

City Council

Monday 16 December 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, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Sam Davey, Deacon, Derrick, Drear, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Loveridge, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, P Smith, R Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Corvid, Downie, Mrs Johnson, Samantha Leaves, Lowry and Wigans

The meeting started at 3pm and finished at 8.10pm.

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.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Johnson, Councillor Sam Leaves, Councillor Lowry, Councillor Downie, Councillor Corvid and Councillor Wigans.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September were agreed as true and accurate record.

3. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at the meeting -

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Penberthy	7.	Member of PEC renewables and as a Board Member of PEC renewables, and Ernesettle Community Solar	Personal
Councillor Evans OBE	9.	Vice-Chair of South West Joint Committee	Personal
Councillor Jon Taylor	11.b	Employee of the NHS	Personal

Councillor Buchan	7.	PEC Trustee	Personal
Councillor Buchan	11a	Member of Devon and Severn IFCA	Personal
Councillor Stevens	10.	Chair of Planning Committee	Personal
Councillor McDonald	7.	Shareholder of Plymouth Energy Company	Personal
Councillor Bridgeman	11b	Carer for relative with the onset of dementia	Personal
Councillor Mrs Bowyer	11b	Member of Plymouth Dementia Action Alliance Group	Personal
Councillor Jordan	11b	Lives with and cares for Alzheimer's sufferer	Personal

4. **Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc**

Council noted the following appointments to Outside Bodies

Committee	Previous Member	New Member
Taxi Licensing	Councillor Singh	Councillor Aspinall
Licensing	Councillor Singh	Councillor Goslin
Corporate Parenting Group	Councillor Singh	Councillor Allen
Planning	Councillor Morris	Councillor Vincent
Child Poverty Working Group	Councillor Cook	Councillor L Bowyer
Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny	Councillor Riley	Councillor Glenn Jordan

Council also noted the following changes to Chairs/Vice-Chairs of committees:

- Councillor Winter has replaced Councillor Morris as Chair of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor Kelly has replaced Councillor Carson as Vice-Chair of Audit and Governance Committee
- Councillor Johnson has been appointed Vice-Chair of Corporate Parenting Group,

Council is also asked to note the appointment by the Leader of two Assistant Cabinet Members: Councillor Pam Buchan and Councillor Jeremy Goslin

5. **Questions by the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

6. **Announcements**

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements:

Adult Social Worker of the Year

- A Plymouth social worker who has dedicated more than 40 years of her life to the profession has been named as Adult Social Worker of the Year at a prestigious awards ceremony. Teresa Barrett, adult social worker at Livewell Southwest, won the accolade at the annual Social Worker of the Year awards.

Cities of Service Engaged Cities Award

- The Lord Mayor presented an award to colleagues for the Council's City Change Fund which has been recognised globally for its ground breaking approach to genuine citizen engagement when it was crowned a winner of the Engaged Cities Award at a recent ceremony in Washington. Cities of Service received over 100 applications from across the Americas and Europe.

The Lord Mayor then led a Minutes Silence in memory of Alderman Coleman and two former Lady Mayoresses, Mrs Finnigan and Mrs Stark.

Councillor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council made the following announcements:

- Paul Barnard, the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure has been awarded the Royal Town Planning Institute Gold Medal in recognition of exceptional achievement in the field of town and country planning.
- 2019 saw £100m of completed projects, with £200m of projects on-going at present, and another £900m to come. Highlights include:
 - The Range Head Office bringing 500 jobs;
 - The Barcode, the UK's 3rd largest IMAX cinema;
 - Oceansgate, fully let phase one and now starting on phase two;
 - Securing the future of Barden;
 - Mayflower 400 and Illuminate;
 - The Box figureheads – the biggest refurbishment of its kind in the UK;
 - Millbay hotel, committed to forward fund the next stage of regeneration of Millbay;
 - Brunel plaza anchor tenant in the University of Plymouth;
 - British Land investment into Old Town Street and New George Street;
 - Receiving Government recognition as the UK's first National Marine Park;
 - Plymouth featured as a top 10 location to visit in the world in Condé Nast Travel Magazine.

