

## City Council

Monday 16 March 2020

### PRESENT:

Councillor Ball, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Beer, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Coker, Corvid, Dann, Sam Davey, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Laing, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Ms Watkin, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Cook, Darcy, Deacon, James, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Morris and Vincent. Councillor Wiggins joined the meeting late.

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 2.57pm.

*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.*

### 33. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 34. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 35. Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc

There were no appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc.

### 36. Announcements

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements:

- Steven Dodds, Olympic Rower is rowing for charity outside of the Council Chamber today in aid of the Lord Mayor's nominated charities and the Special Olympics Charity;
- Plymouth Music Zone won the Heart of the Arts 2020 award for Best Arts Initiative in partnership with Plymouth City Council;

The Lord Mayor then requested that Council suspend the usual procedural rules to allow the Director of Public Health to provide an update to the Council on Covid-19. The Deputy Lord Mayor seconded the motion and this was agreed unanimously by Full Council.

The Director of Public Health then provided an update on the current situation with regards the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chief Executive of the Council, Tracey Lee then provided an update on the delay to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, Local Elections and changes to requirements for Annual General Meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Detailed guidance was expected from government in the coming days.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Evans OBE made announcements including the following:

- The challenging situation the country and Plymouth will face due to Covid-19 and the importance of providing health and social care for those most vulnerable;
- Support for schools and care systems and the business community;
- Support for City Council staff and ensuring business continuity plans are in place;
- Thanks were extended to Council staff and all Public Sector Workers;
- The latest advice and guidance can be found on the City Council website and will be regularly updated.

37. **Questions by the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

38. **Lord Mayoralty 2020/21**

Councillor Davey, as Chair of the Lord Mayor's Selection Committee introduced the report on Lord Mayoralty 2020/21.

This was seconded by Councillor Nicholson.

Following a discussion, Council unanimously agreed:

To approve the recommendation of the Lord Mayor's Selection Committee to appoint Councillor Chris Mavin as Lord Mayor for the 2020/21 municipal year.

Councillor Stevens paid tribute to the outgoing Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor on behalf of the City Council.

39. **Organisational Design – Senior Management Arrangements**

The Lord Mayor requested Council suspend the usual procedural rules of debate to allow the Chief Executive to present her report to Council.

This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Beer, Deputy Lord Mayor.

Council unanimously agreed to suspend the procedural rules.

The Chief Executive introduced her report on Organisational Design – Senior Management Arrangements. The report proposes a small number of changes to the Senior Management arrangements in Plymouth City Council. The Chief Executive thanked the Service Director for Finance, Andrew Hardingham for postponing his retirement in light of the current situation, and therefore the timeline specified in the report will be revised in light of this.

The Leader moved the recommendations as set out in the report, and this was seconded by Councillor Smith, Deputy Leader.

Council unanimously agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.

40. **Motions on notice (to follow)**

Council agreed that this item be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

44. **Questions by Councillors**

Council agreed that this item be withdrawn.