MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Sir Francis Drake Motion

Plymouth is a proud maritime city that has seen many famous explorers and seafarers sail from her shores, none more famous than Sir Francis Drake. From 1577 to 1580, Drake led what became known as his circumnavigation of the globe – the first Englishman to do so – on board his ship, the Golden Hind, which sailed from and returned to Plymouth.

Drake achieved many more notable events, including defeating the Spanish Armada after playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe. Such feats are famous historical events and of prominence worldwide, but especially here in Plymouth.

Drake's place in history and his name is synonymous with Plymouth and is recognised with his statue on the Hoe, Drake Ward, Drake's Mall, Drake's Island and much more. Our proud history and heritage is important and valued and must be protected for future generations.

Resolution:-

- 1. We therefore call upon the Cabinet member for Culture & Tourism specifically, and all members of the Council, to use adequate resources (including legal, financial, time and publicity/media) to actively protect the important and famous existing use of the name Drake by the Local Authority in line with the law and functions of the Local Authority.
- 2. This includes anything associated with him, e.g. statue of Drake on the Hoe, Drake Ward, etc throughout the city, in order to seek to safeguard Sir Francis Drake's prominent historic achievements and proud links with the City of Plymouth.

Proposed by: Councillor Cllr Nick Kelly

Signature: Approved by email

Seconded by: Councillor Chaz Singh

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