

# City Council

Monday 31 January 2011

## PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Aspinall, in the Chair.  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Coker, Vice Chair.  
Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Berrow, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bragg, Brookshaw, Browne, Dann, Delbridge, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lock, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Reynolds, Roberts, Dr. Salter, Smith, Stark, Mrs Stephens, Stevens, Thompson, Tuohy, Vincent, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler, Wigen, Wildy, Williams and Wright.

Apology for absence: Councillor Ricketts.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 7.25 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.*

## 74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, the following declarations of interest were made in relation to items at this meeting –

Name	Item	Interest	Reason
Councillor Mrs Beer	Minute 87 - Motion on Notice No 16 – Police Numbers	Personal	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police
Councillor Mrs Bragg	Minute 83 - Motion on Notice No 15 – Proposed incinerator at North Yard	Personal	Husband is employee at Devonport Dockyard
Councillor Brookshaw	Minute 87 - Motion on Notice No 16 – Police Numbers	Personal	Son is a police officer
Councillor Delbridge	Minute 87 - Motion on Notice No 16 – Police Numbers	Personal	Son is a police officer
Councillor Mrs Foster	Minute 85 - Motion on Notice No 13 – Plymouth Argyle Stadium	Personal	Plymouth Argyle season ticket holder

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Councillor Lowry	Minute 83 - Motion on Notice No 15 – Proposed incinerator at North Yard	Personal and prejudicial	Employee of Babcock
Councillor Nicholson	Minute 83 - Motion on Notice No 15 – Proposed incinerator at North Yard	Personal and prejudicial	Employee of Babcock
Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Minute 87 - Motion on Notice No 16 – Police Numbers	Personal	Police authority representative
Councillor Smith	Minute 85 - Motion on Notice No 13 – Plymouth Argyle Stadium	Personal	Plymouth Argyle season ticket holder
Councillor Smith	Minute 83 - Motion on Notice No 15 – Proposed incinerator at North Yard	Personal and prejudicial	Employee of Babcock
Councillor Stark	Minute 85 - Motion on Notice No 13 – Plymouth Argyle Stadium	Personal and prejudicial	Shareholder of Plymouth Argyle
Councillor Stevens	Minute 87 - Motion on Notice No 16 – Police Numbers	Personal	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police
Councillor Wheeler	Minute 84 - Motion on Notice No 12 – Supporting People	Personal and prejudicial	Trustee of PATH

75. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2010, are confirmed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of minute 72, relating to question number 6, to substitute Councillor Wildy for Councillor Williams in the second line, relating to a written response.

Following the amendment of minute 72, Councillor Wildy indicated that a written response had not been received and it was Agreed that the response will be pursued.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **76. Lord Mayor**

#### **The late Alderman Peter Whitfeld**

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of Alderman Peter Whitfeld

Alderman Peter Whitfeld was born in Stonehouse in 1920. He served in the Navy for 45 years. He was first elected as a Council member in 1967 and served as Lord Mayor through 1984 into 1985.

He was nominated as a Council representative with the Plymouth Marketing Bureau, Enterprise Plymouth and the West Devon Advisory Committee. He also served as a school governor and was awarded for his work within his trade union.

The Lord Mayor referred to the moving eulogy at his funeral, by Freeman John Ingham.

The Council stood in silence, for one minute, as a mark of respect.

#### **Youth Parliament**

The Lord Mayor congratulated the newly elected Youth Parliament representatives, Emily Carter and Kieron Bhuyia, and their deputies, Matthew Currie and Lucy Fowell, and wished them every success. She also thanked the youth service for their work supporting the election.

### **77. Cabinet Member and Chair of a Committee**

#### **Youth Parliament**

Further to minute 76 above, Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) also added her thanks to the youth service.

Councillor Wildy (Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel) referred to the work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the youth parliament elections and thanked the youth service, volunteers and young people performing outside the Council House.

