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MEMBERS' WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND COUNCIL ACTIONS

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Chief Executive

Members' Written Questions and Council Actions

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

2018 / 19



Items which are greyed out have been completed. Hyperlinks to the original motions and any letters already published are included below. Democratic Support publish an update to Council Actions on the last Friday of every month.

| Action No. | Meeting Date | COUNCIL MOTIONS | LEAD OFFICER | PROGRESS |
|------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | 17/09/18 | <u>ADOPTION OF MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE CHARTER</u> | Strategic Director for People | Complete Charter adopted on 17 September 2018 |
| 2. | 17/09/18 | <u>MODERN DAY SLAVERY</u> | All Strategic and Service Directors | Partially Complete Modern Slavery Charter adopted on 9 October 2018 |
| 3. | 17/09/18 | <u>DEVON & CORNWALL AND DORSET POLICE MERGER</u> | Assistant Chief Executive | Complete Letter sent to Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner 10.09.2018 Letter sent to Chief Constable Devon and Cornwall 10.09.2018 Letter sent to Chief Constable Dorset Police 10.09.2018 Letter sent to Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner 10.09.2018 |
| 4. | 17/09/18 | <u>CUTS TO YOUTH SERVICES</u> | Director of Children's Services | Complete Letter sent 14.11.2018 |
| 5. | 17/09/18 | <u>SUPPORT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF SAFE STANDING IN FOOTBALL GROUNDS</u> | Strategic Director for Place | Complete Letter sent to Secretary of state for Department of Culture, Media and Sport 28.09.2018 Letter sent to Chief Executive of Plymouth Argyle 28.09.2018 |
| 6. | 17/09/18 | <u>CONSERVATIVE ATTEMPTS TO</u> | Assistant Chief | Complete |

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| | | <u>STOP PEOPLE VOTING</u> | Executive | Discussed at Audit and Governance Committee on 10 December 2018 |
| 7. | 19/11/18 | <u>POLICING FOR PLYMOUTH</u> | Assistant Chief Executive | Complete Letter sent to Secretary of State 05.12.2018 Letter sent to Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel Chair 30.11.2018 |
| 8. | 19/11/18 | <u>COMMIT TO THE ACCELERATED REDUCTION IN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BY 2020</u> | Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure | Partially Complete Actions progressing internally to take forward the commitments by September 2019 |
| 9. | 19/11/18 | <u>SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) FUNDING CUTS</u> | Service Director for Education and Skills | Complete Letter sent to Secretary of State for Education 04.01.2019 Response received 24.01.2019 |
| 10. | 19/11/18 | <u>PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING</u> | Director of Public Health | Complete Letter sent to Parliamentary Under Secretary DoH 30.11.2018 Response received 09.01.2019 Letter sent to Gary Streeter MP 28.11.2018 Letter sent to Luke Pollard MP 28.11.2018 Letter sent to Jonny Mercer MP 28.11.2018 |
| 11. | 19/11/18 | <u>REDUCING ACCIDENTS INVOLVING IMMOVABLE OBJECTS ON OUR ROADS</u> | Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure | Complete Letter to Secretary of State for Transport 08.01.2019 Response received 23.01.2019 |
| 12. | 28/01/19 | <u>POLICE FORENSIC SERVICES</u> | Assistant Chief Executive | Complete |
| 13. | 25/02/19 | MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES <i>Action from amendment to revenue budget</i> | Assistant Chief Executive | Complete Independent Remuneration |

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| | | <i>recommendation from the Revenue and Capital Budget report to convene a meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel</i> | | Panel to convene on 30 May 2019 |
| 14. | 18/03/19 | <u>CLIMATE EMERGENCY</u> Request the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; and commit to working with other councils with similar ambitions | Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Head of Environmental Planning | In progress Action plan in development |
| 15. | 18/03/19 | <u>FAIR FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS</u> | Assistant Chief Executive (re scrutiny work programme) Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills | In progress Scrutiny of impact of school funding factored into Education and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme. |
| 16. | 18/03/19 | <u>OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PLANNING APPLICATION VIABILITY ASSESSMENTS</u> | Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Head of Planning | In progress |
| 17. | 18/03/19 | <u>FREEDOM FROM FEAR</u> | Assistant Chief Executive | In progress USDAW social media channels followed and recent posts shared using #USDAW Statement of support being developed for the Council's website Planning to support USDAW's 'Respect Shop Workers week in November using the campaign materials USDAW provide. Communication issued to councillors encouraging them to support shop workers, with easy links to find the USDAW account and the campaign pages. |

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MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION

Chief Executive's Department



Name of Member submitting the question Councillor Mrs Terri Beer

Date received by Democratic Support Team

To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene - Councillor Dann

Question

Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how much it cost the council when signage is erected in error?

