

# City Council

Monday 24 November 2014

## PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Fox, in the Chair.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Murphy, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Downie, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Dr. Salter, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Sparling, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent and Wheeler.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), David Shepperd (Head of Legal Services and Acting Monitoring Officer), Judith Shore (Democratic and Members Services Manager) and Nicola Kirby (Senior Democratic Support Officer (Cabinet)).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Ricketts, Storer and Wigans.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 7.00 pm.

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## 36. ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Agreed that the usual order of business is changed to that set out in the Council agenda, so that the Lord Mayor's announcements can be heard at the start of the meeting.

## 37. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor –

- (a) **The commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the amalgamation of the three towns: East Stonehouse, Devonport and Plymouth.**

reported that the City Council meeting had been held at Devonport Guildhall to mark the 100th anniversary. The photograph of Plymouth Freemen and Alderman which had been taken before the Council meeting, had been organised to replicate the photograph taken outside Devonport Guildhall in c.1914. He also advised that he was wearing the Devonport Chain of Office and the Devonport Mace was in place at the meeting and, at his invitation, the Mace Bearer provided further details on the Civic Regalia to the meeting.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Mike Sullivan, Plymouth's poet laureate read a poem that he had written to commemorate the centenary.

**(b) The Royal Navy Partnership Agreement.**

welcomed Commodore Little (Naval Base Commander), Commodore Farrington (Commander Devonport Flotilla) and Brigadier Stickland (Commanding Officer of 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines) to the meeting for the signing of the agreement which was key to the city's success.

Following the signing of the agreement, Commodore Little responded that the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines had an historic relationship with Devonport. The relationship with Plymouth had been strengthened in recent years and he was keen to promote Plymouth's Ocean City and to develop and promote youth, veterans and serving members of the forces.

Commodores Little and Farrington and Brigadier Stickland left the meeting.

**(c) Former Councillor Valerie Burns**

referred to the recent death of former Councillor Valerie Burns on 16 November 2014 and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect;

**(d) Illuminate 2014**

referred to the launch of the official countdown to Mayflower 400 – the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower in 2020 – with Plymouth's Illuminate 2014 event held the previous week. He advised that a similar event was held in Plymouth Massachusetts and footage from the city's event was shown there. He thanked everyone involved in the project especially the Mayflower Project Manager, Cathryn Baldanza, and the Mayflower 400 Leadership Team.

The Council was informed that all the destinations along the Mayflower trail (representing the original Pilgrim's journey) would sign the Mayflower Compact and commit to work collaboratively together towards 2020.

**(e) Urbanism Awards - Devonport**

informed the Council that Devonport was a finalist in the international Academy of Urbanism Awards and had been chosen as an example of regeneration best practice in the 'Great Neighbourhood Award category'.

**(f) Plymouth Energy Community Renewables**

referred to the shortlisting of Plymouth Energy Community Renewables as an investee (with Ethex as investor) for the Investment Deal of the Year which recognised contributions towards the growth of social enterprises or the development of the movement as a whole. Both the investee and investor were being recognised and the winners would be announced on 26 November 2014. The Council wished them success.

(g) **Customer Service Excellence award – Sports Development Unit**

reported that the Sports Development Unit had maintained their Customer Service Excellence award in recognition of their high standard of customer service and their commitment to continuous improvement.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the Sports Development Unit and presented the award to Louise Kelley (Sports Development Manager), Martin Lees (Community Sports Manager), Barry Mountstevens (Sports Development Coordinator), Nyrene Dudley (Sport and Recreation Assistant) and Paul Johnson (Sport and Recreation Assistant) who were representing the unit.

38. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the special and ordinary meetings of the City Council held on 15 September 2014.

39. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

David Shepperd (Head of Legal Services) reported that some councillors had private interests in agenda item 14 (minute 49 referred), as members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and that it was not necessary to make individual declarations in relation to that item.

There were no other declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

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

The report of the Head of Legal Services was submitted.

