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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Monday 13 June 2005

PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Nicholson, in the Chair.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor James.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs. Blackburn, Bray, Brookshaw, Camp, Carter, Evans, Fletcher, Mrs. Ford, K. Foster, Mrs. Foster, J. Fox, M. Fox, Miss Gillard, Gordon, Haydon, Hiromeris, Hutchings, Jordan, Kerswell, King, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Lock, Miller, Mrs. Nelder, Mrs. Nicholson, Pattison, Mrs. Pengelly, Purnell, Rennie, Dr. Salter, Santillo, Shears, Simmonds, Smith, Stevens, Stark, Vincent, Weekes, Wheeler, Wigans, Nicky Wildy, Tom Wildy and Williams.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Brotherton, Coleman, Dann, Finn, Fry, Kirk, Mavin, Dr. Mahony, Savery and Viney.

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and concluded at 5.30 pm.

10. Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct from Members in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

11. Housing Stock Options

The Council -

- (i) received a presentation from the Director of Housing outlining the extensive work that had been undertaken in carrying out a major review of Council homes in the City, and on the recommendations made by the Stock Options Steering Group on the most appropriate way forward for Plymouth;
- (ii) considered the report indicating that -
 - (a) all Local Authorities that still owned housing stock had been required by Government to carry out a "Stock Options Appraisal" and decide the most appropriate option to ensure that all homes in their ownership will meet the Government's "Decent Homes Standard" by 2010;
 - (b) the appraisal must be completed and approved by GOSW by July 2005 and that the review was also an opportunity to consult with tenants on what additional improvements they may want to their homes or neighbourhoods;
 - (c) the Council had engaged consultants to assist in the option appraisal process and a tenant group (Stock Options Group) appointed their own Independent Tenant Advisor (TPAS);
 - (d) early in the process it was recognised that the Options Appraisal needed to take account of a wide range of opinion from interested parties and a stakeholder Stock Option Steering Group had been formed, including Member, Tenant / Leaseholder and Staff Representatives and had met regularly to consider all the evidence gathered to carry out a comprehensive appraisal;

- (e) as required by the Government, four main options were considered plus the possibility of considering a mixture of these options (Mixed Option);
- (f) the four main options were -
- Stock retention by the Council
 - Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO)
 - Undertake investment through a Private Finance Initiative (PFI)
 - Transfer ownership to a registered social landlord
- (iv) received a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Services requesting Plymouth City Council to accept that Mixed Options was the most appropriate option to meet the Government's Decent Homes target and to ensure that there were opportunities to meet the needs of individual neighbourhoods.

During the course of the debate, an amendment was moved and seconded that the recommendation referred to at (iv) above be amended as follows –

Delete all after Plymouth City Council, and insert –

- (1) notes that the Stock Options Appraisal Report states that the majority of Plymouth City Council tenants favour stock retention;
- (2) resolves to follow the lead set by other local authorities and retain Council housing stock in the control of this Authority according to the wishes of our tenants.

The amendment was put to the vote when there voted –

For the amendment – (14)

Councillors Brookshaw, Mrs. Ford, K. Foster, Mrs. Foster, J. Fox, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Pengelly, Dr. Salter, Stark and Wiggins.

Against the amendment – (31)

Councillors Mrs. Aspinall, Bray, Camp, Carter, Evans, Fletcher, M. Fox, Miss Gillard, Gordon, Haydon, Hiromeris, Hutchings, Kerswell, King, Lock, Miller, Mrs. Nelder, Pattison, Purnell, Rennie, Santillo, Shears, Simmonds, Smith, Stevens, Vincent, Weekes, Wheeler, N. Wildy, T. Wildy and Williams.

Abstain – (1)

The Lord Mayor

Absent – (11)

Councillors Mrs. Blackburn, Brotherton, Coleman, Dann, Finn, Fry, Kirk, Dr. Mahony, Mavin, Savery and Viney.

and declared lost.

The recommendation of the Cabinet Member referred to at (iv) above was put to the vote when there voted -

For the motion – (31)

Councillors Mrs. Aspinall, Bray, Camp, Carter, Evans, Fletcher, M. Fox, Miss Gillard, Gordon, Haydon, Hiromeris, Hutchings, Kerswell, King, Lock, Miller, Mrs. Nelder, Pattison, Purnell, Rennie, Santillo, Shears, Simmonds, Smith, Stevens, Vincent, Weekes, Wheeler, N. Wildy, T. Wildy and Williams.

