

Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 4 July 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor Morris, in the Chair.

Councillor Fletcher, Vice Chair.

Councillors Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Cook, Mavin, Stevens and Wheeler.

Also in attendance: Councillor Pete Smith (Deputy Leader of Plymouth City Council), Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation), David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development), Amanda Lumley (Chief Executive of Destination Plymouth), Charles Hackett (Chief Executive Officer of Mayflower 400), Ed Coley (Skills and Employability), Ross Jago and Kevin McKenzie (Policy and Intelligence Advisor).

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 5.00 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Panel 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.

9. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the code of conduct.

10. **Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of 6 June 2018.

11. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There was two items of Chairs urgent business:

1. The Chair received a letter addressed to the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee from Luke Pollard MP which explained his 10 points he would use to vote on the various trade bills going to parliament. The chair will circulate the letter with members of this committee following the meeting.
2. The Chair informed the Committee that the Cabinet will be meeting 10 July 2018 to discuss the establishment of Shadow Transport board which is a strategic transport body to talk on behalf of Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Torbay and Plymouth to the government and Highways England about strategic transport plans. This was brought to Cllr Morris attention as

Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee because it was not included in the forward plan.

12. **Mayflower 400**

Councillor Pete Smith (Deputy Leader of Plymouth City Council) introduced a report on Mayflower 400. David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development), Amanda Lumley (Chief Executive of Destination Plymouth) and Charles Hackett (Chief Executive Officer of Mayflower 400) were also present to answer questions.

The key areas of questioning from Members related to –

- a) obtaining future funding as 2020 approached;
- b) whether sufficient accommodation was available for visitors;
- c) likely number and economic value of increased visitors;
- d) alignment of grants available to Councillors for community benefit;
- e) overseas funding and support for the project.

Members agreed to –

1. Recommend the engagement of communities by the Mayflower 400 team seeking advice and engagement through Councillors, the Council's Community Connections team and other bodies;
2. Recommend that the Mayflower 400 team make contact with the administrative support for the Councillors' community grants to ensure opportunities for use of Community Grant Scheme funds in support of Mayflower 400 within the City's wards are highlighted to councillors;
3. Support the continuing delivery of the Mayflower 400 programme in Plymouth and nationally;
4. Support the required bids into grant funding opportunities to secure additional funding for the overall programme;
5. Support the developing national and international relationships up to and beyond 2020 for the long term economic and community benefit of the city.

13. **Tracking Decisions**

The Fisheries white paper consultation opened today with a closing date 12 September 2018 at 11:45pm. A Select Review committee is to be scheduled for the 22 or 29 August 2018 dependent on Members availability. The Cabinet can then respond to the recommendations 11 September 2018 to respond to in order to respond the paper the next day.

Members agreed 22 August 2018 to be the preference for the Select Review committee.

14. **Brexit - Impact on Skills**

Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation) introduced this item to the Committee. Amanda Lumley (Chief executive of Destination Plymouth), Ed Coley (Skills and Employability) and Steve Gerry (PMG) were also present to answer questions.

The key areas of questioning from Members related to –

- a) the importance of foreign languages in hospitality and tourism industry;
- b) the types of training programmes given to the ageing work force;
- c) issues affecting manufacturing business in Plymouth;
- d) the successes of Plymouth manufacturing businesses.

Members noted the report.

15. **Work Programme**

The Chair invited members to make suggestions for the Work Programme via email.