

City Council

Monday 11 April 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, 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, Ricketts, Roberts, Dr. Salter, Smith, Stark, Thompson, Tuohy, Vincent, Mrs Watkins, Wheeler, Wiggins, Wildy, Williams and Wright.

Also in attendance: Anthony Payne (Acting Chief Executive) and David Shepperd (Head of Legal Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bragg, Barry Keel (Chief Executive) and Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance).

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 5.45 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.

110. 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 Foster	Minute 124 - Motion on Notice No 20 (10/11): Withdrawal of Bus Services	Personal and prejudicial	Family involved
Councillor Martin Leaves	Minute 124 - Motion on Notice No 20 (10/11): Withdrawal of Bus Services	Personal and prejudicial	Works as a taxi driver
Councillor Sam Leaves	Minute 124 - Motion on Notice No 20 (10/11): Withdrawal of Bus Services	Personal and prejudicial	Husband is a taxi driver

Councillor Vincent	Minute 124 - Motion on Notice No 20 (10/11): Withdrawal of Bus Services	Personal and prejudicial	Employed as a bus driver
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The Lord Mayor advised Councillors Lowry and Smith that there was no need to make declarations as employees of Babcock in relation to minute 125 (Motion on Notice No 21: Final Disposal of Waste: Alternative Treatment).

111. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2011, are confirmed as a correct record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

112. **The Late Alderman Mrs Carol Brimblecombe**

The Lord Mayor reported the death of Alderman Mrs Carol Anne Brimblecombe on 16 March 2011. Alderman Mrs Brimblecombe served on the City Council from 1973 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1995, as a representative of the Trelawny and Ham Wards. She was made an Alderman in July 1995.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

113. **Former Councillor Mrs Stephens**

The Lord Mayor reported that Councillor Mrs Stephens had resigned from the City Council on 14 March 2011. She was elected to the Council in May 2008, representing the St Peter and the Waterfront Ward.

On behalf of the City Council, the Lord Mayor thanked her for her service and wished her every success in the future.

114. **Retiring Councillors: Councillors Dann and King**

As this was the last meeting before the local elections, the Lord Mayor thanked those councillors who were not standing for re-election on 5 May 2011.

Councillor Dann was elected to the City Council in May 2003 and currently represented the Moor View Ward as a Labour Party Member. She was a Cabinet Member from May 2004 to 2007 with responsibility for transport, customer focus, human resources and economic development, during that time. More recently, she was a member of the Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Supporting Members' Group.

Councillor King was elected to the City Council in May 1997 and currently represented the St Peter and the Waterfront Ward as an Independent Member. As a

Labour Party Member, he was a Cabinet Member from May 2004 to 2007, with responsibility for housing, neighbourhood services and supporting people.

The Lord Mayor thanked them for their service and wished them every success for the future.

Councillor Dann responded and wished everyone well for the future.

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) also joined in thanking Councillor Dann for her work and wished her and her husband well for the future.

115. **America's Cup**

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) referred to the recent announcement that Plymouth would be the host city for the America's Cup from 10 to 18 September 2011.

She referred to the benefits to the city to be gained from the event, including revenue generated from having 15 race teams in the city and the attraction of visitors to the event.

She formally thanked all the officers involved, for their work in bringing this event to Plymouth.

116. **British Arts Show**

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) announced that the British Arts Show would commence on 19 September (immediately following the America's Cup event) and would run until December 2011. Plymouth was one of three locations in the country to host the touring exhibition and could expect a significant boost to the economy.

117. **Plymouth Life Centre**

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) referred to the recent announcement that Canada's national diving team would be using the Plymouth Life Centre as its pre-Olympic Games training camp.

118. **School Buildings**

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) reported that, following a visit to Ministers in relation to the condition of school buildings, officers from the Department for Education had visited Plymouth to look at the difficulties which had been highlighted to them. A response was awaited.

119. **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Two questions were received from the public, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Constitution. Mr Fox attended the meeting to ask the questions and Councillor Wiggins (Cabinet Member for Transport) responded, as follows -

