

City Council

Monday 20 June 2022

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor, in the Chair.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Mrs Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Mrs Bridgeman, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Coker, Collins, Dr. Cree, Cresswell, Darcy, Deacon, Drear, Evans OBE, Finn, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Laing, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Mrs Pengelly, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, R Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Haydon, Kelly, Lowry, Lugger, McDonald, Murphy and Vincent

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 6.00 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.

1. **Minutes**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 21 March 2022, the ordinary meeting of the 21 March 2022 and the Annual General Meeting of the 20 May 2022 are confirmed as a correct record.

2. **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
Cllr Harrison	4 – Questions by the Public	Spouse holds a taxi license.	Private
Cllr Nicholson	3 – Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc	Employee of Babcock International PLC	Pecuniary
Councillor Stevens	7.c Motion on Notice	Employers named in the motion on notice on Standards in Public Life.	Personal
Councillor Darcy	7.c Motion on Notice	Employers named in the motion on notice on Standards in Public	Personal

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

The Lord Mayor put forward a motion which had been seconded by Councillor Penberthy to accept appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies as set out in the order paper.

Council **agreed** to appoint Councillors Beer and Loveridge to the Erle Trust Fund.

Council **agreed** to appoint Councillors Patel, Coker, Wheeler and Tuohy to the North Yard Community Trust.

The Lord Mayor requested the Monitoring Officer to look into the process for selecting nominees to the North Yard Community Trust to ensure declarations of interest had been open.

Councillor Evans OBE sought advice to consider part of the proposal separately to the remainder of the recommendation.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that the Council would note the appointment to Committee's and move to two votes for the Erle Trust Fund and North Yard Community Trust respectively.

Councillor Mrs Beer raised a point of order to seek clarification on the vote for the Erle Trust Fund as its term of reference stated it had to be two Plympton Erle Councillors must sit on the trust.

Councillor Evans OBE sought clarification following Councillor Mrs Beer's comments that the proposition was in order. Ross Jago (Head of Governance, Performance and Risk) confirmed the proposition was in order.

Lord Mayor proposed a vote on the Erle Trust Fund, seconded by Councillor Penberthy.

For (46)

Councillors Allen, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Coker, Collins, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Evans OBE, Finn, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Laing, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Against (0)

Abstain (1)

Lord Mayor.

Not Present/Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors Bridgeman, Wheeler.

Lord Mayor proposed a vote on the membership to the North Yard Community Trust, seconded by Councillor Penberthy.

Councillor Tudor Evans OBE questioned if the nomination process to this committee was flawed based on the Nolan Principal's as the nomination was made based on the recommendation of someone who has a conflict of interest as a member of the trust, whose organisation is a beneficiary of the trust. Oppose the process by which the persons who made the nominations have been allowed to be part of the process of nomination by those who could be a beneficiary of the nominated person's actions.

Councillor Patel responded by explaining that his organisation had benefitted from the North Yard Community Trust in the past, but applied to, and has no intention of doing so in the future, since he became a Councillor.

The Lord Mayor proposed that this issue was looked at in more depth by the Monitoring Officer to ensure that the process of appointment to committees was open and transparent.

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) explained that the Monitoring Officer always considered matters when bringing a proposal to Council and stated that Councillor Evans OBE had made contact with the Monitoring Officer on the matter and she would reply to the whole council giving her advice on the issue.

Lord Mayor proposed a vote on the membership to the North Yard Community Trust, seconded by Councillor Penberthy.

For (24)

Councillors Bingley, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Collins, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Finn, Harrison, Loveridge, Partridge, Patel, Pengelly, Dr Mahony, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Smith, Stoneman, Tofan, Wakeham, Ms Watkin, Wheeler.

Against (3)

Councillors Mrs Beer, Hulme, Singh.

Abstain (20)

Lord Mayor, Councillors Allen, Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Evans OBE, Goslin, Hendy, Holloway, Laing, Penberthy, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Stevens, Tippetts, Tuffin, Tuohy.

Absent/Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors Bridgeman, Nicholson.