Agreed that –

(1) the following appointments are approved -

	<b>Committees and Other Bodies</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Appointments 2014/15</b>
(a)	Fostering Panel	One councillor. Councillor Stark has resigned from the panel.	Councillor Mrs Aspinall
(b)	Board of Four Greens Community Trust CIC	Two councillors. New appointments.	Councillors Downie and Jon Taylor

(c)	Board of Trustees of the Plymouth Drake Foundation – The Community Charity	Two councillors New appointments.	Councillors Drean and Penberthy
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(2) the following changes notified to the Head of Legal Services are noted -

	<b>Committee, Outside Body etc</b>	<b>Membership</b>
(d)	Planning Committee	Councillor Sam Davey to replace Councillor Wheeler
(e)	Co-operative Scrutiny Board	Councillor Parker Delaz Ajete to replace Councillor Jon Taylor
(f)	Caring Plymouth Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Mrs Nelder to replace Councillor Jon Taylor
(g)	Working Plymouth Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Jarvis to replace Councillor Mrs Nelder
(h)	Transformation Advisory Group	Councillor Sam Davey to replace Councillor Lowry
(i)	Mount Edgcombe Joint Committee	Councillor Sparling to replace Councillor McDonald and Councillor John Smith appointed as a substitute member

## 41. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Leader -

#### (a) **David Mackay**

referred to the recent death of David Mackay and paid tribute to him for the significant role he had played in shaping the Master Plan for Plymouth in 2005.

The Council joined with the Leader in sending condolences to David's family and colleagues.

#### (b) **Rail Connectivity and Investment**

advised the Council of the actions and progress which had been taken since the Council Motion on Notice on 24 February 2014 which called upon the Prime Minister to expedite the study into the delivery of a fast and resilient additional rail connection to the south west and Plymouth including –

- lobbying for £7.6 billion investment to deliver a south west railway;
- campaigning for faster journey times, better connectivity, sufficient capacity and comfort on journeys;
- the expansion of the Devon metro network to provide new local rail connections to Exeter and Plymouth;
- meetings with the Secretary of State for Transport, Members of Parliament;
- evidence to the Parliamentary Transport Select Committee.

Councillors were assured that the Council would continue to keep this pressure up.

(c) **Plan for Jobs**

thanked all the businesses, city partners and members of the community for helping the Council to achieve the 2,000 job creation target in only 18 months. Special mention was made of the 1000 Club which had led to over 1000 young people getting work.

He also thanked the teams that have worked to ensure the plan has delivered: the Economy Enterprise and Employment, Planning and Housing Delivery, Land and Property and the Procurement Teams; and the Jobs Task Force, Plymouth Growth Board, partners including the University and City College and individual businesses.

**Councillor Tuffin** referred to the **new standards for home care in Plymouth** and made particular reference to the work with the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group to improve standards in domiciliary care. He thanked and congratulated the Joint Commissioning Team on their work.

**Councillor Penberthy** referred to the **Plan for Homes** and indicated that progress would be reported to the Working Plymouth Scrutiny Panel shortly. He announced that the affordable housing loans facility was now available and that applications would be welcomed from registered providers, partners, housing co-operatives and the community land trust to support affordable homes in Plymouth.

42. **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

One question was submitted by a member of the public for this meeting, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution.

Alderman Bishop attended the meeting and asked his question.

Councillor Coker responded as set out below (which had been amended from the response printed in the order of proceedings for the meeting) -

<b>Question No</b>	<b>Question By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>
(14/15)	Alderman Robert Bishop	Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Transport	Bus Clearway at Pemros Road
<p>Can you please tell me when the Bus Clearway at the bottom of Pemros Road, St Budeaux will installed?</p> <p>It was agreed over twelve months ago following consultation with residents. I am advised that it is on the priority list but there is still no sign of any action.</p>			
<p><b>Response</b></p> <p>Councillor Wheeler recently brought the outstanding Bus Stop Clearway to my attention, he re stressed the importance of restricting parking at this bus stop to enable buses to pull up to the kerb to offer improved accessibility for passengers.</p> <p>I am pleased to say that this situation has been rectified and the bus clearway has been put in and is complete and I thank Councillor Wheeler and Alderman Bishop for their help in this matter and bringing it to my attention.</p>			

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET, CO-OPERATIVE SCRUTINY BOARD AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

### 43. **Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee: Bridge Office Development**

Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Transport) presented the Tamar Bridge Office development proposal for addition to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's capital programme. (Cabinet minute 57 refers). Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal.

Councillor Evans proposed and Councillor Stevens seconded the following amendment -

**'To number the following recommendation -**

- (1) Tamar Bridge Office Development is added to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's capital programme with a budget of £3.33million;

**And add -**

- (2) It is noted that -
  - (i) the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry are jointly owned by the two local authorities of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council;
  - (ii) the bridge and ferries are operated as a single business which is self-financing;

- (iii) without toll income to fund the operation, approximately £10million revenue funding would be required annually (based on 2013/14 figures) which could require at least a ten per cent increase in Council Tax.'

Councillor Coker indicated that he was happy to accept the amendment as the suggestion to remove tolls which had been made in the press by a UKIP Parliamentary Candidate would require an alternative source of income to be found.

