

City Council

Monday 16 November 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Mavin, in the Chair.

Councillor Winter, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Sam Davey, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, 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 Wiggins.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 7.04 pm.

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.

41. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

42. **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 Stevens	10 a	Mentions his place of work – Devon and Cornwall Police	Disclosable Pecuniary
Councillor Darcy	10 a	Mentions his place of work – Devon and Cornwall Police	Disclosable Pecuniary
Councillor Kate Taylor	10 a	Partner is employed by Devon and Cornwall Police	Private Interest
Councillor Loveridge	10 e	Has a business that has received a government grant	Private Interest
Councillor Jordan	10 e	Charities he is a director of have received grants in the past	Private Interest
Councillor Davey	10 a	Wife is employed by Devon and Cornwall Police	Private Interest

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

Council agreed the following appointments notified to the Monitoring Officer –

Councillor Mark Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) would replace Councillor George Wheeler as Joint Chair of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee. Councillor George Wheeler would still remain on the Committee.

44. **Announcements**

The Lord Mayor made the following announcement:

- Thanked Judith Harwood for her service to the Council. Judith, who was the Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills, joined us 2012 and was leaving us following an outstanding contribution to Plymouth;
- Welcomed Ming Zang who had been appointed as our new Service Director and today was his first day with the Council. Ming has a strong background in education policy, strategy and in supporting schools and learners. He would bring significant experience in managing partnerships with stakeholders and in leading significant change;
- Expressed his thanks to Andrew Hardingham, the Service Director for Finance as this was his last Council meeting and wish him all the best in his retirement.

The Director of Public Health provided an update on the current situation with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

- with rates increasing over the last few weeks across the country we went into a lockdown on 5th November 2020. Numbers have increased but there was a data lag. 225 per 100,000 is current rate SW average 186 per 100,000. You would expect to see more cases in a place of high population. 1 267 per 100,000 national. We are still; seeing an increase in case slow and steady;
- We have been busy trying to manage small outbreaks and have a team who are there to speak to workplaces, business and schools on advice on keeping people safe;
- Positive national news on several vaccines which could give good levels of protection. We aren't going to have this quickly but in terms of getting back to normal in the Spring and Summer, that was something to focus on as hope during the difficult months ahead and to give our population more immunity;
- Asked the people of Plymouth to please keep social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands to get through this. Please follow guidelines and isolate if you have been in contact with someone with positive test or you have symptoms.

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

- The intensive work to protect jobs and businesses through the Resurgam Programme in recent weeks. It had been such a devastating blow for our businesses to re-enter lockdown, many of whom were just starting to see the first signs of recovery after the first lockdown;
- Local Restrictions Support Grants Scheme £4m allocation – This scheme would pay a grant to those businesses that had been legally required to close in November;
- Additional Restrictions Grant £5m – This discretionary scheme would also be administered by the City Council and was for businesses that have suffered hardship but have not been legally required to close;

- the global coverage secured for Plymouth in September commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower and starting our year long programme.

Councillor Kate Taylor, Cabinet Member for Health made announcement regarding Caring for Plymouth supporting around 800 people in the city contacted and pleased with people also using other sources of support such as Good Neighbours Scheme which was helping with demand. Thanked everybody involved in Caring for Plymouth. Adult Services day centres are still open with limited numbers in line with government guidance. Infection Control funding was being distributed to Care Homes and day services and support via PPE (1.7m pieces distributed). Working to support a number of Care Homes to facilitate safe visiting.

Councillor Chris Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development regarding provision of good quality homes and the Plan for Homes. A bid has been made to MHCLG for further £750k funding. Signed a new housing partnership agreement with PCH to provide 600 additional homes within the city. Plan for Homes direct delivery site consultation is commencing in the next month. Concerns regarding loss of social housing is being recognised. Plymouth Climate Change challenge shortlisting has been completed and those project continue to compete to win the £5,000 top prize.

Councillor Jon Taylor, Cabinet Member for Education, Transformation and Skills made announcement re £3.5m received from the European Social Fund for funding skills which has led to funding a skills delivery partnership 'Smart Skills' due to launch in December.

Councillor Bill Stevens, Chair of Planning Committee – updated on the response to proposed planning regulation changes. A response document from Plymouth had been submitted to the Government highlighting concerns and Plymouth MP's have been contacted.

