

Cabinet

Tuesday 13 November 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor Smith, in the Chair.

Councillor Jon Taylor Vice Chair.

Councillors Haydon, Coker, Dann, Lowry, Penberthy, P Smith, Jon Taylor and Tuffin.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Evans OBE and McDonald

The meeting started at 3pm and finished at 4.55pm.

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.

56. **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Jon Taylor	65	Employee of NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group	Personal
Councillor Mark Coker	67	Licence holder	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

57. **Minutes**

The minutes of the 9 October 2018 were agreed.

58. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

59. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There was no items of Urgent Business.

60. **Leader's Announcements**

Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader) (via video) –

- Barden Corporation job Losses
- Oceansgate Enterprise Zone

61. **Monthly Activity Round Up**

Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader)

- GMB “Making it Campaign”
- Maritime Autonomous Systems Trials and Evaluation Centre at Turnchapel Wharf
- Union Street Bridge
- Outdoor Play Improvements

Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation)

- Pledges – Operation Encompass
- Pledge – Awareness of Young Carers

Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet member for Co-operative Development)

- Pledge 27 – Supporting building of new bungalows and extra care

Councillor Sue Dann (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene)

- Pledge – Blocked drains and gullies

Councillor Ian Tuffin, (Cabinet member for Health and Social Care)

- Red Bag Scheme
- Improving hydration and nutrition in care homes
- PAUSE Project delivered by Trevi House

62. **Overview and Scrutiny: Report of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor Jonny Morris (Chair of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee (BILCO)) introduced the report from BILCO.

Following a debate Cabinet agreed to –

1. thank the Councillors of BILCO for their diligent consideration of the potential impact of Brexit on the City.
2. resolve to write to the representatives of Plymouth Manufacturing Group, Destination Plymouth, The University College of St Mark and St John and the University of Plymouth thanking them for giving their time and expert opinion.
3. note the progress made in implementing the recommendations it endorsed in September in relation to the Fishing and Fisheries Select Committee.
4. endorse BILCO’s recommendations in relation to the impact of Brexit on Higher Education with the amendments noted below.

4.1 to ask the Government to:

- (a) **clarify the status of EU citizens in the UK in the event of a ‘no deal Brexit;**

(Accepted) Reason – in spite of the progress made in implementing the Settled Status Scheme for EU migrants who will have 5 years residence in the UK by December 2020 there is still a lack of clarity in how this will be operated in the event of a ‘no deal’ Brexit.

- (b) **Take international students out the net migration figures and give an assurance that changes to immigration rules and visa requirements will not limit the ability of universities to attract and recruit world leading researchers and teachers;**

(Accepted) Reason – International students contribute an estimated £120m annually to our local economy. The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) report on International Students recognised that although international student numbers have risen in recent years, the UK’s overall market share has fallen slightly and competitor countries are more active in recruitment. The MAC nevertheless rejected the suggestion made by many respondents to their call for evidence to remove International Students from net migration figures arguing that, “if there is a problem with students in the net migration target, it is with the target itself rather than the inclusion of students in that target”. Since the government has yet to commit to removing the target entirely we support the recommendation.

- (c) **Provide greater clarity on what the UK Shared Prosperity Fund might look like and where possible to negotiate close relations with existing structures such as Framework Programme 9;**

(Accepted) Reason – we anticipate details of the Shared Prosperity Fund will be published before Christmas 2018. The government may instead opt to maintain access to EU funding streams post Brexit. This will be clarified in the terms of the withdrawal agreement which will need to be in place by December 2018.

- (d) **Offer EU nationals continued access to UK research facilities and a matched funding scheme to support international collaborative research;**

(Accepted) Reason – the future ability of EU nationals engaged in research in the UK and vice versa to access research facilities is also likely to be clarified in the withdrawal arrangements.

- (e) **Allow us greater flexibility in how we use Adult Education and Schools funding and the residual balance of the Apprenticeship Levy.**

(Added) We want to use the funding we already have more flexibly to improve the performance of our secondary schools around STEM subjects and to support our development of an Apprenticeship/Skills hub, e.g. each year c£2m is spent on Maths and English retakes across the City. We would like to pilot the flexible use of funds provided by the Department of Education for adult education and schools to provide additional support to pupils at risk of failure.

- (f) **Devolve funding for further education, adult education and employment support programmes, enabling greater local control of careers’ advice and guidance.**

(Added) We have one of the most centralised employment and skills systems in the developed world. Local areas have little ability to influence priorities, funding or

delivery. With over 13,000 people in our City in receipt of Employment Support Allowance we see the need for specific measures to support adults who have spent significant periods out of work through ill health. Businesses are an essential part of the local conversation to re-engineer the education and skills landscape so that industry directly benefits from developing the local workforce.