Following a request from ten councillors for a recorded vote, the vote was –

For the motion (50)

*Councillors Mrs Aspinall , Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, P. Davey , S Davey , Downie, Drean, Evans, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker Delaz Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Dr Salter, Singh, J. Smith, P. Smith, Sparling, Stark, Stevens, J. Taylor, K. Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent and Wheeler.*

Against the motion (0)

Abstentions (4)

*Councillors Mrs Bridgeman, Casey and Riley.  
The Lord Mayor did not vote.*

The following members were absent (3)

*Councillors Ricketts, Storer and Wiggins.*

The amendment was agreed.

Councillor Coker summed up on the substantive motion and following a request from ten councillors for a recorded vote, the vote was –

For the motion (51)

*Councillors Mrs Aspinall , Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Casey, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, P. Davey , S Davey , Downie, Drean, Evans, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker Delaz Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Dr Salter, Singh, J. Smith, P. Smith, Sparling, Stark, Stevens, J. Taylor, K. Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent and Wheeler.*

Against the motion (0)

Abstentions (3)

*Councillors Mrs Bridgeman and Riley.  
The Lord Mayor did not vote.*

The following members were absent (3)

*Councillors Ricketts, Storer and Wigans.*

The motion as amended was carried and it was Agreed that –

- (1) Tamar Bridge Office Development is added to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's capital programme with a budget of £3.33million;
- (2) it is noted that –
  - (a) the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry are jointly owned by the two local authorities of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council;
  - (b) the bridge and ferries are operated as a single business which is self-financing;
  - (c) without toll income to fund the operation, approximately £10million revenue funding would be required annually (based on 2013/14 figures) which could require at least a ten per cent increase in Council Tax.

#### 44. **Capital and Revenue Monitoring 2014/15**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report 2014/15 (Cabinet minute 71 referred) and proposed the revised capital budget for 2014 – 2018 for approval.

Councillor Tuffin seconded the proposal.

Councillor Bowyer asked Councillor Lowry to consider a master plan for the next six months to address the budget gap and Councillor Lowry drew councillors' attention to the action plan that was included within the Cabinet report.

The report was noted.

Agreed the revised capital budget for 2014 – 18 of £210.154m.

#### 45. **Annual Scrutiny Report 2013/14**

Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) presented the Annual Scrutiny Report 2013/14 (Co-operative Scrutiny Board minute 57 referred) and thanked chairs, members and co-optees of the panels. He also referred to the contribution made by Councillor Mrs Aspinall and thanked her for her work.

Councillor Mrs Aspinall responded and also thanked all the scrutineers.

The Annual Scrutiny Report 2013/14 was noted.



46. **Revised Terms of Reference for Overview and Scrutiny**

Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) presented the revised terms of reference for overview and scrutiny for approval (Co-operative Scrutiny Board minute 70 referred) and indicated that they would enable the board and the panels to be more efficient and effective with a focus on transformation. Councillor Mrs Aspinall seconded the proposal.

Agreed the new terms of reference for the Co-operative Scrutiny Board and the co-operative scrutiny panels and incorporate them into the constitution.

47. **Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2013/14**

Councillor Wheeler (Chair of the Audit Committee) presented the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2013/14 (Audit Committee minute 26 referred) which required Council approval in accordance with the Code of Practice for Treasury Management. He also referred to the table on Incremental Impact of Capital Investment Decisions (page 101 of the agenda papers referred) and reported there was a typographical error in the heading which should be amended from '£m' to '£'.

The Annual Report was noted, with the amendment.

48. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no motions for consideration.

49. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 2014 - EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS**

Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) proposed and Councillor Lowry seconded the recommendations in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on employer discretions following the introduction of the new Local Government Scheme Regulations (Local Government Pension Scheme) 2014 on 1 April 2014.

Councillor Bowyer sought clarification of the position of councillors' interests as members of the scheme and the Lord Mayor indicated that the matter had been dealt with at the beginning of the meeting and that no individual declarations were necessary.

Agreed the recommended discretions as they apply to current scheme members, employees eligible for scheme membership or previous scheme members and to endorse the following policy documents and guide as submitted, to give effect to the changes set out in the report

- Plymouth City Council Discretions under the Local Government Pensions Scheme Regulations
- Early Retirement Discretionary Pensions Arrangements Policy
- Flexible Retirement Guide

50. **REVISION TO CABINET MEMBERSHIP 2014/15 AND LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) presented his revision to the Cabinet Membership and the Leader's Scheme of Delegation and welcomed Councillor Jon Taylor to the Cabinet.

