

# Annual Meeting of the City Council

Friday 22 May 2015

## PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Fox, in the Chair.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Murphy, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball (the Deputy Lord Mayor subsequently), Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Downie, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony (the Lord Mayor subsequently), McDonald, Morris, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Dr. Salter, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Wigans.

Apology for absence: Councillor Drean.

The meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.30 am.

*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.*

### 1. **TO ELECT THE LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD UP TO THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

Agreed that Councillor Dr Mahony is elected Lord Mayor and Councillor Ball is elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the city for the ensuing year.

### 2. **LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Lord Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend Joseph Dent, Rector of the Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth, as his Chaplain.

### 3. **PRESENTATION OF DRAKE'S SWORD**

Warrant Officer Chris Isaac, on behalf of the Royal Navy, presented Drake's Sword to the Lord Mayor to symbolise the key links between the Royal Navy and the City of Plymouth.

### 4. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**

Agreed that –

- (1) the Council accords to Councillor Michael Fox the sincere thanks of the citizens of Plymouth for the invaluable services he has rendered to the city as Lord Mayor since May 2014, and for the able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the council during that period;
- (2) the Council also expresses its indebtedness to Councillor Pauline Murphy for her diligent and efficient discharge of the duties of Deputy Lord Mayor, and Mrs Rosemary Fox as the Lady Mayoress, and Councillor Vincent as the Deputy Lord Mayor's consort, who have supported them during their year of office.

The Lord Mayor presented the retiring Lord Mayor and the retiring Deputy Lord Mayor with gifts to commemorate their time in office for the 2014-15 civic year.

**5. TO AGREE THE LEADER OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councillor Evans' continuing position as Leader of the City Council was noted.

**6. TO AGREE COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERS AND APPOINT CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

A schedule of the nominations to committees, joint committees, panels etc was submitted.

Agreed that approval is given to the appointments to committees, joint committees, panels, working groups and their chairs and vice chairs for the transaction of the business of the council until the next Annual Meeting as set out in the list circulated.

**7. TO NOMINATE OR APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

A schedule of the nominations to outside bodies was submitted.

Agreed that –

- (1) approval is given to the appointments and nominations of councillors and others as representatives on outside bodies as indicated;
- (2) consideration of appointments to the following organisations are deferred and will be considered at the first Ordinary meeting of the Council –
  - Estover/ Leigham/ Mainstone Community Centre Association Management Committee;
  - Mount Batten Sailing and Water Sports Centre – Board of Directors;
  - Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council;

- Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity;
- Plymouth Community Homes;
- SACRE (one vacancy);
- Wolseley CEDT.

8. **TO APPOINT THE COUNCIL'S SECTION 151 OFFICER**

Lesa Annear (Strategic Director for Transformation and Change) submitted a report on the appointment of the Council's Section 151 Officer.

Councillor Evans moved and Councillor Bowyer seconded the recommendations in the report.

Agreed that Andrew Hardingham is confirmed as the Council's Section 151 Officer with effect from the date he commences employment with the Council.