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DEVONPORT, STOKE AND ST PETER & THE WATERFRONT AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2010

TIME: 6.00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL HOUSE, CIVIC CENTRE, PLYMOUTH

Members –

Councillor Mrs Dolan, Chair

Councillor Wildy, Vice Chair

Councillors Coker, King, McDonald, Reynolds, Mrs Stephens, Stevens and Mrs Watkins

Co-opted Representatives –

Ms Rhea Brooke

Mrs Anne Crocker

Mrs Nicky Finnigan

Mrs Dee Harvey

Mrs Nicola Hawkings

Mr Paul Squire

Pembroke Street Estate Management Board

Upper Barbican Residents Association

Keyham Community Partnership

A location map of the venue is attached to the agenda*

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**DEVONPORT, STOKE AND ST PETER & THE WATERFRONT AREA
COMMITTEE**

PART I (PUBLIC COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 3 - 8)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2010.

Please note any questions relating to these minutes can be asked under question time for members of the public.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. CAMELS HEAD SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS (TO FOLLOW)

To receive an update on the Camels Head sewerage treatment works.

6. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary will report on any relevant local issues.

7. LOCALITY WORKING

(Pages 9 - 14)

The Committee will consider a report by the Director for Community Services on locality working.

8. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee and Officers will respond to questions from members of the public attending the Committee. Any question not answered shall be the subject of a

written response within 10 working days. Copies of the public question pro-forma and accompanying guidance note will be available at the meeting. Attached, for information purposes, is a schedule of questions and answers from the previous meeting.

9. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

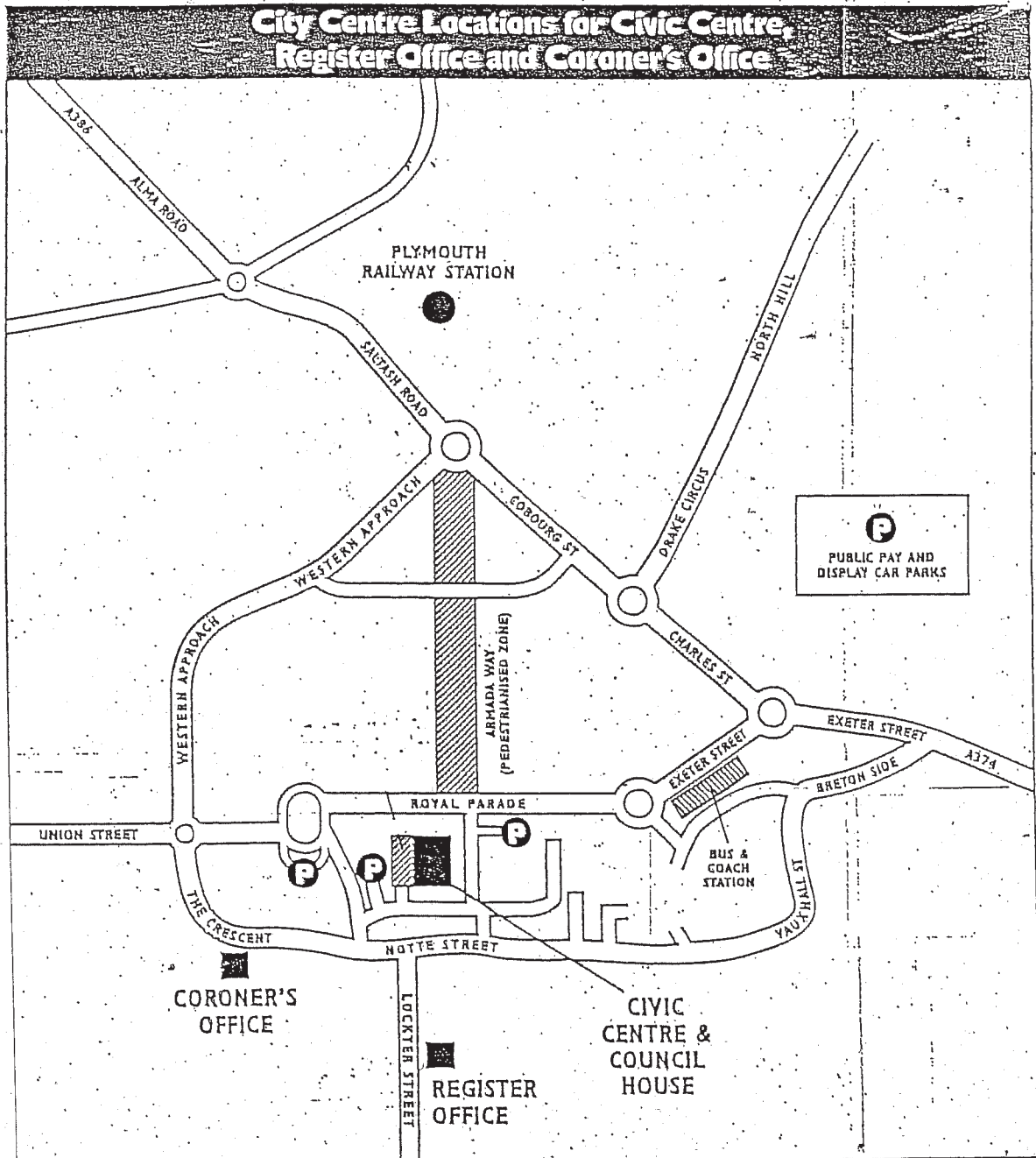
that under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

