the issue within the St. Peter and the Waterfront ward?
	Cllr Vincent advised that there were similar problems across the city which was being reviewed. With regards to the domestic collection of waste, the law allowed councils to specify how, when and where domestic waste was to be collected, however the law did not allow the council to specify how the bin was dealt with in between collections. Plastic bags were treated differently to bins, and if these were left out then it was classed as fly tipping.		
10	Councillor Dr. Mahony	Councillor Vincent	Was there any further information available on the QE2 status of Central Park?
	Cllr Vincent responded that he was not aware of the council's intention to apply to obtain QE2 status in Central Park and asked that Cllr Dr. Mahony updated him on any information he had outside of the meeting. Cllr Vincent would keep Cllr Dr. Mahony fully informed on the progress of this issue.		
11	Councillor Michael Leaves	Councillor Vincent	The terms and conditions of South West Devon Waste Partnership (SWDWP) were that observers were not excluded from Part 2 discussions and Cllr Vincent was asked to retract the statement he made at the last Council meeting.
	Cllr Vincent responded that he would provide Cllr Leaves with the date and time of the meeting he was excluded from.		
12	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Peter Smith	Why did the Council no longer webcast its Cabinet meetings?
	Cllr Smith responded that only one Cabinet meeting was webcast as part of the webcasting trial and that Cabinet meetings were open to the public so anyone		

	could come and observe the meeting.		
13	Councillor Monahan	Councillor Peter Smith	Given his answer to a recent member's question, was he suggesting that planning applications would now be considered in the same manner as other political decisions of this council?
	Cllr Smith responded that Planning Committee had always been a quasi-judicial committee and he would need to clarify his answer recently provided to Cllr Monahan.		
14	Councillor Dr Salter	Councillor McDonald	Could Cllr McDonald explain why employees in Adult Health and Social Care were being given six day's training to learn how to do the job?
	Cllr McDonald advised that the Health and Adult Social Care department had recently been through a major transformational change and this has meant changing the way the service operated and professional staff worked. Six days training to transform the way the service operated and deliver the improvements was not considered excessive		
15	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Could you assure the council that travellers would not regain access into Central Park?
	Cllr Vincent advised that in order to prevent the return of travellers to Central Park, the parks department was monitoring the park closely. Bollards had been put in place and it was hoped that railings would also be erected around Central Park.		
16	Councillor Nicholson	Councillor McDonald	Could you describe how you would ensure that the council's health partners would be consulted and would participate in the review of the Plymouth Plan including the future of the airport site?
	Cllr McDonald advised that the National Health Service was a key partner and would be consulted on the Plymouth Plan. This could be an issue that a scrutiny panel could pursue in terms of the promotion of a co-operative Council.		
17	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Penberthy	What have you done to promote the Military Covenant since signing it and how are you encouraging bids?
	Cllr Penberthy responded that at present the council and partners were finalising the Military Covenant's action plan. Also, Cllr Murphy had been appointed as a chair of the Military Covenant Group and would be championing		

	the covenant. The council's partners and other voluntary organisations were promoting the covenant and had been actively seeking bids.		
18	Councillor Ball	Councillor Vincent	I think it is a breach of the law leaving bins out on pavements and I would like you to tell us what your position is on this issue?
	Cllr Vincent responded that the law allowed councils to specify how, when and where domestic waste was to be collected, however the law did not allow the council to specify how the bin was dealt with in between collections. This was a serious problem and, in order for it to be solved, councillors needed to work closely with residents. As the Cabinet Member he would be happy to work with any councillor and attend neighbourhood meetings to discuss this issue with local residents.		
19	Councillor Mrs Dolan	Councillor Vincent	Some of the residents in the Stoke ward were worried about the possibility of bins being used to climb over property walls; could something be done about bin management from that point of view?
	Cllr Vincent responded that the law did not allow the council to specify how the bin was dealt with in between collections and that this problem would need to be rectified by ward councillors working with local communities.		
20	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Peter Smith	Could you tell me how many local businesses were given the opportunity to provide the webcasting service to the Council?
	Cllr Smith would provide Cllr Darcy with a written response.		
21	Councillor Monahan	Councillor Peter Smith	Could you confirm your belief that the Planning Committee is not a quasi-judicial Committee?
	Cllr Smith would provide Cllr Monahan with a written response.		
22	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Could you advise the council of the protocols for having assisted waste collection?
	Cllr Vincent would provide Cllr Martin Leaves with a written response.		

*Please note that questions, answers, supplementary questions and supplementary answers have been summarised.*

56. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.