

# MOTION ON NOTICE

20<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## Extending the M5 motorway to Plymouth

This Council, working with partners, seeks to engage with the Government to put forward a bid for greater powers under the Government's devolution agenda. We note and support the emphasis contained in the Industrial Strategy on increasing economic growth and raising productivity.

However, the main barrier to the City playing its' part in this initiative is the lack of connectivity between the South West and the rest of the UK. This presents a major risk to both Plymouth and the wider region in delivering the Government's agenda – it undermines the future prospects of every resident and every family in our City. We cannot fulfil our potential.

Whilst proposals for improvement in rail connectivity (via the Peninsular Rail Task Force) have been presented to the Government, and Plymouth City Council have sought to protect the City Airport under the Joint Local Plan, no meaningful plans are in place to provide better road links to Plymouth. This Council believes this situation should be remedied by extending the M5 motorway to Plymouth.

The City Council agrees to:

Call upon the Government to commission a full options appraisal so that the reality of cost and timescale can be clearly understood.

**Proposed by Councillor Ian Bowyer**

Signed 

**Seconded by Councillor Patrick Nicholson**

Signed 

**Dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**