Projects underway include:

- Mayflower 400 festival;
- The Box – building due for completion early in 2020 and gallery fit out to be completed by April;
- Completion of all legal requirements to start the new concourse on Brunel Plaza;

- Three new developments including Broadley park to create 70,000 sq. ft. of new industrial units;
- The former Derry's Building and BHS have been repurposed and works will be completed in 2020;
- Next phase of development due at the Derriford District Centre;
- Public Realm - £9m transformation of Old Town Street, connecting the City Centre to the Barcode;
- The Mount Batten Centre – consultants to be appointed to take forward the next phase of development;
- A Plan for Fishing will be developed to protect and grow the sector;
- New Visitor Plan due to be adopted with a cultural strategy refresh;
- 12 Cruise ships will be welcomed in 2020 including the iconic Disney Princess;
- Phoenix Wharf regeneration will be completed;
- Completion of the Millbay Boulevard;
- Development of The Melville Building in the Royal William Yard which will include the Everyman cinema;
- Devonport Market Hall – the world's biggest immersive dome will be open in the Spring;
- New support programme for creative businesses;
- Continue to bring forward the pipeline of projects including the Civic Centre, Colin Campbell Court, Bath Street, Woolwell, Weston Mill and Oceansgate Phase three.

Councillor Mark Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure made the following announcements:

- The Plymotion team have been highly commended at the Transport planning Society's People's Award and were one of only five projects shortlisted for this prestigious award;
- In the Plymotions School's campaign, Pennycross primary school has been announced as the overall winner of the South West Region Modeshift STARS Award, a national scheme to recognise schools that demonstrate excellence in sustainable travel

Sue Dann, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene made the following announcements:

- Plymouth City Council has received two awards and further funding in recognition of the work undertaken by the Low Carbon City Team; The National Energy Efficiency Award and the Climate Active Neighbourhoods Project;
- Plymouth City Council has been awarded a further £530,000 to continue the Warm Homes Scheme, addressing fuel poverty across the city.

Councillor Kate Taylor made the following announcement:

- The Independence and Home Service was inspected by the Care Quality Commission in November and received a rating of 'good' the highest achievable on a first inspection. Staff were found to be compassionate and kind and were proud of the service they provide.

7. Declaration on Climate Emergency

As per Rule of Debate 4.2, Council agreed to extend the speech time by five minutes for the introduction of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan. These plans were requested following the Motion on Notice approved by Full Council in March 2019.

Councillor Dann, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene introduced the report on the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan. This was seconded by Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure.

Councillor Bowyer, Leader of the Opposition, highlighted that there had been less than 48 hours to consider the report since publication and that it was not clear as to what the impact of the proposals of the plan would be. A Select Committee was requested prior to agreement of the plans in order to give them greater consideration.

A Point of Order was raised given that this matter is already scheduled for a scrutiny committee in January.

The meeting was briefly adjourned.

On resumption, Councillor Nicholson proposed an amendment to the Declaration on Climate Emergency report and this was seconded by Councillor Darcy.

The amendment proposed that:

In relation to agenda item 7 of in order to devote appropriate due diligence to the most substantive issue before the Council Recommendations 1-10 pages 2 and 3 should be deleted and replaced with:

“Plymouth City Council agree to establish a dedicated select scrutiny committee to urgently consider the Declaration on Climate Emergency plan”

Following a debate, Council voted on the amendment as follows:

For (20)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drear, James, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Riley, Ms Watkin

Against (30)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Laing, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Winter, Davey, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Evans OBE, Hendy, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Allen

Abstain (0)

The amendment was not carried.

Council then proceeded to debate the substantive item.

Following the debate, Council approved the recommendations as set out in the report to:

1. Note the progress that has been made since the declaration on climate emergency. Reason: To acknowledge that action has already been taken by the City Council and its partners since the Motion on Notice agreed at the meeting held on 18 March 2019 (Minute 89 refers).
2. Support and endorse the Corporate Carbon Reduction Action Plan 2019-2024. Reason: To set the direction of travel for the decarbonisation of City Council services and activities, encourage the submission of funding bids to deliver the commitments set out in the plan, and to facilitate stakeholder engagement for further revisions to the plan.
3. Support and endorse the 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan. Reason: To set the direction of travel for the decarbonisation of Plymouth, encourage the submission of funding bids to deliver the commitments set out in the plan, and to facilitate stakeholder engagement for further revisions to the plan.
4. Incorporates the provisions of the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan into the next revisions of the Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan. Reason: To ensure that the commitments set out in the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan are reflected as strategic commitments in the Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan.
5. Incorporates a review of the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan every year and review the Climate Emergency work as part of the annual reporting on the Plymouth Plan. Reason: To hold the Cabinet to account for the delivery of the commitments in the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan in a manner that is consistent with the wishes of the City Council in its declaration on climate emergency.
6. Note that Cabinet has requested the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan be referred to the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Reason: To enable a detailed review of the commitments and actions contained in the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan by the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to making recommendations to the Cabinet for its yearly review of each plan.
7. Note that implementation of the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2024 and 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan is to be overseen by the Director of Place as the appointed Senior Responsible Officer but integrated across every Council department through a Climate Emergency Board led by Corporate Management Team members that meets bi-monthly. Reason: To ensure that the delivery of the action plans are coordinated across all City Council departments and that there is a single responsible senior manager who is accountable for implementation.
8. Request the Cabinet to give consideration to the allocation of additional revenue funding to support the necessary staff resources to drive forward the delivery of the action plans. Reason: To ensure that there are sufficient staff resources to implement the action plans.

