

City Council

Monday 13 September 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Beer, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Bridgeman, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Dr Buchan, Carlyle, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Murphy, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Burden, Churchill, Deacon, Haydon and Morris.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 6.10 pm.

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.

17. Minutes

The minutes of 14 June 2021 (EGM), and 14 June 2021 Full Council meetings were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Under this item Councillor Tudor Evans OBE offered a full and sincere apology to the Lord Mayor regarding the words he used towards her at the previous meeting; he apologised most sincerely for the remarks and gave assurance he wouldn't use those words against her again.

18. 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 Stevens	Minute 27	Linked to an investigation into his employers.	Private
Councillor Harrison	Minute 28	She was working with those on universal credit.	Private

The Monitoring Officer granted full dispensation for all Councillors to speak on the motions on notice regarding Keyham and Universal Credit.

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

Members noted the changes to appointments to committees as follows:

- Councillor Morris is to be replaced by Councillor Penberthy on the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Councillor Hulme is to be replaced by Councillor Stoneman on the Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- Councillor James is to be replaced by Councillor Collins on the Corporate Parenting Group;
- Councillor Penberthy is to fill a vacancy on the Corporate Parenting Group;
- Councillor Hulme is to be replaced by Councillor Salmon on the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- Councillor Shayer is to be replaced by Councillor Salmon on the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel.

20. **Announcements**

The Lord Mayor advised Members that she had several announcements for the meeting however started by asking Council to join her to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for those who tragically lost their lives in the devastating incident in Keyham, and in support also of their families and loved ones as well as all those who had been affected.

It was highlighted that the Lord Mayor had attended the vigil in Keyham on the 13th August 2021 and was overwhelmed by the love and support shown for those affected by this tragic event. Yet in the middle of this unspeakable thing to happen to Keyham, Plymouthians had been pulling together, caring for one another and refusing to be defined by something so terrible. There were some wonderful examples of the city standing together:

- Redrok UK designed and gave out Plymouth Together car stickers while fundraising for Devon Air Ambulance;
- local artists had created some wonderful art, which had commemorated the lives lost and those injured;
- tributes were paid as part of the National Fireworks Championships;
- 60 community groups and individuals had been fundraising for the families of the victims;
- the staff from The Box have carefully made sure any tributes left in Keyham were protected from the weather;

- community leaders in Keyham had passionately spoken out for their neighbours, about what they need now and in the future;
- staff from a broad range of partner agencies including Victim Support, Livewell Southwest, Plymouth Community Homes and Devon and Cornwall Police have been working with Council staff to carry out visits and be available in Keyham for those who need support;
- partners gave up their buildings so we could set up Reassurance Hubs – spaces that residents could visit if they wanted to. Our particular thanks to Ford Primary School, St Mark's Church and the Wolseley Trust for their support;
- our children's centres, youth service and targeted support service have been working together running fun activities for children and families in the centre of Keyham;
- we've sent out a support leaflet for Keyham to 5000 households, and set up a dedicated website and email address so we can make sure as many people as possible know where they can get help.

Members took a short adjournment in order for them to collect their thoughts.

The Lord Mayor also advised Members –

- to note the sad passing of Alderman Harold Luscombe who passed away on Sunday 22 August 2021. He was made an Honorary Alderman of the City of Plymouth on 17 February 1992. His funeral was today and attended by former Lord Mayor Alderman Mavin as the representative of Plymouth City Council. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time. Harold would be missed by all who knew him. Council was asked to stand again for a minutes silence to remember Alderman Harold Luscombe;
- with regards to SailGP, the Lord Mayor thanked the Events Team and all those involved from teams across the Council that came together to make it happen. This included staff from Economic Development, Sports Development, Waste, Cleansing, Legal, Planning, Facilities, Street Services and Natural Infrastructure;
- that Reece Dunn will be awarded The Lord Mayor Achievement award, for his outstanding achievement in the Tokyo Para Olympics; Reece won 3 Golds, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in the pool.

