

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: The Administration's 50 Pledges
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Part: I

Purpose of the report:

The Administration's 50 Pledges

In May 2014 the Council's Cabinet set out 50 new pledges that are linked to its Corporate Plan priorities. The commitments are themed around 10 priority areas focusing on: the economy and jobs, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour, supporting children and young people, the environment, transport, housing, culture and sport, improving the image and vision for the city, caring for residents whatever their age and being an open and transparent council.

Since May 2014 pledges have been achieved on a regular basis and often ahead of their expected completion dates and reported accordingly. This report summaries progress to date.

As at the 22nd of March 2016 the majority (96%) of pledges have been completed. All the themes have been completed with the exception of 'pride' and 'open'. Two pledges remain to be completed.

Working Plymouth

All (100%) of the Working Plymouth Pledges have been completed, including the Pledge to double the 1000 club and help 2000 more people in work and apprenticeships; the Pledge to launch the "Building Plymouth" initiative to grow and support jobs was completed earlier than anticipated in September 14; as was the Pledge to increase the amount of local purchasing the council does.

Safer Plymouth

All (100%) of the Safer Plymouth Pledges have been completed, including the pledge to build the new CCTV control room which went live the summer 2015. In August 2014, Pledge 8 was completed which saw the culmination of an 18-month project to replace nearly 29,000 street lights in the city with energy efficient light emitting diode LED lamps.

Young Plymouth

All (100%) of the Young Plymouth Pledges have been completed including: increasing the number of children leaving school with the ability to read and write; we also saw the introduction of a schools passport so all young people in the city are 'job' ready' after leaving school.

Green Plymouth

All (100%) of the Greener Plymouth Pledges have been completed including: the expansion of the Plymouth Energy Community (PEC) and the identification and transfer of sites for green energy generation, for example; a number of Ernesettle sites are being transferred to a community owned trust with the aim of providing jobs, green energy, learning and training opportunities. The completion of Pledge 20 also saw the launch of a Land Share Scheme in March 2015 to encourage the use of unused land around the city to grow crops, fruit and vegetables.

Moving Plymouth

All (100%) of the Moving Plymouth Pledges have been completed including the pledge of resurfacing and repairing potholes and fixing pavement. These works are part of an £11.2 million repair programme that treated two thirds of the city's strategic network over a three year period. Pledge 26 is also complete which see the major transport improvement plans for the north of the city take a major step forward, with the appointment of the main contractor for the Derriford Transport Scheme with the Heart-of-the-South-West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP) contributing £10.16 million towards the £12.72 million scheme.

Living Plymouth

All (100%) of the Living Plymouth Pledges have been completed including the plan for homes which committed to build 1,000 homes every year for the next five years. The second phase of Plan for Homes, covering 2016-2021 also sees an £80million plan for 5,000 new homes and over 2,000 construction jobs.

Vibrant Plymouth

All (100%) of the Vibrant Plymouth Pledges have been completed including the declaration by the government that Plymouth is the centre for the mayflower anniversary celebrations in 2020. Free Wi-Fi has been introduced into the city centre and the Armed Forces Community Covenant – led by Plymouth City Council working in partnership with a range of local partners – has been a great success and has achieved the development of the Armed Forces Corporate Covenant.

Pride Plymouth

All bar one (88%) pledges have been completed in Pride Plymouth Pledges. Those completed include lighting city landmarks by permanently lighting Smeaton's Tower and other prominent iconic structures and buildings. Recognising the contribution of Plymouth's men and women who served in the First World War in the military and on the home front with a series of events marking the 100th anniversary of the Great War. Most notably plans to transform Plymouth's museum and art gallery into a new world class visitor attraction have taken giant steps forward. Still to be completed is a public fund raising campaign for a fitting Mayflower memorial which is still work in progress.

Caring Plymouth

All (100%) of the Caring Plymouth Pledges have been completed including the pioneering work being done to make Plymouth a dementia friendly city, providing a seamless discharge from hospital and the campaign for a fairer Public health settlement.

Open Plymouth.

All bar one pledge remains to be completed (online services). Of those that have, successes include the opening of the new one stop shop, enhancement of the scrutiny programme and a campaign to encourage people to register to vote so everyone in Plymouth is able to have their voice heard at election time.

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:

The Council remains committed to the vision, values, objectives and outcomes set out in the Corporate Plan.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**Including finance, human, IT and land:**

The Council set a 2016/17 budget in February 2016, with requirements and resources based on policy frameworks, including the Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan allows the council to continue to manage its commitments within the revenue and capital envelope agreed. -

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

The Corporate Plan complements the Council's existing policy framework with respect to the above.

Equality and Diversity:

Where potential equality and diversity implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from the Corporate Plan, assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council's policies.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

- Cabinet to note the progress of Pledges

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None

Published work / information:

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17

Background papers:

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Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													