In particular in Plympton, the signage in the Car Park at Mudge Way, Street Sign at Woollcombe Avenue, Railway Bridge at Colebrook. All signs erected in error all needed to be taken down and or replaced. How much did this cost the tax payers of this City as I am a tax payer.

Answer

With over 4.3 million road signs in the UK, the maintainance and replacing of the signage is a significant financial burden to both Central and Local Government Authorities, Plymouth City Council are no different and manage a significant Road Sign asset base.

The management and maintenance of the signage is managed through Corporate contracts with the prime contractors being

South West Highway

DELT Shared Services (Conduit to local contractors)

Plymouth Community Homes

Where errors with signage are identified as the responsibility of the contractor these are corrected at no cost the Authority. This is the case on the signage in question in Mudge Way and the signage on the railway bridge in Colebrook, both of these were corrected by the contractor (significant signs & South West Highways) at no cost the the Authority.

The error in the spelling of the Name Plate for Woollcombe Avenue has been listed for replacement and will cost the authority £42.47

Signed

Date: 26 March 2019

Note

- Written questions must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer via the Democratic Support Team.
- Written questions will be replied to within 10 working days.
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MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question:

Cllr Lynda Bowyer

Date received by Democratic Support:

To the Cabinet

Member for Sports Development

Question:

Can you please provide me with the latest update in terms of progress made to provide a proper hard surface car park for Manadon Sports and Community Centre?

Answer:

We are currently preparing an update to the business case for submission to CMT and CCIB to request additional funding for the Manadon Sports & Community Centre project.

If approved this will enable remedial resurfacing works to be undertaken to the wider car park at Manadon.

The intention is to improve the surface and provide approximately 65 delineated parking spaces including accessible ones at the Parkway Football Club end of the area.

The precise number of spaces will be finalised once works at levelling and outlining the extents of the car park is undertaken and may increase.

In addition the intention is to extend the existing street lighting system to provide good illuminance levels across the whole area to improve safeguarding and to help prevent anti-social activity.

Signed:

Date: 28 February 2019

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MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question: Councillor Wheeler

Date received by Democratic Support: 12 March 2019

To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, Councillor Dann

Question:

Dear Sue

You recently gave permission for a number of streets in St Budeaux to be closed for a time on the morning of Sunday 24th March to allow a road race to take place. This was an event organised by a private organisation for commercial purposes, not an event organised by and for the local community.

There was little prior notice given to ward councillors. We were told on 20th February about the event including the planned road closure programme. We were asked to respond by 6th March so there was no time to consult the large number of residents who would be affected.

I asked a number of questions and objected when they were not satisfactorily answered. The decision taken was to allow the closures anyway. One of my questions was why the local community was not consulted in advance of the application to close their roads.

The local community was not consulted at all. They were told after the decision had been taken and were given less than three week's notice of the event. This has caused significant concern and distress, not least to members of the community who are regularly attend church on Sunday mornings and thought they would have to miss them.

What criteria do you use when assessing a request from an organisation to close roads for a commercial purpose unrelated to the needs or desires of the people affected by the closure, please?

In particular, do you ask whether the local community and their representatives have been consulted in advance and if not, should you?

Thank you. George Wheeler 12th March 2019

Answer:

Dear Cllr Wheeler

To explain the current process, from a PCC network management perspective, Ward Councillors are currently given a months' notice of the event.

However, we do expect the organiser of the event to satisfactorily consult with local members and stakeholder to ensure they are fully informed and appraised of the event and its constraints. According to our application package, the event organiser sent out letters in advance to residents and businesses advising of the closures, informing them of the of the duration and extent of closures, in this case for a maximum of 1 hour 45 minutes. In addition, advance warning boards were also set out at least a week before advising all motorists of the closures. The letters and warning boards gave contact details if there were any questions or concerns.

Plymouth Highways met with the emergency services and bus operators with the event organisers and went over any issues that they had. As part of the application the organiser must produce evidence of the information that has been sent to anyone affected by the event or closures.

However, following any event we do have a wash up with the event organiser and shall relay your comments in order for them to improve future communications, in order for any future/repeat events to be improved. Looking forward we shall consider changes to our application process around how we can ensure Members and Stakeholders have been satisfactorily informed and consulted by applicants for larger 3rd party organised events.

Signed:

Date: 29 March 2019



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