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Dear Councillor Morris,

**BREXIT INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Congratulations on your re-election and recent appointment to Plymouth City Council's Brexit Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Panel (BILCO).

I wanted to share with you the 10 Brexit Principles that I will be using to determine my votes on the EU Withdrawal Bill, as well as the Trade and Customs Bill. Brexit is a vital issue to people in Plymouth and I look forward to working with you and the rest of the committee to ensure that our city gets the best deal possible.

Since the election last June, I have consulted with groups across the city on Brexit - hosting the Plymouth Brexit Summit last August as well the Plymouth Youth and People's Brexit Summits last November. These 10 principles below are a result of the ideas from those summits as well as yearlong discussions I have had with groups and people across Plymouth since the referendum result. They include:

1. A Brexit deal must ensure that Plymouth stays an **open and welcoming city**, able to attract and retain world-class talent.
2. A good deal for **jobs** must protect Plymouth's businesses, funding, and rights at work, while modernising and up-skilling Plymouth's workforce.
3. A good deal for **education** will protect higher education funding and participation in Horizon 2020 and allow Plymouth students to continue to study abroad in the EU as part of Erasmus+.
4. A good deal for **marine** must deliver a fairer deal for Plymouth's fisheries, especially the under ten fleet, maintain the funding of Plymouth's world-class marine science institutions and the ability to collaborate with EU universities to draw down on lucrative EU funding programmes.
5. A good Brexit deal must **protect Plymouth's local environment** by retaining European environmental protections, establishing a new environmental regulator

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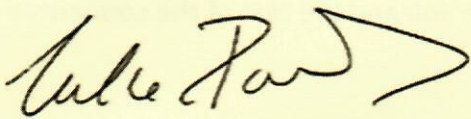
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and ensure the UK's ongoing participation in European efforts to tackle climate change.

6. A good Brexit deal for **food and farming** must maintain high regulatory standards and ensure frictionless and tariff-free access for the South West's agricultural goods to EU markets.
7. A good Brexit deal for **investment and funding** will ensure that the UK Government matches every penny of EU funding the far south west stands to lose as result of leaving the EU.
8. A good deal for Plymouth's **manufacturers, exporters and importers** will have no new tariff barriers and will include a sufficient transition period so that there is no cliff edge that will hurt local businesses.
9. A good **defence and security** deal will ensure Plymouth is no less safe than we were in the EU, and will properly review and fund the UK's defences and continued access to the successful EU arrest warrant, Europol and security co-operation systems.
10. A good Brexit deal for Plymouth will be **resilient and prevent a cliff edge no-deal scenario**. Plymouth's port at Millbay must be kept open and planes must be able to fly in and out of the United Kingdom without new hinderances.

Congratulations once again and I would welcome the chance to discuss these principles with you in person.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Pollard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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