### **78. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no public questions to be considered at the meeting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

### 79. **Local Development Framework: Submission of Derriford and Seaton Area Action Plan**

Councillor Fry (Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Growth) moved the Local Development Framework: Derriford and Seaton Area Action Plan pre submission draft for approval, for consultation purposes, as contained in Cabinet minute 95.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lock.

Councillor Stevens moved, and Councillor Mrs Nelder seconded, an amendment as follows –

‘Add to end of (3) – However, in the event of significant amendments, the Area Action Plan to be referred back to Full Council for approval.’

Councillor Fry accepted the amendment.

Following a debate on the amendment, which was accepted, Councillor Fry summed up.

The proposal, as amended, was put to vote and it was Agreed that -

- (1) the Derriford and Seaton Area Action Plan Pre-Submission draft is approved for consultation purposes;
- (2) authority is delegated to the Assistant Director of Development and Regeneration (Planning Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development, to agree the final pre-submission format of the Area Action Plan;
- (3) authority is delegated to the Assistant Director of Development and Regeneration (Planning Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development, to agree minor amendments to the Area Action Plan in response to the consultation process. However, in the event of significant amendments, the Area Action Plan will be referred back to the City Council for approval;
- (4) instruct the Assistant Director of Development and Regeneration (Planning Services) to formally submit the Area Action Plan to the Secretary of State after completion of the consultation process.

80. **Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework 2010/11**

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) moved the Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework 2010/11 for approval, as contained in Cabinet minute 99. The proposal was seconded.

Councillor Wheeler referred to the Part Two of the document: Capacity and Capability Self Assessment template which referred to Positive Futures. He advised the Council that staff were being made redundant in October and that no improvements were being proposed. He also indicated that work with young people at Barne Barton was also being discontinued.

Councillor Mrs Watkins advised that, if Councillor Wheeler provided the source of his information to her, she would discuss the matters outside of this meeting.

Following a vote, it was Agreed that the Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework Part 2 Capacity and Capability 2010/11 is adopted.

81. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Before consideration of the motions on notice, the Lord Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, changed the order of the motions for discussion and it was Agreed that Motion No 11 (Removal of Educational Maintenance Allowance) will be taken first, followed by Motion No 15 (Proposed Incinerator at North Yard), and then in the original order.

82. **Removal of Educational Maintenance Allowance - Motion on Notice No 11(10/11)**

Councillor Wildy moved the following motion on notice for approval –

**REMOVAL OF EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Important Council and Local Strategic Partnership Priorities for Plymouth are 'Growth' and 'Raising Aspiration'.

- (1) The Council recognises that the Tory led Coalition Government has voted to remove the Educational Maintenance Allowance from students and will not allow any further applications. This will affect over 3000 young people in Plymouth who will therefore lose this support grant. Figures show that post-16 achievement in Plymouth is below what it should be. This underperformance affects Plymouth's ability to achieve its stated priorities.

- (2) Council therefore CALLS upon the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Watkins) and the Cabinet Member for Finance (Cllr Bowyer), working with the Directors for Corporate Support and Children's services to –
- (a) Bring forward proposals in the Council Budget (2010-2013) to provide financial help to ensure that those young people in Plymouth previously in receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance are able to continue with their post-16 educational courses.
  - (b) Make the strongest representations to their Government to rapidly replace or reinstate Educational Maintenance Allowance to ensure continued investment in young people in Plymouth, and nationally, so that that all young people have equal access to Further Education and the opportunities it brings.

Councillor Evans seconded the proposal.