The Lord Mayor proposed to suspend the rules of procedure to allow the Director of Public Health Ruth Harrell to provide an update on Covid 19 to Council and answer any questions that were submitted by Councillors to Ruth.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Bridgeman seconded the proposal and went to a vote.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

Ruth Harrell, Director of Public Health presented a video to Council.

Councillor Nick Kelly (The Leader) provided the following announcements –

- rates of Covid 19 in Plymouth still remained stubbornly high – this was a concern to us all. The Council was looking to send out new guidance measures;
- with regards to Keyham – this was the first formal council meeting since the tragic event which rocked the city. Lee, Sophie, Kate, Steven and Maxine remained in the city's thoughts and would not be forgotten. Thanks was offered to the first responders that who bravely ran to the aid of the people in Keyham on that night. Council staff were also thanked due to their tireless work to support residents and those affected;
- a Plymouth together website had been set up so support, update and advice could be found;
www.plymouthtogether.co.uk
- Livewell SW, Plymouth Community Homes, Devon and Cornwall Police, Community Groups and Local and Neighbouring Ward Councillors were thanked for their support in responding to the incident in Keyham;
- the Conservative administration had completed its first 100 days and its commitment to complete 22 commitments to make Plymouth the place to work, live or visit in the South West;
- with regards to the Covid business grants – the final scheme closed and the Council had administered 16 separate schemes and paid out £92, 518, 530 in funding and made 19,435 payments to 7,440 business; staff were thanked who worked over and above to deliver;
- SailGP – the total economic benefit to Plymouth from hosting the event equalled £6.9m total spend of £8.9m of spectators, organisers and the teams – had it not been for covid then the benefit to Plymouth could have been £10m; 6270 people watched from the Hoe;
- The Box – the Leader was invited to join the Australian High Commissioner to attend the launch of the UK and Australia Season 21/22 at the British museum – was invited to see the Indigenous and Australia Museum;
- a video was to be shown to Council – on Sunday 29 August Plymouth joined by the Hatching take flight from the Hoe and soar across the sea; the giant dragon puppet transformed into a kite and everyone watched in awe.

The Lord Mayor advised Members that agenda item number 7 Honorary Alderman, was to be brought forward – this was seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman and agreed by Members.

21. **Honorary Alderman**

The Lord Mayor advised Members that following the agreement of Council to award the title of Alderman to five former Councillors in June 2021, Council extended an offer to those receiving the honour who were unable to attend to return to Council in September to respond publically on receiving the title of Alderman.

Alderman Pete Smith, Michael Leaves and Sam Davey were in attendance at the meeting and addressed the Council.

Alderman Michael Leaves highlighted that he was born and bred and always lived in Plymouth and had been on the Council for 21 years, representing Plymstock Radford ward. He said it was an honour to represent residents of Radford.

Alderman Pete Smith thanked everyone that sent well wishes and gifts since his recent health scare, and thanked the Council for bestowing the honour of Alderman on him. He also thanked his wife and family for putting up with his 26 years of being a councillor, and Plympton St Mary and Honicknowle residents, the Plymouth Labour party for their support and the Plymouth Labour Cabinet who ought to be proud of their achievements. Lastly thanks was extended to Councillor Evans OBE for being his mentor.

Alderman Sam Davey thanked Council for the honour of bestowing on him the title of Alderman and was grateful and proud.

The Lord Mayor thanked them for their attendance and asked that they accept the Council's thanks for their many years of service.

22. **Announcements**

This item is a continuation of minute 20, 'Announcements'.

Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Deputy Leader) provided announcements on the following:

- there were ongoing issues of capacity at Derriford hospital – the Council played a significant part as a key stakeholder in assisting in those pressures. The hospital discharge pressures were related to the limited domiciliary care in the city, the covid 19 impact on providers, the complexity of those that needed support and the different thresholds of risk – the Council was doing its best to assist the University Hospitals Plymouth to expedite discharges from Derriford. Now there was twice daily attendance of the council at escalation calls with University Plymouth – revised risk arrangements to open care homes as quickly as possible following the outbreak of covid. Commissions of adult social care and were provisioning a care hotel of 13 beds in care homes in the city to ease discharges. The council formed a domiciliary care brokerage team to maximise capacity of domiciliary care in the community;
- the Council had launched a recruitment campaign for providers of

domiciliary care providers in the city; the campaign started on 20 August 2021 and would run for 12 weeks promoting flexibility of the role and the benefits and rewards of working in this sector;

- since the decision to support further discharge William Patricia Venton Centre at Mount Gould with deliver further beds – builders start this week;
- the 2021 tree programme – 2031 trees over 17 wards were to be planted from October this year – 59 projects in the programme, of which 34 were supported by Councillors through community grant funds;

Councillor Downie (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Children and Young people) provided announcement on the following –

- with regards to young peoples' return to school, the council proactively prepared schools for a September return whilst the city was designated as a covid enhanced response area. The Council and Public Health worked closely to provide an information pack with advice needed;
- on 6 September 2021 an EGM was held with Head Teachers and CEOs from the city's schools and academies. Enabled the council to give further advice and answer questions about school re-openings;
- Plymouth schools all opened as planned;
- an inspection of the youth offending team taking place on 27 September;
- demand for childrens social care continued and was 25% than previously experienced;
- Mark Riddell MP will visit the city on 29/30 September 2021 to allow the Council to share its progress in working with care leavers in the city and young people.

Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene) provided announcements on the following:

- Garden waste services – there was a problem regarding HGV drivers and the impact on street services teams. In light of high level of staff absence and annual leave, the Council made the decision to give priority to brown and green waste collections with garden waste collections being affected;
- the schedule for grass cutting and weeding an issue in the city – over the past few months consulted with the public and now defined areas that agreed as suitable for re-wilding. This was in line with the climate and emergency action plan;
- praise the grass cutting team – the team worked hard and the Hoe was looking beautiful for the Hatchling event;

- bulky waste collections were to resume in October with online registrations to open shortly – blossoms together improvements at Devil’s Point were progressing well;
- correspondence was read out praising the refuse team.

Councillor Jonathan Drean (Cabinet Member for Transport) provided an announcement on the following:

- that he had a statement from Plymouth Citybus, Stagecoach, Network Rail and the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint ferry regarding disruption to commuters in the city however there was not enough time to provide this update – these would be sent around to Councillors for their information.

23. **Questions by the Public**

There were three questions submitted by members of the public.

The following question was submitted by Mr Danny Bamping and answered by The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Beer:	
Question: "Can PCC confirm that Councillor Mark Lowry made the decision to rename Sir John Hawkins Square to Jack Leslie Square on the 11th June 2020? If PCC claim that this is not the date, can the Council then confirm when Cllr Lowry actually made the decision and in what form?"	Answer: The Council has made various public statements about its actions in relation to the renaming of the Square in June 2020. It would be inappropriate to make further statements about this matter pending the resolution of the ongoing court proceedings. The council will make a further statement following the conclusion of those proceedings.

The following question was submitted by Mr Gregg Black and answered by Councillor Jonathan Drean (Cabinet Member for Transport):	
Question: "Residents of Efford and Lipson are concerned about the speed people drive on Efford Lane, Blandford Road and Pike Road. They are concerned that a major accident could happen. Has traffic calming similar to Leigham been considered for these roads and if not could it?"	Answer: There are currently no plans to introduce traffic calming on the three roads in question although the junction with Pike Rd and Old Laira Rd are included in a proposed 20mph Zone on Old Laira Road currently under design. Works on these schemes were regrettably impacted by COVID19, however works are now on track, we intend to consult on the scheme soon and complete this financial year. The scheme will also include a section of Efford Lane from its junction with Old Laira Rd to a point North of Western Drive. Speed Surveys have recently been undertaken on all of these roads and have