4. **Questions by the Public**

There were eight questions submitted by members of the public.

The following question was submitted by Mr D Bamping –	
Question: Does Plymouth City Council have a published policy for putting people on Specific Point of Contact (SPoC) with the Council? If not; then can the council confirm that it is not able to put anyone on	Answer: The Council does not have a published Single Point of Contact policy, and I am advised that there is no legal requirement for the

a SPoC as it would be unlawful without a written policy?	Council to have such a policy. Each case of potentially excessive, malicious or vexatious communication with Councillors and/or officers is considered in the light of guidance from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman on managing unreasonable complaint behaviour. The Council has, however, undertaken to review and implement a Single Point of Contact policy in due course.
The following question was submitted by Mr C R Wildman -	
Question: Regarding the Taxi Policy. Consultation was the only input allowed, and ignored. Licensing Office Report appeared to be unread, simply accepted. Trades and Travelling Public need proper input to decision makers before adoption. Consultation was broadly against. Democracy? It was a pointless paper exercise. Can PCC reconsider the Policy?	Answer: There was pre-consultation with the PLTA and members of the taxi trade and a number of private hire operators. This was followed by a 12-week consultation and the feedback questionnaire was made available online to encourage more people to respond. A total of 338 responses were received, which is much higher than the last Taxi Policy Consultation, which resulted in 95 responses. The consultation responses were reviewed and the Policy updated accordingly. The consultation responses and considerations are included in the City Council report dated 21 March 2022. The Policy and consultation was also reviewed by Members at the Scrutiny Committee on 15 March 2022.
The following question was submitted by Mr R Hamilton -	
Question: Trade Representatives and Licensees should be able to speak to, and answer questions from, Councillors at Committee. Regarding taking Taxi payment by Card, common issues are no signal, incompatible phone, insufficient funds, card declined, PIN Number not known and bank system inoperative. Will PCC Reconsider	Answer: It is at the discretion of the Chair of any committee to invite members of the public or other representative to speak at committee on any particular agenda item. A scrutiny review of the implementation of the Taxi Policy is planned and the Chair of that

the mandatory requirement?	<p>session would make appropriate invitations to witnesses. Officers have spoken to a number of taxi and private hire drivers who have no issues with taking card payments. A large number of vehicles already have card payment readers fitted to their vehicles and have had these in place for a number of years. This not only assists passengers to ensure they can get home safely but is also safer for the drivers as they do not have to carry large amounts of cash. Any costs associated with the card readers can be claimed as a business expense. We have been advised that some card readers provide better coverage than others, so it is important to research the products that are available to ensure the best coverage is obtained.</p>
The following question was submitted by Mr S Smale -	
<p>Question: The taxi policy is driving people out of the trades. Anybody who carries on trading will license from other Councils (see York). Policy is ridiculous, overpriced, unworkable, removes income from trade. 42 years in, I'll be switching. Do PCC wish to cease delivering Taxi and Private Hire licensing?</p>	<p>Answer: : I am sorry that you feel that the Policy is ridiculous. The matter of 'overpriced' would be something which is dealt with by the Fees review which occurs each year and is set by the Taxi Licensing Committee. The fee for each licence must cover the costs of administration and enforcement and the fees have not been increased for the last two years.</p> <p>Whilst we appreciate that there will be some loss of income to some drivers from work such as funerals, weddings and advertising, Members considered that introducing a livery would provide a number of positive benefits. Other Councils have found that it increases trade as liveried vehicles are easily recognised by the customer, gave improved customer confidence and</p>