During the debate, the issues raised included -

- that the allowance made a real difference to unemployed parents and helped with the cost of young people travelling to courses;
- that the budget proposals to be presented by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, would seek to target funding at vulnerable young people;
- that the Children and Young People Plan also sought to focus resources on the most vulnerable;
- that it was necessary to target scarce resources in the current economic climate;
- the high number of unemployed in the 18 – 25 age range;
- the reducing resources for sure start centres, new schools, family support for anti social behaviour and youth offending.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

83. **Proposed Incinerator at North Yard - Motion No 15 (10/11)**

Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval -

## PROPOSED INCINERATOR AT NORTH YARD

Given the investment in the NDC area of Devonport by Plymouth City Council and Government, this Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment to look carefully at any suggestions that South Yard should be used as an alternative entry point for lorries carrying waste to and from the site of the proposed incinerator.

Council further resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning to make any Traffic Impact Assessment available to Members of Plymouth City Council in a timely manner so that it can be discussed by ward members prior to the relevant meeting of the planning committee.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Wildy.

During the debate, the issues raised included -

- the level of pollution;
- that the proposal was identified in the local plan;
- that there would be 180 vehicle movements a day;
- that this was the first time that the Council had had an opportunity to speak on this proposal;
- that a briefing had been held for all councillors;
- that a traffic assessment would be available with the planning application and would be available for all to see;
- that Councillors Gordon and Vincent attended partnership meetings and were kept fully up to date;
- that questions asked at partnership meetings, had not received responses;
- that councillors would only have information five days before any decision was made and that there was no opportunity to make any input.

During the debate, the Leader indicated that she felt that councillors were attempting to influence Planning Committee members and sought legal advice. The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance indicated that he was satisfied that that was not the case.

The Leader asked for a transcript of the debate.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

(Councillors Mrs Bragg, Lowry, Nicholson and Smith, having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting).

84. **Supporting People - Motion No 12 (10/11)**

Councillor Williams moved the following motion on notice for approval –

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE**

This Council notes

That as a result of cuts in funding by the Conservative led Government Cornwall Council has decided to cut its Supporting People budget by 40%. Plymouth City Council also faces significant budget pressures and will be reviewing its contracts with a view to making substantial savings. Given that several Housing Associations and other providers funded by the supporting peoples' budget have said that they do not have the capacity to maintain current levels of services on a reduced budget this Council resolves to –

Ask Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to arrange for an evaluation of the range of services funded by the Supporting People's budget with a view to identifying best practice and value for money and the possible affect of reduced funding across the Devon and Cornwall region on the capacity for providers to deliver in Plymouth. That the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny be used to inform the Executive when making decisions about the allocation of Supporting Peoples' funding.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McDonald.

Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) indicated that he was happy to accept the motion for the issue to be considered by scrutiny and for a report to be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Member.

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

Agreed the motion and that the matter is referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

(Councillor Wheeler having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting).

85. **Plymouth Argyle Stadium - Motion No 13 (10/11)**

Before the motion was put, Councillor Rennie sought a copy of the written advice that had been given to the majority group on potential interests with regard to this item, as it conflicted with advice from the Local Government Association provided to the Labour Group. The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance agreed to provide a copy of the written advice he had provided to the majority group if a copy of the advice provided by the Local Government Authority to the Labour Group, was provided to him.



Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval -

### **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE STADIUM**

In the light of Plymouth Argyle's current financial predicament, Council CALLS UPON the Cabinet Member to offer to buy back the land at current market valuation from the present owners.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Wildy.

During the debate, the issues raised included that -

- the proposal was for the City Council to buy the land through capital expenditure and rented back to the football club;
- if Plymouth Argyle ceased, Plymouth would be the largest city without a football league team;
- the proposal was for the City Council to buy back the land at an unspecified price;
- in order to fund such a proposal, the existing schemes in the capital programme would need to be reduced;
- the football club needed to resolve the position with inland revenue;
- there was no business plan;
- the City Council needed to reduce public spending;
- councillors were concerned and worried with regard to the football club's current position;
- fans needed to support the club;
- officers would continue a dialogue with the club;
- a successful football club could contribute towards the Council's priorities relating to aspiration and growth.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

(Councillors Mrs Foster, Foster, Martin Leaves and Stark having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting.)