	<p>shown that average speeds are well under 30mph with the highest being Blandford Rd at 27mph. The three roads in question total approx. 3km in length and Police records indicate that there have been 11 injury collisions on these roads in the last 5 years. 10 of the collisions classed as slight and 1 as serious which did not involve inappropriate speed. In only 2 cases was inappropriate speed cited as a contributory factor. A collision rate of 3.6 per kilometre on a residential distributor route with a low incidence of speed related collisions would not usually warrant further investigation.</p> <p>By contrast, the length of Old Laira Rd currently being considered is 1200m long has 13 injury collisions reported by the Police in 5 years of which 5 were speed related, a rate of 10.8 per kilometre.</p>
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The following question was submitted by Chanine Flood and answered by Councillor Jonathan Dreaan (Cabinet Member for Transport):

<p>Question: "There is an un-named road in Plymouth – behind the Life Centre and connecting Home Park to Outland Road. Can the Council confirm if they are planning to now re-adopt this important road in Plymouth, maintain it and give it a name – such as Mariners Way?</p>	<p>Answer: The Council will deal with the official street naming of this stretch of road, when requested to do so by developers as part of the redevelopment proposals of Home Park. There are a number of stakeholders who are likely to have an input into this matter; prospective developers and/or owners of Home Park, Plymouth Argyle Football Club and Friends of Central Park. There are ongoing discussions between planning officers and the relevant applicants with regards to the proposed redevelopment applications at Home Park and whilst currently there are no final details, it is agreed that this will include improvement to this important area of public realm. At this time, however there are no plans for this road to become adopted highway. Streets do not have to be adopted in order to be officially named, therefore even if the road remains un-adopted the Council's street naming powers enable us to give it an official street name. The street naming and numbering process would usually be dealt with once planning permissions are approved</p>
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	<p>and the developer submits a street naming and numbering application to the authority along with the appropriate fees for this service. There have already been a number of suggested names put forward to the Council, which will be considered if they comply with the street naming criteria as outlines in the Council's street naming and numbering policy. The final decision about the street naming must be agreed by the Peverell Ward Councillors, who represent the electorate for this area.</p>
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24. **A Bright Future 2021 - 2026**

Councillor Downie (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Children and Young People) introduced the 'A Bright Future 2021 – 2026' report, this was seconded by Councillor Nicholson (Deputy Leader).

Following contributions from Councillors Laing and Penberthy, Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Bright Future plan and vision for children and young people in Plymouth for 2021-2026.

Votes for: (50) (Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Dr Buchan, Carlyle, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Murphy, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Votes against: (0)

Did not vote/ absent: (7) (Lord Mayor and Councillors Burden, Deacon, Haydon, Morris, Churchill and Neil)

25. **Finance and Capital Monitoring Report June 2021**

Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader of the Council) introduced the Finance and Capital Monitoring Report June 2021, this was seconded by Councillor

Following debate, with contributions from Councillors Lowry, Laing, Nicholson, Kelly, Dr Mahony, Bingley, Council unanimously agreed to:

1. note the current revenue monitoring position;
2. approve the revision of the Capital Budget 2021-2026 to £612.270m (as shown in Section C Table I).

Votes for: (50) (Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Dr Buchan, Carlyle, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick,

Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Murphy, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Votes against: (0)

Did not vote/ absent: (7) (Lord Mayor and Councillors Burden, Deacon, Haydon, Morris, Churchill and Neil)

26. **Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2020 - 2021**

Councillor Dr Mahony (Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee) introduced the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities for 2020 – 2021 this was seconded by Councillor Bingley.

Councillor Dr Mahony then summed up following no further requests to speak on this item therefore Council agreed to approve the Treasury Management Annual Report 2020/21.

Votes for: (50) (Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Dr Buchan, Carlyle, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Murphy, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Votes against: (0)

Did not vote/ absent: (7) (Lord Mayor and Councillors Burden, Deacon, Haydon, Morris, Churchill and Neil)

27. **Motions on notice**

28. **Keyham**

Councillor Kelly (The Leader) introduced the cross party motion on notice on Keyham. This was seconded by Councillor Evans OBE.

