

City Council

Monday 20 March 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Murphy, in the Chair.

Councillor Sam Davey, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Morris

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 5.20 pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. 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.

70. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of Council Meetings held at 11am and 2pm on the 27 February 2017.

71. 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 Lowry	78	Public Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Wheeler	78	Board member homelessness charity	Private
Councillor Coker	78	Private Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Sparling	78	Private Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Hendy	78	Private Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Parker-Delaz Ajete	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Dann	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Rennie	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Ball	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Fletcher	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Mrs Bowyer	77	Member of Standards Advisory Group	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Wigens	78	Private Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Riley	78	Private Sector Landlord	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor K Foster	75	Personal Relationship with Lord Mayor Designate	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

72. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Lord Mayor

- Recognition of Civil Enforcement Officers
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 2017 Awards – Four Greens Community Trust (FGCT)
- Plymouth Armed Forces Day 2016
- Customer Service Excellence Accreditation
- Car Park Award

(b) The Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees

The Leader

- Death of Mr Simon Chamberlain
- Mayflower 400
- Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Councillor Mrs Beer, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

- UK Youth Parliament Representatives

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, Chair of Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- General Practice surgeries in the City.

Mr David Shepperd, Council Monitoring Officer

- Code of conduct complaint

Councillor David Fletcher, Chair of the Standards Advisory Group

- Code of Conduct Complaint

73. **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 the following question and response would be circulated and a written response would be sent to him after the meeting –

Question submitted by: Mr F Sharpe
To the Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning.
To be asked at the next Council.
Question: The former Co-op store at the end of Plymstock Broadway has been empty for a number of years with a to let sign retail or Leisure attached. Please could the City Council look into converting it into a Plymstock public swimming pool as no date can be given at Sherford?
Response: Provision for a swimming pool has been made in the Sherford Development. The former Co-op store at the end of Plymstock Broadway will be considered against the policies of the Joint Local Plan.

Mr Harvey-Heath asked the following question. The response will be circulated and a written response provided to him after the meeting –

Question submitted by: Lee Harvey-Heath
To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Question:

I am trying to raise awareness of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Why aren't you doing anything to raise awareness or working with services and partners to investigate this issue and work towards supporting families.

Response:

Whilst there is not a specific awareness campaign raising relating to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Plymouth City Council and partners undertake a range of actions to reduce the impact of alcohol on health and wellbeing for the population and more specifically for expectant mothers and children and their families affected by alcohol. This includes responsibility for the Strategic Alcohol Plan 2013 – 18, and supporting the One You government campaign that encourages people to drink less.

PCC deliver and commission a range of services for adults with alcohol misuse issues. They also work in partnership with other services such as maternity services to provide information, advice and guidance on alcohol in pregnancy; support expectant mothers who are experiencing alcohol misuse. Services and activities include:

- Commissioning specific substance misuse treatment services for parents (Harbour)
- FASD is embedded within assessment work when parental alcohol misuse is identified, and its early identification and the need for coordinated planning with children identified at risk of FASD is equally supported by social work, health Service colleagues – including Specialist midwives, Health visiting and Harbour colleagues. These services also provide advice and consultation to staff within the Department on a case by case basis. Children's centres also provide targeted support to services supporting expectant mothers experiencing alcohol/substance misuse supporting families in accessing children centre services
- We ensure that staff in the Children Young People and Families Service are aware of this issue and are well placed to undertake this work. FASD forms a key part of the 'Early Brain Development training', which our social workers attend. Similarly, health visitors receive training on brain development in early life and provide information to parents on this. FASD is also addressed in the LSCB training.
- All of our social workers to have access to www.ccinform.co.uk which offers the most up to date research and guidance relating to FASD.

74. **JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST**

Councillor Bowyer (Leader of the Council) presented the report on the Joint Committee for the Heart of the South West and Councillor Nicholson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Strategic Planning, Transport and Housing) seconded the report. Following the vote, the Council agreed the recommendations within the report to –

1. Note progress toward the Heart of the South West Combined Authority / Devolution deal proposals;
2. Approve the proposals for the Heart of the South West Productivity Plan preparation and consultation;

3. Agree in principle to the establishment of a Heart of the South West Joint Committee with a Commencement Date of Friday 1st September 2017 in accordance with the summary proposals set out in this report;
4. Agree that the 'in principle' decision at (3) above is subject to further recommendation and report to the constituent authorities after the County Council elections in May 2017 and confirmatory decisions to approve:
 - a. the establishment of the Joint Committee;
 - b. a constitutional 'Arrangements' document;
 - c. an 'Inter-Authority Agreement' setting out the support arrangements;
 - d. the appointment of representatives to the Joint Committee;
 - e. the appointment of an Administering Authority.

75. **Lord Mayoralty 2017-18**

Councillor Nicholson (Chair of the Lord Mayor's selection committee) proposed and Councillor Evans seconded the recommendation of the Lord Mayor's Selection Committee.

Agreed that the nomination of Councillor Mrs Foster as Lord Mayor for 2017/18 is forwarded to the Council's Annual General Meeting.