45. Questions by the Public

There was one question from members of the public:

The following question was submitted by Mr Bamping and answered by Councillor Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance:	
<p>Question: Which people within PCC made the decision on granting the 125-year lease for Plymouth Dome? (how many people and who are they)</p> <p>Why was the process for this public building not transparent and why has it now been earmarked as another restaurant when the 3 previous ones in the last decade have all failed? (badly)</p>	<p>Answer: In consultation and agreement with Members the decision was made by the Strategic Director for Place and Service Director for Economic Development having taken advice from the Head of Land and Property and the Council's external retained surveyors, JLL.</p> <p>The property was transparently and openly advertised on the market via retained international property advisors JLL. The bids received contain commercially sensitive information which is not appropriate for the Council to disclose and neither is it required to do so.</p> <p>Following a review of the bids received the proposed use as a bar, theatre kitchen and indoor play area was deemed as the most deliverable and suitable use for this key waterfront site. The extensive experience and track record of the proposed operator provided the Council with confidence that their proposed redevelopment of the site will be a success. JLL made their recommendation based</p>

	on evidence of financial viability, deliverability of proposal and track record.
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46. **Appointment of the Section 151 Officer (Service Director for Finance)**

Councillor Mary Aspinall (Chair of the Chief Officer Appointment Panel) introduced the Appointment of the Section 151 Officer (Service Director for Finance) report. This was seconded by Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance).

Following a discussion, Council agreed –

1. That Brendan Arnold was confirmed as the Council's Section 151 Officer with effect 6 December 2020 at midnight. The reason for this appointment was to meet our statutory obligation under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 also requires that the post holder is a member of one of the CCAB accountancy bodies;

2. That Andrew Hardingham the outgoing S151 officer was thanked for his contribution to the Council.

For (55)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Corvid, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Derrick, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, James, Jordan, Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Patrick Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter (DLM),

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent/ Did Not Vote (2)

Councillor Sam Leaves

Lord Mayor - Councillor Mavin

47. **Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report 2020/21 – Quarter 2 (To Follow)**

Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the Capital & Revenue Monitoring Report 2020/21– Quarter 2. This was seconded by Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council).

Following a discussion, Council agreed to

1. Note the current capital and revenue monitoring position;
2. Approve the Capital Budget 2020-2025 as revised to £621.182m (as shown in appendix I)

For (55)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Corvid, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Derrick, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, James, Jordan, Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Patrick Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter (DLM),

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent/ Did Not Vote (2)
Councillor Sam Leaves
Lord Mayor - Councillor Mavin

48. **City Council meeting dates 2021/22 (To Follow)**

Councillor Pete Smith (Deputy Leader) introduced the City Council meeting dates 2021/22 report. This was seconded by Councillor Mary Aspinall.

Following a discussion, Council noted City Council meeting dates 2021/22.

49. **Motions on notice**

50. **A New Police Station for Plymouth**

Councillor Derrick introduced the Motion on A New Police Station for Plymouth. This was seconded by Councillor Haydon.

Following a debate the motion was carried.

For (28)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Buchan, Corvid, Coker, Dann, Derrick, Sam Davey, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, Laing, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Pete Smith, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter (DLM).

Against (16)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Mrs Bridgeman, Deacon, Downie, Drear, James, Jordan, Kelly, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Patrick Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Singh, Rebecca Smith, Wiggins.

Abstain (8)

Councillors Ball, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Carson, Churchill, Cook, Johnson, Ms Watkin.

Absent/ Did Not Vote (5)
Councillors Darcy, Sam Leaves, Stevens, Tuohy.
Lord Mayor - Councillor Mavin

51. **Commonwealth Veterans Support**

Councillor Derrick introduced the Motion on Commonwealth Veterans Support. This was seconded by Councillor Pauline Murphy.

Following a debate the motion was carried.

For (56)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Corvid, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Derrick, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, James, Jordan, Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Patrick Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter (DLM),

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent/ Did Not Vote (1)
Lord Mayor - Councillor Mavin

52. **Bulky Waste**

Councillor Mrs Bridgeman introduced the Motion on Bulky Waste. This was seconded by Councillor Jordan.

Following a debate, the motion was lost.

For (20)

Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drean, James, Jordan, Kelly, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Patrick Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Rebecca Smith, Ms Watkin, Wiggins.

Against (32)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Bowyer, Buchan, Corvid, Coker, Dann, Derrick, Sam Davey, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, Laing, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter (DLM).

Abstain (3)

Councillors Ian Bowyer, Churchill, Johnson.

Absent/ Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors Sam Leaves.

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53. **Free City Centre Car Parking in December 2020 and January 2021**

Councillor Nicholson introduced the Motion on Free City Centre Car Parking in December 2020 and January 2021. This was seconded by Councillor Drean.

Following a debate, the motion was lost.