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
7 (10/11)	Mike Fox	Councillor Wiggins	Withdrawal or reduced bus services
<p>How many bus routes and services have been withdrawn or had a reduction in frequency across the City since Conservative Councillors voted to sell Citybus to the private company Go Ahead last year?</p>			
<p>Response: Plymouth Citybus (PCB) became part of the Go Ahead Group on 1st December 2009 and operates approximately two thirds of the network within the city.</p> <p>Overall there have been 40 services withdrawn or had a reduction in frequency since that date, of these 21 were made by PCB. (8 additional routes that were withdrawn were subsequently replaced wholly or partly with new or revised services) The remaining 19 route reductions were made by other operators who service the rest of the network.</p> <p>Plymouth Citybus have endeavoured to minimise the impact of the changes on customers by making a range of positive alterations to the network; to fill gaps and to improve daytime frequencies, particularly on Sundays and Bank Holidays, as well as improving reliability.</p> <p>Changes to the Plymouth Citybus network have seen an overall increase in patronage of more than 5% when comparing April 2009 to January 2010 with April 2010 to January 2011. If the previous year prior to the takeover is also included (April 2008 to January 2009) this also shows an increase of more than 2% over the two year period.</p> <p>Citywide Patronage It is encouraging that irrespective of the service changes stated above, total bus patronage across the city is continuing to grow, with a 0.62% (more than 100,000 journeys) increase recorded between 2009/10 (Apr-Jan) and the same period in 2010/11.</p>			

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
8 (10/11)	Mike Fox	Councillor Wiggins	Numbers 46 and 47 bus services
<p>The removal of the 46 and 47 bus serving the Budshead area has had a devastating effect on school children, workers and the elderly. The Council has the power to subsidise bus services. Will Plymouth City Council subsidise a replacement bus service on 46 and 47 bus route?</p>			
<p>Response:</p> <p>It is regrettable that Citybus have had to withdraw this service, although in this instance, for 95% of those affected, there are alternative services available. The Public Transport Team, as a result of investigating current provision along this route, identified that whilst some direct links may have been lost, the majority of passengers will be able to use an alternative service/s.</p> <p>The alternative service may require perhaps longer and maybe two bus journeys where previously one would have been the norm and this is again regrettable.</p> <p>The Council will not be looking to support a replacement of the existing service as we consider it does not represent good value for money, particularly as the community does, to a large extent, have alternative provision available.</p>			

ITEMS REFERRED FROM CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD AND OTHER COMMITTEES

120. **Lord Mayoralty 2011/12**

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) proposed, and Councillor Evans seconded, approval of the nomination of Councillor Brookshaw as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. (Lord Mayor Selection Committee minute 3 referred).

Agreed that Councillor Brookshaw was accepted as the nomination for Lord Mayor during 2011/12, on the recommendation of the Lord Mayor's Selection Committee.

Following the decision, Councillor Brookshaw responded and thanked the Council.

121. **Invest to Save Initiatives and Financial Update**

At the commencement of the item, the Head of Legal Services outlined the proposed process for consideration of the proposals on 'invest to save' initiatives and financial update.

The City Council considered -

- (a) the recommendations of Cabinet, contained in Cabinet minute 134 of 29 March 2011, on the proposals;
- (b) the written report of the Corporate Management Team submitted to Cabinet;
- (c) the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, contained in minute 126 of 6 April 2011, on the proposals;
- (d) an amended report of the Corporate Management Team (in accordance with minute 126 of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board).

Councillor Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance) presented the recommendations in Cabinet minute 134 on 'invest to save' initiatives and financial update, and indicated that –

- (e) the proposals would address, in part, the pressure on the revenue budget;
- (f) 'invest to save' would be a core business tool of the City Council going forward;
- (g) the proposals would be funded subject to a robust business case;
- (h) he was happy to accept the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and thanked the Board for their work;
- (i) he would provide quarterly monitoring information on the 'invest to save' schemes.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ball.

Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) submitted the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on the proposals (minute 126 of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board referred).

The recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board was seconded by Councillor Thompson.

Following a debate, the vote was taken and it was Agreed to include the following information in all future 'invest to save' schemes –

- the established criteria for 'invest to save' schemes;
- how the projects are scored;
- details of the running balance and how it was to be funded;

- the benefit/outcome to be achieved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor McDonald to amend the Cabinet recommendations as follows –

‘Add the following (before recommendation (1)) –

Council asks officers to provide information on –

- the established criteria for invest to save schemes;
- how the projects are scored;
- details of the running balance and how it was to be funded;
- the benefit/outcome to be achieved;

and refers this information for the decisions listed below back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for further scrutiny prior to decisions being made.

Delete (10)

Delete (11)’

Following an adjournment, Councillor McDonald presented the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Wildy, and they referred to -

- (j) the need for criteria for the ‘invest to save’ schemes submitted today;
- (k) the need for accountability on the money from the sale of CityBus;
- (l) the lack of information presented on schemes which had been rejected;
- (m) the need to measure benefits and outcomes;
- (n) the inability of the Management Board to form an opinion on the information presented;
- (o) the proposals which could be reconsidered at the provisional meeting of the Management Board on 20 April 2011.