(g) Higher education sector to collaborate with the Plymouth Growth Board and/or Destination Plymouth to consider how best to market the City internationally as an attractive place to study and as a destination for employers and employees.

(Amended) Reason – the amendment locates lead responsibility with the University of Plymouth.

5. to receive a further report in February 2019, covering the work BILCO expects to undertake in November 2018 and January 2019, in the context of the Administration's Pledge to undertake and publish research on the economic impact of Brexit both positive and negative.

63. Overview and Scrutiny: Recommendations Debt Recovery and Enforcement

Councillor Richard Ball (Chair of the Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee) introduced the report on Debt Recovery and Enforcement.

Following a short debate Cabinet agreed to support the recommendations made by the Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of Debt Recovery and Enforcement Scrutiny and that the Portfolio Holder would monitor the progress of the associated actions.

64. Customer Experience Peer Challenge Action Plan

Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Customer Focus) introduced the report on the Customer Experience Peer Challenge Action Plan for approval.

Following a short debate Cabinet agreed to-

1. extend its thanks on behalf of the Council to the Peer Challenge team for their work;
2. note the content and recommendations of the LGA Customer Experience peer Challenge Report of July 2018 at Appendix I;
3. endorse the Council's response to the 'quick wins and practical actions', and the recommendations of the report at Appendices II and III;
4. ask the Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the report and the Council's response and to propose how it might contribute to the development and delivery of the Council's Customer Experience Programme.

65. Independence at Home Contract

Councillor Tuffin (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) introduced a report on the Independence at Home Contract.

Following a short discussion Cabinet agreed, having considered the Part II report, to

1. to approve the in-principle decision for the service to be brought back in-house – with day to day management support services being provided by Livewell Southwest;
2. to recommend to the Leader to make the final decision to bring the service back in-house subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence by officers.

66. **Co-operative Economy**

Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operative Development) introduced the report Co-operative Economy for approval.

Following a short debate Cabinet agreed to-

1. note the Mapping Study
2. accept and adopts the Co-operative and Mutuals Strategic Action Plan for doubling the size of the sector by 2025
3. support work to explore establishment of a capital investment fund that will enable delivery of the Strategic Action Plan over 4 years. Allocation of any Plymouth City Council budget or borrowing will be subject to the normal governance procedures.

67. **Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy**

Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Customer Focus) introduced the report on the Customer Experience Peer Challenge Action Plan for approval.

Following a short debate Cabinet agreed to-

1. recommend to the City Council that the draft Licensing Statement of Policy contained in Appendix A is adopted with effect from 31 March 2019;
2. recommend to the City Council to retain the Special Policy on Cumulative Impact following Cumulative Impact Assessments for each of the following areas:
 - Union Street (including Derry's Cross)
 - Barbican
 - North Hill
 - Mutley Plain
 - Stoke
3. authorise officers to undertake a further Cumulative Impact Assessment consultation regarding the extension to the North Hill cumulative impact areas as recommended by Devon and Cornwall Police.

(Councillor Coker was absent for this item due to interests declared)

68. **Housing Improvement and Civil Penalties Policy**

Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operative Development) introduced the report Housing improvement and Civil Penalties Policy for approval.

Following a short debate, Cabinet agreed the Housing Improvement Policy 2018.

69. **Controlled Parking Zone Policy**

Councillor Mark Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) introduced a report on changes to the Controlled Parking Zone Policy for approval.

Following a brief debate Cabinet agreed to approve the changes to the Councils Controlled Parking Zone Policy, as set out in the briefing paper, to ensure the Councils CPZ policy reflects the Councils values and priorities.

70. **Corporate Plan 2018-22 - Quarter Two 2018/19 Update**

Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet member for Finance) introduced the report and provided Cabinet members with highlights from the report. Following a short discussion Cabinet agreed to -

1. note the additional key performance indicators reported in quarter two;
2. note the Corporate Plan Quarter Two Performance Report.

71. **Quarter 2 Finance Revenue and Capital Monitoring Report**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet member for Finance) introduced the report following a short discussion, for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to –

1. Note the current revenue monitoring position and action plans in place to reduce/mitigate shortfalls;
2. It is recommended that Cabinet approve the non-delegated virements which have occurred since 1st July 2018;
3. Cabinet are asked to recommend to Council that the Capital Budget 2018 -2023 is revised to £581.1m (as shown in Table 6);
4. to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in letter signed by the Cabinet Member for Finance, calling for Plymouth City Council to be allocated its fair share of the additional £84 million announced in last month's budget for children's services;
5. to support the request (4 above) and make the case for extra funding, the Section 151 Officer and the Director of Children's Services are asked to provide a business case to support the request setting out why Plymouth City Council should be one of the 20 local authorities which are due to be selected by the Government to receive a proportion of the additional funding.