

**COUNCIL ACTIONS 2021/22**

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.

| Date  | COUNCIL MOTIONS  | LEAD OFFICER  | PROGRESS   |
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| <b>Council Actions from Motions on Notice</b> |  |   |  |
| 22/1<br>1/21                                  | <p><a href="#"><u>Addressing the Ecological Crisis in line with the Climate Crisis</u></a></p> <p>Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Note the proposed Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill</li> <li>II. Ask the Leader to write to local MPs, asking them to guarantee that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Office for Environmental Protection established in the Environment Bill 2021, sets strong and ambitious biodiversity targets to mitigate the ecological crisis that is facing the country</li> <li>III. Ensure Plymouth City Council decisions that mitigate our carbon emissions minimise impacts to ecosystems, food and water availability and human health and also mitigates and appropriately compensates any residual impacts</li> </ol> <p>Ensure Plymouth City Council decisions relating to climate and ecological matters have a positive net impact on local communities, our young people, and a full equalities impact be undertaken</p> | Strategic Director for Place/Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure | <p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>Letter to Sir Gary Streeter MP 13 January 2022</p> <p>Letter to Johnny Mercer MP 13 January 2022</p> <p>Letter to Luke Pollard MP 13 January 2022</p> |

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| <p>22/1<br/>1/21</p> | <p><b><u>This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.</u></b></p> <p>We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.</p> <p>This Council pledges to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Leader to report to Full Council, in line with the development of the National Marine Park, on the actions and projects that will continue and improve ocean recovery in Plymouth Sound.</li> <li>2. Consider the impact on ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, budgets, and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning ocean recovery with climate emergency plans.</li> <li>3. Ensure that the Local Plan supports ocean recovery as part of the National Marine Park planning considerations, and through the existing TECF partnership.</li> <li>4. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in local marine industries, and invest in the development of a sustainable and equitable blue economy, including the local fishing industry and the vital work of Devon &amp; Severn IFCA.</li> <li>5. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the city, including ensuring all pupils have a first-hand experience of the ocean before leaving primary school, and promote sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences, ensuring these are key outcomes in the development of the NMP.</li> <li>6. Create an online portal of the Council website to update on ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.</li> <li>7. The Leader to write to the Prime Minister to call on the Government to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <p>Strategic Director for Place/Service Director for Economic Development</p> | <p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>Letter sent to the Rt Hon Boris Johnson 13 January 202</p> |
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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Incorporating social scientific evidence and lived experience to improve community co-production of policy and develop more effective and equitable solutions.</li> <li>c. And by listening to marine scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.</li> <li>ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.</li> <li>iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.</li> <li>iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits from ocean management, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods and wellbeing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                                     |   |
| <p>22/1<br/>1/21</p> | <p><b><u>Opposing Routine Discharges of Raw Sewage in Plymouth's rivers and marine habitats</u></b></p> <p>This council asks the Leader of the Council to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to all local MPs to lobby the Environment Secretary to provide a timetable for the ending of raw sewage discharges into rivers and seas and call for swift implementation of provisions in the Environment Bill.</li> <li>2. For the Leader of the Council to write to South West Water for their plans to eradicate the practice in rivers and coastal areas around Plymouth and rivers that flow through the city.</li> </ul>   | <p>Strategic Director for Place</p> | <p><b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Letter Sent to Mark Worsford South West Water and Local MP's</p> <p>The Chief Executive has investigated the communication of water</p> |

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|                      | <p>3. For the Council Chief Executive to investigate whether water quality of our city's bathing waters could be better communicated to the people of Plymouth so they can be informed about when it is safe to swim in the sea or rivers around Plymouth.</p> |  | <p>quality and how this can be improved.</p> <p>Currently, water quality reports are provided by the Environment Agency from May to September and these are published. These reports include both prediction of likely water quality based on sewage discharges etc, and also measurements of the water itself. At the start of the season (May), PCC will ensure that these reports are made more visible and widely available to the public through a communications campaign.</p> <p>We will signpost people to the EA reports, and also to other sources of information to ensure that people can access the information easily (such as the 'Safer Seas and Rivers Service' run by Surfers against Sewage).</p> <p>Clearly people use our waters throughout the year and so PCC has initiated enquiries to understand what would be required for water quality information to be available all year round.</p> |
| <p>22/1<br/>1/21</p> | <p><b>Waspi</b></p> <p>This council asks the Leader of the Council to:-</p> <p>Write to our three MPs to ask the Secretary of State to acknowledge and act on the findings of the Parliamentary Ombudsman.</p>   | <p>Assistant<br/>Chief<br/>Executive</p> | <p><b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Letter to Sir Gary Streeter MP 13 January 2022</p> <p>Letter to Johnny Mercer MP 13 January 2022</p>  |

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| 24/01<br>/22 | <p><b>VAWG</b></p> <p>The City Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the establishment of the Plymouth Violence Against Women and Girls Commission</li> <li>2. Supports its objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To shine a spotlight on the national issue of violence against women and girls and to understand more about the issue for those living in Plymouth.</li> <li>• To take a proactive stance to better understanding a wide range of views and experiences, and consider what more needs to be done to tackle the issue.</li> <li>• To improve the perception, and the lived experience of women and girls that Plymouth is a safe City.</li> <li>• To promote a better understanding of the causes and means of addressing male violence against women and girls.</li> <li>• To provide impetus for key partners and the private sector to review their contribution to tackling VAWG in the City.</li> <li>• To take the opportunity to revisit and revise local policies if appropriate, including the Public Health approach to addressing VAWG, and to identify and seek to influence any areas of national policy that need revising.</li> <li>• To review existing partnership arrangements in the City to make sure there is a clear focus and tangible action on addressing VAWG, including its wider impact on the families and children of victims and abusers.</li> <li>• To ensure there is strong and visible leadership on VAWG for the City to drive through the recommendations identified by the Commission, and to be the champion for change.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |  | <b>ONGOING</b>                               |

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|  | <p>3. Commits to supporting the Commission in its work and looks forward to receiving its recommendations</p> <p>4. Commits the Council to resourcing the recommendations as they pertain to Plymouth City Council action plans</p> <p>5. Commits to asking every Cabinet Member to look at areas in their portfolio which can contribute to making women feel safer</p> |  |  |
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