(Councillor Smith also declared an interest in the above item.)

#### 86. **Glass Recycling - Motion No 14 (10/11)**

Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval -

### **GLASS RECYCLING**

1. Council notes the Conservative Election Manifesto promise of 2007 to introduce doorstep glass recycling.
2. Council calls upon the Executive to bring forward a detailed implementation plan in time for inclusion in the 2011/12 budget.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Wildy.

During the debate, the issues raised included -

- the need to improve recycling rates in the city and to comply with a manifesto commitment;
- that a kerbside glass collection was being investigated and that an invest to save project would be submitted to the City Council when the business case was in place;
- that it was felt that residents did not want another recycling container and that ways of separating glass from other recycling materials (in one bin) were being investigated;
- that there was a need to recycle as much as possible and that the City Council should look at food waste;
- that an additional bin should not be ruled out;
- that any recycling initiative should have universal application across the city.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

87. **Police Numbers - Motion No 16 (10/11)**

Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval -

**POLICE NUMBERS**

It has been suggested that the number of serving police officers in the Plymouth BCU is to fall to levels unseen since 1983 due to the cuts imposed by the Conservative-led government on the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority.

The Council believe that this will inhibit the police in maintaining their excellent record of reducing crime in our city, and should be opposed.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

During the debate, the issues raised included that -

- funding of £2m was available to fund the appointment of a police commissioner, to replace the police authority;
- councillors were worried about reducing police numbers;
- the police authority was committed to appropriate levels of policing in Plymouth and no decision had been taken on future police numbers in Plymouth;
- there was need to protect the current levels of police officers who provided an excellent service;
- less police officers would impact on crime in the city.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

(Councillors Mrs Beer and Stevens having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting.)

(Councillors Brookshaw, Delbridge and Mrs Pengelly also declared an interest in the above item)

88. **Support to Families and Vulnerable Groups - Motion No 17 (10/11)**

Councillor Wildy moved the following motion on notice for approval -

**SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE GROUPS**

Council priorities in the Corporate Plan include 'Reducing Inequalities' and 'Value for Communities'.

1. Council notes that the proposed budget for 2011-2014 proposes restructuring or removing targeted support in many areas including school transport, family intervention services and the youth offending service.
2. The current impact assessment shows that this will affect Families and Vulnerable Groups and have the potential to widen inequalities.
3. Further, removing some of these services could result in increased costs for some services in the long run.
4. Council **resolves** that these cuts run contrary to the Corporate Plan and should not be pursued as part of the budget cost cutting delivery plans.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McDonald.

During the debate, the issues raised included that –

- the departmental delivery plans presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on community and children's services had been assessed as leading to greater inequalities and not providing value to the communities;
- the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had also acknowledged that there was further work to be undertaken on impact assessments;
- there was a need for an urgent review of locality management and neighbourhood profiles needed to reflect where there were reductions in funding;

- proposals in the draft Children's and Young People Plan showed how the impact of reductions would be minimised and the intention was to provide more for less money. Work would be undertaken with partners on the best use of grant funding;
- less statementing and reduced respite services both had an impact on families;
- there was concern that some councillors had learnt that the budget scrutiny report would not be coming to the City Council this year;
- early year services in the Barne Barton area.

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance advised that he would confirm to the Labour Group outside of the meeting, the position on the submission of the budget scrutiny recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to the City Council.

In the light of the comments of the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance, and with the consent of Councillor McDonald, the motion was withdrawn by Councillor Wildy.

89. **Grit and Salt - Motion No 18 (10/11)**

Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval -

**GRIT AND SALT**

Council notes that during the recent cold snap most pavements and bus stops were left ungritted and/or unsalted.

Council also notes that many areas of the city have few salt or grit bins, and those that exist were not re-filled.