Nil.

Schedules of planning applications received in respect of the Committee's three Wards are attached for Members' information only. Copies of the schedules will be available for inspection by members of the public at the meeting.

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Devonport, Stoke and St Peter & the Waterfront Area Committee

Tuesday 26 January 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Dolan, in the Chair.
Councillors Coker, King, McDonald, Stevens and Mrs Watkins.

Co-opted Representatives: Mrs Dee Harvey and Mrs Nicola Hawkings

Apologies for absence: Councillors Wildy, Reynolds and Mrs Stephens and Ms Rhea Brooke, Mrs Nicky Finnigan and Mr Paul Squire

Also in attendance:

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.15 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee 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.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Minute No. and Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs Watkins	48a. Traffic Regulation Order Somerset Place	Has worked with residents groups.	Personal

43. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

44. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

45. POLICING ISSUES

The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary representative provided a verbal update, it was reported that –

- (i) Crime was down across the sector by 5.5%;
- (ii) violent crime was down 8.5%;
- (iii) a survey of residents had highlighted the high visibility foot patrols in the area;
- (iv) planning permission had been granted for Devonport Community Police Station and will go ahead subject to a further police authority meeting.

In response to questions from the panel, it was reported that –

- (v) Car crime was down in stoke and there had been a number of arrests made;
- (vi) demand for PCSO presence was under constant review.

46. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - THEATRE ROYAL CAR PARK**

The Network Management Coordinator introduced a Traffic Regulation Order for the Theatre Royal car park. It was reported that –

- (i) The proposals were put forward as a part of the recent refurbishment of the Theatre Royal Car Park to prevent vehicles being left in an obstructive manner;
- (ii) the proposal was subject of a public consultation from July 2009;
- (iii) there had been no objections to the plan.

In response to questions from members of the committee it was reported that-

- (iv) the existing double yellow lines did not prevent loading and unloading;
- (v) persons with blue badges were able to park on double yellow lines for three hours which was a national policy;
- (vi) the loading ban will prevent disabled parking in the area.

Resolved to accept the recommendations within the report.

47. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

(i) **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SOMERSET PLACE, STOKE**

The Network Management Coordinator introduced a Traffic Regulation Order for Somerset Place, Stoke. It was reported that –

- (i) The proposals were developed as part of planning consultation. Obligations were placed on Stoke Damerel Community School when they applied for planning permission for the development of the site;
- (ii) the proposed scheme is funded from contributions from the school;
- (iii) the main objective is to reduce congestion and obstruction in the area;
- (iv) the local residents association had supported the restrictions but considered that it would result in parking being displaced;
- (v) five other objections and comments were received from members of the public;
- (vi) suggestions to make the road one way were dismissed as it could increase traffic speeds around the school;
- (vii) there were concerns of loss of parking on the highway;
- (viii) the school has been considering its travel plan to lessen its impact on parking in the area.

