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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 2019/20

The table below summarises actions taken in regards Motions on Notice (MoNs) passed at Council meetings. Some MoNs passed by full Council in 2018/19 municipal year are also included where actions remain to be undertaken.

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 in relation to Motions on Notice on the last Friday of every month.

Meeting Date	COUNCIL MOTIONS	LEAD OFFICER	PROGRESS
2018/19 Council Actions from Motions on Notice			
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
18/03/19	<u>CLIMATE EMERGENCY</u>	Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Head of Environmental Planning	Partially Complete Actions plans pending for approval by full Council in autumn 2019 Letter to Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth 30.04.19 Letter to Secretary of State at the Department of BEIS 30.04.19 Letter to Chancellor of the Exchequer 30.04.19 Letter to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 30.04.19
2019/20 Council Actions from Motions on Notice			
24/06/19_I	<u>Veterans</u> <i>This motion was amended and below is the approved substantive amended motion for action.</i> The City Council therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council should write to our MPs calling on them to continue their efforts to ensure that Armed Forces veterans are	Assistant Chief Executive	COMPLETE Letter to Johnny Mercer 23.07.2019 Letter to Luke Pollard 23.07.2019 Letter to Gary Streeter 23.07.2019

	supported fully in respect of their needs post-service. Additionally, in order that the government can further consider the extension of additional protections to include service in Northern Ireland, to ask our MPs to ensure that a clear understanding is established in Parliament of the need for robust new evidence to be the principal precursor for any re-opening of previous investigations.		
24/06/19_2	<p><u>Opposition to the Scrapping of TV Licences for Over 75s</u></p> <p>The City Council resolves to:</p> <p>(1) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to ask them to reaffirm their commitment to their own manifesto promise to protect free TV licences for over 75s until 2022.</p> <p>(2) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the three Plymouth MPs to ask them to confirm their commitment to this important measure in tackling loneliness amongst older citizens in Plymouth.</p>	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Letter to Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport 29.07.2019</p> <p>Letter to Johnny Mercer 23.07.2019</p> <p>Letter to Luke Pollard 23.07.2019</p> <p>Letter to Gary Streeter 23.07.2019</p>
24/06/19_3	<p><u>Food Justice</u></p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <p>1) Commit to food justice in Plymouth by nominating a Cabinet Member with responsibility of delivering food justice;</p> <p>2) Request the Leader to write to the relevant minister (following the appointment of a new Prime Minister and any related Cabinet reshuffle) to ask the government to enshrine its existing commitment to U Sustainable Development Goal 2 into domestic legislation;</p> <p>3) Ask the Scrutiny Management Board to establish a Select Committee to investigate the extent and causes of hunger in Plymouth and make recommendations about what can be done to tackle it; and</p> <p>4) Work with existing partnerships in Plymouth to develop and implement a Food Justice Action Plan to eliminate hunger in Plymouth.</p>	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>In progress</p> <p>Cabinet Member with responsibility for Food Justice is Cllr Chris Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development</p> <p>Letter to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 29.07.2019</p> <p>Scrutiny Select Committee to take place on 30 October 2019</p>
24/06/19_4	<p><u>Inclusive Education and Schools</u></p> <p><i>This motion was amended and below is the approved substantive amended motion for action.</i></p> <p>We request the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation to commit to supporting Plymouth schools which undertake</p>	Service Director for Education and Skills	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Letter sent to schools on 26 June 2019 from Service</p>

	<p>this necessary part of preparing young people for the world around them and which don't give in to bigotry of any kind by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issuing advice formulated in accordance with DfE¹ and OFSTED guidance to schools to empower them to teach an inclusive curriculum and develop a whole school approach to embed equality; • promoting school Diversity Week (1-5th July) and encouraging Plymouth schools to participate; • work with schools and other stakeholders to support and share good practice in promoting and delivering inclusive equality education in all schools; • support all those who work with children and young people to carry out their work free from discrimination and harassment. 		Director and Cabinet Member encouraging engagement in School Diversity Week; drawing attention to key guidance; and inviting schools to share best practice.
24/06/19_5	<p><u>South West Forensics</u></p> <p>Full Council notes that:</p> <p>On 28 January 2019, Plymouth City Council resolved to oppose the transfer of Devon and Cornwall Police forensic staff to Dorset Police as part of the South West Forensics collaboration with Dorset, Avon and Somerset and Wiltshire Police. We note the “Business Improvement Review” however is continuing and we restate our desire to see the strongest front line forensic provision in Devon and Cornwall.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council therefore resolves to ask our representatives on the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel to review the situation and ensure this topic is scrutinised, with the results reported back.</p>	Service Director for Community Connections	COMPLETE
16/09/19_1	<p><u>Delivering an Airport for Plymouth</u> <u>(original motion)</u></p> <p><i>Motion amended and approved by Council as per below.</i></p> <p>The City Council resolves to:</p>	Strategic Director for Place	In progress

