

# City Council

Monday 23 November 2015

## PRESENT:

Councillor Dr. Mahony, in the Chair.

Councillor Ball, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Evans, Fletcher, Fox, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, 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 Wiggins.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Drean, K Foster and Mrs Foster

The meeting started at 2.50 pm and finished at 8pm.

*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.*

## 36. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 21 September 2015.

## 37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at the meeting -

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Coker	41	Publican	DPI
Councillor Lowry	44a	Employee of Babcock International	Private
Councillor Mrs Nicholson	44a	Employee of Babcock International	Private
Councillor Mrs Beer	44b	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	DPI
Councillor Darcy	44b	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	DPI
Councillor Stevens	44b	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	DPI
Councillor Downie	44d	Director of Four Greens Community Trust	Private
Councillor Jon Taylor	44d	Director of Four Greens Community Trust	Private

Councillor McDonald	44d	Shareholder in Plymouth Energy Community	Private
Councillor Penberthy	44d	Member of the Plymouth Energy Community Board	Private
Councillor Dr Mahony	44d	Investor in renewables	Private

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

The Assistant Director and Head of Legal Services notified members that Councillor Kate Taylor had replaced Councillor Wheeler on the Planning Committee.

39. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Lord Mayor</b>
•	<b>Heather Ogburn</b> , Senior Leadership Adviser in the department for Learning and Communities was congratulated following the receipt of her MBE earlier in the year in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list;
•	<b>The William Phillip and Gladys May Tucker Trophy</b> was presented to Mike Wilkinson ‘Social Worker of the Year’.
•	<b>The National Highways and Transport survey on customer satisfaction with city’s roads and transport systems</b> had resulted in a national award for improving public satisfaction with the condition of the City’s roads. The award was presented to Victoria Hutchens, Mark Smith and Ray Li
•	<b>Wellbeing charter award</b> – Michelle Hingston-Wood and Neil Minion from the Health Safety and Wellbeing Team were presented with the accreditation for the new Workplace Wellbeing Charter.
•	<b>Legal Services Certificate issued by Lloyd’s Register Quality Assurance</b> - Dave Shepperd, Assistant Director & Head of Legal Services and Cheryl Spear, Support Services Manager were presented with an external accreditation for meeting the requirements of ISO standards.
•	<b>Southwest Green Energy Awards</b> – the Lord Mayor announced that Plymouth City Council had won the ‘Most Proactive Public Sector’ award.
•	<b>Best Energy Efficiency Building Scheme</b> – it was announced that Plymouth Energy Community had been shortlisted for the ‘Best Energy Efficiency Building Scheme’ award.
•	<b>The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Awards</b> – officers from the strategic planning and infrastructure department were presented with two prestigious national planning awards – the Strategic Planning Award for the Plymouth Plan and the Local Authority Planning Team of the year.

•	<b>Chartered Institute of Public Relations</b> – Nicola Lenden and Gemma Pearce were presented with the Silver award for ‘Public Sector Campaign 2015’
•	<b>Partnership Awards (Genesis and Plymouth Community Homes)</b> – the Lord Mayor announced that Plymouth Community Homes had won the award for ‘Regeneration Scheme of the Year’ and ‘Building of the year award.
<b>(b)</b>	<b>The Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees</b>
•	<b>Councillor McDonald – Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Public Health</b> - announced that alongside Councillor Davey she had attended the launch of the South Devon Peninsula Family Drugs and Alcohol Court in Exeter which specialised in helping families to stabilise and get through Drugs and Alcohol issues.

40. **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Two questions were submitted by members of the public for this meeting, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution.

