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Monday 25 June 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor Wright, in the Chair.

Councillor Singh, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Browne, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Mrs Dolan, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, McDonald, Monahan, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins and Williams.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Sam Davey, Drean and Dr. Mahony

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 5.40 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.

9. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City Council held on 16 April 2012 and the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2012 are confirmed as a correct record.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the code of conduct in relation to items under consideration at the meeting –

Councillor	Minute	Reason	Interest
Councillor Coker	23	Employer has publically stated a wish to purchase part of the proposed site	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Lowry	24	Employee of Babcock International	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Nicholson	24	Employee of Babcock International	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor P Smith	24	Pensioner of Babcock International	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Jordan	25	War pensioner	Personal Interest
Councillor Mrs Beer	27	Employed by Devon and Cornwall Police	Prejudicial Interest
Councillor Stevens	27	Employed by Devon and Cornwall Police	Prejudicial Interest

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

The report of the Director for Corporate Services was submitted on current vacancies on committees, outside bodies etc. and changes to committees that have been made.

Agreed that the following changes notified to the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance are noted –

Committee, Outside Body etc	Membership
Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Ball replaces Councillor Wiggins
Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillors Wiggins replaces Councillor Ball
Police and Crime Panel (subject to approval at minute 27)	Councillor Penberthy and Councillor Williams
Plymouth Waterfront Partnership Board	Councillor Peter Smith replaces Councillor Evans
Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	Councillor Fox
Wolseley Trust	Councillor Tuohy

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(i) Welcome to New Councillors

The Lord Mayor welcomed the eight new Members of the City Council, elected on 3 May 2012, to their first meeting of the Council.

(ii) The Late Former Lord Mayor and Alderman Peter. N. Wood

The Lord Mayor informed Councillors of the death of a former Councillor, Lord Mayor and Alderman Peter Wood.

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

(iii) MJ Award for 'redefining quality in adult services'

The Lord Mayor congratulated Adult Social Care staff on winning the 'redefining quality in adult social care' and the MJ Awards on 21 June 2012. Councillors were informed that the judges had been particularly impressed with the vision, scale and ambition of the programme to transform the service and improve people's lives.

(iv) MJ achievement award - Legal Services

The Lord Mayor congratulated Legal Services who were commended by the Judges on the MJ Awards Panel. The award recognised and rewarded Plymouth City Council's Legal Services Department which demonstrated exceptional value for money for the Council in delivering a series of great contributions which made a long lasting and real difference to people, the local economy, the law and the legal profession.

(v) MJ achievement award - workforce transformation

The Lord Mayor congratulated the Human Resources and Organisations Development department who were commended by the Judges on the MJ Awards Panel. The award commended their approach to transform the workforce in response to the budget reductions the Council is facing.

(vi) Armed Forces

The Lord Mayor announced that the Armed Forces Week celebrations had begun in style earlier that day. The Armed Forces Day national event would take place in Plymouth on Saturday 30 June in the presence of His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex.

The site, on the Hoe would open at 9.30am and an exciting programme of events had been planned culminating in an aerial display from 5pm - the day will be closed by the Red Arrows.

(vii) Welcome to Interim Chief Executive

The Leader welcomed Bob Coomber, Interim Chief Executive to Plymouth City Council and updated Councillors on the recruitment process for the post of Chief Executive. Councillors were advised that there had been a strong field of applicants for the post and that interviews would take place on 10 July 2012.

(viii) Statement about the Councils New Objectives

The Leader updated Councillors, following the change of administration at the last election, on the plan for the Council's future. He advised Councillors that the new administration was committed to -

- (a) open government;
- (b) opening up decision making and getting people more involved;
- (c) encouraging civic pride;
- (d) becoming a cooperative council;
- (e) being a 'can-do' council which delivers the 100 pledges contained in Labour manifesto by the next election in 2014.

- (f) involving staff in the development of the Council and giving them a stake in the future of the Council
- (g) delivering growth.

The Leader assured Councillors that the vision for the City remained the vision for the Council.

(ix) Corporate Parenting Week

Councillor Williams advised Councillors that this week was ‘Corporate Parenting Week’ and encouraged all Councillors to attend the Corporate Parent training as well as the information event which would take place in the Guildhall on 27 June 2012.

13. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

One question had been received from a member of the public in relation to a matter which in the opinion of the Lord Mayor, was relevant to the business of the meeting, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Constitution

Question No	Question By	Relevant Member	Cabinet	Subject
I (12/13)	Mr F Sharpe	Councillor P Smith		Plymstock Swimming Pool
Please could it be disclosed when Plymstock residents were consulted by the City Council regarding having a possible Plymstock Swimming Pool connected to Sherford?				
<p>Response</p> <p>1) The local planning policy document for this area clearly sets out the need for Sherford to provide a Sports Hub north of Elburton incorporating a swimming pool and the policy document was the subject of extensive public consultations for three years between 2005 and 2007 during which a range of public comments were carefully considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local planning policy is the North Plymstock Area Action Plan and the issues and Options public consultation on the required planning policies for the area took place between the 7th March and 18th April 2005. • Having considered public comments the next stage was to invite public comment on the Preferred Options version This took place in the period July- September 2005. The result of the public response to the question relating to the possible provision of the sports centre/swimming pool, outdoor pitches etc here to meet needs of Sherford residents and to offset any loss of playing field land due to 				

transport proposals was 20% Strongly agree, 6% agree, 59% nil response or no opinion, 4% disagree and 11% strongly disagree.

- An Elburton Edge public presentation and exhibition took place on 19th May 2006 and the public consultation on the Action Plan ran for a period of 6 weeks from 22 August and ending on 3 October 2006.
- The planning policy was adopted in August 2007, following public examination. Hearings held on the 13 February and 28 March 2007.

It is evident that the local planning policy was adopted following consideration of public opinion and following extensive public consultations.

2) The planning applications for the development of this area with a Sports Hub north of Elburton incorporating a swimming pool was the subject of extensive public consultations for five years between 2006 and 2011 during which a range of public comments were carefully considered by the relevant Planning Committees.

- The planning applications for the Sherford development submitted in 2006 reflected the need for the Sports Hub north of Elburton. All the statutory publicity and public notices required for an application accompanied by an Environmental Statement were carried out in association with the two local planning authorities (SHDC and PCC). In addition 3 local public exhibitions on the applications were held in October 2007.
- In 2008/2009/2012 The applicant's submitted additional information and these were the subject of public consultation and comment. The Planning Committees of both authorities considered the public views and the merits of the planning applications in 2008 and 2009. The PCC Planning Committee again met to consider the latest situation in March 2012 when the views of local people were again considered together with those of consultees (the report is available to see on the PCC planning website for 06/02036).
- The Planning Committees of the two local planning authorities (together with Devon County Council) have agreed the framework for a possible legal agreement –a Section 106 Agreement. The required S106 would ensure (amongst other things) that there would be the phased delivery of community facilities including the sports centre (of a minimum of 2,140 square metres) north of Elburton and this would incorporate a 4 lane heated swimming pool.

It is evident that the Planning Committee's decision was made following consideration of public opinion and following extensive public consultations.

In the absence of the questioner, the question and response were circulated and a written response would be sent to Mr Sharpe.

14. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012 - 2016**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) submitted the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012-2016 and recommended its adoption to Council (Cabinet minute 14, referred).

The motion was seconded by Councillor Evans.

Agreed to adopt the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012-2016

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

Councillor Vincent (Cabinet Member for Environment) submitted the report on the Derriford and Seaton Area Action Plan and recommended its adoption to Council.

Councillor Evans seconded the motion.

Following a request by 10 Members for a recorded vote, there voted –

For the motion (29)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Casey, Coker, Damarell, Philippa Davey, Evans, Fox, Gordon, Haydon, Jarvis, Lowry, McDonald, Murphy, Nelder, Parker, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Williams.

Against the motion (0)

Abstentions(24)

Councillors Ball, Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Browne, Churchill, Darcy, Mrs Dolan, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Monahan, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Dr Salter, Stark, Wogens.

