

# Cabinet

**Tuesday 31 October 2017**

## **PRESENT:**

Councillor Bowyer, in the Chair.

Councillor Nicholson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Darcy, Downie, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Ricketts and Riley.

Apologies for absence: Councillors

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 5.15 pm.

*Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at [www.plymouth.gov.uk](http://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.*

## 45. **Declarations of Interest**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Councillor Patrick Nicholson	49	Contracts Manager employed by Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited part of Babcock international Group, working on their Warships Support Business, with commercial responsibility for the refits of HMS Albion, HMS, Bulwark, HMS Montrose, HMS Northumberland, HMS Kent, HMS Lancaster, HMS Richmond and HMS Portland and for Fleet Time Maintenance Periods on HMS Ocean, HMS Argyll, HMS Monmouth, HMS Somerset and HMS Sutherland	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

## 46. **Minutes**

The minutes of the 26 September 2017 were agreed.

## 47. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 48. **Questions from the Public**

Question submitted by: Adrian Bridgman
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To the Cabinet Member/s for: Deputy Leader of the Council (Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning)

Question:

Palace Theatre, Union Street

In the light of photographic evidence published in the Herald, what enforcement action will be taken under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 or other relevant legislation to ensure that the owner repairs and maintains the Palace Theatre to an acceptable standard.

Response:

The Palace Theatre and adjoining hotel are important Grade II\* listed buildings, with a prominent impact on Union Street. This is why Policy PLY 34 of the Submitted Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan not only supports “the preservation and enhancement of the historic character of the Union Street Conservation Area”, but specifically encourages “a high quality restoration of the Palace Theatre, appropriate to the special architectural and historic character of the building that provides daytime as well as night time activity”.

However, we must remember that the buildings are privately owned and therefore the responsibility is with the landowner for their repair and maintenance.

Notwithstanding this, the City Council has been prepared to take proactive action. In July 2013, the City Council discussed ‘Urgent Repair Works’ with the owner and with English Heritage. These works were completed by the owner, leading to a significant improvement in the condition of the building without the need for an Urgent Repair Works Notice being issued.

As part of the historic buildings tidy up enforcement initiative in 2015, a ‘Section 215 notice’ was served on the building with further improvement works carried out at that time in compliance with that notice.

City Council officers continue to assess the condition of the building and are actively investigating the matter. Cooperative discussions are taking place with the owner regarding improvements and repairs. The building is also inspected under the City Council’s duties in connection with the Building Regulations and dangerous structures to ensure that the building does not pose a risk to the public.

Ultimately, the future of the building is inextricably linked to the need to find a long-term viable and sustainable use, which is why the city Council’s planning policies are supportive in this regard.

#### 49. **Administration Commitments**

The Leader introduced a report on the Administration’s Commitments. Highlighting the level of high quality jobs which had been improved within the City. The Leader also confirmed he had written to all Members of Parliament in the South West, to the Defence Secretary and the Local Government Association Chairman regarding the importance to the local economy of amphibious assault ships based at Devonport Dockyard.

Cabinet members referred to successes including -

- The delivery of new homes
- Transport Infrastructure
- Recycling levels and improvement to Weston Mill recycling centre
- The completion of the review into a new committee structure

Councillor Downie, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities, announced that at next scheduled Cabinet Meeting proposals for additional enforcement officers would be brought forward.

Agreed to note the report.

## 50. **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

Councillor Ian Darcy, Cabinet Member for Finance and IT, introduced the report. During the discussion Cabinet members made contributions regarding –

- the Health and Social Care Integrated budget
- the Public Health Grant
- Children's Social provision and increase in demand
- Dedicated schools grant

Agreed –

1. to approve and recommend the Medium Term Financial Strategy to the Council at its meeting of 20 November 2017;
2. to recommend the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to express the Council's concerns about the availability of resources for Social Care and request additional funding for Adults and Children's Services as part of the local government finance settlement.

## 51. **Director of Public Health Annual Report**

Councillor Mrs Bowyer, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, introduced the report of the Director for Public Health. Members highlighted –

- that Year four of Thrive Plymouth would focus on wellbeing, including mental wellbeing;
- the Improvements to the response rate to the survey of young people;
- the Improvements to the numbers of children able to swim;
- the reduction of young people smoking and drinking alcohol;
- the ease of accessibility of the report

Cabinet agreed -

1. the report after offering reflections on the approaches being taken to support health and wellbeing of children and young people in the City through the activity of schools and partners;
2. to note the challenges identified to support health and wellbeing for children in the school settings;
3. to the dissemination of the report in council wards either as a whole or in aspects of its content.

## 52. **Plan for Education Business Case**

Councillor Mrs Beer, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, outlined the report which set out the options for the future shape of the Education, Participation and Skills Department in light of government policy, Council strategy and the statutory requirements placed on the Department. Members discussed –

- how further integration could improve standards;
- the commitment of Schools to future partnership arrangements;
- Risk.

Agreed to -

1. approve the attached report to enable the further work to continue with schools to develop a business case for future partnership working.
2. note the budget requirement of a minimum funding level of £9.2m for 2018/19 for the partnership to progress.
3. endorse that educational attainment is a priority area for the Council and support the development of a robust plan by the Plymouth Education Board alongside the DFE.

53. **Community Health, Wellbeing and Special Needs and Disability (SEND)  
Support Services Integration - Business Case**

Councillor Mrs Beer, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, introduced the report which set out the current position regarding community health, wellbeing and SEND support in Plymouth, and the proposal for the future integrated delivery of these services. The business case set out the possible options for integration, the risks and benefits of these approaches,

Cabinet members questioned officers on the procurement process and agreed –

1. to approve the operational and strategic direction of travel towards integration of community health, wellbeing and SEND services between 2017 and 2019 (Phase One).
2. to acknowledge that a procurement of the services currently provided by Livewell South West (including Public Health funded School Nursing and Health Visiting services) would be carried out as required by procurement regulations and that procurement will be led by NEW Devon CCG. The commissioned provider will be expected to work in partnership with the existing service providers to ensure the benefits of integration are not disrupted.
3. that more formal options for longer term partnership working can be researched and considered for possible implementation, if appropriate, from 2019 onwards.