

City Council

Monday 9 September 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor Ball, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Beer, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Corvid, Dann, Derrick, Downie, Evans OBE, Goslin, Hendy, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, P Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cook, Darcy, Sam Davey, Deacon, Drean, Haydon, James, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Morris, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, R Smith, Wheeler and Wiggins

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 2.09pm.

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.

21. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of the item under consideration at the meeting.

22. **Debate Regarding the Impact on Plymouth Following the Announcement that Parliament will be Prorogued**

Councillor Stevens introduced the debate on the impact on Plymouth following the announcement that Parliament will be prorogued.

Councillor Stevens highlighted the concerns for Plymouth and its preparedness as a port city given the very short window between the return on Parliament on 14 October and the potential withdrawal from the European Union on 31 October 2019.

As an announcement was made by the Government earlier in the day on 09 September that Parliament was to be prorogued from 10 September until the Queen's Speech on 14 October, the motion was withdrawn. Per the Constitution, the Lord Mayor then closed the meeting as there was no further business.