	led to other vehicle proprietors getting their livery earlier than required.
The following question was submitted by Mr B Rogers -	
Question: What evidence is there to suggest that the colour of a wheelchair accessible taxi, as stipulated in the adopted taxi policy (white and green), encourages women to be safer, given that private hire vehicles in the City can be any colour, size and shape stipulating the words 'taxi' or 'cab'?	<p>Answer: As detailed in the City Council Taxi licensing Report heard at Full council on 21 March, the white and green design is bright and easily identifiable and it is hoped this would improve customer safety especially in the evening and night-time economy.</p> <p>When our last unmet need survey was undertaken 63% of respondents said they would prefer to see the hackney carriage fleet have a livery and 65% of respondents said they felt a livery would help to improve public safety using hackney carriages.</p> <p>The livery will therefore enhance public safety and security as customers can be confident that the taxi is properly licensed and meets the necessary safety standards especially vulnerable clients transported at night.</p>
The following question was submitted by Mrs C Beaumont -	
Question: 243 Taxi and Private Hire Drivers have left the two trades since 2020; how many drivers do we have to lose for the Taxi and Private Hire Policy 2022 to be scrapped?	<p>Answer: The loss of taxi and private hire drivers is unfortunately a national problem. The Taxi Policy 2022 has encouraged drivers to return to the trade by including a three-year return period without having to complete the Knowledge of Plymouth Test.</p> <p>The limit on the numbers of Hackney Carriages has been removed to allow free entry to the market and it is hoped this may also reduce the rental costs of vehicles.</p> <p>The majority of changes included in the Policy have been to ensure we meet the requirements of the Department for Transport</p>

	<p>Statutory Guidance.</p> <p>All councils will be reviewing their Emissions Policies to ensure they strive towards the Government's Climate and Emergency Action Plan.</p> <p>We have listened to the feedback from the consultation and vehicle proprietors have eight years until they are required to meet the Ultra-low emissions standards.</p>
The following question was submitted by Mr M Leaves -	
<p>Question: Licensees earn additional income through advertising, funerals and weddings. PCC livery policy is depriving Licensees of this income and discriminating against wheelchair using disabled persons contrary to PCC Equality and Diversity Policy. A Growth and Infrastructure Committee is planned, will Licensee Representatives be granted full attending participation?</p>	<p>Answer: We understand that this will have an impact on this type of income, however after careful consideration the livery was introduced for the positive benefits it will achieve.</p> <p>The white and green design is bright and easily identifiable and it is hoped this would improve customer safety especially in the evening and night-time economy. A liveried fleet assists members of the public to identify a hackney carriage that can be flagged anywhere and they know that they have a proper cab and not someone posing as a cab driver. The Council's CCTV department have also advised that at night, a clear defined taxi colour such as the white and green proposed, will help with identification, and will support clearer CCTV images.</p> <p>The livery will therefore enhance public safety and security as customers can be confident that the taxi is properly licensed and meets the necessary safety standards especially vulnerable clients transported at night.</p> <p>It professionalises the service and other councils have found that it increases trade as the newly liveried taxis were easily recognised by the customer, improved customer</p>

	<p>confidence and led to other vehicle proprietors getting their livery earlier than required.</p> <p>We have a 100% wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage fleet to ensure we do not discriminate against disabled persons. The Taxi Policy will be reviewed by scrutiny post implementation; members of the trade will be invited to take part in that session when it is scheduled.</p>
The following question was submitted by Mrs Wildman -	
<p>Question: The argument that Livery aids CCTV identification is farcical. To identify Private Hire Vehicles it may be needed, but Taxis are easy to differentiate. Can the requirement for on Licenced Hackney Carriages be re-evaluated?</p>	<p>Answer: The white and green design is bright and easily identifiable and it is hoped this would improve customer safety especially in the evening and night-time economy. A liveried fleet assists members of the public to identify a hackney carriage that can be flagged anywhere and they know that they have a proper cab and not someone posing as a cab driver. The Council's CCTV department have also advised that at night, a clear defined taxi colour such as the white and green proposed, will help with identification, and will support clearer CCTV images.</p> <p>The livery will therefore enhance public safety and security as customers can be confident that the taxi is properly licensed and meets the necessary safety standards especially vulnerable clients transported at night. It professionalises the service and other councils have found that it increases trade as they were easily recognised by the customer, improved customer confidence and led to other vehicle proprietors getting their livery earlier than required.</p>

