

# MOTION ON NOTICE



**Date of Council Meeting:** 18 March 2024

**Title of Motion:**

Keyham Unexploded Bomb – Motion of thanks

**Motion Narrative and Action Required:**

Plymouth City Council expresses its deep and sincere gratitude to all those who assisted in the operation following the discovery of an unexploded Second World War bomb in Keyham in February.

With no notice, City Council staff worked around the clock alongside partner agencies to urgently address a huge variety of unprecedented challenges. Those who set up and ran emergency help centres for local people at The Life Centre and The Beacon provided essential support and the professionalism of those in the Emergency Operations Centre was exceptional. To those who managed our transport network, liaised with schools, ensured phones were answered, knocked on doors and to those who contributed in so many more ways, we are profoundly grateful and hugely impressed.

Our thanks also go to the army for their outstanding abilities and bravery and all emergency services, in particular Devon and Cornwall Police for their good humour in helping keep the area safe when dealing with residents. We thank and pay tribute to all those volunteers and individuals who gave their time. Local people are especially grateful to Luke Pollard MP and his office for their ongoing commitment.

Above all, we thank the people of Keyham and Ford for their patience, courage and community spirit. As ever, Plymouth united in the face of adversity and showed our city at its finest with a strong sense of community and public service. Plymouth City Council pledges ongoing support for Keyham and Ford to ensure a complete recovery for the community from this extremely stressful and traumatic experience.

**Proposer:** Cllr Bill Stevens

**Seconder:** Cllr Kevin Sproston