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CO-OPERATIVE SCRUTINY BOARD EU REFERENDUM REVIEW

Wednesday 2 March 2016
4pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Councillor James, Chair

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowie, Mrs Bowyer, Sam Davey, Jordan, Murphy, Ricketts, Storer and Kate Taylor.

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

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

CO-OPERATIVE SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Co-operative Scrutiny Board Members.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

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

4. CO-OPERATIVE SCRUTINY REVIEW: EU REFERENDUM REVIEW:

4.1. Co-operative Review Request Form

(Pages 1 - 2)

4.2. Witnesses

4.3. Supporting Information

4.4. Recommendations

REQUEST FOR A COOPERATIVE REVIEW



Please submit this document to Democratic Support once complete.

The request will be submitted to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board for consideration against the approval criteria and you will be notified of its success. If the Board approve the request for a Co-operative Review on the subject matter below then a project plan will be completed and you may be asked for further information.

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| What is the name of the review? | EU Referendum Task Group |
| Please provide a brief outline of the subject and scope of the review? | <p>This review request follows a motion on notice moved and agreed at the meeting of the City Council on the 23 November 2015. The motion noted that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● That the United Kingdom had been a member of the European Union since 1973, and that the Council recognised that the UK's continued membership of the EU is now in question and will be subject to a national referendum. ● That the Council believed that the people of Plymouth have a right to take part in the forthcoming referendum. ● That the Council further believed that it has a responsibility to ensure that local residents have the facts regarding the socio-economic impact that the UK's membership of the EU has on Plymouth before the referendum takes place. |
| Please outline the reasons as to why you believe a review needs to take place? | <p>The main reasons of the review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is the result of a motion at council. The scrutiny function has a duty, under the constitution, to implement the wishes of full council. ● The EU referendum is likely to be of significant interest to the general public. |
| What will the review attempt to achieve? | <p>The Co-operative Scrutiny Board will establish a cross party EU Co-operative Review which will seek to include representatives from all parties.</p> <p>The review will invite evidence from -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local business leaders and the Local Enterprise Partnership |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trade Unions ● Local Education Establishments ● Devon and Cornwall Police ● Representatives of the NHS ● Agricultural Representatives ● Charities ● District and Parish Councils ● Other Partner Agencies <p>A comprehensive review report will be provided to full council before the referendum vote.</p> |
| Who will benefit from the review? | The beneficiaries will be the Plymouth citizens for whom the review will establish and identify the social, economic and cultural benefits and disadvantages that the UK's membership of the EU has on Plymouth. |
| How long do you think the review might take? | The review is anticipated to be undertaken over three public meetings and will report before the EU referendum, date yet to be confirmed. |
| When do you think the review should commence and why? | The review will commence in February 2016. |
| When do you think the review should be completed by and why? | The review is anticipated to be completed in March 2016. This will allow adequate time for the panel to complete the review and consider all the relevant and required evidence and witness statements and ensure that any recommendations are prepared in sufficient time to be presented at the next available Cabinet meeting. |
| Review requested by? | Full Council |

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| Received in Democratic Support Section: | Reviewed by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board: |
| Date: | Date: |
| Scrutiny Review Approved/Rejected | |
| If approved initial Project Plan meeting date: | |