5. **Announcements**

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements to Members –

- (a) she took this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in Lord Mayor's Day and the Gala Dinner;
- (b) it was an honour to light the beacon on the citadel wall as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and attending a variety of different events across the city meeting with approximately 2,500 people over 4 days;
- (c) there have been a number of commemorative events for Falkland Veterans, which have all been very well received;
- (d) she took this opportunity to congratulate Alison Botham for her 30 years in Children's Social Care and thanked her for her work with Plymouth City Council, and wished her well in her retirement;
- (e) she welcomed Sharon Muldoon who has joined the Council as the Director of Children's Services;
- (f) the honours list has been announced as part of the Platinum Jubilee including Jane Jones MBE, Alexis Bowater OBE, Charlotte Murray BEM and Lieutenant Commander Carol Rashleigh BEM. The Lord Mayor congratulated all.

Councillor Bingley (Leader of the Council) made the following announcements to Council –

- (g) asked that there is a new online hub with signposting to support for the rising cost of living which can be found at www.plymouth.gov.uk/costofliving The services listed will be promoted on Council social media pages;
- (h) the statutory designated tax dates for Plymouth's Freeport are to go before Parliament shortly;
- (i) asked for a port strategy for Plymouth's coastline to be put in place by the end of 2022 to create the opportunity for more joined up working in applying for funding and creating jobs in Plymouth's ocean economy;
- (j) congratulated Professor Paul Fieldsend-Danks and his team on Plymouth College of Art being awarded University status. Bringing Plymouth to now have a total of 3 universities;
- (k) acknowledged that planning has been passed for NHS Devon and Plymouth City Council to develop a health and wellbeing centre in the West End;
- (l) congratulated St Matthews Primary School, Knowle Primary School and Lipson Co-operative Academy for comments made about their schools by

Ofsted in recent visits, and Plymouth's adult education service has improved from 'requires improvement' to 'good'. Plans will soon be published by Cabinet to improve Ofsted performances;

Councillor Shayer (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Economy) made the following announcements to Council –

- (m) the Mayflower Autonomous Ship arrived in North America on 5 June 2022. Councillor Shayer paid tribute to Brett Phaneuf, his team, IBM and others involved for the success of the project which was a technological first;
- (n) Plymouth was to hold a conference on 21 June 2022 hosted by the Inclusive Growth Group of Plymouth Growth Board – Inclusive 2040, which will explore the current and emerging pressures on key sectors within the city and use existing data to look at where radical approaches are needed to move towards a more inclusive city for 2040;
- (o) two ministerial visits had been hosted in the previous two weeks, firstly the Secretary of State for International Trade, Anne-Marie Trevelyan and the Minister of Employment, Mims Davies;
- (p) Plymouth City Council has put in place a series of Freeport support contracts to help firms after the difficulties they have faced through the COVID19 pandemic and has given entrepreneurs the support they need to set up new businesses or to re-launch.

Councillor Drean (Cabinet Member for Transport) made the following announcement to Council –

- (q) progress has been made on the EV charging programme, and a successful levelling up bid will mean that by December 2024 there will be 715 EV charger sites in Plymouth;

Councillor Wakeham (Cabinet Member for Environment & Street Scene) made the following announcements to Council –

- (r) thanked the staff in Environment & Street Scene for the hard work they have been doing. A consultants report from January 2022 states that "we have been impressed with the look and feel of the city, which has been clean and tidy, with a real sense of being cared for. The Council is already getting the basics right in many areas that are challenging and should feel self-confident about its delivery";
- (s) The cleansing team are particularly busy at this time of year as it is growing season and there are also many events taking place in Plymouth to prepare for and tidy up for afterwards. 60 students and other volunteers supported the clean-up following the Jubilee Weekend events;
- (t) there is an increase in weeds, due in part to climate change, and there are limited options for removal as well as the Council and the main contractor

experiencing staff shortages. Several measures are being undertaken to try and improve the situation;

- (u) 2022 is the second summer of the revised grass cutting schedule and whilst there is some resistance to this programme, a number of positive messages have been received from residents too;

Councillor Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change) made the following announcements to Council –

