

# City Council

Monday 23 November 2009

## PRESENT:

Councillor K Foster, in the Chair.

Councillor Drean, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Berrow, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bragg, Brookshaw, Browne, Coker, Delbridge, Evans, M Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, James, Jordan, Kerswell, Michael Leaves, Lock, Lowry, McDonald, Miller MBE, Monahan, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Purnell, Rennie, Reynolds, Ricketts, Roberts, Dr. Salter, Smith, Stark, Mrs Stephens, Stevens, Thompson, Tuohy, Vincent, Viney, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler and Wildy.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Dolan, Mrs Foster, King, Martin Leaves, Sam Leaves, Dr. Mahony, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson and Wiggins

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.00 pm.

*Note: 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.*

## 59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under discussion at this meeting –

Name	Item	Declaration	Reason
Councillor Gordon	Minute 60 – Motion on Notice (City Submission to be a candidate host City for the FIFA World Cup 2018/2022)	Personal	Shareholder in Liverpool Football Club

## 60. MOTION ON NOTICE (CITY SUBMISSION TO BE A CANDIDATE HOST CITY FOR THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2018/2022)

The Leader of the Council submitted the recommendations included in the order of proceedings, for approval and the proposal was seconded by Councillor Jordan.

An amendment was subsequently moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Lowry as set out below –

To add an additional recommendation – ‘the Council instructs officers to actively engage with partners, the private sector and funding agencies with the aim of reducing the £15 million faced by the Council tax payers in bidding for this event’.

The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the vote by a show of hands, and the amendment was unanimously declared carried.

The substantive motion was also put to the vote by a show of hands and unanimously declared carried.

Prior to the vote being taken, Councillors viewed a DVD which had been produced in support of the World Cup bid.

Resolved to –

- (1) note the costs and benefits of bidding to become a Host City for the FIFA World Cup;
- (2) approve the submission of an application to become a candidate Host City as part of the England bid to become the host nation for the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup;
- (3) authorise the Leader and Chief Executive to sign the Host City Agreement and the Intellectual Property Rights Assignment Agreement as a requirement of the final application;
- (4) delegate authority to the Director for Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Sport, the Chief Executive and the Head of Legal Services, to undertake all appropriate steps to progress the application to become a candidate Host City including approval of the final bid to be submitted to England 2018;
- (5) note that by submitting the bid, the City Council is committing itself to fulfilling its obligations as a Host City if eventually selected for this purpose by FIFA;
- (6) authorise participation in Plymouth World Cup Bid Limited, subject to partners in the organisation providing £250,000 funding for the Football Association marketing costs due in May 2010, this sum to be underwritten by Plymouth Argyle Football Club Limited, and a written undertaking of the same to be obtained from the club;
- (7) send a letter to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport expressing concerns over the funding and requesting support through lottery or other means;
- (8) carry out a suitable process of due-diligence with partners to ensure companies and organisations involved with the Plymouth bid are of suitable standing, competence and financial stability;
- (9) instruct officers to actively engage with partners, the private sector and funding agencies with the aim of reducing the £15 million faced by the Council tax payers in bidding for this event.

61. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.