Following a discussion, with contributions from Councillors Cresswell, Hulme, Derrick, Coker, Stevens and Laing, the motion was carried.

Votes for: (50) (Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Dr Buchan, Carlyle, Coker, Collins, Corvid, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Goslin, Harrison, Hendy, Hulme, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Murphy, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Singh, Smith, Stevens, Stoneman, Tuffin, Vincent, Wakeham, Ms Watkin and Wheeler.

Votes against: (0)

Did not vote/ absent: (7) (Lord Mayor and Councillors Burden, Deacon, Haydon, Morris, Churchill and Neil)

29. **Universal Credit**

Councillor Kelly (The Leader) introduced the cross party motion on notice on Keyham. This was seconded by Councillor Evans OBE.

Following a discussion, with contributions from Councillors Cresswell, Hulme, Derrick, Coker, Stevens and Laing, the motion was lost.

Votes for: (23) (Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Bowyer, Dr Buchan, Coker, Corvid, Cresswell, Dann, Derrick, Evans OBE, Goslin, Hendy, Mrs Johnson Laing, Lowry, McDonald, Murphy, Penberthy, Rennie, Stevens, Tuffin, Vincent and Wheeler.

Votes against: (25) (Councillors Bingley, Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carlyle, Collins, Downie, Drean, Harrison, Hulme, James, Jordan, Kelly, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Partridge, Patel, Mrs Pengelly, Riley, Salmon, Shayer, Smith, Stoneman, Wakeham and Ms Watkin.

Abstain: (1) Councillor Singh

Did not vote/ absent: (8) (Lord Mayor and Councillors Burden, Dr Cree, Deacon, Haydon, Morris, Churchill and Neil)

30. **Questions by Councillors**

	From	To	Subject
1	Councillor Murphy	Councillor Mrs Pengelly	Why did this administration allow Belvedere Garden of Remembrance to be used as a bar for the SailGP event?
	Response: Councillor Mrs Vivien Pengelly will ensure that Councillor Deacon provides a reply to Councillor Murphy for her question as soon as possible.		
	Supplementary Question: Councillor Murphy would like to be assured that this would never happen again and also a public apology to the armed forced community.		
	Response: Councillor Mrs Vivien Pengelly will ensure that this never happens again and apologised to the Armed Forces.		
2	Councillor Singh	Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	I represent the Drake ward which will be the gateway to the redeveloped train station. We have problems with bins being left out, will the cabinet members responsible think about new schemes in regards to enforcement with bins being left out on the street causing obstructions?
	Response: The teams in enforcement have bought a new camera which has been effective in catching fly tippers and those that are regularly causing those such issues. Councillor Bridgeman can ensure that Councillor Singh's		

	<p>suggestion is taken forward and would like to take more people to Court in relation to fly tipping, littering and any sort of damage. Councillor Bridgeman is aware of the issues on North Road East and the camera will be deployed there soon.</p>		
	<p>Supplementary Question: Councillor Singh would like a meeting with Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman to discuss a scheme that is working in another part of the country.</p>		
	<p>Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman agreed to the meeting.</p>		
3	Councillor Pat Patel	Councillor Nicholson	<p>Following on from the meeting that was organised by Councillor Nicholson with the Mayflower Medical Group on the 9th September. The Mayflower Group represents a fifth of Plymouth residents for patient numbers. Please can I ask that you maintain pressure on the Mayflower Group and offer any and all support to ensure the turnaround of service delivery to all patients in order to relieve pressure for other GP surgeries as well as the accident and emergency department as Derriford Hospital? Also that the Mayflower Group continues to listen to its patients through the reactivation of the patient participation group and ensure that communication lines remain open to keep everyone informed of actions being taken and the improvement plan that is being implemented.</p>
	<p>Response: Thanked Councillor Pat Patel and 14 other members for their attendance at the meeting that took place on the 9th September. It was a meeting which provided an honest appraisal of the difficulties that the Group are currently facing. The Mayflower Medical Group are committed to maintaining a dialogue with members and sharing the improvement plan that they are undertaking to seek to rectify the issues raised by the CQC. The Mayflower Group acknowledged that the issues raised had not been good enough and significant improvement is required.</p> <p>The patient participation group was in the process of being re-established and a number of members of the council will participate in that group to bring about direct intervention with the Mayflower Medical Group in trying to improve standards that they deliver.</p> <p>This matter as well as general GP access is on the agenda for the Health and Wellbeing Board and on the agenda for Councillor David James scrutiny panel and will keep up the pressure to ensure that the delivery of services are at the highest possible standard.</p>		
4	Councillor Mrs Lynda Bowyer	Councillor Downie	<p>Studies conducted in the pandemic show that young people are most vulnerable to increased psychological stress. Data also showed that young</p>

