

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 27 March 2023

Title of Motion:

Full Independent Review of the Armada Way Project and Establishment of a Tree Panel

Motion Narrative and Action Required:

The Council notes:

1. The recent controversy surrounding the Armada Way Project, which has caused significant concerns.
2. The importance of transparency and accountability in local government decision-making.
3. The need for lessons to be learned from this situation, to ensure that the issues that have arisen are avoided in the future.
4. That the people of Plymouth deserve transparency and accountability from their elected representatives, and that the Armada Way Project has highlighted significant shortcomings in the planning process. We urge all councillors to support this motion, so that we can learn from the issues surrounding Armada Way and ensure that we do better in the future.

The Council therefore resolves:

1. To recommend to Cabinet that they establish an Independent Review, with an independent Chair supported by a panel of experts and stakeholders, including representatives from the local community, businesses and environmental groups.
2. That the review will examine the following issues, amongst others:
 - a. The decision making process followed including, but not limited to, full Council, cabinet and use of delegated powers.
 - b. The extent to which the council engaged with local communities, businesses and environmental groups throughout the process and how their feedback on the plans were incorporated.
 - c. The impact of the Armada Way Project on the local environment, including impact on local ecosystems, wildlife and biodiversity.
 - d. The financial implications of the Armada Way Project, including the cost to the council and to local taxpayers.
 - e. That the council will be provided regular updates on the progress of the review.
 - f. That the review will produce a comprehensive report to be considered by Cabinet and referred to Council.

3. To recommend to Cabinet the establishment of a multi-stakeholder Tree Panel as a cross party working group of Cabinet and including co-optees with expertise in the field, to act as a consultative forum on matters impacting trees in the City.

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