During the debate on the amendment, the following points were raised –

- there was inadequate information on savings and evaluation of the proposals;
- further consideration could be given to the proposals when quarterly monitoring information was presented;
- any delay in the proposals would increase the costs;
- the Executive had brought forward the proposals for scrutiny;

- 23 projects had been reduced to those submitted;
- the savings were identified in the report and that a 10% return was expected.

The Lord Mayor reminded councillors to be courteous when addressing each other.

Following a vote, the Lord Mayor declared that the amendment was lost.

Councillors then debated the Cabinet recommendations and the following points were raised –

- the need for more pre decision scrutiny with Cabinet Members;
- it was essential that savings were evidenced;
- the lack of cross party working for example on children's service;
- Cabinet had set up a reserve for 'invest to save' schemes with limited funding, which was the reason for pay back.

Following a vote, it was Agreed that approval is given to –

- (1) the commencement of the Parent and Child Assessment 'invest to save' project and that this be financed from the Council's revenue 'invest to save' reserve £0.073m in 2011/12 and £0.010m in 2012/13;
- (2) the inclusion of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder 'invest to save' project in the 2011/12 capital programme at an estimated cost of £0.657m to be financed from a mixture of general fund reserves and schools balances;
- (3) the continuation of the Carefirst project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £0.831m in 2010/11, £0.832m in 2011/12, £0.106m in 2012/13, £0.177m in 2013/14 and £0.377m in 2014/15. The revenue costs are estimated to be £1.006m in 2010/11, £0.425m in 2011/12, £0.399m in 2012/13, £0.400m in 2013/14 and £0.400m in 2014/15. Officers have now identified costs being incurred in 2010/11 (mentioned above) which could be treated as capital and would therefore allow the Council more flexibility in its financing options. Funding towards the project has been identified from existing revenue and capital budgets, however there will be temporary shortfalls totalling £0.600m which will need to be met from the revenue invest to save reserve;
- (4) the Accommodation Strategy Phase 2 'invest to save' project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £2.106m in 2011/12, £1.008m in 2012/13 and £0.500m in 2013/14 to be financed from capital receipts and temporary unsupported borrowing;

- (5) an increase in the transport capital and revenue allocation (from 2010/11 levels) towards highway maintenance (which includes 'pot hole' maintenance) of £1.003m. This will be financed from an estimated increase in revenue government grant of £0.433m and a reallocation within the transport capital programme approved at 28 February 2011 Council from the 'integrated transport block' and street lighting maintenance;
- (6) an increase in the development capital programme for 2011/12 of £0.581m towards flood and coastal erosion schemes following the award of external grant funding;
- (7) the amendment of the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2010/11 and 2011/12 to reflect option 1 (the regulatory method) for borrowing supported by the government through the revenue support grant mechanism;
- (8) the delaying of changes to fees and charges relating to the adult social care 'fairer charging' policy until July 2011. This is due to the review of all clients not being completed until the end of June 2011;
- (9) making the use of Tinside pool free to all users during the summer of 2011;
- (10) the inclusion of the following information in all future 'invest to save' schemes –
 - the established criteria for 'invest to save' schemes;
 - how the projects are scored;
 - details of the running balance and how it was to be funded;
 - the benefit/outcome to be achieved;
- (11) amend the revenue budget to include the procurement 'invest to save' proposal of £758,100.

122. **Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14**

The Council considered the recommendation of Cabinet, contained in minute 137, on the adoption of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14, together with the written report of the Director of Services for Children and Young People which had been submitted to Cabinet.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) presented the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 for adoption, subject to an amendment of an error on Guiding Principle No 8 (page 55 refers) so that the sixth bullet point reads ".....Gypsy and Traveller families" (to replace ".....gypsy and traveller families") and highlighted that she had attended all the consultation events (except for one). She had been particularly impressed with the event attended by children, who had been very enthusiastic and had contributed to the plan.

Councillor Mrs Bowyer seconded the proposal and congratulated Services for Children and Young People on their consultation. During the debate, the following points were raised -

- the progress made during the previous plan, had been recognised;
- the plan had high aspirations;
- there was still work in progress and many challenges contained in the plan;
- the contributions from partners had yet to be confirmed;
- detailed monitoring and evaluation of the plan would be necessary.

Agreed that the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 is adopted, as amended.

At the conclusion of the item, the Lord Mayor again reminded councillors with regard to the way they refer to each other.

123. **Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan - adoption**

The Council considered the recommendation of Cabinet, contained in minute 140, on the adoption of Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan, together with the written report of the Director for Development and Regeneration which had been submitted to Cabinet.