- (v) paid tribute to Councillor Bridgeman and Councillor Dann for their work on the climate change action plans;
- (w) the climate ambassador scheme was launched in October 2021 and the recruitment program to deliver the 2022 commitment to launch the program across the city will be published on Plymouth City Council's website shortly. In addition Climate advisors, drawn from a wide range of sectors and partners will help drive strategic climate interventions;
- (x) he has authorised the immediate publication of the external Exeter University report on Plymouth's progress with climate emission reductions, which shows that good progress has been made but more is needed to achieve zero emissions by 2030;

Councillor Patel (Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Culture, Leisure & Sport) made the following announcement to Council –

- (y) Sail GP was a successful event with an expected increase in income generated from the event and in a partnership between Sail GP and Peck, four community groups are going to be provided with solar panels, and the Sail GP legacy program is working to provide sailing opportunities and qualifications for young people.

Councillor Dr Mahony (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care and Planning) made the following announcements to Council –

- (z) a report on the William and Patricia Venton short-term care centre and another on the workforce recruitment and retention fund will be emailed out to all Councillors due to limited time on announcements;
- (aa) paid tribute to the 5000 care staff in Plymouth who have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID19 pandemic and continue to do so moving forward.

6. **Capital and Revenue Outturn Report 2021 - 22**

Councillor Shayer (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Economy) introduced the report. This was seconded by Councillor Bingley.

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors Evans OBE and Nicholson, the Council agreed to –

- (1) note the Provisional Revenue Outturn position for the year to 31 March 2022 and
- (2) note the Provisional Capital Outturn position for that year including the Capital Financing Requirement of £75.275m

For (47)

Councillors Allen, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Mrs Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Collins, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Darcy, Deacon, Drear, Evans OBE, Finn, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Laing, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wakeham, Ms Watkin, Wheeler.

Against (0)

Abstain (1)
Lord Mayor

Absent/Did Not Vote (1)
Councillors Bridgeman.

7. **Motions on notice**

(i) **Ambulance Response Times**

Councillor Jemima Laing introduced the motion on notice on Ambulance response times. This was seconded by Councillor Dylan Tippetts.

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors Coker, Collins, Finn, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Mrs Pengelly the council agreed:

- The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee ensures that the performance of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) is included in any upcoming scrutiny review of health services within Plymouth.
- The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee writes immediately to the city's three MPs and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to inform them of the seriousness of the situation.
- Members formally acknowledge the dedication of the staff of SWASFT whose professionalism will have saved countless lives over the years. This motion is not intended as a criticism of these selfless

people who work day and night to care for the residents of Plymouth.

For (46)

Councillors Allen, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Mrs Bowyer, Briars-Delve, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Collins, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Evans OBE, Finn, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Laing, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wakeham, Ms Watkin, Wheeler.

Against (0)

Abstain (1)

Lord Mayor.

Absent/Did Not Vote (2)

Councillor Bridgeman, Nicholson.

(ii) Changes to the Planning System

Councillor Bill Stevens introduced the motion on notice on changes to the planning system. This was seconded by Councillor Tina Tuohy.

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors Allen, Darcy, Evans OBE, Goslin, Nicholson, Smith, Stoneman the motion was not carried.

For (19)

Councillors Allen, Briars-Delve, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Evans OBE, Goslin, Hendy, Holloway, Laing, Penberthy, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Stevens, Tippetts, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler

Against (27)

Councillors Bingley, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Collins, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Finn, Harrison, Hulme, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Smith, Stoneman, Tofan, Wakeham, Ms Watkin.

Abstain (3)

Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Beer, Singh.

(iii) Standards in Public Life

Councillor Sally Cresswell introduced the motion on notice on standards in public life. This was seconded by Councillor Tudor Evans OBE.

Following a discussion with contributions from Councillors Bingley and Stoneman the motion was not carried.

For (19)

Councillors Allen, Briars-Delve, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Evans OBE, Goslin, Hendy, Holloway, Laing, Penberthy, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Stevens, Tippetts, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler.