The report was noted.

51. **KEY DECISION FINANCIAL THRESHOLD FOR SAVINGS**

Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) proposed and Councillor Stevens seconded the recommendations in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the key decision financial threshold for savings. The Council was advised that the proposals had been approved by the Constitutional Review Group and Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) and Cabinet Members had also been consulted.

Agreed to –

- (1) increase the key decision threshold in relation to savings from £500,000 to £1 million (unless the saving has a material impact upon service provision such as a significant change or a cessation of service delivery and associated staff redundancies or a significant impact on customers);
- (2) amend the Council's constitution accordingly.

52. **FILMING, PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) proposed and Councillor Stevens seconded the recommendations in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on filming, photography, recording and use of social media at public meetings of the Council.

Councillor Darcy moved the following amendment –

'The protocol on filming, photography, recording and use of social media at public meetings of the Council should return to the Constitutional Review Group for further consideration.

The proposed protocol, in parts, is beyond the scope of current legislation and Home Office guidance. Furthermore the protocol, in parts, is lacking sufficient detail.'

David Shepperd (Head of Legal Services) clarified the amendment indicating that the first paragraph would replace recommendations (1) and (2) and the second paragraph was the reason for the amendment. This was agreed by Councillor Darcy.

In response to a point of order by Councillor Stevens, he also confirmed that he was satisfied that the report considered by the Constitution Review Group was a lawful report.

Councillor Darcy reported that he was moving the amendment because he felt that there was not enough detail in front of councillors in order to make a decision particularly in relation to the timeframe, officer contact details, and the use of mobile devices by officers. He also referred to Home Office Guidance which indicated that no permission was required for filming.

Councillor Jordan seconded the amendment.

During the debate, the issues raised included that -

- (a) no permission or vetting had been suggested in the protocol;
- (b) if the protocol was not approved by the Council, a protocol would not be in place until the next meeting in January 2015;
- (c) councillors could have raised issues with the Chair of the Constitutional Review Group;
- (d) the Constitutional Review Group was not a public meeting and there were no public minutes of the meeting;
- (e) footage and photographs could be altered and used against individuals;
- (f) the proposal promoted openness and transparency;
- (g) legislation permitted a councillor to take a photograph of another councillor at a meeting.

Following a vote, the amendment was not agreed.

During the debate on the main motion, the issues raised included that -

- (i) no-one had approached the Chair of the Constitutional Review Group (CRG) with any issues on the protocol;
- (j) councillors had not had access to the minutes of the CRG;
- (k) the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the CRG and supported the proposals;
- (l) the members of the CRG had not had access to the Home Office Guidance at the meeting.

Following a vote, Agreed to –

- (1) approve the protocol on filming, photography, recording and the use of social media at meetings of the Council; and
- (2) include the protocol in Part G (Codes and Protocols) of the Council's constitution

53. **SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE PEOPLE DIRECTORATE AND DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

The Chief Executive introduced her joint report with the Strategic Director for People on the senior management restructure People Directorate and designation of Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer.

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) proposed and Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) seconded the recommendations in the report.

Agreed to –

- (1) approve the proposals for changes to the People Directorate's organisational structure;
- (2) note the outline timetable implementing the changes;
- (3) establish an Appointments Panel with delegated authority to consider any further responses from the collective and individual consultation undertaken; approve the role profiles of the new positions; agree how the roles will be selected; make appointments to Chief or Deputy Chief Officer roles as appropriate and agree the dismissal of any Chief Officer by means of redundancy subject to the Council's redundancy policy;
- (4) establish an Appeal Panel with delegated authority for hearing and considering any appeals against any potential Chief Officer redundancies;
- (5) delegate to the Strategic Director for People the function of appointing and dismissing the new post of Head of Commissioning and Head of Housing who will report directly to the Strategic Director for People given the nature and responsibility of these posts;
- (6) note the appointment of Lesa Annear as Strategic Director for Transformation and Change and the interim arrangements that have been put in place pending her arrival in the New Year;
- (7) confirm the designation of the Assistant Director for Finance, as the Council's officer responsible for the administration of its financial affairs in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 in light of the changes created by the senior management restructure; and
- (8) formally designate the Head of Legal Services as the Council's Monitoring Officer with immediate effect. (The Head of Legal Services has been acting as Monitoring Officer since March 2014).