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781150/Draft_guidance_Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education2.pdf

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request the Leader of the Council to bring a report to the Cabinet setting out the next steps in progressing the policy of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan insofar as it relates to Plymouth Airport. 2. Note that the Council has negotiated the surrender of the current Plymouth Airport lease held by Sutton Harbour Holdings which is yet to be completed. 3. Request the Chief Executive to provide updates on progress to all Members of the Council in line with the current JLP monitoring arrangements. 4. Request Plymouth's MPs to campaign for government financial support for aviation in Plymouth. 		
16/09/19_2	<p>Weeds in Plymouth (original motion)</p> <p>Ask the Council Leader and Cabinet Member for the Environment to publish how the ongoing problem of weeds will be dealt with throughout Plymouth.</p>	Strategic Director for Place	In progress
16/09/19_3	<p>Congratulating Greta Thunberg</p> <p>Plymouth City Council congratulates Greta Thunberg and the crew of the Malizia for their successful journey and salutes Thunberg for her world changing campaign, in which children demand radical, immediate and effective action from world leaders to combat climate change. The Leader of the Council will write a letter to the Malizia crew and to Thunberg conveying this.</p>	Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Letter to Greta Thunberg issued 09 October 2019</p>



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Greta Thunberg
Via email

9 October 2019

Dear Greta and the crew of the Malizia

We wanted to write to congratulate you on your successful trans-Atlantic crossing; your journey was truly inspirational. It was a momentous day when you embarked upon your crossing from Plymouth. We have a strong and proud heritage as the City where world-changing voyages commence and your journey and the message you are conveying is key to our planets future, nothing could be more important.

The challenge of combating climate change requires radical and immediate action from every part of society across the globe. Your strong and clear message to world leaders that immediate and effective action is essential and that you and your generation will hold them to account is fully supported in Plymouth. We understand how crucial it is to act now and we are fully embracing this challenge.

You have become an inspiration in demanding action on climate change. During your time in Plymouth you inspired our young people but also provided hope that collectively we can demand change and find a solution. We must all unite in tackling climate change and your presence in Plymouth reinforced our commitment to playing our part.

It was an honour to host you in our city and be a part of the essential message you are conveying to the world. We will be watching your endeavours on the global stage whilst driving change in our City. We hope that you can persuade others to do the same. This is not a challenge any of us can allow to fail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tudor Evans".

Councillor Tudor Evans OBE
Leader, Plymouth City Council

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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
20/09/2019

To the Leader of Plymouth City Council, Tudor Evans OBE & Councillor Coker,
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

Question

Please can you tell me when Plymouth Road Junction improvements are going to start because we were promised in spring 2018 then spring 2019 then after Cot Hill roundabout was done and still nothing is happening.

Answer

The Plymouth Road Junction Improvements (Part of the Eastern Corridor Junction Improvement Scheme) started on 02 September 2019.

Signed

Date

Note

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Member submitting the question: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	
Date received by Democratic Support: 14/10/2019	
To Councillor Pete Smith	
<p>Question:</p> <p>Can someone advise why Estover Library was shut “Due to unforeseen circumstances” on Saturday 21st September 2019? What was the reason for the closure? What was the cost to the Council? What steps are being taken to ensure this does not happen again?</p>	
<p>Answer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was an unplanned staff shortage and we were unable meet the required staffing levels needed to operate. 2. The cost to the Council would have been reputational; that is, we publish that the Library is open on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm, but on the 21 September. 3. We have reviewed the rotas and do not foresee this being an issue again in the future. 	
Signed:	Date: 18 October 2019
	

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