Against (25)

Councillors Bingley, Burden, Carlyle, Churchill, Collins, Darcy, Deacon, Drean, Finn, Harrison, Hulme, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Smith, Stoneman, Tofan, Wakeham, Ms Watkin

Abstain (3)

Lord Mayor, Councillors Bridgeman, Singh.

Absent/Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer.

8. Urgent Decisions

Council agreed to note the report.

9. Questions by Councillors

	From	To	Subject
1	Cllr Nigel Churchill	Cllr Jonathan Drean	Electric Vehicle Charging Points for Maritime Industry: had the Council considered this?
			Response: Two EV water taxis were currently running in the city and the pontoons had charging points on them; this was something the Council was hoping to install more of in the future.
2	Cllr Dylan Tippetts	Cllr Jonathan Drean	Compton Roads: would the Cabinet Member and relevant officers consider going on a site visit with Cllr Tippetts to Compton, specifically Hartley Avenue, to assess the road surface and consider options for repair?
			Response: The Cabinet Member confirmed he was happy to attend a site visit and discuss available options for repair if necessary.
3	Cllr Chaz Singh	Cllr Richard Bingley	Licensed Drivers: what plans were in place if more licensed drivers made a decision to move out of the city for work?
			Response: A lot of consultation had taken place regarding the taxi service and licensed drivers in the city. It was suggested that concerns were directed towards Councillor Riley as his scrutiny panel 'Growth and Infrastructure' were scheduled to consider taxi licensing as part of a select review.
4	Cllr Ian Tuffin	Cllr Bill Wakeham	Sea swimming: did the Cabinet Member agree that those wishing to swim in the sea were as safe as possible?

			Supplementary question: would the Cabinet Member back Luke Pollard MP's campaign to have the waters around Devils Point and Firestone Bay designated as official bathing water subject to regular testing for water quality?
			Response: The Cabinet Member agreed that those wishing to swim in the sea should be as safe as possible and confirmed that he would support anyone who wanted to improve the quality of the local waters.
5	Cllr Sarah Allen	Cllr Bill Wakeham	Weeds and overgrown grass: what had gone wrong with this years' programme of maintenance?
			Response: Staffing and resourcing issues were affecting this department however road sweeper vehicles were to be converted to allow weeds to be cut when out maintaining roads.
6	Cllr Patrick Nicholson	Cllr Pat Patel	Letters to residents: Several residents in Plympton had received a letter from the Council threatening to remove their ability to pay their council tax or housing benefit by direct debit – would the Cabinet Member seek to review standard letters to ensure they treated customers with respect?
			Response: The Cabinet Member confirmed he would instruct a review of standard letters to be undertaken.
7	Cllr Mark Deacon	Cllr Pat Patel	20,000 people attended SailGP 2021 with a global audience of millions, would the administration seek to bring this back for the City in 2023?
			Response: Once economic data had been received for SailGP 2022 the Council would then decide whether to progress and bid for 2023.
8	Cllr Neil Hendy	Cllr Richard Bingley	There had been reports of taxis leaving the city centre and refusing to undertake multiple jobs for females in one complete journey. Drivers would complete one job before returning to the city centre to start the next job. Drivers had complained about the cost of fuel.
			<p>Response: The quality of taxi provision in the City had been acknowledged to be well behind compared to other cities, despite a number of hardworking drivers in the City.</p> <p>The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) commission had been looking at the public transport system within the city and the review would include taxi provision. There would be a violent crime audit specifically looking at protection and safeguarding, Cllr Bingley would be meeting with the Chairs of the Taxi Licensing and Licensing committees to seek way that progress could be made through the licensing process.</p> <p>Cllr Bingley requested Cllr Hendy to provide more detail in the case he had highlighted so he could follow this up.</p>