Not voting (1)

The Lord Mayor

Agreed to –

(1) the Derriford and Seaton Area Action Plan Revised Pre-Submission draft is approved, for consultation purposes subject to the following amendments (in italics);

1. b) The total amount of retail development to be provided on this site by 2016 will *ultimately grow to around 8,500 sq m (net) floorspace. This floorspace will comprise:*

i) *a large food store in the order of 7,000 sq m (gross) floorspace. The*

food store should include convenience floorspace and a proportionate area of comparison floorspace and should have a net convenience floorspace of at least 2,500 sq m (net) and

ii) a range of retail units of varying sizes, including a mix of retail uses and creating a High Street form of development

a) initial development, by 2016, would provide for one new food store, together with a level of comparison goods floorspace associated with a modest scale District Centre, of a total of some 8,500 sq m (net) floorspace. The food store needs to be of a scale which attracts main food shopping trips and should comprise elements of convenience and comparison floorspace. It should have a net convenience floorspace of at least 2,500 sq m and could have an equivalent amount of comparison floorspace, leading to a gross floorspace of around 7,000 sq m. This form of store will therefore have a mix of floorspace which is similar to that found in other district centres in the north of Plymouth. The initial development should also provide for a range of retail units creating a mix of retail uses. In total, some 5,000 sq m (net) comparison floorspace could be created, but the final mix will be dependent on detailed masterplanning and delivery of the centre.'

- (2) delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, to agree the final pre-submission format of the Area Action Plan;
- (3) delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment to agree minor amendments to the Area Action Plan in response to the consultation process (with any major amendments being referred back to the City Council for approval);
- (4) instruct the Assistant Director for Planning to formally submit the Area Action Plan to the Secretary of State after completion of the consultation process.

16. **Capital Investment Delivery for University Technical College**

Councillor Evans submitted a report on Capital Investment Delivery for University Technical College (UTC) and recommended its adoption to Council (Cabinet minute 12 referred).

Councillor Sam Leaves seconded the motion.

During the debate, Councillor Sam Leaves thanked Bronwen Lacey, former Director for Children's Services for her work on the project.

Agreed that a sum of £7.9 million be placed into the capital programme for the delivery of the University Technical College on the former Parkside School Site.

17. **Community Covenant**

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Community Development) submitted a report on Community Covenant and recommended its adoption to Council. (Cabinet minute 7 referred).

Agreed unanimously to sign the Community Covenant contained within the report.

18. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no motions on notice.

19. **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Community Development) presented the report of the Director for People and recommended the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel to Council.

During the debate, Councillor Mrs Pengelly asked Councillor Penberthy whether or not an agreement on the constitution of the panel had been reached with Torbay Council since the report had been written. Councillor Penberthy advised that, to date, the situation remained unresolved. A rep from The Local Government Association would be present at the first meeting and would provide advice on reaching a resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Evans

Agreed –

- (1) the panel composition as set out in the report;
- (2) to offer to be the 'host authority' for the Panel for the first year and review the position on this in March in 2013;
- (3) Appoint Council representatives to panel as specified under minute 11;
- (4) To note the draft 'panel arrangements and rules of procedure' and delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Cooperatives and Community Development to agree any amendments;
- (5) To amend the Council's constitution to include the addition of the Police and Crime Panel as Joint Committee;
- (6) Pay and allowance of £920 to members of the panel for the first year (in line with the requirements of the home office);
- (7) To pay the two independent members travel, subsistence and the carers' allowance in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

(i) **Web casting and use of mobile phones and electronic communication devices**

Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader) presented the report of the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance on webcasting and the use of mobile phones and electronic communication devices and recommended its adoption.

Councillor Williams seconded the motion.

During the debate Councillor Martin Leaves proposed an amendment to the recommendations as follows –

Remove full stop at end of sentence and add following ‘but also to include a replacement of the sound system in the Council Chamber and the installation of an adequate sound system in all Committee rooms’.

Add a third recommendation – 3) that scrutiny is given the opportunity to scrutinise the proposals brought forward before any firm decision is taken regarding recommendations 1 and 2 above.

Councillor Monahan seconded the amendment.

Following a request by 10 Members for a recorded vote on the amendment, there voted –

For the motion (24)

Councillors Ball, Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Browne, Churchill, Darcy, Mrs Dolan, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Monahan, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Dr Salter, Stark, Wigens.

Against the motion (29)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Casey, Coker, Damarell, Philippa Davey, Evans, Fox, Gordon, Haydon, Jarvis, Lowry, McDonald, Murphy, Nelder, Parker, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Williams.

Abstentions (0)

Not voting (1)

The Lord Mayor

The amendment was declared lost.

The original proposal was then put to the vote.

