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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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### **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

There are no Members Questions to be published this month.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS 2020/21**

The table below summarises actions taken in regards Motions on Notice (MoNs) passed at Council meetings.

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.

Date	COUNCIL MOTIONS	LEAD OFFICER	PROGRESS
<b>Council Actions from Motions on Notice</b>			
15/03 /21	<p><b><u>Budget for NHS and Carers</u></b></p> <p>Last year Plymouth took to its doorsteps to loudly show our appreciation for our NHS staff and carers in our communities, care homes and supported living accommodation.</p> <p>NHS staff and carers have cared for our sick and dying in Plymouth during the pandemic and are going above and beyond to rapidly deliver the vaccination programme to get us all back to normal life.</p> <p>Despite this, the Government has yet again delivered a budget that fails to recognise the value of our NHS staff and carers, or address the significant pressures on our Adult Social Care system.</p> <p>The 1% rise for NHS staff is an insult and it is clear that Plymouth's frontline health and care workers are being asked to pick up the cost of the pandemic which they have heroically fought, and in which some staff have lost their lives.</p> <p>With the workforce already on its knees, this budget will make recruitment and retention even more difficult. It will lead to more doctors, nurses and carers leaving the profession and this will mean longer waiting lists for patients in Plymouth. Waiting lists for non-urgent treatment are at a record high, and with the £8 billion cuts against frontline services, the NHS will struggle to cope.</p> <p>Additionally, the Government has failed to address the urgently needed, long-term reform of Adult Social Care, despite the Prime Minister promising that he would bring forward plans for reform as part of his election manifesto. This has led to Local Authorities being able to support less</p>	Strategic Director for People	<b>ONGOING</b>

	<p>people, despite rising need, and invest less in preventative services whilst receiving less funding from Government.</p> <p>The pandemic has also shown the health and social care sector needs additional investment and yet the Government has not provided the funding to the NHS, Local Authorities or care providers to match this, nor have they confirmed the extension of the Infection Control Fund which has allowed care workers to access sick pay and care providers to fund infection control measures to keep staff and residents safe.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council condemns this government's budgetary failure for Plymouth's NHS and carers and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to:</p> <p>A) Acknowledge that the government's offer of a 1% rise is an insult and simply not good enough, and to provide a fair pay settlement for NHS and care workers which recognises the contribution that the current workforce has made during the pandemic. This will encourage others to come into caring professions to support the recovery and ensure that the growing NHS waiting lists can be tackled.</p> <p>B) Live up to their election promise which they have so far failed to carry out, by urgently providing a clear, date-led timescale for the reform of Adult Social Care to give Plymouth City Council and other Local Authorities and care providers the assurances that they need to plan for the future;</p> <p>C) Urgently provide confirmation that the Infection Control Fund will continue after March to ensure that our hard-working care staff are able to continue accessing sick pay during the pandemic.</p>		
15/03 /21	<p><b><u>Weston Mill Recycling Centre</u></b></p> <p><b>Amended to -</b></p> <p>We resolve to ask the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Street Scene, Cllr Sue Dann, to mobilise resources and plan to enable Weston Mill Recycling Centre to fully reopen from the 12<sup>th</sup> April when it is safe to do so – in line with the with the Government Roadmap and be driven by data not dates and be considered in conjunction with the overall provision of all waste collection and waste disposal services</p> <p>This facility is valued by those residents living in the North and West of our city and provides an alternative Household Waste Recycling Centre for those who need to make essential journeys to dispose of waste.</p>	Strategic Director for PLACE	<p><b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Press release had been published explaining that Weston Mill Household Waste Recycling Centre was set to open on Mondays and Fridays, as well as at weekends, from 16 April.</p>

	<p>We recognise the impact queuing may have on the network and have a series of contingency plans to prevent the level of traffic experienced following the reopening of Chelson Meadow last May, this is a demand led service and very weather dependant</p>		
15/03 /21	<p><b><u>Take Away Litter</u></b></p> <p>Throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic we have seen an increase in the use of fast food takeaways and we have also seen an increase in litter from 'Drive Thrus'.</p> <p>Therefore, we call upon the Leader of the Council or relevant Cabinet Member of PCC, to write to the Fast Food and Take Away Drive Thru providers, throughout Plymouth, to request additional resources be provided such as frequent litter picks and larger bins for a cleaner, greener Plymouth.</p> <p>We also request that they actively investigate and identify possible deterrents to encourage customers to dispose of their litter appropriately.</p>	Director of Public Health	<p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>A letter would be written to fast food and take away drive through providers to comply with the MON request.</p>
15/03 /21	<p><b><u>Future of Pounds House</u></b></p> <p><b>Amended to -</b></p> <p>The results of the COVID Pandemic have seen a massive increase in the use of Central Park and recreational spaces throughout Plymouth.</p> <p>The Council welcomes the investment proposed for Pounds House and looks forward to consulting and working with the local community in agreeing future complementary uses for this asset.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Finance, with responsibility for corporate property, be requested to bring a report to Scrutiny, to the relevant panel's first meeting of the 2021/22 Municipal Year with the agreement of its members, on the future options for re-using Pounds House with complementary activities, to support the wider recreational activities in the Pounds House grounds and more widely in Central Park.</p>	Strategic Director of Customer and Corporate Services	<p><b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>The Executive Decision/ business case for Pounds House restoration was published on 24 March 21.</p> <p>A report will be taken to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee later in 2021 as part of the work programme.</p>
25/0 1/21	<p><b><u>Marine Environment &amp; Fishing</u></b></p> <p><b>Amended to –</b></p> <p>Fishing and the Marine Environment are vitally important to the City of Plymouth and its economy.</p> <p>To specifically support our local fishing community and to protect our internationally important marine</p>	Strategic Director for Place	

	<p>environment we call on the Leader of Plymouth City Council:</p> <p>To write on behalf of the Council, congratulating the Prime Minister on bringing the UK in line with the EU ban on pulse fishing introduced in 2018, supporting the regulation of vessel types to protect our marine environment and sustainable fisheries, and to ask for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With respect to the £23m compensation fund designed to help those negatively impacted by new UK red tape and UK systems designed to comply with our new third country status, to ensure that Plymouth and the South West fishing boats, exporters and supply chain who have been greatly affected are prioritised.</li> <li>2. With respect to the £100m fund announced for infrastructure and fishing vessel renewal, to ensure that in particular Plymouth and the South West vessels and English fishing supply chain businesses and harbours who have done particularly and disproportionately badly out of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement will see increased support, to remain competitive and in business.</li> <li>3. The urgent publication of the Government's consultation responses on       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Quota allocations and management in 2021 and beyond: England and the Crown dependencies</li> <li>ii) Fisheries: strengthening the economic link licence condition in England</li> <li>lii) Fisheries: apportioning additional quota between the UK administrations: UK and the Crown dependencies.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		<p><b>ONGOING</b></p>
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