			women and people with young children are at risk of mental health, what measures have you put in place to address this?
			Response: I don't have the exact funding figures to fully detail the answer but we have been successful in achieving funding which will be directed to where you have asked for it to be directed. Councillor Downie will respond to Councillor Mrs Linda Bowyer with exact figures next week.
			Supplementary Question: What extra resources are you proposing to commit in the future?
			Response: Councillor Downie will get those proposals to Councillor Mrs Linda Bowyer when he has them to hand.
5	Councillor Ian Bowyer	Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	This Administration brought forward a Corporate Plan which would deliver quality service for street services. When will Plymouth receive this quality service?
			Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman advised that we have just come out of a pandemic and have inherited a poor service from the previous administration. Although the current staff work incredibly hard there are additional pressures of not having enough staff which has impacted the service.
			Supplementary Question: Can you advise me and my residents what a good quality service would look like when it finally arrives.
			Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman advised that the administration had inherited the poor service but they are currently working to turn this around.
6	Councillor Jemima Laing	Councillor Downie	Every Councillor is a Corporate Parent, it was disappointing to see that no conservative members were present at the Corporate Parenting Group at the quarterly meeting last Tuesday. To not have a single conservative member present was hugely impolite to the officers and partner organisations who work very hard to prepare for these meetings and disrespectful to the children and young people these meeting focus on. It ignores the 10 wishes contained in the earlier agenda item spoken about Bright Future. Can Councillor Downie offer reassurances that at least one member of the Conservative group will attend meetings in the future.
			Response: Councillor Downie was disappointed that there had been no representation from conservative members at this meeting and he will ensure that there is representation at the Corporate Parenting Group at all times.
			Supplementary Question: Can I ask that Conservative Group members liaise

	amongst themselves and if they are not able to attend the meeting, can they put in a request to postpone the meeting?		
	Response: I have been in recuperation from major surgery, I haven't been contactable, phone broken down and waiting for a replacement, I do apologise.		
7	Councillor Sue McDonald	Councillor Downie	Change of date for the allocation of pupils' premium to schools based upon the number of children eligible for free school meals. This year's funding will be based on the number of children in schools and the count has been put back by the conservative government from January 2021 to October 2020, creating a three month gap resulting in some children not being counted despite their entitlement. Will Councillor Downie be prepared to commission an impact assessment on the loss of funding to schools in Plymouth?
	Response: I can ask officers if it is achievable to do that analysis.		
	Supplementary Question: Is Councillor Downie aware that the government is refusing to compensate for these schools even those in the poorest 10% of deprivation that will be hit disproportionality. In the document Bright Futures page 41 of west locality bullet point 6, a higher proportion of children will be eligible for free school meals. Councillor McDonald highlighted that children on the west side of the city will be hit disproportionality hard.		
	Response: Councillor Downie advised that he was not aware of that policy but thanked Councillor McDonald for bringing it to his attention.		
8	Councillor Margaret Corvid	Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	Can you reassure residents of the Drake ward that the weeds and litter will be cleared and when. There has been a significant increase in complaints and significant delay in casework submissions for their actions and remediation.
	Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman advised that there is a dedicated member of staff in the Drake Ward who litter picks, however expressed disappointment that this member of staff will go back on a subsequent day to find the same amount of litter there. It takes 3-4 weeks for weeds to die back before staff are able to sweep and scrape them all. Additional bins will be distributed to the Drake ward to alleviate litter issues.		
	Supplementary Question: Can you give a timetable as to when and where these additional bins will be deployed?		
	Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman will take this question back to the team and provide a response to Councillor Corvid.		
9	Councillor Mark	Councillor Jonathan	When Plymouth Live ran an announcement about the buses from CityBus, what input did Plymouth