For (20)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drean, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Patrick Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Singh, Rebecca Smith, Wiggins.

Against (30)

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

Abstain (5)

Councillors Ball, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Ms Watkin.

Absent/ Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors Sam Leaves.

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54. **COVID-19 Test and Trace Support Payments**

Councillor Penberthy introduced the Motion on COVID-19 Test and Trace Support Payments. This was seconded by Councillor Evans OBE.

Following a debate the motion was carried

For (49)

Councillor Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Corvid, Coker, Cook, Dann, Darcy, Derrick, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Dreaan, Evans OBE, Haydon, Goslin, Hendy, James, Jordan, Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Mike Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Patrick Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Ms Watkin, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter (DLM),

Against (0)

Abstain (5)

Councillors Ball, Ian Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Carson, Churchill.

Absent/ Did Not Vote (3)

Councillors Sam Leaves, Riley.

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55. Urgent Key Decision to be Reported (To Follow)

Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development) gave a brief update on an urgent key decisions taken since the last meeting. The update was seconded by Councillor Kate Taylor (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care).

- Covid 19 – Test and Trace Discretionary Support Payments

Council noted the urgent key decisions taken by Councillor Chris Penberthy in line with due process and published on 13 October 2020.

56. Questions by Councillors

	From	To	Subject
1	Councillor Lynda Bowyer	Councillor Mark Lowry	Whether consideration could be given to the Councillors' community grants being carried forward to next year (due to the impact of the pandemic on community events).
	Response: this suggestion would be supported in principle and work would be undertaken to look at agreeing a limit to be carried forward to the next financial year; (Councillors could also support crowdfunding opportunities); this matter would be further discussed with Councillor Mrs Bowyer, once a way forward had been established.		

	From	To	Subject
2	Councillor Ian Bowyer	Councillor Sue Dann	How many registrations had been received by the Council, for the proposed new garden waste collection scheme for next year?
	Response: as of Friday 13 November 2020, a total of over 26,000 registrations had been received.		
	Supplementary: given the substantial level of demand, whether sufficient bins had been ordered and whether the intended method to structure the collection rounds could be shared with Members once the scheme commenced.		
	Response: the deadline for registration had been set for January 2021, in order to have a clear picture of the number of bins that would need to be ordered and the rounds required to deliver them; the routes for the garden waste service would be mapped out, similar to the domestic waste rounds (this information would be shared).		

	From	To	Subject
3	Councillor Andrea Johnson	Councillor Sue Dann	Clarification of the process for registering for an assisted garden waste collection, regardless of whether already in receipt of an assisted collection.
	Response: if an individual was already registered for an assisted bin collection, they would be contacted by Street Services; if not already registered, then they would need to apply		

	for the assisted service.
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	From	To	Subject
4	Councillor Sarah Allen	Councillor Jon Taylor	Update on the provision of free school meals over the last half term.
	Response: the run up to half term had seen a growing need in the community for food support; applications for free school meals during the pandemic had increased by 16%; it was also anticipated that the impact of the current lockdown and continuing economic situation residents would be facing further difficulties; due to the Government's rejection of extending support, the Council stepped into provide a holiday meal scheme over the half term period; eligible families had been able to apply for a grant per child with payment made to a payment card or bank account; almost 5000 children had been supported during half term through the scheme; the feedback from families and schools had been positive; the clear response was that the scheme had made a real difference; the Council officers were thanked for putting the scheme in place at such short notice.		

	From	To	Subject
5	Councillor Maddie Bridgeman	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE	Whether an update could be provided on the progress with the negotiations to acquire the lease back for the airport?
	Response: a written update (via email) would be provided to Members on 17 November 2020.		

	From	To	Subject
6	Councillor Jonathon Drean	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether the cycle lane in the city centre was meeting its objectives, being used and was covered by CCTV.
	Response: positive feedback had been received by both residents and visitors regarding the walking and cycling lane; the CCTV provision in the city centre covered 95% of the track; the lane was being monitored; (the plastic bollards had been vandalised and should the people responsible for this be identified then they would be prosecuted).		
	Supplementary: confirmation that the Council had looked into mobility concerns (such as sight issues regarding the plastic bollards) and whether consideration had been given to using symbols or metal plates instead of bollards.		
	Response: extensive consultations had taken place with various groups; however the Council had to follow strict guidance from the Government on the emergency walking and cycling scheme, to ensure that all the criteria were met; this would be reviewed, as this was only a temporary measure.		

