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CABINET – SUPPLEMENT PACK

Tuesday 13 October 2020
2.00 pm
Microsoft Teams meeting

Members:

Councillor Evans OBE, Chair

Councillor P Smith, Vice Chair

Councillors Haydon, Coker, Dann, Lowry, Penberthy, Jon Taylor, Laing and Kate Taylor.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Please find enclosed additional information relating to item 10.

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Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

Cabinet

10. Completed Pledge 83: The Box

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Cabinet



Date:	13 October 2020
Title of Report:	Completed Pledges Report
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
Author:	Andrew Loton (Head of Governance, Performance and Risk)
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Your Reference:	P2020/Oct20
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The administration continues with its four year programme to deliver against the 100 pledges, by March 22, for a better, greener and fairer Plymouth. Following the completion of pledge 83 in September, the total number of pledges completed is 79 of the 100.

A “pledge on a page” overview has been prepared for pledge 83:

Pledge 83: By tripling the size of our museum, we will make sure The Box is the biggest cultural investment in the south outside London. It will be big enough to tell the story of Plymouth properly for the first time. The Box will also contain a major celebration of Plymouth’s Naval history, which will reflect the contribution Plymouth has made to the country and the world. We will also ensure it becomes the home to the National Figurehead Collection.

To see a full list of pledges completed please visit our [on-line pledge board](#).

Recommendations and Reasons

1. Cabinet are invited to note the completion of pledge 83 in September 2020, bringing the total number of completed pledges to 79.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The 100 Pledges and manifesto priorities continue to inform development and delivery of the Corporate Plan and therefore have been adopted by the Council as part of delivery of the Corporate Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

All resource implications have been considered and incorporated within the MTFP and Service Business Plans.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Pledge completions complement the Council's existing policy framework with respect to the above. However, where potential environmental implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from pledge delivery, assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council's policies.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

Where potential implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from pledge delivery, assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council's policies.

Appendices

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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A	Completed Pledge 83							

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 06/10/2020

Cabinet Member signature of approval:

Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)



Date: 06/10/2020

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FOR SPORT, CULTURE AND LEISURE

Pledge 83 – Make sure The Box is the biggest cultural investment in the south

What we said we would do: By tripling the size of our museum, we will make sure The Box is the biggest cultural investment in the south outside London. It will be big enough to tell the story of Plymouth properly for the first time. The Box will also contain a major celebration of Plymouth's Naval history, which will reflect the contribution Plymouth has made to the country and the world. We will also ensure it becomes the home to the National Figurehead Collection.

What we wanted to achieve: We wanted The Box to be the new home for the city's six national collections, including more than two million artefacts, archives, films and photographs. We wanted the city's residents to take it into their hearts and to feel a sense of pride in its celebration of Plymouth's stories being the world's stories too. We also wanted to put Plymouth on the map as a creative centre and cultural tourism destination, with The Box at its heart.

What we have done: The Box opened on 24 September 2020, only four months after our planned pre COVID-19 launch date. The venue includes eight galleries and seven exhibition spaces, plus a unique 'archive in the sky' housing the city's collections that are not on display (accessible by appointment). The Port of Plymouth gallery and flight of fourteen magnificent ships' figureheads tell the story of Plymouth's naval history and epic relationship with the oceans.

Our three day preview for Plymothians welcomed 2,285 guests (the maximum possible with social distancing). We opened to the general public on 29 September and were fully booked throughout our first week, welcoming a further 4,475 visitors. We have generated exceptional positive media coverage for the city, worth £1,089,057 and reaching 60.43 million people.

What's next: The Box has had a highly successful opening, even within the constraints of COVID-19. The Box shop and 'Kitchen & Bar' are already demonstrating the potential for substantial income once COVID-19 restrictions are removed. We have secured the British Art Show for late 2021 and will be presenting our next four year plan for the funding round of April 2023 to March 2027 to the Arts Council England in January 2022.

Find out more!

For more information about The Box, visit <https://www.theboxplymouth.com/>



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