Council resolves to request the portfolio holder to change policy and procedure before the winter is over so that pavements are cleared as well as roads, and grit provided to constituents.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Vincent.

During the debate, the issues raised included –

- the recent and unexpected snow and ice leading to people being unable to get to work;
- the initiatives being introduced in other parts of the country;
- that the Council took the situation very seriously;
- that a plan set out the Council's priorities;
- the government's recent publication of a snow code that advised on how residents could assist;
- that the Cabinet Member for Transport was working with partners to minimise the cost and disruption;
- in the past, that requests for grit bins had been refused from

- the Council;
- that Plymouth Community Homes were now providing grit bins outside sheltered homes and tower blocks;
- that councillors could now use community grant funding for to provide and fill grit bins;
- the need for preparation, in the event of future prolonged icy weather, and the need to look at the safety of bus bays;
- that resources had been deployed to clear parks in preference to pavements.

Following a request, the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance Agreed to advise all councillors whether the use of the community grants scheme, for this purpose, was allowed under the conditions of the scheme.

Following concerns expressed on the consistency and receipt of advice from officers, the Chief Executive assured the Council that the officers' intention was to provide the best advice to the whole of the Council and invited the Labour Group to put any specific concerns with regard to the advice given to the Labour Group, to him, in writing.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

90. **PLYMOUTH'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - EXTENSION TO LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2**

Councillor Wigens (Cabinet Member for Transport) moved for approval, the recommendation in the written report of the Director for Development and Regeneration on the proposed extension of the Local Transport Plan 2.

Councillor Mrs Beer seconded the proposal.

Following a debate, the proposal was put to the vote and it was Agreed to retain the Plymouth's Second Local Transport Plan as the transport strategy for the city until the Third Local Transport Plan is adopted.

91. **DEVON AND SEVERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance presented the written report of the Director for Development and Regeneration on the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

Councillor Fry (Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development) moved the recommendations set out in the written report.

Councillor Delbridge seconded the proposals.

The Council's attention was drawn to the need for a new vessel and the need for an assessment of the impact of the proposals on the Barbican and the fishing industry.

Following a vote, the proposals were approved and it was Agreed that -

- (1) the new duties imposed on the Council by the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI2010 No. 2212) are noted, including the requirement to contribute 4.70% of the budget for the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority;
- (2) the draft Code of Conduct; Declaration of Interests, draft Standing Orders, draft Financial Regulations and draft Business Plan and budget for the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority are approved. Also that based on the outline budget, Plymouth City Council agrees to contribute up to £44,185 for 2011/12;
- (3) the response submitted to the Department of Food and Rural Affairs consultation, as set out in the background paper is noted. This consultation is on how best to allocate the New Burdens funding to local authorities for the new responsibilities for the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities.

92. **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance presented his written report and recommendation on electoral arrangements during the absence of the Chief Executive. Councillor Mrs Pengelly moved approval of the recommendation set out in the report of the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance.

Councillor Fry seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and it was Agreed that the Monitoring Officer is appointed as the Council's electoral registration officer and returning officer under the Representation of the People Act 1983, during the absence of the Chief Executive.

93. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

During the above item, Councillor Mrs Pengelly moved that Council Procedure Rule 9.1 was waived to allow the meeting to conclude today.

Councillor Fry seconded the proposal and following a vote, it was Agreed.

94. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES ETC.**

The written report of the Director for Corporate Support was submitted.