	From	To	Subject
7	Councillor Nick Kelly	Councillor Sue Dann	Were there plans in place to install electric charging points in the various taxi ranks in the city?
	Response: new taxi ranks in the city centre would be fitted with electric charging points; a meeting had been held with the taxi representatives to discuss this issue; when further funding became available, electric charging points would be installed in the major ranks across the city.		

	From	To	Subject
8	Councillor Eddie Rennie	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE	Would the Council welcome the election of President-Elect Biden and consider inviting him to attend the Mayflower 400 celebrations next year?
	Response: a congratulatory letter would be sent to the President-Elect Biden and Vice-President-Elect Harris; there was a standing invitation to President Trump to attend the Mayflower 400 celebrations, it was therefore presumed that the current invitation would still be open.		

	From	To	Subject
9	Councillor	Councillor	What was the total number of covert CCTV cameras

	Chaz Singh	Sue Dann	and how long was the waiting list to get the cameras installed to prevent fly-tipping in high density areas?
	Response: (Councillor Dann was not the portfolio holder responsible for CCTV but responded); 20 additional cameras had now been ordered; the cameras were placed in areas where offences took place and also in hotspot areas; an email would be sent to Councillor Singh detailing the number of covert CCTV cameras.		
	Supplementary: sought clarification on how to get onto the waiting list for the installation of covert CCTV cameras.		
	Response: the waiting list was drawn up in an evidence based way, using intelligence gathered from refuse collectors, street cleaners, residents and Councillors; care was required when locating the cameras due to data protection issues; (a camera had been installed in Stoke car park which had resulted in a prosecution); any further intelligence would be helpful in achieving positive outcomes.		

	From	To	Subject
10	Councillor Andrea Loveridge	Councillor Sally Haydon	Whether the Council would encourage the Government to restrict fireworks (given the massive impact on animals) to 5 th November and New Year.
	Response: cross party working would be supported in order to encourage the Government to restrict the sale of fireworks.		
	Supplementary: whether consideration could be given to lobbying the Government through the Local Government Association regarding this issue.		
	Response: this matter would be investigated.		

	From	To	Subject
11	Councillor Kevin Neil	Councillor Chris Penberthy	What affordable meant in relation to plan to building 440 affordable homes and confirmation that all the rented properties would have rent set at or below the local housing allowance?
	Response: affordability included a range of options, social rent, affordable market rent (80%), shared ownership rent, rent to buy (full range of affordable options as defined nationally); as this was a long term deal it would be difficult to confirm the proportion of the local housing allowance; both Plymouth Community Homes and the Council would be looking to bring forward as many properties at social rent but this would depend on land values and the availability of appropriate subsidies, as social rent would be unable to guarantee the lending that was required.		
	Supplementary: clarification as to how many affordable properties would be rented in total.		
	Response: these figures were indicative on the variety of schemes that had yet to go through final feasibility; there was an agreement on the proportion of affordable homes but this would be worked out on a site by site basis; however, there was the long term commitment that this agreement would provide more than two thirds of affordable housing.		

	From	To	Subject
12	Councillor Andrea Johnson	Councillor Mark Coker	How many of the cycle lockers had been rented out to users.
	Response: additional lockers were currently being installed; these would be monitored over a period of time; Councillor Johnson's constructive ideas for the lockers usage were welcomed and would be please do discuss any further ideas.		

	From	To	Subject
13	Councillor Mark Deacon	Councillor Sue Dann	How often could the people of Plymouth expect to see a road sweeper sweeping the streets?
	Response: there were currently two projects taking place; one to cleanse the back lanes and the other to work through the neighbourhoods; Street Scene and Highways were working collaboratively to undertake work in the hotspot areas where there was leaf fall and regular flooding (extra gully teams would also be working); work to clear as much of		

	the leaf fall as possible would be undertaken.
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	From	To	Subject
14	Councillor Glenn Jordan	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether health and safety and reviews had taken place prior to the installation of the temporary walking/cycling lane and after, and whether the quality of the plastic bollards had been assessed (as several bollards had been witnessed laid across the pavement)?
	Response: a full risk assessment had been provided to the Government, as part of the Council's bid; it was however disappointing to hear that several bollards had been seen laid across pavements in the city centre; the plastic bollards were fit for purpose but had been vandalised; this situation was being closely monitored.		
	Supplementary: how realistic would the impact of the scheme be with the reduced footfall in the city centre and whether an assessment had been done in the events area to look at the impact of potential accidents with people riding bikes through the large crowds of people?		
	Response: all relevant Council departments and stakeholders had been consulted regarding the walking/cycling lane; a scheme that affected every area of the city centre would not have been implemented without consultation; this was a temporary scheme which would need to be evaluated prior to making it permanent; due to the pandemic there were not as many people in the city centre but the instruction from the Government had been to implement a temporary scheme and review it over its life time.		