In response to questions from the committee, it was reported that-

- (ix) Several representations had been received on the issue but objections were not on the basis that the stated objectives would not be met;
- (x) there was no guarantee that residents could park if a residents permit parking scheme was implemented;
- (xi) a controlled parking zone would not be considered for this area, it would be included

in the city review for the next capital programme and would need to be highlighted in local transport plan 3;

- (xii) the restriction times were put forward to ensure uniformity with the surrounding areas and make them easier to enforce, easier for drivers to understand and where there are consistent restrictions there have been fewer appeals;
- (xiii) regarding consultation, 130 residents had been sent letters; there was a notice in the Herald newspaper and notices in the surrounding areas.

Resolved -

1. To defer a decision to allow site visit involving ward councillors, residents, council officers and representatives from Stoke Damerel Community School;
 2. that the highway authority consider amending the end of the restriction period to 4:30 PM;
 3. that the Cabinet Member for planning, strategic housing and economic development reconsiders the charges for parking within the city enterprise park.
- (ii) **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - JAMES STREET, DEVONPORT**
The Network Management Coordinator introduced a Traffic Regulation Order for James Street, Devonport. It was reported that –
- (i) The proposals were put forward to prevent vehicles being left in an obstructive manner in a residential area and included in the original design layout for the development by Leadbitters;
 - (ii) funded by Leadbitters;
 - (iii) the proposals have been subject to public consultation;
 - (iv) it was proposed that double yellow lines be installed at various locations;
 - (v) only one letter of comment had been received.
- In response to questions from members of the committee, it was reported that-
- (vi) The double yellow lines were required to improve visibility;
 - (vii) there had been no objections from the school.

Resolved to approve the recommendations.

- (iii) **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - MADEIRA ROAD, ST PETER AND THE WATERFRONT**
The Network Management Coordinator introduced a Traffic Regulation Order for Madeira Road, St Peter and The Waterfront. It was reported that –
- (i) The proposals are part of a larger scheme for delivering a landing stage for cruise liners at the barbican;
 - (ii) there had been only one objection which was not valid under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act;
 - (iii) it was anticipated that large volume of disembarking passengers would be better facilitated while maintaining free flowing traffic along Madeira road as a result of this scheme.

In response to questions from members of the committee, it was reported that-

- (iv) the proposal to move the pay and display the new bus bays would prevent the creation of a chicane;
- (v) by moving the pay and display bays the loss of parking spaces would be limited to three spaces;
- (vi) road width would be retained by moving the parking bays

Resolved to-

1. Defer for a site visit to include ward councillors, officers and residents;
2. Ask the cabinet member for transport to defer any decision on the scheme to follow the site visit.

48. **DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS ZEBRA CROSSING**

The Network Management Coordinator introduced a report on the proposed pedestrian crossing on Paradise Road, Stoke. It was reported that-

- (i) The proposals formed part of an emphasis on increasing road safety measures around schools;
- (ii) consultation had taken place with Devonport High School for Boys, letters had been sent to residents and key stakeholders; street notices were erected and a notice had been placed in the local press;
- (iii) 7 comments had been received, one from a bus operator concerned the possible relocation of the bus stop, amendments were made and stakeholders were happy with the amendments.

In response to questions from members of the committee it was reported that

- (iv) The crossing would be subject to a safety audit;
- (v) zig zag lines would be painted on the approach to the crossing;
- (vi) belisha beacons would be high enough to be seen from the western approach to the crossing.

Resolved to approve the recommendations within the report.

49. **PARKING ISSUES**

The Network Management Coordinator reported that parking issues in Whittington Street, Stoke were considered within the city review and were not considered a priority. Residents that had made representations had been notified of the outcome of the review.

50. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

Resolved that each ward would receive £386 from unallocated Local Environment Funds to spend at the discretion of ward members.

51. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that the following items be included on the next agenda-

1. Camel's Head South West Water treatment works odour;
2. accident reports for the northern end of Milehouse Road.
3. details surrounding the replacement of Area Committees with localities working.

52. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

In response to a question from a member of the public it was reported that the issue of anti social driving on the Hoe and surrounding area specifically Citadel Road, Hoe Road, Lambhay Hill, Hoe Approach and Prospect Place had been referred for consideration by the Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel

53. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved that the next meeting of the area committee be held at 6pm Tuesday 30 March at the Council House, Civic Centre.

54. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

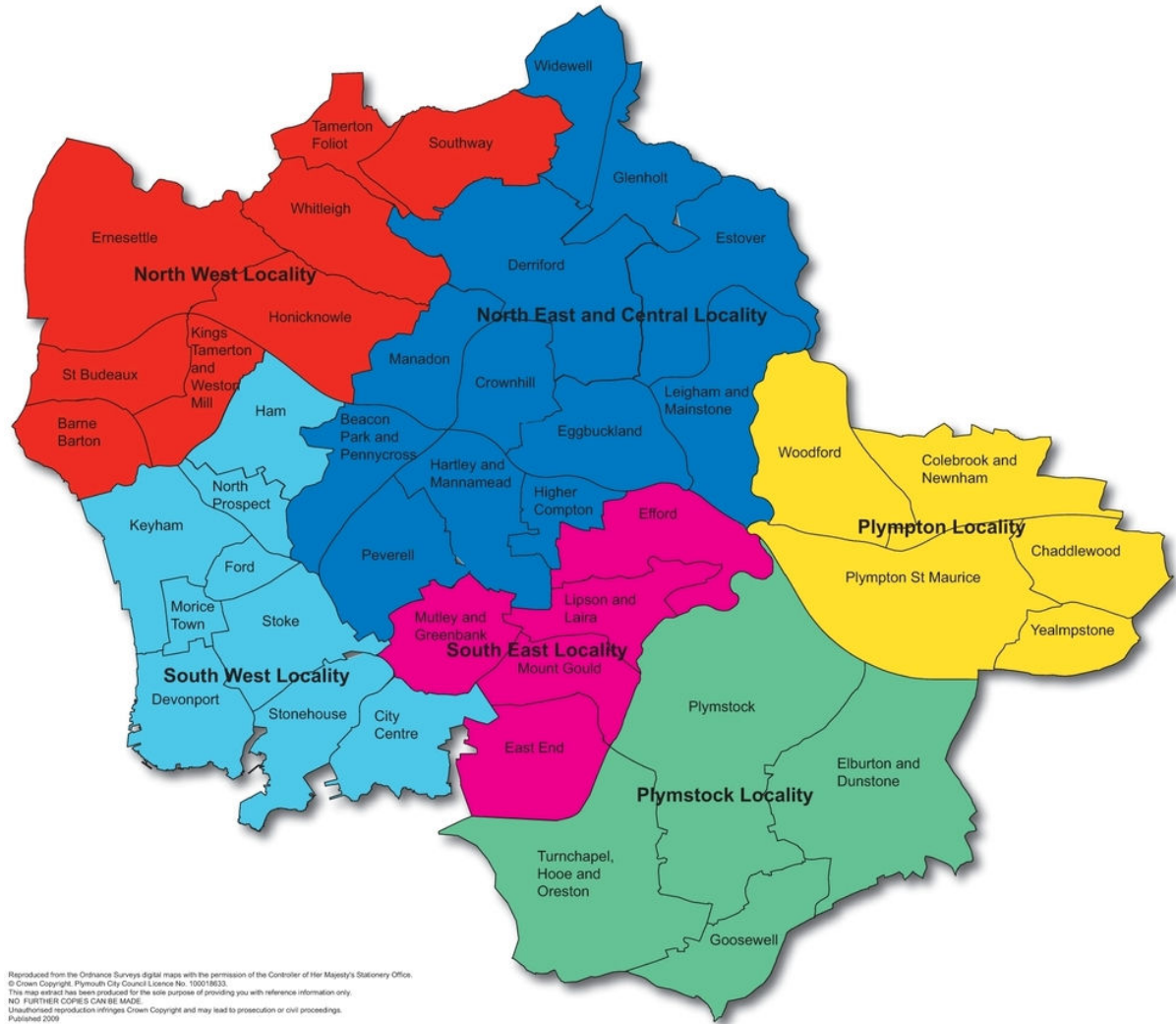
There were no items of exempt business.