Against the motion – (14)

Councillors Brookshaw, Mrs. Ford, K. Foster, Mrs. Foster, J. Fox, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Pengelly, Dr. Salter, Stark and Wiggins.

Abstain – (1)

The Lord Mayor

Absent – (11)

Councillors Mrs. Blackburn, Brotherton, Coleman, Dann, Finn, Fry, Kirk, Dr. Mahony, Mavin, Savery and Viney.

and declared carried, and it was –

Resolved accordingly.

12. **To deal with appointments to outside bodies deferred from the Annual Meeting**
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Resolved that –

- (1) in accordance with the Rules of Procedure paragraph 21.1, paragraph 15.3 of the Rules of Procedure be suspended in relation to the voting on the undermentioned appointments;
- (2) appointments be made as set out in the Appendix to these minutes.

13. **Announcements**

The Lord Mayor

HM The Queen – Birthday Honours List

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that two local people had received Awards in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List, namely –

Mr T Doherty (an employee of DML, for services to the Defence Industry)	MBE
Mr A Kemp (a local authority Youth Worker, for services to Young People and to Sailing in Devon)	MBE

Resolved that they be congratulated upon their Awards.

14. **To determine the recommendations from Cabinet**

Minute 10 – Control of Anti Social Behaviour – Alcohol Designation Orders

Upon a vote being taken,

Resolved that the following recommendation from Cabinet of 24 May, 2005 be approved –

10. **CONTROL OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - ALCOHOL DESIGNATION ORDERS**

Report C7 05/06.

Resolved that *the City Council be Recommended* to delegate authority to the Licensing (Miscellaneous) Committee to create, amend or revoke Alcohol Designation Orders within the City and that that Committee be authorised to deal with any incidental matters relating to that function, provided it is not otherwise prohibited by law.

For the motion – (43)

Councillors Mrs. Aspinall, Bray, Brookshaw, Camp, Carter, Evans, Fletcher, Mrs. Ford, K. Foster, Mrs. Foster, J. Fox, M. Fox, Gordon, Haydon, Hiromeris, Hutchings, James, Jordan, Kerswell, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Lock, Miller, Mrs. Nelder, Mrs. Nicholson, Pattison, Mrs. Pengelly, Purnell, Rennie, Dr. Salter, Santillo, Shears, Simmonds, Smith, Stark, Stevens, Vincent, Weekes, Wheeler, Wiggins, N. Wildy, T. Wildy and Williams.

Against the motion – (0)

Abstain – (1)

The Lord Mayor

Absent – (13)

Councillors Mrs. Blackburn, Brotherton, Coleman, Dann, Finn, Fry, Miss Gillard, King, Kirk, Dr. Mahony, Mavin, Savery and Viney.

Minute 11 – Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy

Upon a vote being taken,

Resolved that the following recommendation from Cabinet of 24 May, 2005 be approved –

11. **CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY**

Report C8 05/06.

Resolved that *the City Council be Recommended* to adopt Plymouth's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for 2005/08 and continue to work across Council services and in partnership to ensure the implementation of the Strategy in order to fulfil statutory duties and ensure that community safety is addressed.

For the motion – (43)

Councillors Mrs. Aspinall, Bray, Brookshaw, Camp, Carter, Evans, Fletcher, Mrs. Ford, K. Foster, Mrs. Foster, J. Fox, M. Fox, Gordon, Haydon, Hiromeris, Hutchings, James, Jordan, Kerswell, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Lock, Miller, Mrs. Nelder, Mrs. Nicholson, Pattison, Mrs. Pengelly, Purnell, Rennie, Dr. Salter, Santillo, Shears, Simmonds, Smith, Stark, Stevens, Vincent, Weekes, Wheeler, Wiggins, N. Wildy, T. Wildy and Williams.

Against the motion – (0)

Abstain – (1)

The Lord Mayor

Absent – (13)

Councillors Mrs. Blackburn, Brotherton, Coleman, Dann, Finn, Fry, Miss Gillard, King, Kirk, Dr. Mahony, Mavin, Savery and Viney.

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

	Organisation	No. of Members	Term of Office	Appointments / Nominations 2005/06
1	Morley Centre Management Committee	1 representative	Expiry of term of office 15.5.05	Jamie Clynch
2	Rees Youth and Community Centre	1 representative	1 appointment to be made - expiry of term of office 15.5.05	Councillor Hutchings
3	Wolseley CEDT	3 Councillors	Continuing membership until such time as the Member resigns or is replaced by Council Councillor Evans appointed 20.5.05	2 vacancies deferred

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