Councillor Wiggins (Cabinet Member for Transport) presented Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan for adoption and reported that the draft plan had been the subject of a 12 week consultation exercise.

Councillor Lock seconded the proposal.

During the debate, the following points were raised -

- officers were congratulated on the document and the briefing given to them;
- there were concerns about vehicle emissions, the reduction in policing in relation to crime statistics and flood risk assessments;
- the impact of the withdrawal of bus services on the transport objective to link communities together;

- following an undertaking by Councillor Wigen with regard to a review of subsidised buses, officers had indicated that there were no plans to review services;
- the drainage, parking and road markings around the market were of concern and that the bollards would be removed shortly;
- there would be no reduction in the numbers of police community support officers this year and that Chief Superintendent Andy Bickley had been asked to brief all councillors on policing arrangements.

Councillor Wigen undertook to follow up Councillor Vincent's comments on air quality and would provide details to him when the areas of concern were known. He also undertook to follow up Councillor Williams' comments on a review of subsidised bus services. The services were all reviewed at least annually and when individual requests were received.

Agreed that Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan is adopted.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

124. **Motion on Notice No 20: Withdrawal of Bus Services**

Councillor Evans moved the following motion on notice for approval –

WITHDRAWAL OF BUS SERVICES

The Council notes with regret the effects of the withdrawal from service of the routes 46/7 and route 45.

The route 46/7 provided the only service from and to some bus stops; it also provided essential links between locations in Kings Tamerton, St Budeaux, West Park, Whiteleigh and other places. Passengers are now faced with walking longer distances than before; in some cases, people with disabilities have to walk further than they are able to manage.

The route 45 provided essential links between Cattedown, Coxside and the city centre; there is no alternative service.

The Council resolves to request the relevant portfolio holder to work with Citybus and other operators to restore some service to stops which now have no service and to restore links which have been severed, and to consider providing some financial support for whatever service can be restored.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

During the debate, the issues raised, included that –

- bus services were disappearing and creativity and involvement was required, with ward councillors to reintroduce the connections between communities;
- Councillor Wheeler had received a petition from Kings Tamerton community association with regard to the withdrawal of the 46/47 bus service. There was no longer a bus link to Derriford Hospital or St Budeaux square from Kings Tamerton. The petition would be presented to the CityBus Manager by Councillor Wheeler.

Councillor Wiggins (Cabinet Member for Transport) indicated that he would be willing to accept the motion. He also announced that a solution for the Merafield to Cattedown link bus service had been found and that the Council would be supporting a three month trial service, hopefully to be extended to one year.

Councillor Ball moved, and Councillor Monahan seconded, that the vote was taken. Following a vote, the motion was carried.

Councillor Evans summed up, regretting the end of the debate and sought clarity of when the bus service would start and at what times.

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried. It was Agreed that the relevant portfolio holder work with Citybus and other operators to restore some service to stops which now have no service and to restore links which have been severed, and to consider providing some financial support for whatever service can be restored.

(Councillors Mrs Foster, Martin Leaves, Sam Leaves and Vincent having declared interests, withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item).

125. **Motion on Notice No 21: Final Disposal of Waste: Alternative Treatment**

Councillor Wheeler moved the following motion on notice for approval, the City Council noting a typographical error in the motion circulated as indicated, in bold italics, below -

FINAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE: ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT

The Council notes the proposal by AAD (South West) to establish a plant at Lee Moor to process up to 75,000 tons of brown-bin commercial waste. The process involves autoclaving and anaerobic digestion and was the subject of an exhibition at Lee Moor on 1 and **2** ~~(12)~~ April.

It is understood that the gate fee is expected to be less than £80 per ton, the capital cost is some £9 million and the expected time of construction is less than 12 months from grant of planning permission.

This compares with MVV's gate fee which is understood to be in the region of £120 per ton with a capital cost of between £100 million and £200 million and a construction period of between 2 and 3 years from grant of planning permission. Firm figures have not been disclosed.

Apart for the financial benefits, the environmental benefits are very significant. There will be no emissions, either toxic or greenhouse. There will be no ash. Recyclates are recovered cleanly. The product of the digestion will be in demand for many years for land restoration at Lee Moor and it is hoped that the product will soon be suitable for agricultural use.

The Council resolves to request the South West Devon Waste Partnership to think again about its future waste disposal options, given the proposal by AAD (South West) to establish a waste processing plant at Lee Moor.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Evans who indicated that Wakefield Council had taken advantage of this solution.

