

Cabinet

Tuesday 10 March 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans OBE, in the Chair.

Councillor Pete Smith, Vice Chair.

Councillors Haydon, Coker, Dann, Lowry, Penberthy, Jon Taylor, Laing and Kate Taylor.

Apologies for absence: None

The meeting started at 14:00 and finished at 18:35.

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.

35. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Coker made a personal declaration of interest in relation to the item on Community Use of Council Assets, due to his association with Welcome Hall.

36. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held on 11 February 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

37. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the public.

38. **Chair's Urgent Business**

The Leader of the Council invited the Director for Public Health to give an update on the status of the Covid-19 Coronavirus.

39. **Leader's Announcements**

Councillor Evans OBE, Leader highlighted the following in his announcements:

- The relocation of the VOA to Crownhill Court;
- The successful City Centre BID renewal;
- The public ballot underway for the preview of the Box;
- The Gormley installation;
- The unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the arrival of the Tolpuddle Martyrs from their time in exile.

40. **Monthly Activity Round Up**

Councillor Smith, Deputy Leader made announcements including:

- Over 300 planned celebration events including VE Day and the Ocean Festival;
- Additional events planned with other organisers, including Plymouth Pride;
- Box opening events;
- Development of Central Park event space.

Councillor Kate Taylor, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care made announcements including:

- The Mental Health Roundtable and work underway to better strengthen links with Devon and Cornwall Police;
- Support for carers and the Supporting Carers event taking place later today;
- The opening of the Plympton Health and Wellbeing Hub;
- Ongoing lobbying in respect of dementia funding for the city;
- Support and funding for our veterans;
- Campaign for CPD funding for nurses employed by Livewell South West;
- The launch of an initiative to send birthday cards to local residents when they reach 100 years of age.

Councillor Laing, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People made announcements including:

- Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Youth Parliament and to all those that campaigned;
- The recent young carers orchestra performance which was an excellent event.

Councillor Haydon, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Customer Focus made announcements including the following:

- Safer Plymouth and partnership working;
- Domestic Homicide Review training attended by many multi-agency partners;
- Efford Crematorium repairs continue and it is anticipated it will reopen at the end of April;
- Progress on the new crematorium site continues;
- Relocation of the registration office including physical transport of registers dating back to 1837. This is now co-located with the Plymouth Coroners Court.

Councillor Dann, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene made announcements including:

- The submission of a bid for £200,000 to the Department of Transport to support businesses across the city to have a cargo bike for transport of smaller items;
- The Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean Initiative will take place once again this year; 576 people took part last year collecting a 1056 bags of litter;
- An update on the Future Parks Accelerator funding and the importance of good green space.

Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure made announcements including:

- A reflection on the achievements and numerous awards achieved by the service during the year;
- The £7m scheme at Charles Cross delivered on time and on budget;

- The modal shift in the way in which children and parents are travelling to school to more sustainable modes of travel.

Councillor Jon Taylor, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation made announcements including:

- The Hearts of the Arts award for 2020 with Plymouth Music Zone;
- Saltram Meadow and the new school being established there;
- The Full Fibre Network Project with work due to begin shortly and preferred bidder soon to be announced;
- Smartsound Bid for £1.8m of funding to enable Plymouth as a national centre for marine autonomy.

Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development made announcements including:

- Shortlisting at the Local Government Chronicle Awards for Plan for Homes;
- Plan for Homes has now 5563 delivered homes in the first five years, of which 1529 are affordable homes, 229 are at social rent;
- The work done on reducing the housing waiting list and on homelessness prevention;
- The work undertaken by the inclusive economy team, supporting growth and wellbeing of businesses in the city in a variety of ways.

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Reports from Scrutiny

(i) Food Justice Select Committee Recommendations

Councillor Mrs Apinall, Chair of the Food Justice Select Committee introduced the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development thanked the committee for their work and introduced the Cabinet response to the recommendations.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed to accept the recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as set out in the report.

Cabinet did not support recommendation three on the basis that Public Health are aware that CaterEd do carry out interventions around cooking skills with vulnerable families. There are complicating factors with allowing the public to use commercial kitchens which would undermine this recommendation; the ability of families to know how to use the commercial equipment within them, also the impact on the commercial premises compliance with food safety legislation could be compromised.

(ii) Dental Health Select Committee Recommendations

Councillor Mrs Apinall, Chair of the Dental Health Select Committee introduced the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Kate Taylor, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social thanked the committee for their work and introduced the Cabinet response to the recommendations.

Cabinet agreed to endorse the recommended actions for NHS England as identified by the committee and as set out in the briefing report.

42. **Pledge Update**

Councillor Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the Pledge update.

Following the completion of a further ten pledges in February 2020, the total number of pledges completed is 73 of 100.

Pledges completed are numbers 9, 15, 31, 33, 42, 54, 86, 89, 90, 91

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed to note the completion of these ten pledges in February 2020, bringing the total for completed pledges to 73.

