

Cabinet

Tuesday 11 June 2019

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 2pm and finished at 4.00pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the Cabinet meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. At a future meeting, Cabinet 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.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 March 2019 were agreed.

3. Leader's Announcements

Cabinet members gave an update on work they had undertaken since the previous meeting.

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Cooperative Development) provided updates on:

- The award of the Silver Jubilee Cup for Crowdfund Plymouth – Plymouth City Council is the only Council to have won this more than once. Special thanks were extended to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure and the team for their efforts;
- The waiting list and affordable housing - active management of the waiting list has continued and there has been a substantial drop in numbers on the list compared to a year ago. Thanks were extended to the People and Place directorates for their efforts.

Councillor Dann (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene) provided updates on:

- The successful bid of £622,000 for Future Parks Accelerator and the importance of managing our parks sustainably and collaboratively given their important role in improving the health and wellbeing of our communities;

- The Great British Spring Clean campaign which saw 591 volunteers remove over 1079 bags of litter from our communities over the course of a month;
- The recognition of Plymouth as a Plastic Free City – over 180 schools and community groups have signed up to be plastic free ambassadors. CATERed who provide school meals for 67 of Plymouth's secondary schools have removed 8,000 plastic straws, removed disposable plastic packaging and moved over to biodegradable.

Councillor Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Transformation and Skills) provided updates on:

- The investment in schools project which has just completed to expand to Yealmpton Farm Primary, expanding the number of pupil spaces;
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and continuing work to encourage more children and women into STEM. A summer programme of activities will take place in the city for 7-18 years olds.

Councillor Haydon (Cabinet Member for Customer Focus and Community Safety) provided updates on:

- The Purple Flag status awarded to Plymouth, recognising it as a safe and welcoming city and the shortlisting for three further awards alongside this.

Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader) provided an update on:

- The commemorative event to mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings which took place on June 06 2019. Councillor Smith thanked the servicemen and women for their service to their country and extended thanks to council officers for the successful event.

Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) provided an update on:

- The publication of the 100 Innovations by Labour in Power by the Local Government Association Labour Group. This compendium of innovative projects includes seven from Plymouth, including the Ethical Care Charter, Wellbeing Hubs, Modern Slavery and Holiday Hunger and Food Poverty. The Leader highlighted the opportunities offered by the LGA for member development.
- Barden Corporation- this has been saved from threat of closure avoiding many job losses in the city. Particular thanks was expressed to the new owners of Barden for their commitment to growth in Plymouth, and to the Senior Director for Economic Development and the inward investment team in helping to secure this.
- Drake Circus Leisure – there has been positive news from British land, including news that the Cosy Club will open a premises.
- The current planning application and aspirations around Old Town Street. This is an exciting development and more detail will be available soon.
- The conversion of Intercity House – this will be converted to the new home for the University of Plymouth Medical and Dental School.

4. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the public.

5. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business from the Chair.

6. **Completed Pledges Report**

Cabinet noted the completion of a further seven pledges since last meeting in March. This takes the total completed to 47 out of 100.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) and the Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) gave an update on the pledge in relation to the footbridge at Sutton Harbour. Replacement parts were received and fitted and in good working order but there are now issues with other parts of the bridge that are not within the Council's span of control. This cannot continue and Sutton Harbour were due to respond with a full report later that day.

Councillor Laing (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) gave an update on the pledge to improve oral health and dental hygiene. This has been included in the Child Poverty Action plan and discussions are taking place to establish a new dental practice in the city centre, staffed by 5th year dental students from the University of Plymouth. Funding has also been obtained from NHS England to tackle dental hygiene in the under 2's and supervised teeth brushing clubs are to be set up in the City.

Councillor Kate Taylor (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) gave updates on:

- Pledge 51, highlighting that there are now an additional 75 staff across the city in dementia awareness;
- Pledge 55 and the approval of the loneliness action plan;
- Pledge 57 and the relaunch of the place of safety initiative;
- Pledge 58 and the improvement to discharge times from hospitals.