	From	To	Subject
15	Councillor Terri Beer	Councillor Sue Dann	Whether green garden waste bags could be provided for properties that could not accommodate the proposed wheelie bins (in Plympton Erle Ward).
	Response: households that could not accommodate a wheelie bin would be asked to contact the Council; once residents had completed the registration form, Street Services would contact them to investigate ways of how best to support them (there were however, health and safety issues to consider with the use of garden waste bags).		
	Supplementary: whether a discussion could take place to look at ways of accommodating garden waste wheelie bins across the city.		
	Response: Street Services would be looking at these issues.		

	From	To	Subject
16	Councillor Patrick Nicholson	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether an update could be provided on the proposal, as part of the capital programme, to undertake work in 2020/21 to strengthen the bridge at Cott Hill and to remove the redundant railway bridge along the Embankment.
	Response: a written update would be provided to Councillor Nicholson.		

	From	To	Subject
17	Councillor Chaz Singh	Councillor Chris Penberthy/ Councillor Sally Haydon	Whether other religious celebrations such a Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas would be included when looking at restricting the sale of fireworks.
	Response: from a equality perspective, Councillor Penberthy wished to be involved with these discussions to ensure that all appropriate faith events were included and not just 5 th November and New Year.		
	Response: Councillor Haydon would include the appropriate faith events as part of the discussions to restrict the sale of fireworks.		

	From	To	Subject
18	Councillor David James	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether consideration would be given to reviewing with South West Highways the completion date of 23

			December 2020 for the road improvements at Coypool Road and Woodford Avenue, by investigating seven day working and longer working hours, in order to mitigate potential congestion at the Coypool Retail Park.
			Response: this matter would be raised with the Service; (Ward Members to advise Councillor Coker if they wished to be involved with these discussions).

	From	To	Subject
19	Councillor Glenn Jordan	Councillor Sue Dann	Whether those households already registered for the garden waste collection service, had been contacted to register for the new service next year and if not, why had this not happened?
			Response: comms had been sent out last week; a comparison of data was being undertaken to determine whether those people already registered had re-registered; an email would be sent out to all those households that had registered last year (where an email address had been provided).
			Supplementary: would it not have been logical to send an email out to the people that were already registered for the service, prior to sending out the comms.
			Response: there was an IT technical issue that prevented the email from being circulated (an email would need to be sent to approximately 37,000 people).

	From	To	Subject
20	Councillor Jonathan Drean	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether Highways England had contacted the Council regarding the safety of the A38 particularly from Marsh Mills to the Tamar Bridge where there had been several accidents.
			Response: consultations would be held with Highways England with particular focus on Deep Lane to the Tamar Bridge (A38).

	From	To	Subject
21	Councillor Nick Kelly	Councillor Mark Coker	Whether there was a plan in place to resurface the car parks at Devil's Point and Jennycliff given their state of disrepair.
			Response: Devil's Point car park was under the responsibility of Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, whilst Jennycliff car park was the responsibility of Corporate Property; the plans for both of these sites would be discussed with Councillor Lowry and a response would be provided to Councillor Kelly.
			Supplementary: what was the criteria for resurfacing such areas as opposed to making temporary repairs?
			Response: a review of the cost analysis was undertaken to determine whether it was cost effective to undertake temporary repairs or resurface the area; information on this process would also be provided to Councillor Kelly.

	From	To	Subject
22	Councillor Chaz Singh	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE	Whether all Councillors would receive equality training to ensure that the Council was representative and inclusive.
			Response: would be supportive for training to be provided for all Councillors, in order to tackle anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and Sikhism, in order for the Council to better reflect the community it served.
			Supplementary: whether the training would occur within the next 12 months.
			Response: the training should form part of the induction programme for Councillors at the start of the municipal year; all members (existing and new) would be able to access training opportunities.

	From	To	Subject
23	Councillor	Councillor	Whether the Council would encourage nursing

	Terri Beer	Kate Taylor	homes to undertake Covid testing for key family members, in order for visits to take place.
	Response: currently there was a national movement towards allowing key family members to be tested, so they could visit; however, this was not without risk and this would need to balance the needs of all individuals within the home whilst also protecting them and staff members; support would be given to care home to take any measures to allow visiting to take place but would need to be done in a safe way; there was also a pilot scheme trialling testing, where visitors were treated as key workers; if this scheme was successful the Council would look to replicate it in Plymouth.		

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