9. Undertake an early review of the Plymouth Plan with city partners in order to ensure that the plan responds to the climate emergency and the commitments set out in the Climate Emergency Action Plan. Reason: The governance framework for the Plymouth Plan, set out in chapter 8 of the plan, describes circumstances where a full or partial review of the plan may be necessary. Paragraph 8.26 of the Plymouth Plan identifies what some of these circumstances might be, one of which is: “More rapid or dramatic than expected changes to the climate or weather conditions, or extreme environmental events”. Given that the City Council has declared a climate emergency in recognition of to the need for an urgent response from the global community to the threat of climate change, with a target of net zero carbon emissions from Plymouth by 2030, the City Council now needs to ensure that the City's long term strategic growth plans are properly aligned to this outcome.
10. Actively promote the use of the City Change Fund in supporting community led initiatives that respond to the climate emergency and review the operation of the City Change Fund so that it encourages such projects to come forward. Reason: To facilitate community involvement in responding to the climate emergency and supporting delivery of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

For (30)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, Cllr McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Goslin, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Winter Laing, Allen

Abstain (20)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, James, Jordan, Riley, Kelly, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Michael Leaves, Carson, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Rebecca Smith, Ms Watkin

Against (0)

8. **Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report**

Councillor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council introduced the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report.

The report was seconded by Councillor Penberthy.

Councillor Nicholson requested the Cabinet Member for Finance provide a written answer as to how much of the £530m of income assumptions is to come from the sale of green open space. The Leader agreed to provide this.

Following a debate, Council

- Approved the revised five year Capital Budget (2019-2024) as at 30 September 2019 from £810.545m to £845.354m.

For (50)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Mrs Johnson, James, Jordan, Kelly, Goslin, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin Carson, Winter, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Laing, Riley, Allen, Ms Watkin

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

9. **Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Review (to follow)**

Councillor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council introduced the report on Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Review.

This report was seconded by Councillor Smith.

Following a discussion, Council agreed:

That Council:

- a) As a constituent member, approves the amendments to the Heart of the South West Joint Committee's list of functions in the Arrangements document (highlighted in bold italics in Appendix A of the document pack), and notes the updated budget position for 2019/20;
- b) As a constituent member, approves the recommendation from the Joint Committee on 27th September 2019, to re-appoint Somerset County Council as the Administering Authority for the Joint Committee for a further 2 years until January 2022;
- c) Makes provision of £8,000 as the Council's contribution to the administration and work programme of the Joint Committee for the 2020/21 financial year, subject to all other Constituent Members making financial contributions based on the methodology recommended by the Joint Committee at their meeting on 27th September 2019.

For (49)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Mrs Johnson, James, Jordan, Kelly, Goslin, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin Carson, Winter, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Laing, Riley, Allen, Ms Watkin

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

10. **Planning Committee Code of Good Practice and Terms of Reference**

Councillor Parker Delaz-Ajete introduced the Planning Committee Code of Good Practice and Terms of Reference.

The report was seconded by Councillor Coker.

Following a debate, Council agreed:

- I. To approve the changes to the Planning Committee Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report and to note the changes to the Code of Good Practice for Planning Committee made at the Audit and Governance Committee on 23rd September 2019 as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.

For (29)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Goslin, Buchan, Cllr Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Winter, Laing, Allen

Abstain (1)

Councillor Singh

Against (20)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, James, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Riley, Ms Watkin,

11. **Motions on notice (to follow)**

12. **Devon and Severn IFCA**

Councillor Buchan introduced the Motion on Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority. This was seconded by the Leader, Councillor Evans OBE.

Following a debate, Council resolved that:

- I. The Leader of the Council will write to the Secretary of State requesting:
 - a. A reassessment of the IFCA funding formula to take into account previous assessments of required officers; in addition to sea area, coastal length, and number of conservation designations; and to allocate Financial Administrative Penalties back to the IFCA
 - b. That New Burden Funding be provided to Councils with enforceable environmental designations including Special Area of Conservation, Special Protected Area and Marine Conservation Zone.

c. Local government funding is restored to 2010 levels to enable Councils to deliver public services and contribute to adequate IFCA budgets.