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Locality Working

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1. Introduction
 - 1.1 In the Autumn last year all Area Committees were consulted on proposals for 'Locality working', which aims to improve public engagement and improve the way service providers work together. A meeting of the full Council on 1st February 2010 decided to introduce Locality working from June 2010. The paper explains the transition to Locality Working and provides answers to possible questions that members of the Committee might have.
 - 1.2 As a result of the decision, this is the last Area Committee cycle arranged.
2. The Locality Working Model Agreed by Council on 1st February 2010
 - 2.1 Locality Working involves changes to the way the City Council and its partners engage with the public and delivers services. The 'Locality working model' aims to improve the way we work with other service providers (such as Health and Police), to respond to issues identified by communities, and to deliver solutions in liaison with councillors.
 - 2.2 The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) has identified six 'Localities' within Plymouth, so that services can organise around consistent boundaries. Each Locality consists of a number of Plymouth's 43 Neighbourhoods which are based on well-established natural boundaries, recognised by local people. A map of Plymouth Localities and Neighbourhoods is set out below.
 - 2.3 Locality Service Co-ordination Teams are being set up, involving practitioners from the following key services: Community Safety, Children and Young People, Health and Adult Social Care and Street Services. Each of the six Localities will have its own Team led by a senior Locality Team Manager. The Team will be dedicated to responding to priorities which need joint agency working to resolve.
 - 2.4 Each Locality Service Co-ordination Team's agenda will be set by ward councillors, working with Police and Health Sector partners. They will be responsible for identifying priorities and agreeing solutions with the Team Manager. To help identify priorities, councillors will be invited to attend Neighbourhood Partners & Communities Together (PACT) meetings and be guided by a range of other community views and issues expressed within the Neighbourhood.
 - 2.5 The existing Area Committee system will be replaced by Neighbourhood level community engagement.



Map of Plymouth Localities and Neighbourhoods

3. Questions and Answers

How will residents be able to make their views known about service provision?

- 3.1 There will be a number of opportunities available within each Neighbourhood, tailored according to local circumstances. In the short term these include the following:
- ‘Partners and Communities Together’ (PACT) public meetings and events (see 3.4 below)
 - Commenting on-line, using the Council’s website plymouth.gov.uk select ‘comment’ then ‘Have Your Say’
 - Contacting Councillors via the Council’s Contact Centre telephone 01752 668000 or using the Council’s website plymouth.gov.uk select ‘Council and democracy’ then ‘Councillors and Committees’ then ‘Councillors’.
- 3.2 Members of the public who have attended Area Committee meetings will be able to get involved in their PACT events close to where they live.

Which Neighbourhoods are covered by this Area Committee and its Wards?

<i>Area Committee</i>	<i>Neighbourhood covered by Area Committee</i>
Devonport, Stoke, St Peter & The Waterfront	City Centre Devonport Ford Keyham Morice Town Stoke Stonehouse

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Neighbourhood covered by Ward</i>
Devonport	Mark Coker Bill Stevens Nicky Wildy	Devonport Keyham Morice Town Stoke
Stoke	Jill Dolan David Reynolds Joan Watkins	Ford Stoke
St Peter & The Waterfront	Mark King Susan McDonald Sally Stephens	City Centre Stonehouse

Which Neighbourhood do I live in?

- 3.3 You can check this using the 'Plymouth Informed' web-site: <http://www.plymouth-informed.org.uk>: enter the site, select 'Search', enter your post code, select 'Get map', select 'Boundaries', select 'Neighbourhoods', then direct pointer to map and the Neighbourhood name will be identified. Alternatively, you can email plyminfd@plymouth.gov.uk advising your post code in your query, or call the Council's Contact Centre telephone 01752 668000.

When are the next PACT meetings in our Neighbourhoods?

