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MEMBERS' WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND COUNCIL ACTIONS

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Members' Written Questions and Council Actions

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1. Council Actions following Motions on Notice: (Pages 1 - 8)

2. 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
Council Actions from Motions on Notice			
15/03 /21	<p><u>Budget for NHS and Carers</u></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	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Letter sent to The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP 15 April 21</p>

	<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><u>Weston Mill Recycling Centre</u></p> <p>Amended to -</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 12th 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>COMPLETE</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><u>Take Away Litter</u></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>COMPLETE</p> <p>A letter has been sent to fast food and take away drive through providers in Plymouth 6 April 2021</p>
15/03 /21	<p><u>Future of Pounds House</u></p> <p>Amended to -</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>COMPLETE</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><u>Marine Environment & Fishing</u></p> <p>Amended to -</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">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.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.3. The urgent publication of the Government's consultation responses on<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Quota allocations and management in 2021 and beyond: England and the Crown dependenciesii) Fisheries: strengthening the economic link licence condition in Englandlii) Fisheries: apportioning additional quota between the UK administrations: UK and the Crown dependencies.		<p>ONGOING</p>
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15 April 2021

Dear Secretary of State

SUPPORT FOR OUR NHS AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Last year Plymouth rightly took to its doorsteps to loudly show our appreciation for our NHS staff and carers in our communities, care homes and supported living accommodation. 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. Despite this national outpouring of emotion, the Government has yet again delivered a financial settlement that fails to recognise the value of our NHS staff and carers, or address the significant pressures on our Adult Social Care system.

The 1% pay rise for NHS staff completely fails to recognise and value their contribution in keeping us all safe. Not only does it not adequately reward their contribution but it will almost certainly impact on morale and make recruitment and retention even more difficult. It will undoubtedly 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 this will do nothing to resolve this matter.

In addition, the recent budget announcement yet again failed to deal with the need to reform Adult Social Care - which was an election promise. Whilst the continuation of the Infection Control Fund is welcome, it does not negate the need for a comprehensive, long term and sustainable funding settlement. Without it, Adult Social Care will continue to be in crisis with providers going out of business, recruitment of carers proving impossible and our most vulnerable in society not receiving the care they need and deserve.

At a recent meeting of our full Council I tabled a Motion on Notice on these issues which was overwhelmingly passed. As such, I therefore ask that you review the pay settlement and provide a fair settlement for our NHS workers, which recognises the contribution that the workforce made during the pandemic.

In addition I call on you to fulfil your election promise and set down a detailed timetable for the reform of Adult Social Care. This will provide Local Authorities, Care Providers and Service Users some certainty so that they can plan for the future.

The time to resolve this issue once and for all is now – the pandemic has shown us the very best of our health and social care system, our city and our country, but it has also highlighted the deep cracks in a system which is designed to support those who need it most. Please do not let us down.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kate Taylor', with a stylized, flowing script.

Councillor Kate Taylor

Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

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Your Ref

Dear Sir/Madam

Takeaway Litter

As Plymouth prepares to emerge from lockdown, further measures are being put in place to encourage everyone to work together to dispose of litter and waste sensibly to help keep our city clean.

Many businesses already work hard to reduce the impact of their waste on the local environment. We also understand that it is down to the individual to take responsibility for their own litter.

As part of the Council's commitment to keeping our city clean, we are writing to local businesses to suggest further ways to help reduce the impact of littering, especially plastic waste, and provide more opportunities to encourage others to not drop litter. Here are a few ideas:-

- Consider what steps you take to dispose of your waste correctly: Do you clean up around your premises? Do you provide large enough bins for customers, and empty them regularly?
- If you have 'drive through' facilities, have you thought about recording the registration number on the till receipt? This may help us identify perpetrators who dispose of their waste irresponsibly.
- Is there any packaging you could change or stop using, to reduce costs and waste? Have you considered incentives to re-use containers?
- Are there any more environmentally friendly alternative packaging options?
- Could you put up signage to remind customers to discard litter responsibly? Resources are available on the Keep Britain Tidy webpages.
- Cigarette butts are the biggest source of litter, do you have appropriate litter bins for butts for customers and staff?

Environmental Enforcement Officers patrol Plymouth, issuing fines to those who are seen littering. Last year they issued 1,642 fixed penalty notices to those caught dropping litter.

There is information online about how to control business waste. Businesses can either use Plymouth City Council to collect their trade waste or another registered waste carrier. For information on Plymouth City Council trade waste, please visit

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/binsrecyclingandwaste/commercialwasteservices>

For general business advice please visit <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/publicprotectionadviceandsupport>

Within the Preventing Plastic Pollution Project, Environment Plymouth are encouraging businesses to sign up to a Plastic Free Charter. Building on their existing Plastic Free Communities work with Surfers Against Sewage, they will be taking action one step further into Phase 2, working with businesses to change their usage of avoidable plastics, increasing recycled materials and modifying their supply lines. This is open to all businesses within Plymouth and provides a great opportunity to become a greener, more sustainable organisation, working towards Plastic Free certification. For more information, or to get involved and make your pledge towards a plastic free future please email

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We appreciate any support you can give to help us keep our city clean. You can report fly tipping or littering through our website. <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/streetcareandcleaning/reportflytipping>

You may also wish to keep up to date on news stories about our enforcement activities on our dedicated Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/environmentalenforcement>

There have also been recent reports of large queues forming outside premises whilst customers are waiting for takeaway food. Please ensure you have adequate staff to be able to manage your queues to ensure social distancing is maintained and footpaths are not blocked.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

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