During the debate, the issues raised, included that –

- the anticipated income for MVV would be reduced;
- the scheme would increase job opportunities in the construction industry, secure the naval base and eventually save the City Council £6m per year;
- in 2008, the three local authorities had signed a legally binding agreement and the outline business case had been agreed by Defra. The authorities would have been in breach of the joint working agreement if the scheme had not been approved and delaying approval would have resulted in the loss of pfi credits;
- if the motion was approved, there would be dire consequences for the business partnership, with the loss of heat and energy resources and potential challenge by MVV;
- residents were unhappy with the incinerator proposals and that the Council were urged to consider the alternative to ensure that all options had been explored;
- the scrutiny arrangements that had taken place;
- concerns could be debated as part of the planning process;
- the proposal by AAD had been looked at and that the plant was not large enough to deal with the waste from the city. There was also no certainty that the plant would proceed;
- the financial risks to the authority and its partners caused by the delay in restarting the process and breaching the contract with MVV;
- Councillor Mrs Pengelly had the responses to the ten most popular questions asked at the consultation events and would provide them to any councillor on request.

Following the debate, a request was received from ten councillors for a recorded vote, and there voted –

For the motion (16)

Councillors Bowie, Coker, Dann, Evans, Gordon, Haydon, Lowry, McDonald, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wildy, Williams and Wright.

Against the motion (33)

Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Berrow, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Brookshaw, Browne, Delbridge, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lock, Dr Mahony, Monahan, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Reynolds, Ricketts, Roberts, Dr Salter, Stark, Thompson, Mrs Watkins and Wogens.

Abstentions (1)

The Lord Mayor.

The following Members were absent (4)

Councillors Mrs Bragg, King, Rennie and Smith.

The motion was declared lost.

126. **PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES 2011/12**

Councillor Mrs Pengelly (Leader) presented the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and committees 2011/12, for approval. Councillor Fry seconded the proposal.

Agreed that the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and committees 2011/12 is approved.

127. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES etc**

The written report of the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance was submitted.

Agreed that –

(1) the following appointment was approved -

	Organisation	No of Members	Appointments / Nominations
(a)	Plymouth Community Homes	Four representatives: Councillors Dann, Fox, McDonald and Thompson.	Councillor Browne to replace Councillor Fox.

- (2) the following changes of Committee membership were noted, following notification to the Monitoring Officer –

	Committee	Change of Membership
(b)	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Browne has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.
(c)	Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Lock has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.
(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	Councillor Williams has replaced Councillor Stevens (suspended). nominated substitute: Councillor Delbridge is substitute for Councillor Ricketts (from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel).
(e)	Planning Committee	Councillor Fox has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens. Councillor Wildy has replaced Councillor Stevens (suspended).
(f)	Standards Committee	Councillor Mrs Bragg has replaced former Councillor Mrs Stephens.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

128. 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 –

From	To	Subject
Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Bowyer	Waste Incinerator: how will MVV react to not getting commercial waste and what will the position be when the contractor does not get the feedstock expected?

Councillor Bowyer responded that the question was speculative and that it would be inappropriate for him to speak on behalf of MVV. The company had a proven track record with proven technologies and were operating in this field.

129. **Forward Plan**

The Leader introduced the Forward Plan.

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

	From	To	Subject
1	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Michael Leaves	Sex Establishment Licensing Policy: as the consultation document states where it would not be appropriate to place sex establishments, all things taken into account, including vulnerability and density of population, would he not put a sex establishment in Union Street?
Councillor Michael Leaves could not give an assurance as the consultation period had ended on 31 March and officers were working up the results. He would then look at it.			
2	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Michael Leaves	Sex Establishment Licensing Policy: would he agree that he should talk with head teachers, governing bodies and community groups (for example Stonehouse Residents and action groups)?
Councillor Michael Leaves responded that he had consulted and referred to the list of consultees in the forward plan. He would consider the results of the consultation and could not pre-empt the consultation.			
3	Councillor Stark	Councillor Michael Leaves	Sex Establishment Licensing Policy: have the councillors for the area consulted him?

	Councillor Michael Leaves responded that they were on the list and would have been consulted. No councillors had come to him.		
4	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Michael Leaves	Sex Establishment Licensing Policy: has her written submission been received, which was submitted on 31 March?
	Councillor Michael Leaves responded that it would have gone to the officers.		
	At the conclusion of the item, Councillor Delbridge apologised for his behaviour during this item.		

130. **VOTE OF THANKS**

As this was the last City Council meeting before the Annual General Meeting, the Lord Mayor thanked all councillors and wished Councillor Brookshaw (Lord Mayor Designate) well next year.