54. **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

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

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Councillor Mike Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Could you confirm that you will continue to collect refuse from the rear of properties as currently done now and that you or senior officers have not given instructions to drivers or employees to change the arrangements?
	Response: Councillor Vincent responded that waste collection was being reviewed and that there may be instances where that may not be possible. The preferred option was to maintain the service but that he was awaiting a report following the review.		
2	Councillor Jordan	Councillor McDonald	How long should it take to pay funding grants to nurseries and was it acceptable that they were being paid two or three weeks later than they should be and were putting organisations under undue pressure, risking people's jobs and the safety of children?
	Response: Councillor McDonald responded that she did not know how long it took. She was concerned if safety was being compromised and would welcome specific examples from Councillor Jordan if the timing of payments was causing safety issues for children.		
3	Councillor Dr Mahony	Councillor Coker	Was it reasonable that items agreed to be implemented from the Living Streets Budget on 18 June, had not yet been costed and why did it take so long as it was difficult to plan spending of the remaining amount without knowing how much had been committed?
	Response: Councillor Coker responded that he could not find a reason, however it was disappointing that if there was a particular issue, it had not been raised with him until now. If Councillor Dr Mahony provided him with the details he would look into it.		
4	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Coker	At a Living Streets meeting he was told that a councillor had come up with a ludicrous proposal to close the junction of North Prospect Road with Segrave Road. Could he be told which councillor made the proposal?
	Response: Councillor Coker responded that the Living Streets Programme was money allocated to councillors for their own ward. The only time that it came to him to sign was either for Traffic Regulation Orders or if there were any particular difficulties. He was not aware of the specific issue but would look into it.		
5	Councillor Patrick Nicholson	Councillor Lowry	Given the level of concern in local communities regarding the disposal of sites, would he allow community consultation when sites were advertised for disposal? Did he still agree with the current policy?

	<p>Response: Councillor Lowry responded that he was happy with the current policy. Ward councillors had the opportunity to object. If councillors were unable to represent their communities, he would need to be advised and he would engage with those communities direct.</p>			
6	Councillor Beer	Mrs Penberthy	Councillor Penberthy	<p>Could she invite the councillor to visit Plympton St Maurice Guildhall and when would money be invested to bring the guildhall up to standards of those at Devonport Guildhall to allow the Civic Society to acquire the premises under the Community Asset Transfer Scheme? Plympton St Maurice Guildhall had fallen into disrepair and the community were not prepared to take it on until it was brought up to standard.</p>
	<p>Response: Councillor Penberthy responded that an application would need to be made and a business case developed. At Devonport Guildhall there had been a seven figure investment from external bodies to the community (not the Council). There was no provision for capital investment which was why the capital asset transfer scheme had been introduced. Plympton community groups were encouraged to work with the Council to secure external funding.</p>			
7	Councillor Taylor	Kate	Councillor Stevens	<p>At the next Planning Committee there would be an application for the incinerator. Was the Chair planning to hold the meeting two days before Christmas?</p>
	<p>Response: Councillor Stevens responded that he would not and a decision would not be forced through. It would be considered at a regular meeting and there would be no attempts to stop the press reporting.</p>			
8	Councillor Jordan		Councillor Coker	<p>Could he advise how powerful the new eco street lights were? There were safety concerns and the new ones should be at least as bright as the ones that were being replaced.</p>
	<p>Response: Councillor Coker responded that he would provide the detail (which was on the website). To date 6,000 new lights had been installed affecting 50,000 residents. He had received five email complaints and one on face book. Three of those had now been addressed by officers. If Councillor Jordan or other councillors were aware of concerns, he would be grateful if they could be forwarded to him.</p>			
9	Councillor Mahony	Dr	Councillor Lowry	<p>Why were there different processes for the disposal of land surplus to requirements, mainly for housing and what were the different processes?</p>

	Response: Councillor Lowry responded that he was not aware of different processes. He asked that Councillor Dr Mahony provide him with an example.		
10	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Coker	Could he confirm the policy position on whether taxi drivers subject to purchase tests were reimbursed for economic loss (fares lost)?
	Response: Councillor Coker responded that he would provide the information.		
11	Councillor Jordan	Councillor Lowry	If there was no official consultation on many areas for sale, who did residents write to with concerns? Some sites were consulted upon and others only if an offer were received.
	Councillor Lowry responded that there was a consultation exercise where there was a loss of public open space and it was advertised in the Herald. If there was still confusion, he would ask officers to meet with the councillor and explain the process.		
12	Councillor Martin Leaves	Councillor Vincent	Was he aware that fly tipping was on the increase around Plymouth?
	Response: Councillor Vincent responded that he was not aware of an increase.		

*Please note that questions, answers, supplementary questions and supplementary answers have been summarised.*

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