In the absence of Mr Sharpe and Mr Kerswell the following questions and responses were circulated and a written response would be sent to them after the meeting -

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
CQ12 2015/16	Mr F Sharpe	Councillor (Deputy Leader)	Plymstock Swimming Pool
There have been comments a pool will be built by 2017 other comments have suggested four to five years, its needed in Plymstock now who do we believe?			
<p><b>Response</b></p> <p>This Council remains supportive of the provision of a swimming pool in the Plymstock area, and its planning policies (which have been the subject of extensive community consultations over many years) provide for a sports hub including a 4-lane, 25 metre swimming pool as part of the Sherford development.</p> <p>The Sherford developer will contribute the private funding which means that the residents of Plymstock and Plymouth will not have to.</p> <p>The legal trigger point for the provision of a swimming pool at Sherford is 700 dwellings and that has not changed. The build rate is under the control of the developers, which is normal for strategic development sites. There is presently consent for 600 homes at Sherford and, based on the current building programme for the first phase, we could see the swimming pool being provided by the end of 2018.</p>			

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
CQ13 2015/16	Mr A Kerswell	Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader)	Cost of Redundancy
How much money has it cost making white collar staff redundant paying out £100,000 or more and what are the savings in the first 12 months?			
<p><b>Response</b> The Council is fully transparent about the pay of its senior managers and full details are set out in its annual statement of accounts. This covers any redundancy payments. We can confirm no payments over £100,000 have been made.</p>			

41. **GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Councillor P Davey, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities, proposed and Councillor Rennie seconded the report of the Director of Public Health on the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy (Cabinet minute 48 refers).

Agreed to adopt the Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy contained in Appendix A with effect from 31 January 2016.

*(Councillor Coker declared a DPI in this item and left the meeting during the debate).*

42. **CAPITAL AND REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 2015/16 SECOND QUARTER (CABINET REPORT)**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) proposed and Councillor Evans (Leader) seconded the report of the Corporate Management Team (Cabinet minute 52 refers).

Agreed to increase the Capital Programme 2015 - 2020 to £287 million

43. **A DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR THE HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST**

Councillor Evans, Leader proposed and Councillor Bowyer seconded the report of the Chief Executive on a Devolution Deal for the South West subject to the removal of the words 'before the end of the year in recommendation 2'.

Agreed to –

- (1) endorse the current approach to devolution and the drafting of proposals, and the submission and negotiation of a deal for the Heart of the South West, namely:

Working with local authorities, National Parks and the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership to deliver full proposals for devolution which will seek a formal agreement with Government on a formal devolution deal based around:

### **Productivity and economic growth**

- Devolving powers over skills, apprenticeships, and business support, including more flexible, joined up funding and investment
- Greater control over the public sector property portfolio

### **Health, care and wellbeing**

- Reducing ill-health and reliance on health and social care services
- Support to deliver integration of health and social care

### **Improved connectivity and resilience**

- Better coordination of infrastructure and local growth
- More housing and economic infrastructure
- Improved coordination and delivery of flood and coastal defence, protection and prevention infrastructure

### **Governance**

- Proposals to manage any new powers across the Heart of the South West, based on existing decision-making structures where possible, but accepting that new forms of governance may be required by Government, depending on the content of the final deal.
- 'Passporting' of powers down to more local areas or themes using existing formal decision-making structures where possible, illustrating the HotSW commitment to 'double devolution';

- (2) delegate authority to the Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Largest Opposition Group, to endorse the final submission to Government of the detailed proposition for a devolution deal.

## 44. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **(i) Trident Nuclear Submarine Programme**

Councillor Bowyer proposed and Councillor Darcy seconded a motion on the Trident Nuclear Submarine Programme.

During the debate Councillor Evans proposed and Councillor Smith seconded an amendment to the motion as follows –

- delete the words, 'Jeremy Corbyn M.P. Leader of the Labour Party, ask him to support the renewal of the Trident nuclear submarine programme...' and replace with the words, 'the Leaders of all the political parties with parliamentary representation asking them to confirm their support for the replacement of the Vanguard-class ballistic submarine fleet'.

- add the words, 'In addition, Council urges the city's MPs to press the Prime Minister to commit to the Successor programme without further delay.'

Following a request from 10 councillors for a recorded vote on the amendment was agreed.