9	Cllr Mark Coker	Cllr Johnathan Drean	The signage of white and yellow lines had become problematic. What was the identified reason behind this and why had it taken 18 months in an accident black spot to get double yellow lines replaced?
	<p>Response: Cllr Drean had been progressing the quality of white and yellow lines in the City since the end of 2021. A second crew would be trained by South West Highways who would catch up on the work. Cllr Drean noted the problems with North Cross roundabout and Manadon roundabout. Cllr Drean would be happy to look into the issues being raised by Cllr Coker should the area had been under a Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>Supplement – Cllr Coker had reported various incidents and had been responded to advising that it had been on a list but had not been supplied with a date in which it would be dealt with. Cllr Coker had been unable to inform residents fully.</p> <p>Response: Councillor Drean would take this forward and advised Councillors that any report submitted would be responded to within 28 days.</p>		
10	Cllr Evans OBE	Cllr Wakeham	Trees within the Ham ward had been in close proximity of residents windows. North Prospect had few street lights and trees had been overhanging over existing street lights which had left many parts of North Prospect in darkness. When would this be sorted?
	<p>Response: Trees had been inspected on a regular basis and defects would be noted. Cllr Wakeham would respond to Cllr Evans OBE.</p> <p>Supplement: Cllr Evans OBE highlighted two trees causing significant damage to a roof on one of the buildings at Riverside Business Park, could this be dealt with as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Response: Cllr Wakeham would meet with Cllr Evans OBE to look into the issues raised.</p>		
11	Cllr Loveridge	Cllr Wakeham	Would grass cutting be treated as a priority around children's play areas and cut more frequently?
	Response: This would be under constant review during the season and would be reviewed further at the end of the season.		
12	Cllr Laing	Cllr Bingley	How had the Leader been reassuring himself that Cllr Collins and Cllr Burden had been serving residents in their respective ward properly, considering living outside of the Council boundaries. How would the Leader decide that positions are no longer tenable?
	Response: Cllr Burden and Collins had been pro-active for their respective wards. Cllr Bingley re-affirmed that he had been confident that Cllrs Burden		

	<p>and Collins had been doing good jobs as Councillors; attending meetings, undertaking casework and Cllr Bingley informed Council he had been comfortable with the situation.</p> <p>Supplement: Would Cllr Bingley be happy should another Councillor win an election and subsequently move out of the city boundaries.</p> <p>Response: Cllr Bingley would not speculate on the medium and long term.</p>		
13	Cllr Hulme	Cllr Drean	<p>There had been on-going problems with pavement parking in the Ham ward. Had there been any movement on legislation?</p> <p>Response: Cllr Drean shared Cllr Hulme's frustration and had been requesting the Council's teams to progress action against those parking on pavements. Cllr Drean had discussed a steer from Johnny Mercer MP for additional legislation. The Council team had been out in the community and issuing tickets to those that had been parking on pavements.</p> <p>Supplement: Cllr Hulme had been reporting cars parking on pavements but residents would contact back to advise nothing had been done.</p> <p>Response: If cars had been parked across yellow lines, the team would be able to issue tickets. The team had been instructed to deal with this issue and Cllr Drean had been attempting to bring down powers and legislation from London. Once Cllr Drean receives timelines he would share with Cllr Hulme.</p>
14	Cllr wheeler	Cllr Drean	<p>Since Plymouth City Council's Bus Service Improvement bid had been unsuccessful, how had plans been progressing for the provision for bus services from next October?</p> <p>Response: Council teams had been progressing this and had been in contact with operators locally to see how things could be progressed. Cllr Drean had been in contact with Johnny Mercer MP for services in the north of the city and to make representation to the Department for Transport.</p> <p>Supplement: Is there still a prospect of funding and if so, is the bid plan being progressed.</p> <p>Response: Cllr Drean would check with the Council team but is assured that all avenues had been attempted to improve bus services and conversations had taken place with Johnny Mercer MP for additional funding.</p>
15	Cllr Singh	Cllr Bingley	<p>Whether the process for public consultation for the road signs being reinstated at 'Jack Leslie Square' would be started?</p> <p>Response: The Council called for a motion for public consultation on the matter. This now sits with the Courts and Cllr Bingley had been unable to comment further.</p>
16	Cllr	Cllr Drean	On new housing estates tarmac had not and