For (29)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Goslin, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Winter, Laing, Allen

Abstain (21)

Councillors Singh, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, James, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Riley, Ms Watkin

13. **Dementia Fund**

Councillor Kate Taylor introduced the motion on Dementia Fund. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Aspinall.

Following a debate Council resolved to:

- call on the government to address this unfairness by asking the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, asking him to ensure that dementia is funded by the NHS like any other health condition through a dedicated Dementia Fund worth £2.4bn;
- consider any response to this request through the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Council extended its thanks to all of those people in the city who support those living with dementia.

For (49)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, James, Jordan, Kelly, Goslin, Michael Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Carson, Winter, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Laing, Riley, Allen, Ms Watkin

Abstain (0)

Against (0)

14. **Community Grants**

Councillor Kelly introduced the motion on Community Grants. This was seconded by Councillor Churchill.

Following a debate, Council resolved to:

- Request the Cabinet Member for Finance to consider increasing the Community Grant for each Councillor from £3,500 to £5,000 in the 2020/21 Budget.

For (49)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Coker, Dann, Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Drear, James, Jordan, Kelly, Goslin, Michael Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Derrick, Neil, Mavin, Carson, Winter, Mrs Loveridge, Cook, Rebecca Smith, Laing, Riley, Allen, Ms Watkin

Abstain (0)

Against (0)

15. Questions by Councillors

	From	To	Subject
1	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Evans OBE	Administrations policy regarding anti-Semitism?
	Response: Council accepted the international holocaust definition of anti-Semitism and that is Plymouth City Council's policy.		
2	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Evans OBE	Have disclosures to senior members of the Labour Party in the city regarding anti-Semitism been covered up
	Response: This is not a matter for the Council; this matter has been reported to the Labour Party.		
3	Councillor Nicholson	Councillor Evans OBE	Ensuring that potential candidates for public office are fit and proper before being selected to stand for public office?
	Response: This is not a function of Cabinet or Council <i>Monitoring officer advised question not appropriate</i>		
4	Councillor Nicholson	Councillor Evans OBE	What about the reputational damage to the City – does this matter not require intervention from the Leader?
	Response: This is not a function of Cabinet or Council <i>Monitoring officer advised question not appropriate</i>		
5	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Evans OBE	Does the Leader agree that upholding the reputation of the City Council is paramount and a key responsibility as Leader of this Council
	Response: Yes		
6	Councillor Churchill	Councillor Smith	following the election and count are you proposing to improve the timings of the count night
	Response: This is the responsibility of the Returning Officer		
7	Councillor Kelly	Councillor Evans OBE	What is Plymouth City Council's stance on anti-Semitism?
	Response: The motion has been debated in Council and a definition agreed		

8	Councillor Kelly	Councillor Evans OBE	What actions have you taken in Plymouth?
Response: <i>Lord Mayor directed the question not be answered</i>			
9	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Councillor Evans OBE	Cross boundary issues with Sherford and payment of play equipment within South Hams boundaries
Response: I am willing to set up a meeting with Councillor Hart and Councillor Mrs Pengelly to have a proper discussion to see how to get the play equipment			
10	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Evans OBE	Electoral registration issues with students and those not eligible to vote
Response: This issue was resolved prior to the election. Those not eligible to vote were not able to			
11	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Evans OBE	This is an administrative function of the Council, why haven't you resigned?
Response: The Council's electoral services department dramatically increased registration which should be celebrated. The issues with registration will go to Audit and Governance committee to review procedures. The suggestion that Councillors interfere with the election is a slur.			
12	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Evans OBE	I asked what assurances would be given as this has happened before
Response: you're implying that what happened in the election campaign was political			
The Chief Executive responded that the issue had been referred to the Scrutiny Management Board and the Terms of Reference for the review would be discussed tomorrow. The Chief Executive noted that she was delighted with the performance of the team at the count.			
13	Councillor Nicholson	Councillor Evans OBE	Can the Leader confirm the roles of the newly appointed assistant Cabinet Members
Response: I will circulate the details in the morning			
14	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Coker	What action is being taken to minimise flooding in hotspots given the recent heavy rainfall
Response: All drains and gullies are now mapped and monitored with hotspots identified, this is a long standing problem and will need to adapt and change to ensure drains and gullies are fit for purpose			
15	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Coker	What is the level of confidence that this will happen?
Response: Commitment to smart metering in the drains and gullies, working with South West Water – this will be a priority.			

Please note that questions, answers, supplementary questions and supplementary answers have been summarised.