The vote was –

*For the motion (53)*

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

*Against the motion (0)*

*Not Voting (1)*

*Lord Mayor (Chair)*

*Absent (3)*

*Councillors Drean, Foster and Mrs Foster*

It was agreed that the motion as amended was put to the vote without further debate.

The motion as amended was agreed as follows -

The Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Leaders of all the UK political parties with parliamentary representation asking them to confirm their support for the replacement of the Vanguard-class ballistic submarine fleet and recognize the importance of this project to the local economy of Plymouth. In addition, Council urges the city's MPs to press the Prime Minister to commit to the Successor programme without further delay'.

The Leader agreed to share the responses with all members.

**(ii) Police Funding**

Councillor Philippa Davey proposed and Councillor Evans seconded a motion on police funding subject to changing the last word 'missions' to 'millions'.

During the debate Councillor Nicholson moved and Councillor Mrs Pengelly seconded an amendment as follows –

Seek a briefing for the whole Council, from the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, on the results of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement and the impact this announcement will have on his budget

and policing in Plymouth.

The amendment was agreed.

It was agreed that the motion as amended was put to the vote without further debate.

The motion as amended was agreed as follows –

- (1) to ask the Leader to write to the Home Secretary highlighting our concerns about policing cuts, asking her to reconsider; and to urge our MPs to back this;
- (2) to support Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner in attempts to secure a fair funding formula for our police force as part of a campaign to restore Plymouth's "missing millions";
- (3) to seek a briefing for the whole Council, from the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, on the results of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement and the impact this announcement will have on his budget and policing in Plymouth."

It was noted that the Chief Constable would also be requested to attend the briefing.

*(Councillors Mrs Beer, Darcy and Stevens declared a DPI in this item and left the meeting during the debate).*

**(iii) Tax Credits**

Councillor Stevens proposed and Councillor Penberthy seconded a motion on cuts to tax credits.

Council Agreed to oppose these cuts and request our Members of Parliament to vote against them when given the opportunity.

**(iv) Maintaining Support for Community Energy**

*At the start of this item and following a proposal from Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Smith, it was agreed to amend Council Procedure Rule 10 to extend the time for adjournment until 8pm to conclude the business for the meeting.*

Councillor Penberthy proposed and Councillor Evans seconded a motion on maintaining support for community energy.

The motion was agreed as follows -

- (1) to ask the Chief Executive to write to Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne to request a reversal of the amendment which removes EIS eligibility for community energy investors.

- (2) to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Amber Rudd to challenge the FiT review, explain impact on local investment and seek ongoing subsidy support for community energy.
- (3) to continue to support Plymouth Energy Community through these challenging times for the renewable energy industry and for the community energy sector in particular.

**(v) EU Referendum Task Group**

Councillor Evans proposed and Councillor P Davey seconded a motion on EU referendum task group.

The motion was agreed as follows –

to ask the Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board to create a cross party EU task group, including representatives from all parties, that will invite evidence from local business leaders, the LEP, trade unions, local universities, the police, the NHS, agricultural representatives, charities, district and parish councils and other partner agencies in order to compile a comprehensive report that will be presented to full Council, all partner agencies, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and be made available to the public prior to the referendum.

45. **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

The following questions were asked and responses were given by the Leader and Cabinet Members -

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Councillor Sam Leaves	Councillor Jon Taylor	Changes to staff work practices and resources over last 12 months
Councillor Ricketts	Councillor Vincent	Non-synchronised traffic lights across Plymouth
Councillor Darcy	Councillor Vincent	Congestion at the Deep Lane junction
Councillor Stevens	Councillor Evans	Safeguarding children
Councillor Kate Taylor	Councillor Mrs Beer	Plans for scrutiny of member development
Councillor Ricketts	Councillor Coker	Planning of traffic surveys
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Lowry	'For hire' sign on Plymouth Guildhall
Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Penberthy	Support and protection for tenants in social housing tower blocks experiencing anti-social behaviour
Councillor	Councillor	Planning Committee decision on Drake's Island



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

46. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.