	Collins		would not be laid thick enough to enact a repair as it wouldn't meet the 40mm policy to repair potholes, what work had been done to address this?
	Response: Plymouth would be doing some trials for roads that wouldn't meet the intervention level, once completed a review would take place as to whether this would be taken forward.		
17	Cllr Tuffin	Cllr Shayer	Should the Council maintain public facilities and the Corporate estate to keep people safe and prevent future costs being incurred?
	Response: The Council's responsibility would be to maintain corporate property.		
18	Supplement: For two years Councillors had been told that the sea wall at Firestone Bay would be repaired, when would the Council be undertaking the urgent work that had been promised		
	Response: Cllr Shayer would enquire as to when the work would be undertaken and push forward a programme for repairs as quickly as possible		
18	Cllr Mrs Bridgeman	Cllr Bingley	Can the Leader give an assurance that he would be treating Commitment 54 with the highest priority?
	Response: Cllr Bingley re-affirmed the administration's commitment to acquire the leasehold interests of Plymouth Airport from Sutton Harbour Holdings with the objective of making the airport operational. Quality transport links had been required by the city and there had been serious engagement from sizeable companies to have an airport and aviation services. This is a core priority but there had and continued to be a commercial and legal process under this.		
19	Cllr Rennie	Cllr Bingley	Would a CCTV system be setup within the Sutton and Mount Gould Ward due to the increase of anti-social behaviour in the area? Would the relevant cabinet member arrange a meeting to discuss the issue with all ward members?
	Response: Keeping the city and neighbourhoods safe had been and continued to be a core priority for the administration. It had been acknowledged that the city required up to date and quality CCTV which would be co-ordinated with partners and other agencies across the city within legal parameters.		
20	Councillor Bingley would meet with all ward councillors from Sutton and Mount Gould to discuss the increasing anti-social behaviour in the area.		
	Cllr Poyser	Cllr Wakeham	Could Councillors and residents feedback on

			suggestions regarding grass cutting schedules and other areas left for nature. Could residents become involved in managing those wildling areas.
	<p>Response: The Council would be reviewing grass cutting schedules and how the re-wilding had been progressing over the season. The Council would like to see as much wilding as possible and appropriate signage needed to be placed for those designated areas. The city of Plymouth needed to be educated as much as possible on the effects of biodiversity. Wilding had never been so important due to the loss of land from the construction of new houses in the area.</p> <p>Supplement: How do residents and Councillors constructively feedback at the end of the season would be welcome.</p> <p>Response: Cllr Wakeham would listen to Cllr Poyser feedback when the review of the season took place.</p>		
	Cllr Coker	Cllr Wakeham	There had been an increase in the amount of vegetation coming out of the drains and gully's, what had the Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene and the Cabinet Member for Transport been doing to address this productively?
21	<p>Response: Cllr Drean and Cllr Wakeham had been working together closely and had met out in the communities to gain more understanding of the concerns and the Council would be doing its best to combat this.</p> <p>Supplement: When would residents see action, Cllr Coker advised that he would be unable to report every drain in his area.</p> <p>Response: Cllr Wakeham had a meeting arranged for the coming week and would be discussing the issues of drains at this meeting and would be doing whatever he could to fight this problem.</p>		
	Cllr Singh	Cllr Bingley	Would the Drake ward be receiving covert CCTV to aid a zero tolerance policy on fly tipping?
22	<p>Response: The Leader re-affirmed his desire for a modern web based CCTV system that would cross communicate with business, Local Authority and the Police within privacy regulations. The Leader also re-affirmed the Councils favour for enforcement processes.</p> <p>The Leader recommended a need to have a cross party taskforce that worked closely with the Police force that would target crime and enforcement and would create an implementation plan in conjunction with the VAWG commission implementation plan.</p>		
23	Cllr Tuffin	Cllr Bingley	Residents had been complaining about noisy exhausts, would the Leader represent Council

			to Devon and Cornwall Police to look into this problem and prosecute where necessary. Would the Leader support Luke Pollard MP and Cllr Penberthy's campaign to sight and install a noise camera.
			Response: Cllr Bingley would conduct investigations around this technology.

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