

# MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 16 September 2019

## CONGRATULATING GRETA THUNBERG

Plymouth City Council is breaking new ground in terms of environmental citizenship, pledging to ban single use plastics within the council, being awarded Plastic Free City status by Surfers Against Sewage, and encouraging waste reduction in our businesses and homes. We are supporting bees with wildflower meadows and corridors, installing solar panels on buildings, installing more electric vehicle charging points, appointing a cycle champion, reducing fuel poverty by making homes energy efficient, have a citywide LED street lighting replacement programme, renewable power generation options, and have developed a Plan for Trees. We are also planning to have the first UK national marine park, a unique way to connect people to the ocean and promote sustainability.

Plymouth City Council is leading the way in tackling climate and environmental degradation in our city. We recognize the need for strong leadership nationally and internationally which seeks to tackle today's environmental problems, which do not see or heed human boundaries and territories. The Council supports individuals who demonstrate such leadership.

In this spirit, Plymouth was honoured by youth climate campaigner Greta Thunberg's presence on the 13th and 14th of August as she departed for New York on the Malizia, on a two-week journey to New York City for the Climate Action Summit, which starts on September 23rd. In travelling on the sail-powered yacht, rather than flying, Thunberg made a powerful statement about the tonnes of atmosphere-warming carbon pumped into the atmosphere by transport and the duty on all of us to consider our individual carbon footprints.

### **The City Council resolves to:**

Plymouth City Council congratulates Greta Thunberg and the crew of the Malizia for their successful journey and salutes Thunberg for her world changing campaign, in which children demand radical, immediate and effective action from world leaders to combat climate change. The Leader of the Council will write a letter to the Malizia crew and to Thunberg conveying this.

### **Proposed by: Cllr Margaret Corvid**

**Signature** by email

On 6 September 2019

### **Seconded by: Cllr Pamela Buchan**

**Signature** by email

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