Agreed –

- (1) the webcasting of meetings in the Council Chamber, initially as a pilot for one year;
- (2) Permit the use of mobile phones/electronic communication devices at meetings in silent mode, unless the person presiding at the meeting rules (with reasons) that the use of such devices is not conducive to the proper running of the meeting. Further, that all calls or voice messages must be made or taken outside of the meeting room.

(ii) Increasing opportunities for local suppliers

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the report of the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance on increasing opportunities for local suppliers and recommended the proposal contained within the report to Council.

Councillor McDonald seconded the motion.

During the debate Councillor Mike Leaves made a request that the tendering process should be reviewed. Councillor Lowry assured Councillor Mike Leaves that his request would be given consideration.

Agreed to widen access for local suppliers to its low value/low risk contracts by increasing the contract value to £100,000 and requiring two written quotations from a local supplier, rather than one. The Contract Standing Order 17.1 would therefore be amended as set out in the report.

(iii) Constitutional changes relating to Standards

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance presented the report on constitutional changes relating to Standards and Councillor Evans proposed the recommendations contained within the report to Council.

Councillor Smith seconded the motion.

Agreed that in respect of the Council standards regime, pending the creation of a locally created scheme -

- (1) the Council's Standards Committee is replaced with an informal standards advisory group of six members with three members from each political group;
- (2) the present code of conduct as amended is maintained as an interim measure from 1 July 2012;

- (3) the post of independent person be advertised (with no remuneration) with consideration being given to appointing a monitoring officer from an authority within Devon or Cornwall on a reciprocal basis;
- (4) the Monitoring Officer be instructed to draft a revised code of conduct in consultation with the constitution review group and group chief whips.

(iv) The Leader's Scheme of Delegation for Executive Functions

The Leaders Scheme of Delegation for Executive Functions was noted.

21. **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

In accordance with Part B, paragraph 12 of the Constitution, the following questions were asked of the Leader, Cabinet members and Committee Chairs covering aspects for their area of responsibility –

	From	To	Subject
1	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Councillor Vincent	Please update the Council about the bid for QE2 park and the protection offered by Jubilee Status?
	Councillor Vincent had requested a meeting with officers to discuss this important issue. He was aware that it was a complex project and wanted to ensure that members of that public could gain maximum benefit.		
2	Councillor Fry	Councillor Vincent	Please update the Council on your position with regard to supporting the South West Devon Waste Partnership.
	Councillor Vincent advised that the Partnership would be supported in the best way possible. No further comment would be made due to the fact that the decision was currently being considered by the courts.		
3	Councillor Mike Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Do you intend to continue to provide a new MRF facility for 2014? Where is the funding for the project coming from?
	Councillor Vincent advised that he had spoken to officers on the matter and was currently awaiting final proposals. Councillors would be kept fully informed of progress.		
4	Councillor Sam Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Would the glass recycling doorstep collection continue and where would the funding come from?
	Councillor Vincent advised that the pilot would continue and that like all pilot projects the outcome will be reviewed and if successful enough would continue and be extended. Councillor Vincent undertook to provide Councillor Sam Leaves with information on how the project had been funded.		
5	Councillor	Councillor	Are the new refuse vehicles working well and

	Jordan	Vincent	providing good value to the public? Where has the funding for these vehicles come from?
	Councillor Vincent advised that he had received no feedback to say that the vehicles were not working. Councillor Vincent reminded Councillor Jordan that he was sure he would know about the finances due to his previous position on the Cabinet.		
6	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Vincent	Do you intend to continue the refurbishment of West Hoe Pier? Where is the funding coming from?
	Yes, work has already started on the pier and will progress. The project was funded as part of the Capital Programme.		
7	Councillor Mrs Nelder	Councillor Coker	Please update the Council on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Order preventing a left turn from Laira Bridge Road into Heles Terrace which has been causing problems for residents since the road layout had changed in September.
	Councillor Coker advised that a delegated decision would be signed later that week. Officers had been tasked to investigate the situation and that Councillor Nelder would receive a full written report on the process so far.		
8	Councillor Churchill	Councillor Vincent	Please provide assurance that the waste project team would be recognised for their awards at the next meeting of full council.
	Councillor Vincent provided assurance that the recognition would be given at the next meeting of the City Council.		
9	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Lowry	Would Councillor Lowry accept that the revenue savings that resulted from the invest to save projects funded by the Sale of Plymouth CityBus were helping to deliver this current year's budget.
	Councillor Lowry advised that the sale of CityBus receipts make up a small element of the Councils capital programme and there was £117million that could be used as a more efficient way of delivering services than selling off our assets. The Councils Capital Programme was under review in light of the new administrations priorities and manifesto commitments.		
10	Councillor Sam Leaves	Councillor Evans	Given the importance of the Child Poverty agenda. Why does the Leaders Scheme of Delegation for Executive Functions contain no reference to Child Poverty?
	The Leader advised that there was no delegation to any individual cabinet member because all Cabinet Members have that responsibility. Child poverty would be considered as part of everything put before the Cabinet and as such, regardless of which Cabinet Member, Child Poverty would appear on all future reports.		
11	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Coker	Why was your proposed bus lane for Outland Road not in your manifesto?
	Councillor Coker advised that it is in the Local Transport Plan 3. The focus for the A386 was to provide enhancements for all transport modes with the emphasis on improving journey times and reliability.		