	Coker	Drean	City Council and yourself as Cabinet member have before that announcement was made.
	Response: Councillor Drean had been with the Citybus team on the Wednesday discussing staff shortages but was assured at that time that it was a day to day problem. Councillor Drean was disappointed the following day by the headlines in the media. Councillor Drean has spoken with them and they have apologised. Councillor Drean will circulate his announcement in relation to this to members.		
	Supplementary Question: What input did Plymouth City Council have in getting out a clear and concise message to the travelling public?		
	Response: The passenger information system delivered by twenty first century are looking into problems there and I will check what statements have been released. They are a commercial services and they are pushing out their own statements with regards to what is going on with their services. Emails will be sent out with quotations from Citybus and Stagecoach to members.		
10	Councillor Andrea Johnson	Councillor Nicholson	2,000 new trees are being planted in the city but I am interested in the existing trees in the city. Have many new Tree Preservation Orders have been approved and applied to protect and preserve existing trees within the city.
	Response: Councillor Johnson will be provided with the requested statistics and soon as they are available.		
	Supplementary Question: will you commit to protecting and preserving existing and older trees as much as a priority as purchasing new ones?		
	Response: On a personal level it is just as important to protect and preserve existing trees due to their greater impact on climate change. I will discuss this with Councillor Maddi Bridgeman as it has been an historic Council policy that a tree on City Council land is not subject to a Tree Preservation Order.		
11	Councillor Dan Collins	Councillor Drean	With the short notice torrential downpour last week how many vehicles clear the drains of the city, especially on the main arterial roads?
	Response: We have three vehicles clearing drains, two undertake normal work and a third vehicle will do half reactive and half programme work.		
12	Councillor Sue Dann	Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	How many complaints had been received in relation to grass cutting in the months April, May, June and July?
	Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman will come back to Councillor Dann with the exact figures within a few days.		
	Supplementary Question: A response from Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman stated in a previous email to a councillor that the inherited schedule had		

	<p>received thousands of complaints about grass cutting. This councillor asked Councillor Dann to look at this as part of the role as shadow portfolio role. How many residents have complained during April, May, June and July which was before your answer to the email. Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman advised that it was 112. Councillor Dann also asked how many councillors had complained about grass cutting and the answer was 162, totalling 274 complaints, this is not thousands of complaints about an inherited grass schedule. How are you measuring the performance of the council when the actual figures the council have got which are different to the emails you say you are receiving.</p>		
	<p>Response: Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman will provide those figures to Councillor Dann.</p>		
13	Councillor Pat Patel	Councillor Drean	<p>Can you appraise Plymouth residents as well as Cornwall residents when the Tamar bridge will return to four lanes of traffic and a further lane for pedestrians and cyclists?</p>
	<p>Response: Councillor Drean advised that the final phase of the main deck began in September and the project remains on schedule to be completed by October. The bridge management team are aware of the impact of traffic and delays to residents as well as those visiting, hauliers as well as other local businesses and are doing everything possible to minimise delays. The bridge control team have electronic information to see where queues are on both sides of the bridge and if they need to change the direction of flow, this has to be done manually and this can take 10-15 minutes to change the flows.</p>		
14	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE	Councillor Downie	<p>Due to a combination of circumstances it is reported that around 400 taxi drivers have left the profession in the last 12 months. What has the portfolio holder for Education done to prioritise and ensure that there is enough school taxi drivers to provide transport for our most vulnerable children to school?</p>
	<p>Response: Councillor Downie advised that since children returned to school last week, there hasn't been any children stranded at home without transport and the reconstruction of the service had been sufficient.</p>		
	<p>Supplementary Question: what has the portfolio holder done about it?</p>		
	<p>Response: Councillor Downie – I was in hospital for a few weeks and medicated the team that I oversee undertook work to ensure children were transported to and from school.</p>		
15	Councillor Chaz Singh	Councillor Patrick Nicholson	<p>In regards to the announcement made earlier for care home job opportunities, training schemes, access to more jobs and upskilling. Could you give a care home briefing in similar fashion to the schemes that would be available to all councillors?</p>

