

# City Council

Monday 18 March 2019

## PRESENT:

Councillor Sam Davey, in the Chair.

Councillor Mavin, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Vincent

Absent: Councillor Sam Leaves

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 6.00 pm.

*Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at [www.plymouth.gov.uk](http://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.*

## 82. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record.

## 83. 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 Jemima Laing	89	Employed by a Multi Academy Trust	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Gareth Derrick	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Darren Winter	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor George Wheeler	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Nigel Churchill	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Maddie Bridgeman	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Rebecca Smith	89	School Governor	Private Interest

Councillor Dr John Mahony	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Mrs Andrea Johnson	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Nick Kelly	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Tony Carson	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Glenn Jordan	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor David Downie	89	Employed by Plympton Academy	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Sue Dann	89	School Governor	Private Interest
Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall	89	Member of Prince Rock Academy	Private Interest
Councillor Wigens	89	Previous Land Development	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Mavin	89	Daughter is a school teacher	Private Interest

84. **Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc**

There were no changes or amendments to the appointments to Committees or Outside Bodies.

85. **Announcements**

**The Lord Mayor made the following announcements:**

- Following recent terror attacks in New Zealand and Utrecht, the Lord Mayor called on all Members to observe a one minute silence as a mark of respect and solidarity with those affected.
- The Lord Mayor offered his best wishes to all members standing in the upcoming local elections.
- The Lord Mayor offered thanks on behalf of the Council to Councillors Ken Foster and David Fletcher on their retirement.

**The Leader made the following announcements:**

- The bearing for the Sutton Harbour Bridge had arrived in the City and works will be completed as soon as possible.
- Updates on lobbying of Government Ministers on topics including: the high costs of children's placements; the cultural development bid; high needs funding and SEND policy; school standards and performance in Plymouth; passive safety for A38 and strategic roads network; Plymouth as a strategic port.

**Councillor Pete Smith made the following announcement:**

- Three Plymouth community projects have been boosted by Government funding from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government of £55,000 to improve park and play areas.

**Councillor Tuffin made the following announcements:**

- Attendance at the recent 'Proud to Care' event focussing on apprenticeships in the care sector.
- An additional 75 staff across the city had been trained in Dementia Awareness.
- An update on the Loneliness Action Plan to reduce loneliness in the City.
- Update on the Place of Safety initiative, now providing over 150 places of safety across the City.

**Councillor McDonald made the following announcement:**

- Highlighted the importance of ongoing vigilance in recognition of child sexual exploitation week.

**Councillor Coker made the following announcements:**

- An update on the upcoming publication of the latest housing and employment land monitoring report.
- Plymouth had been granted just over £30m, £23 million for the Forder Valley Link Road from the Department for Transport, and an additional £7.6 million from tranche one of the Transforming Cities Fund.
- The Joint Local Plan inspectors report had been received and the Council's Extraordinary General Meeting would take place next week to consider the adoption of the Joint Local Plan.

**Councillor Jon Taylor made the following announcements:**

- Education staff are to be part of a new pilot scheme to support children with special education needs in the city.
- The bid for a special school for young people in the city with complex needs and autism had been successful.

**Councillor Chris Penberthy made the following announcements:**

- A commission had been established to tackle period poverty in Plymouth. The commission would report to Cabinet in the summer.

86. **Questions by the Public**

There were no questions from the public.

87. **Lord Mayoralty 2019-20**

Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall presented the recommendations from the Lord Mayor Selection Committee, Councillor Mrs Maddie Bridgeman seconded the recommendations.

Following the vote, Council agreed to approve the appointment of Councillor Richard Ball as Lord Mayor for the 2019/20 municipal year.

For the Motion (54) Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Dr Mahony, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Michael Leaves, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter.

Abstentions (0)

Absent / Did Not Vote (3) Councillors Vincent, Darcy and Mrs Leaves.

88. **Updated Pay Policy**

Councillor Peter Smith introduced and proposed approval of the updated pay policy statement for 2019/20. Councillor Bowyer seconded these proposals.

For the Motion (54) Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Dr Mahony, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins and Winter

Abstentions (0)

Absent / Did Not Vote (3) Councillors Vincent, Darcy and Mrs Leaves.

89. **Motions on notice**

**(a) Declaration on Climate Emergency**

Councillor Dann introduced a motion on climate emergency and this was seconded by Councillor Buchan.