12	Councillor Mrs Beer	Councillor Murphy	What are your plans to scrutinise the accommodation strategy and what will your priorities be?
	Councillor Murphy advised that there had not yet been a meeting and it was too early to confirm priorities at this stage.		
13	Councillor Bowyer	Councillor Vincent	Do you recognise that your role as a Cabinet member setting planning policy conflicts with your role as a member off the planning committee where you determine policy
	Councillor Vincent advised that he had been concerned when offered the two appointments and sought clarification on the matter from Legal Services and was advised that it was in order.		
14	Councillor Jordan	Councillor P Smith	Which libraries would be closed in order to balance the Budget?
	Councillor advised that the Labour Party Manifesto gave a commitment that no libraries would be closed. A consultation had been launched that day in advance of a full review of the Library Service to see where is can be improved.		
15	Councillor Sam Leaves	Councillor Williams	What are your views in free schools in the City. Should the Council be encouraging the take up of free schools.
	Councillor Williams advised that there were proposals for two free schools in the City which would address the need for school places. The Council should be looking co-operatively with our partners to provide education and a paper would be coming to Council which addresses educational provision across the City.		
16	Councillor Churchill	Councillor Coker	Please explain why new signs have been provided in some area's of the City but not others?
	Councillor Coker advised that since speaking to Councillor Churchill, he had followed the matter up and that the signs had been refused as they were – Highway Maintained at Public Expense. Following the co-operative approach, Councillor Penberthy could purchase the signs using the community grant fund should he so wish. Councillor Coker undertook to find out where the sign on Weston Mill came from and to provide Councillor Churchill with a full report on the matter.		
17	Councillor Mike Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Was Councillor Vincent aware of the Central Park Area Action Plan and the £12million due to be spent over the next 12 years?
	Councillor Vincent advised that the park would be landscaped in a tasteful way and include avenues of trees which enhanced the area and suited the Victorian aspect of the park.		
18	Councillor Pengelly	Councillor Vincent	Is the landscaping work part of the bid for QE2 status. Will you come back to the next Council meeting and update Council on the progress you have made on this as this is a time limited project.
	Councillor Vincent advised that the landscaping was part of the Area Action Plan at this stage. A site visit would be undertaken in order to plan the way		

	forward. Councillor Vincent undertook to keep Councillors updated on progress.		
19	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Vincent	When the site visit take place would Ward Councillors be invited and did Councillor Vincent support the Plymouth Partnership who want to plant more trees at the back of Argyle?
	Councillor Vincent advised that he would invite Ward Councillors if there was a need to do so but highlighted that Central Park was for the whole City not the Peverell Ward. Councillor Vincent expressed that he would be pleased to meet with any of the organisations involved there.		
20	Councillor Mike Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Was Councillor Vincent ready to sign the bid to make Central Park a QE2 park?
	Councillor Vincent advised that he would undertake a site visit with officers He felt that it was important to work with officers and make the right decision on what should happen there.		
21	Councillor Stark	Councillor Vincent	Please update Council on plans for tree maintenance.
	Councillor Vincent advised that a programme of works was in the process of being drawn up. 75 trees over and above the number normally maintained would be maintained between now and the end of the year.		
22	Councillor Fry	Councillor Vincent	Please clarify the difference between the Area Action Plan agreed by Council and the concept of a jubilee park?
	Councillor Vincent advised that he did understand the difference but felt it important to speak to officers to allow him to make informed decisions.		

22. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.