

City Council

Tuesday 24 October 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Foster, in the Chair.

Councillor Kelly, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Nicholson, Penberthy, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Wigans.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cook, Drean, Lowry, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Mrs Pengelly and Winter

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.15 pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. 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.

31. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at the meeting -

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Smith	33a	Family member employed by Babcock Ltd.	Private
Councillor Mavin	33a	Family member employed at Devonport Dockyard.	Private
Councillor J Taylor	33a	Family member employed at Devonport Dockyard	Private
Councillor Vincent	33a	Family member is a Royal Marine.	Private
Councillor Murphy	33a	Family member is a Royal Marine.	Private
Councillor Dann	33a	Family member employed at Devonport Dockyard	Private
Councillor Carson	33a	Occasionally contracted for work at Devonport Dockyard	Private
Councillor Mrs Beer	33a	Family member employed at Devonport Dockyard	Private

Councillor Nicholson	33a	Contracts Manager employed by Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited part of Babcock international Group, working on their Warships Support Business, with commercial responsibility for the refits of HMS Albion, HMS, Bulwark, HMS Montrose, HMS Northumberland, HMS Kent, HMS Lancaster, HMS Richmond and HMS Portland and for Fleet Time Maintenance Periods on HMS Ocean, HMS Argyll, HMS Monmouth, HMS Somerset and HMS Sutherland	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
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32. Motions on notice

- a) Defence cuts to Devonport
Councillor Evans proposed and Councillor Ian Bowyer seconded a motion titled Defence Cuts to Devonport.

Members debated the motion and, following a vote, Council agreed -

1. To urgently campaign for the retention of HMS Albion, HMS Bulwark and if it is not too late, HMS Ocean.
2. To reconvene as a matter of urgency the Devonport Taskforce, which had been set down a year ago as the future of the yard had seemed to be settled.
 - a. The Taskforce should prepare a compelling case for the base porting of the current and future frigate fleet at Devonport, representing the most cost effective and strategic location for those ships.
 - b. The Taskforce should prepare a compelling case for the retention of the Royal Marines in the City.
3. To urge all Plymouth MPs to join with us cross-party in this endeavour, and seek a meeting for a city delegation with the Secretary of State for Defence.
4. The Leader and the Leader of the opposition write jointly to all MPs in Devon and Cornwall raising our concerns about this proposal, the impact such a decision would have on the regional economy and seeking their support for this campaign.

For the motion (50)

Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillors Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans OBE, Hendy, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Fletcher, Foster, Fry, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Dr Mahony, Ricketts, Wiggins, Mrs Bridgeman, Riley, Storer, Sparling, Mavin, Carson, and Mrs Loveridge.

Against the Motion (0)

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Abstain (0)

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Absent / Did not vote (7)

Councillor Lowry, Cook, Mrs Pengelly, Nicholson, Winter, Parker-Delaz-Ajete and Dreaan.

Councillor Nicholson was absent due to interests declared.