Following a debate and vote, Council agreed to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency'

Pledge to make Plymouth carbon neutral by 2030, and commit to working with other councils with similar ambitions

Request the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; and commit to working with other councils with similar ambitions

Work with other governments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C

Continue to work with partners across the city and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans

Report to Full Council within six months with a climate emergency action plan and new corporate carbon reduction plan

Request the Leader to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating the concern of the Council with respect to the above, the likely national impact on the economy and on the wellbeing of citizens, and requesting Government funding be made available to implement swift appropriate actions in response.

For the Motion (55) Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Dr Mahony, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, J Taylor, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, K Taylor, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter

Abstentions (0)

Absent / Did Not Vote (2) Councillors Vincent and Mrs Leaves.

### **(b) Fair Funding for Plymouth Schools**

Councillor Jon Taylor introduced a motion on fair funding for schools and this was seconded by the Leader, Councillor Evans OBE.

Following a debate, Council agreed to:

Request that the Education and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee closely monitor the impact of the school funding crisis in Plymouth exploring specifically whether schools in the city are being forced to close early on some days of the week as a result of funding constraints and calls on the Government to:

- Remove the damaging gains cap which is punishing schools in Plymouth with great need;
- Increase the level of funding for Plymouth schools, bringing up the level to the national average immediately; and

- Asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education in the terms set out above.

For the Motion (51) Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Dr Mahony, Dreaan, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter

Abstentions (1) Councillor Mavin

Absent / Did Not Vote (5) Lord Mayor, Councillors Downie, Laing, Mrs Leaves and Vincent.

### **(c) Openness and Transparency in Planning Application Viability Assessments**

Councillor Bill Stevens introduced a motion on planning application viability assessments and this was seconded by Councillor Morris.

Following a debate, Council agreed to instruct the Strategic Director for Place to:

Publish all viability assessments together with planning applications on the Council's planning portal websites, except in exceptional circumstances.

Publish the Council's formal viability review of the applicant's viability report in the same way.

Require the applicant to fund the Local Planning Authority's reasonable costs associated with the viability assessment as outlined in the relevant Planning and Infrastructure Fees Policies.

For the Motion (43) Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Deacon, Derrick, Dr Mahony, Dreaan, Evans OBE, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, J Taylor, Mrs Johnson, K Taylor, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Winter

Abstentions (0)

Absent / Did Not Vote (14) Lord Mayor, Councillors Ball, Carson, Churchill, Darcy, Fletcher, James, Jordan, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Vincent, Wiggins

### **(d) Freedom from Fear**

Councillor Coker introduced the motion of Freedom from Fear and this was seconded by Councillor Rennie.

Following a debate, Council agreed:

To publicly support Usdaw’s campaign and shopworkers in the City with a statement of support and by posting on Council social media platforms using the hashtags #RespectShopworkers and to encourage individual councillors to do the same.

To encourage individual councillors to engage with retail stores in their ward, talk to shopworkers and listen to their experiences.

To use links with local police to ensure retail crime is always treated seriously and the often severe impact on victims is appropriately acknowledged.

To use links with local business and retail stores to make sure proper workplace procedures are in place and that front-line staff are appropriately supported.

For the Motion (45) Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Dr Mahony, Drean, Evans OBE, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, Mrs Johnson, Kelly, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter

Abstentions (0)

Absent / Did Not Vote (12) Councillors Ball, Carson, Churchill, Fletcher, James, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, and Vincent.

90. **Questions by Councillors**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Councillor Kelly	Councillor Haydon	Litter outside the Council House
	Response: The matter is a personal one and not one for the Council Chamber but all members and citizens are requested to pick up and dispose of their own litter.		
2	Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Dann	Closure of roads in St Budeaux for organised runs
	Response: This is a new event taking place in St Budeaux and the race will go ahead but this will be looked at for future events to ensure greater and more timely consultation		
3	Councillor Rennie	Councillor Haydon	Disabled access to taxis
	Response: The city needs to be inclusive for everyone and this will be taken to the next taxi licencing committee meeting		
4	Councillor Mrs Andrea Johnson	Councillor Dann	Needles left on Mutley bus shelter
	Response: This will be followed up after the meeting – the bus shelter providers are responsible for cleaning bus shelters		

*Please note that questions, answers, supplementary questions and supplementary answers have been summarised.*