Agreed that appointments to committees and outside bodies are determined as follows -

	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
1	Lord Mayor's Selection Committee	Six councillors (three conservative and three labour members)	Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Evans, Gordon, Mrs Pengelly, Roberts and Vincent
	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Appointments / Nominations</b>
2	Ballard Trust	Seven representatives: Michael Foster, Betty Gray, Councillors Jordan, Dr Mahony, Stark, Rennie and Smith	Chaz Singh and John Smith to replace Councillors Rennie and Smith
3	Charles Plymouth Relief in Need Charity	Two representatives: Mr F Brimacombe to 6 March 2011 and Heather Binley to May 2015	Mr F Brimacombe reappointed on expiry of his term of office
4	Mount Batten Sailing Water Sports Centre – Board of Directors	Two councillors: Councillor Foster and one vacancy	Defer vacancy to the AGM

(5) the City Council noted that the following bodies were no longer in existence -

- Morley Centre Management Committee (existing vacancy);
- Rees Youth and Community Centre (Councillor Jordan is the Council's appointed representative).

## QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 95. General Questions

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the constitution, the following questions were asked of the Leader, Cabinet Member and Committee Chairs covering aspects of their areas of responsibility -

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Fry	With the withdrawal of government funding on planning aid, has it helped or hindered planning processes?
	Councillor Fry welcomed any initiative that speeded up decision making but did not have the detail.		

2	Councillor Wildy	Councillor Bowyer	Hierarchy of Lord Mayor's engagements and position of remembrance service and military events.
	Councillor Bowyer undertook to look at the list to ensure that events were accorded the proper respect.		
3	Councillor Evans	Councillor Mrs Watkins	Council response to the Ministry of Justice Green Paper on access to justice.
	Councillor Mrs Watkins indicated that she had had a meeting with the Social Inclusion Unit and undertook to provide a written reply with a copy of the response made to the green paper.		
4	Councillor Evans	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Internet petition about forestry to save Cann Woods.
	Cllr Mrs Pengelly undertook to look at the petition and think about signing it.		
5	Councillor Tuohy	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Clarification sought about whether previous question related to Ham or Cann Woods.
	Councillor Mrs Pengelly confirmed that it was Cann Woods.		
6	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Provisions of the Localism Bill and whether she agreed with Eric Pickles as to which were inappropriate to be determined at local level.
	Councillor Mrs Pengelly undertook to provide a written response.		
7	Councillor Evans	Councillor Wigans	Equality impact assessment on the use of the camera car ands issues for the disabled with drop offs from taxis.
	Councillor Wigans indicated that if a report should be done, one would be done and he would take advice from Anthony Payne and Clive Perkin as to when it could be carried out. He undertook to respond by e mail and would investigate as a matter of urgency.		



8	Councillor Williams	Councillor Wiggins	Review of the strategy for subsidising buses and inaccurate response from officers on a particular bus route.
	Councillor Wiggins asked that he was furnished with a copy of the officer's response so that he could investigate and indicated that the review would be published within the next two months approximately.		
9	Councillor Evans	Councillor Wiggins	Subsidised bus review to be considered before or after the budget?
	Councillor Wiggins indicated that if it needed to be before the budget round, it would be. He undertook to provide a response to Councillors Evans and Williams.		

96. **Forward Plan**

The Leader introduced the Forward Plan.

Questions were asked of the Leader and Cabinet Members as follows -

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Councillor Wildy	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Award of the Leisure Management Contract – progress with the Devonport Community Trust and the contract award
	The Leader indicated that final tenders were received on 10 January, which would then be followed by evaluation and selection of the preferred bidder. Councillor Brookshaw responded that he was about to write to Devonport Community Leisure Trust with a series of options for the future management of the Brickfields and that he would be getting in touch with ward councillors shortly.		
2	Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Michael Leaves	South West Devon Waste Partnership – change in design of the building since consultation stage.
	Councillor Leaves responded that he did not attend the November consultation event. The design would be shown in the planning application and would be subject to further consultation.		

3	Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Michael Leaves	South West Devon Waste Partnership – efficacy of the consultation arrangements.
Councillor Leaves responded that what was shown at the consultation event was an impression. The detail would be provided as part of the planning consultation.			
4	Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Michael Leaves	South West Devon Waste Partnership – fair consultation with limited information due to commercial confidentiality?
Councillor Leaves responded yes. The information was confidential and could not be released.			