	Response: Care home briefings will be sent to all members of the Council with one due to be sent out tomorrow. There had been 39 applicants but seeking recruit in the care sector of 100 new entrants into the profession. This is a great opportunity to move into the sector to develop in a very rewarding career.		
16	Councillor Jemima Laing	Councillor Nick Kelly	I am very sorry to hear that Councillor Downie has been unwell and uncountable due to a broken phone. Could you provide some reassurance as to the systems you have put in place as Leader when crucial cabinet roles cannot be fulfilled due to elongated sickness?
	Response: Councillor Downie was in hospital and having major surgery and was in hospital and we didn't contact him on those days, however since then we have traded messages about his welfare but equally there are cabinet planning meetings and we discuss anything that comes as an urgent matter to ensure there is adequate coverage with regards to anything in this city. But ultimately there are so many items that the Council deal with ad-hoc every single day that you wouldn't bring everything unless it's a problem and as you heard earlier from Councillor Downie and about the provision to get children to school, it wasn't an issue as it had already been covered off, if it had become an issue and we were made aware of that we would take adequate steps to make sure that issue had been solved as a matter of urgency.		
	Supplementary Question: Can you ensure that Councillor Downie has a functioning telephone?		
	Response: this council has come a long way with regards to technology however sometimes things do go wrong. Councillor Downie has a requisite order currently with DELT, our IT service provider to ensure he has access to the relevant Council software and hardware.		
17	Councillor Mark Coker	Councillor Patrick Nicholson	Are you aware if there is a backlog in planning enforcement cases?
	Response: There has been for a number of months a backlog, there has always been a certain caseload in Strategic Planning enforcement. I was concerned at the level of enforcement action that was still outstanding or ongoing a month or so ago. Mr Barnard as a senior level team have reviewed all of the enforcement cases and as reported at the last Planning committee there had been a reduction of around 100 cases. The team undertaking enforcement is a team of three of which there had been some turnaround, I hope that performance will continue to increase and cases will continue to reduce.		
	Supplementary Question: Five months waiting for Councillor queries on a planning enforcement notice and not having a response for local residents is very detrimental to community cohesion but thank you for updating me on where we are going.		
	Response: If you have concerns about performance or particular cases, please		

	bring them to my attention and they will get prioritised. The general standard of approach has improved and is hopefully an improving situation.		
18	Councillor Sue Dann	Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman	Where is the money coming from in relation to the current budget pressures and the commitments already promised by this administration for Street Services?
	<p>Response: As soon as I joined as the portfolio holder, the first thing I looked at was the structure of the entire service and how we could improve efficiencies. A good example of this would be the bulky waste, we have reintroduced that and the public have got real god value for money, this service will bring in some revenue. We are also reviewing commercial waste and looking at how businesses can engage with us rather than going to private companies. We also had a lot of temporary staff which incurred additional costs, we are now looking to take staff on and fully employed Council staff.</p> <p>Councillor Dan still had concerns in relation to budget pressures and the additional promises Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman has made, but looks forward to seeing if this can be delivered.</p>		

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