- 3.4 PACT events are currently arranged by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. They include public meetings, panels, surgeries and street surveys, dependent on what works best for involving local people in a particular area. This mix of engagement opportunity will continue, but with more support from the City Council.
- 3.5 Details of forthcoming PACT meetings and events are advertised in the local area by Devon and Cornwall Police and can be found on the Neighbourhood Policing website: <http://neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk/Pages/FindMyNeighbourhood.aspx>, search by Neighbourhood or post code. Alternatively, contact Devon and Cornwall Constabulary (Non-emergency calls – 24 hours – 08452 777444), supplying your Neighbourhood name or post code.

- 3.6 An update on PACT meetings to be held in the area will be reported at the Committee meeting.

How were Neighbourhoods agreed?

- 3.7 Neighbourhoods were defined back in 2001 following public consultation and councillor involvement. In particular they were to be the basis for data gathering and neighbourhood renewal initiatives. They were defined primarily on the basis of 'best fit' for neighbourhood identity purposes, reflecting both physical and community boundaries, rather than political (ward) boundaries, which in some cases did not reflect community identity.
- 3.8 Since that time data has been collected and assigned on a Neighbourhood basis, and Neighbourhoods have formed the 'building blocks' for the City, used by City Council departments, Police and Health, for a range of data and information purposes, and for more easily identifying, for example, pockets of deprivation.

How were Localities agreed?

- 3.9 Neighbourhoods are too small for most administrative and service delivery purposes. With the drive to achieve better service co-ordination across public sector, whilst at the same time relating to reasonably local areas, Localities offer a way forward. The lead came from partners within the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), which represents public, private and Third sector organisations across the city. An assessment was carried out by Plymouth Analysts' Network to develop a proposal that took into account existing working arrangements and socio-economic factors.
- 3.10 Following this assessment, Locality boundaries were agreed by the Local Strategic Partnership Executive at their meeting on 20th August 2008, and this was endorsed by a meeting of the LSP Board on 19th September 2008.
- 3.11 A number of services have already adopted Localities as the basis for their organisational and data collection needs. Examples include Children and Young People's services, Health visitors, and Town Planning. Adult Social Care and related NHS services and Police and Community Safety are also moving that way.

Have people been consulted on the proposals?

- 3.12 The proposals have been developed following public consultation between July-October last year. Although the LSP had taken a decision on Localities, no decision had yet been taken on how this might affect Plymouth City Council and other service providers. Any decision needed to go through the full democratic processes. This is reflected in the decision eventually taken by Full Council on 1st February 2010. In addition Locality working was subject to consideration through the Overview and Scrutiny process.

What did people say?

3.13 The response can be summarised as follows:

- Support for the concept of a Service Coordination Team in each Locality, with representation from key services as a way of improving joining up of service delivery
- Support for the appointment of a Locality lead for each Service Coordination Team; these people to be drawn from a variety of LSP partners' senior staff
- Area Committees are generally not operating well as a means of community engagement, but that original proposals to establish new Partnerships based on Locality boundaries would not be any more effective, because Localities are too big and too diverse as an effective unit for engagement
- Community engagement is only likely to be effective at Neighbourhood level, therefore strong support for improving community engagement at this level, and a recognition that this need not be through very formal processes
- A view that meetings alone are not an effective way of engaging some people, particularly young and 'seldom heard' people
- Improved mechanisms are needed to support councillors as advocates of their communities and to get local issues resolved.

When will Locality working be introduced?

3.14 Locality working is due to be launched in June 2010. The March 2010 Area Committees are the last ones arranged.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The proposed model of Locality Working has potentially significant benefits for Plymouth, in respect of improved service delivery and effective use of resources. Inevitably the detail will evolve according to local circumstances, priorities and needs. Generally, however, the proposals take on board consultation feedback and they align very closely with the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board's recommendations. Proposals can be implemented without additional impact on the Council's budget and will help address its Corporate Improvement Priorities.
- 4.2 Any undertaking of this kind will not operate perfectly from the start, and implementation will be kept under review, with a formal review undertaken after 12 months of implementation.

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