

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			
25/01/21	<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 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 	Strategic Director for Place	ONGOING

	<p>i) Quota allocations and management in 2021 and beyond: England and the Crown dependencies</p> <p>ii) Fisheries: strengthening the economic link licence condition in England</p> <p>lii) Fisheries: apportioning additional quota between the UK administrations: UK and the Crown dependencies.</p>		
25/01/21	<p><u>Tampon Tax</u></p> <p>Amended to -</p> <p>Council joins with the Chancellor in congratulating Paula Sherriff, the former Labour MP for Dewsbury, in her campaign to abolish the Tampon Tax. Further the Council welcomes the change in government policy which now means that VAT on women's sanitary products has been removed from 1st January 2021.</p> <p>Council welcomes the work that Red Box and Trevi House have done in Plymouth over a number of years to raise concerns about the Tampon Tax and in the practical steps they have taken to mitigate its impact on local women. It further welcomes the leadership taken by the Council's current Labour administration over the past two years in raising these issues and thanks Lindsey Hall for the support she is giving in working with schools to raise awareness of period poverty.</p> <p>Council recognises that there is more to do to tackle period poverty and therefore instructs the Leader of Plymouth City Council to write to the Chancellor Rishi Sunak to congratulate him on backing Paula Sherriff's calls by abolishing VAT on women's sanitary products and to ask the Chancellor to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make it clear that that manufacturers and retailers should match this commitment by providing a price reduction for the public • maintain the current ring-fenced funding for projects that help disadvantaged and vulnerable women across the UK. 	Assistant Chief Executive	COMPLETE
25/01/21	<p><u>Supporting Student Renters and Student Landlords</u></p> <p>Amended to -</p> <p>Plymouth City Council notes that many students had arranged accommodation with Plymouth student landlords to attend university, but are unable to live in this accommodation due to most courses having</p>	Director for Children's Services	

	<p>switched to online learning and due to travel restrictions barring travel to Plymouth.</p> <p>The council further notes that these restrictions, as part of a national lockdown, are necessary to slow the spread of coronavirus and protect the capacity of the NHS.</p> <p>Noting that students, like many other people, have suffered profound economic consequences due to the necessity of these public restrictions, the Council will ask the Cabinet member for Education, Skills and Transformation to write to the UK Government, asking relevant departments to work with student landlords, both university-owned and private, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce student rent by forty percent for the rest of the academic year, • enable students who cannot occupy their accommodation to exit their contracts without penalty, • reimburse students who have paid in advance and cannot occupy their accommodation, • reimburse lost income for student landlords whose tenants cannot occupy their accommodation • consider allowing students who cannot work due to lockdown to claim Universal Credit • respond to the Higher Education sector's request for government financial support for enhanced student hardship funds allowing students to receive direct financial support across the full range of financial hardships caused by the pandemic <p>The council notes with gratitude that Marjon University has waived rent for students that have been unable to travel to the university due to lockdown, heartily thanks Marjon for this action, and supports the University of Plymouth in addressing the same issue through its enhanced student hardship fund.</p> <p>The council also asks the Cabinet member for Education, Skills and Transformation to write to universities throughout the UK which host students from Plymouth, calling on them to adopt similar measures to support those, and all, students.</p>		<p>COMPLETE</p>
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