43. **Plymouth Visitor Plan 2020-2030**

Councillor Pete Smith, Deputy Leader introduced the item Plymouth Visitor Plan 2020-2030.

Cabinet noted the progress to date and that the plan will use the legacy of Mayflower 400 to continue to grow the city's tourism sector using the National Marine Park as a key catalyst.

Following a discussion Cabinet agreed to adopt the proposed plan, including the emerging 'Star Projects' – as recommended by the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change OSC at its meeting held on 15 January 2020

44. **Vibrant Culture In Plymouth**

The Leader, Councillor Evans OBE introduced the item on Vibrant Culture in Plymouth.

Cabinet considered the briefing report regarding the cultural health of the city, the progress of the music report and the intention to refresh the 10 year culture strategy for the city.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed to:

- 1) Note the report and the demonstrable vibrancy of the cultural sector;
- 2) Note the music report and adopts the associated action plan;
- 3) Adopt the Agents of Change Principles;
- 4) Mandate Plymouth Culture to refresh the culture strategy.

45. **Inclusive Growth Charter**

Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development introduced the report on Inclusive Growth Charter.

Cabinet noted that the Inclusive Growth Flagship of Plymouth Growth Board has developed a Charter for businesses that demonstrates and increases activity that fosters more inclusive economic growth and enables participants to act as a beacon for others. The Council has been participating in and providing secretariat support for the Group.

The report presented details the outcome of that work.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed:

- That the Council will engage with the Inclusive Growth Programme as a supporter of the Charter and an applicant for the Chartermark;
- To approve the allocation of resources for the development and administration of the Chartermark and secretariat of the Inclusive Growth Group presentations to the Plymouth Growth Board.

46. **Community Use Transfer and Assets Policy**

Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development introduced the report on Community Assets Transfer and Use Policy.

The report sets out the review and update of the 2013 Community Asset Transfer Policy. The Policy governs the use of assets, owned and controlled by Plymouth City Council that could be used by the community where a subsidised or nil rent is requested.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed:

- 1) To note the report and adopt an updated policy for Community Asset Transfer and Use;
- 2) That Economic Development lead on managing the process of registering expressions of interest from community groups and organisations, matching them to the asset database, and working with colleagues to get business support for the subsidised tenants that they work with.

47. **Plan for Sustainable Fishing**

The Leader, Councillor Evans OBE introduced the Plan for Sustainable Fishing.

Cabinet noted the report and plan and the desire for Plymouth to be the epicentre for fishing.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed to note the content of the Plan for Sustainable Fishing and launch the consultation.

Feedback from the fishing industry to the proposed plan is especially welcomed.

48. **National Marine Park - Update**

Councillor Sue Dann, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene introduced the report on the National Marine Park.

The paper sets out the work completed to date, the national recognition the National Marine Park proposition has received and the next steps for the project.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed to:

- 1) Acknowledge the significant progress to date on the creation of the UKs first National Marine Park within Plymouth Sound.
- 2) Instruct officers to commence work on the bid for the lottery's Horizons Fund with partners for submission in November.
- 3) Instruct officers to commence the next phase of the stakeholder engagement to take place over Spring/Summer 2020 to inform the feasibility work and the business plan.

- 4) Instruct officers to complete the NMP feasibility work and a 5 year NMP Business Plan by the end of 2020.

49. **Compulsory Purchase Order Resolution for the Regeneration of Talbot Gardens**

Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development introduced the report on the Compulsory Purchase Order Resolution for the Regeneration of Talbot Gardens.

The report is concerned with the City Council's statutory duty to review its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) at least once every 5 years, a provision introduced in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed that:

- Subject to South Hams and West Devon agreeing likewise, the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is formally adopted under section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

50. **Statement of Community Involvement**

Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure introduced the report on the Statement of Community Involvement.

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51. **Bus Shelter Infrastructure and Advertising Concession Contract**

Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure introduced the report on the Bus Shelter Infrastructure and Advertising Contract.

The current contract for the provision, maintenance and cleaning of the City's bus shelters and associated highway advertising infrastructure is due to expire on 31 December 2020.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed:

- 1) To approve the Business Case (to allow the procurement of the bus shelter contract to ensure a new supplier is appointed before the end of the current contract period).
- 2) To authorise the procurement process (to allow the Open procurement procedure with the option to negotiate to ensure maximum income is generated for the Council)

- 3) To delegate the award of the contract to Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure (in accordance with Contract Standing Orders Clauses CSO7 and CSO21)

52. **Our People Strategy 2020-2024**

Councillor Pete Smith, Deputy Leader introduced the report on Our People Strategy 2020-2024.

Cabinet received a presentation on the new strategy which takes a digital format.

Following a discussion, Cabinet agreed:

- 1) The approach of publishing Our People Strategy digitally for 2020-2024
- 2) Endorsed the content of the strategy.