

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 16 September 2019



DELIVERING AN AIRPORT FOR PLYMOUTH

Following the very successful public consultation, examination and adoption by West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council and Plymouth City Council in March 2019 of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014 - 2034, Plymouth City Council now needs to address delivery of the Plan to ensure the strategic growth of Plymouth and South West Devon that the Council unanimously agreed in adopting the Plan.

Plymouth's poor connectivity has been recognised for some time with only limited road, rail and sea connections. As the largest City south of Bristol, it is acknowledged by key decision makers and a large number of the public who signed a petition to safeguard the airport, that Plymouth still has potential to have it's own airport.

With the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Examiners' decision to safeguard the Plymouth Airport site for aviation uses until the next review of the Plan, it is important for the City Council to prioritise the implementation of this policy if Plymouth is ever to see an airport re-instated in the City.

The City Council resolves to:

1. Request the Leader of the Council to bring a report to the Cabinet setting out the next steps in progressing the policy of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Plan insofar as it relates to Plymouth Airport and re-instating aviation at Plymouth Airport.
2. Request the Leader of the Council to instruct the Strategic Director for Place to negotiate terms for the surrender of the current Plymouth Airport lease held by Sutton Harbour Holdings.
3. Request the Chief Executive to provide monthly updates on progress to all Members of the Council.

Proposed by: Councillor Patrick Nicholson

Signature by email on 29 August 2019

Seconded by: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman

Signature by email on 29 August 2019