

# MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: **19 June 2023**

Title of Motion:

## **BBC Radio Devon**

Motion Narrative and Action Required:

BBC Radio Devon has been part of the fabric of our city and our community for more than 40 years.

The current proposals for more shared programmes across the region mean a significant and unacceptable reduction in proper local programming resulting in a less local BBC, an unwelcome erosion of one of the corporation's stated public purposes to "reflect, represent and serve the diverse communities of all of the United Kingdom's nations and regions".

BBC Radio Devon, which attracts around 167,000 listeners each week, holds a special place in the hearts of local audiences, licence fee-payers who regard presenters as trusted voices and, as well as listening regularly, turn to its output in large numbers in times of distress and emergency as well as moments of celebration.

Public service broadcasting also plays a vital role in local democracy and as local politicians we welcome the chance to share what we are doing with listeners on the air as well as being held to account.

In addition these plans also mean the loss of jobs and experience and a reduction in future opportunities for local talent to be nurtured and to grow.

Plymouth City Council therefore resolves –

- To ask the leader of Plymouth City Council Cllr Tudor Evans OBE to write to BBC director general Tim Davie to;
  1. express council's serious concerns about the impact of the proposals
  2. request a pause in the process while the BBC carries out further consultation with listeners

Proposer Email: Cllr Jemima Laing

Seconder Email: Cllr Dylan Tippetts