

CITY COUNCIL
Agenda item 6 - QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
Q6/ 14-15	Sarah Car	Councillor Evans (Council Leader)	Tombstoning at the Hoe
<p>As a mum of a child that tombstones will the Leader of the Council listen to the kids and the parents and consider supporting the campaign to bring back the Plymouth Hoe diving boards to give kids back somewhere to use instead of dangerous jumping off the rocks.</p> <p><i>Response under preparation</i></p> <p>The Council is very aware of the problem of tombstoning on the waterfront and has been actively working with the police to address it.</p> <p>This has included putting in place dispersal orders which gives the police the powers to stop it when they see it happening.</p> <p>It is important that parents do whatever they can to dissuade their children from this dangerous activity. The Council and its partners can provide support to help children understand the dangers and we would be happy to speak to Ms Car if she would like this support.</p> <p>The diving boards on the Hoe were removed for safety reasons in February 2010.</p> <p>Tombstoning happened in Plymouth long before the removal of the diving boards so it is unlikely that a new one would stop the problem. However, if there is a community group or commercial organisation interested in installing and managing a new board in a sustainable and safe way, we would support them by making land available to them at no cost.</p> <p>This can be done through our Plymouth Your Space scheme, which is an initiative which unlocks vacant and unused space in the city to enable people to run start-up businesses or community projects from.</p> <p>Plymouth Your Space will provide advice and guidance to any organisation that submits a proposal to install and run a new diving board. Anyone interested in exploring this opportunity should visit the Your Space website: www.visitplymouth.co.uk/your-space</p>			