Councillor Mrs Foster addressed the council following the vote.

(Councillor Mr Foster declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item and left the meeting during this item)

76. **Waterfront Business Improvement District**

Councillor Bowie (Chair) proposed and Councillor Ball (Vice Chair) seconded the recommendation of the Place and Corporate Overview Scrutiny on the Waterfront Partnership Business Improvement District.

Agreed that the power of veto, as per Regulation 12 of the Business Improvement District (England) Regulations 2004, is not exercised.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

77. **Gesture at Council**

Councillor Kelly proposed the motion and Councillor Downie seconded the motion regarding a gesture at council. Following a request from ten councillors for a recorded vote the motion was carried and Council agreed that -

- that the Nazi salute gesture by Cllr Morris at the last Council meeting was abhorrent and has no place in today's society.
- the Council reinforces the fact that our ethos and values promote a welcoming City, therefore Cllr Morris' behaviour was entirely inappropriate and is severely damaging to the reputation of the Council and the City.

- Council calls on Cllr. Morris to stand down with immediate effect.

Councillor Evans made the following statement and left the Chamber for the debate –

“As a Councillor subject to the jurisdiction of this council’s agreed disciplinary process, I will not remain in the chamber for this item, which prejudices an outcome without evidence being presented.”

The monitoring officer asked if any other councilor wished to make the same statement.

Councillors Smith, Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, S Davey, P Davey, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Penberthy, Singh, Sparling, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Winter indicated that they wished to make the same statement and left the chamber for the debate.

(Councillors Parker-Delaz Ajete, Dann, Rennie, Ball, Fletcher and Mrs Bowyer declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the chamber for the debate)

For the motion (26) –

Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, James, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Storer and Wiggins.

Against the motion (0)

Abstained (2) –

Lord Mayor, Councillor Riley.

Absent (29) –

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Parker-Delaz Ajete, Dann, Rennie, Ball, Fletcher, Mrs Bowyer, Evans, Smith, Bowie, Coker, P Davey, S Davey, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, Morris, McDonald, Penberthy, Singh, Sparling, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Winter.

78. **Housing cost element of Universal Credit**

Councillor Kate Taylor proposed the motion as amended and Councillor Penberthy seconded the motion regarding the Housing Cost Element of Universal Credit. Following a vote, the motion was carried and Council agreed that –

- That the Chief Executive write to the Minister responsible requesting the release of the Equalities Impact Assessment in order to facilitate planning for local service provision.
- That taking into account the government’s democratic mandate for overall welfare reform the Chief Executive prepares and publishes a report by the end of June on the potential impact of this regulation on young people in Plymouth and the services that support them including, but not limited to: the number of young people likely to be impacted and the value of the withdrawn benefit, together with cumulative information on other (previous and planned) changes to welfare and benefit

payments for this age group; the potential impact on homelessness services and the actions the Council will take to mitigate this; the potential additional burdens this will put on support for households involved in Families with a Future and the potential costs to the programme; the potential impact on support required from youth services in Plymouth and how these will be resourced; and the potential impact on local private sector landlords and their businesses.

- That the relevant Scrutiny Panel considers the Chief Executive's report and makes any recommendations to Cabinet or Council it feels appropriate.

(Councillors Lowry, Wheeler, Coker, Sparling, Hendy, Wiggins and Riley made declarations of interest respect of this item and left the chamber during the debate)

79. **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2017/18**

Councillor Riley proposed and Councillor Mrs Bridgeman seconded the Annual Calendar of Council and Committee meetings 2017/18.

Agreed to adopt the calendar of meetings as set out in the agenda.

80. **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

	From	To	Subject
1.	Councillor Carson	Councillor Jordan	History Centre.
2.	Councillor Deacon	Councillor Michael Leaves	Changes to waste collection.
	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Ricketts	Numbers of people in temporary accommodation.
3.	Councillor Smith	Councillor Nicholson	Central park events field.
4.	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Riley	Assault course, staff morale.
5.	Councillor J Taylor	Councillor Mrs Bowyer	Deprivation of Liberty legislation. (Councillor Mrs Bowyer undertook to provide a report to members).
6.	Councillor Mrs Aspinall	Councillor Bowyer	Parking Modernisation Plan.
7.	Councillor Tuohy	Councillor Ricketts	Road safety schemes in Ham Ward.
8.	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Ricketts	Timescale for the clearing of blocked drains.
9.	Councillor Winter	Councillor Ricketts	Weston mill blocked drains.
10.	Councillor Loveridge	Councillor Michael Leaves	Fly tipping.
11.	Councillor Downie	Councillor Beer	School Transport Budget Pressures.

	From	To	Subject
12.	Councillor Smith	Councillor Michael Leaves	Waste performance measures.
13.	Councillor Mrs Aspinall	Councillor Bowyer	Accessibility permit parking modernisation.
14.	Councillor Mrs Aspinall	Councillor Ricketts	Car park surfaces.
15.	Councillor Drean	Councillor Michael Leaves	Food waste
16.	Councillor James	Councillor Darcy	Budget statement.

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