Cabinet noted the pledge update and extended thanks to all Officers involved across the Local Authority for their input

7. **Corporate Performance and Finance Outturn Report**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the Corporate Performance and Finance Outturn Report.

Key points noted were:

- There are now 47 performance indicators monitored for greater transparency;
- Inward investment has increased to £266m this year, £100m more than the previous year;
- Carbon emissions per person have reduced from 4.9 tonnes to 3.6 tonnes with a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030;

- The number of people fit for discharge who are remaining in hospital has greatly reduced;
- The number of families in bed and breakfasts has reduced further and continues to improve;
- That the requirement to make savings of £11.46m was met with an overspend of £1.1m. This is in comparison to an overspend of £2.41m last year. The pressure is primarily in the Children, Young Peoples and Families Directorate due to the volume of children in care and the cost of care. This is a national issue due to the gap in funding.
- A fresh look review of all departments is underway to look at service delivery and areas of potential improvement;
- The 99% collection rate for business rates and council tax;
- The record year for capital spend to invest in the city;
- The need to continue to push for Plymouth to receive its fair share of funding available.

Following a short debate and consideration of the report, Cabinet agreed to accept the recommendations as set out in the report.

8. **Working Together to Safeguard Children**

Councillor Laing (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) introduced the report on new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The report set out the proposed approach to comply with the Working Together guidance through revised multi-agency strategic safeguarding arrangements.

Following a short debate and having considered the information in the reports, Cabinet agreed to:

Approve and adopt the proposal for the new multi-agency strategic safeguarding arrangements set out at section 3 of the report, including:

- Replacement of the existing Local Safeguarding Children Boards with one Plymouth and Torbay Joint Strategic Safeguarding Partnership;
- The current Independent Chair role will be replaced with a single Independent Quality Assurance role that has oversight for reviewing and improving safeguarding practice;
- The Plymouth and Torbay Joint Strategic Safeguarding Partnership (PTJSSP) will co-ordinate safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others and shall implement local and national learning from serious child safeguarding incidents.
- The PTJSSP will establish one method of working for delivering quality assurance, performance management, multi-agency workforce development, serious child safeguarding reviews and monitoring and review the Peninsula Child Death Overview Process (CDOP) across both Plymouth and Torbay.

9. **Plymouth as a Trauma-informed City**

Councillor Haydon (Cabinet member for Customer Focus and Community Safety) introduced the report on Plymouth as a Trauma-informed City.

The report sets out:

The commitment of the trauma informed support for the city;
The complexity of the problem, which is often hidden, and how recognising and responding to this compassionately is important;
How to foster the right environment to make a difference and support people to prevent them being victimised throughout their whole lives due to childhood trauma;
That Plymouth is an early adopter and at the forefront of this ground breaking approach

After a short discussion and consideration of the report Cabinet agreed to support all recommendations as set out in the report.

10. **Child Poverty Action Plan**

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Cooperative Development) introduced the report.

The report set out the proposed revision to the Child Poverty Action Plan which sets out four key themes (Education and Transitions, Health, Income and Employment and Partnerships). The themes were derived from the Child Poverty Needs Assessment and to complement this, a Plan on a Page sets out the priorities for each theme with the activities needed to deliver impact.

Following a short debate, Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed Child Poverty Action Plan for 2019-22 and the actions therein.

11. **Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) introduced a report on the making of the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood plan, following the referendum result of May 7 2019 where residents voted in favour of the neighbourhood plan for Plympton St Mary.

Following a short debate, Cabinet agreed to:

Approve 'making' of the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan as part of the development plan for Plymouth to be used in determining planning applications, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

12. **Cabinet Appointments 2019/20**

Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) introduced the paper setting out the Cabinet appointments to Outside Bodies for 2019/20.

Cabinet agreed the appointments as listed.