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DRAKE, EFFORD & LIPSON AND SUTTON & MOUNT GOULD AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010

TIME: 6.00 PM

PLACE: ST PAUL'S CHURCH, EFFORD LANE, EFFORD, PLYMOUTH, PL3 6JG

Members –

Councillor Rennie, Chair

Councillor Fox, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Kerswell, Miller MBE, Mrs Nelder, Ricketts and Vincent

Co-opted Representatives –

Mohamed El M'Hamdi, Gabby Moore, Sally Anne Parkes, Mike Smith and John Truscott

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

Members and Officers are requested to sign the attendance list at the meeting.

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

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**DRAKE, EFFORD & LIPSON AND SUTTON & MOUNT GOULD AREA
COMMITTEE**

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 1 - 4)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 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. POLICING ISSUES AND POLICE AND COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES**

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

6. LOCALITY WORKING (Pages 5 - 10)

The panel will receive a report from the Assistant Director for Safer Communities on the future of locality working.

7. 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 ten working days.

8. 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)

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the Panel 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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Drake, Efford & Lipson and Sutton & Mount Gould Area Committee

Thursday 21 January 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Rennie, in the Chair.
Councillor Fox, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ricketts and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Mohamed El M'Hamdi, Sally Anne Parkes, Mike Smith and John Truscott

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Nelder

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.10 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.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

39. MINUTES

The Committee considered the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2010.

It was commented by Councillor Vincent that parking issues in Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road had been included on future agenda items for the next meeting and did not appear on the committees agenda.

The Chair read an email from the Assistant Director for Development and Regeneration it was reported that –

- (i) A request was received, initially from Councillor. Kerswell and then residents to consider a residents parking zone covering Salcombe Road. This was considered as part of a six monthly review in September 2009.
- (ii) Current priorities on implementing such schemes must relate to the primary outcomes of the local transport Plan. The provision of a local residents parking scheme, whilst important to local residents does not meet the wider strategic requirements of the local transport Plan and thus the funding allocated to it at this moment in time.

Resolved that -

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 October 2009 be approved as a correct record;
2. that the assistant director for development and regeneration contact Councillor. Vincent regarding his concerns

40. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

41. **POLICING ISSUES AND POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES**

Resolved that in the absence of Police representatives at the committee a strongly worded letter is written to the BCU Commander and Chief constable highlighting the committees commitment to partnership working and expressing disappointment at lack of Police Officer attendance.

42. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW**

The Committee received an interactive presentation on the council's review of priorities.

In response to questions it was reported that –

- (i) There were difficult decisions to make in funding priorities, all of the information collected at Area Committees and other consultation events would be considered in the corporate programme which is fed back through the political process as funding of priorities was ultimately a political decision.

43. **EASTERN CORRIDOR UPDATE**

The Committee noted the update paper on the Eastern Corridor.

44. **UPDATE ON SCHOOL 20 MPH ZONE**

The Committee noted the update paper on schools 20 MPH zones.

45. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Committee Chair gave an update on how Local Environment Fund Monies had been spent, it was reported that –

- (i) Councillors Fox and Ricketts of Drake Ward had spent money on a number of high quality railing installations;
- (ii) Money had been provided to the friends of Freedom Fields Park from a Member for Sutton and Mount Gould ward allowing the community to set up a number of well attended events in the park

The Committee Chair highlighted that under spend from last years budget had been brought forward thanks to the work of the Cabinet member for Finance, Property, People, and Governance. The Chair suggested that the monies could be pooled and provided to two youth projects in Efford and Mutley/Greenbank.

Resolved that –

1. LEF funds are provided to the two youth projects in Mutley Greenbank and Efford;
2. that representatives from the Youth Projects provide a progress report to the committee in the autumn.

46. **CYCLING ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS - GLEN PARK AVENUE**

The Committee considered recommendations on cycling accessibility improvements on Glen Park Avenue. It was reported that –

- (i) The original vehicle prohibition was put in place to deal with 'rat running' in the area;

- (ii) as a major pedestrian route into the city centre the scheme includes dropped curbs for the mobility impaired;
- (iii) this is a part of a wider programme of cycling accessibility improvements.

Resolved - to approve the recommendations within the report.

47. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that the following agenda items be included on the agenda of a future meeting.

- (i) A representative from the Highway Authority is invited to the next meeting to discuss parking and access problems at Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road (subject to site visits not being carried out);
- (ii) An update on the future of Pater Noster house (subject to the outcome of the meeting of the Planning Committee 4 February 2010)

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

The committee considered questions raised by members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) Controlled parking zone in Salcombe road
- (ii) Gypsy/Traveller facilities in Efford
- (iii) Traffic flow on Blandford Road
- (iv) Parking and traffic calming measures on Bernice Terrace, Lipson
- (v) The poor condition of the footpath from Military Road to Willow Close

Reponses were provided as follows –

- (vi) With regard to (i) above Councillor Vincent would request a site visit to be arranged with affected residents and council officers at Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road. A request for approximate costings for the CPZ at Salcombe would be requested from the authority along with information on correspondence or consultation with the residents of Salcombe road;
- (vii) with regards to (ii) above it was reported that there is no further information whether proposed gypsy/traveller facilities would be going forward;
- (viii) with regard to (iii) above it was reported that the road is a busy one and increased traffic flow in the area could result from accidents on primary routes and increased traffic to and from High View school which is undergoing renovation;
- (ix) with regard to (iv) and (v) above, written responses would be sought from the relevant departments.

49. **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The committee was informed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 March 2010 at St. Pauls Church, Efford.

50. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

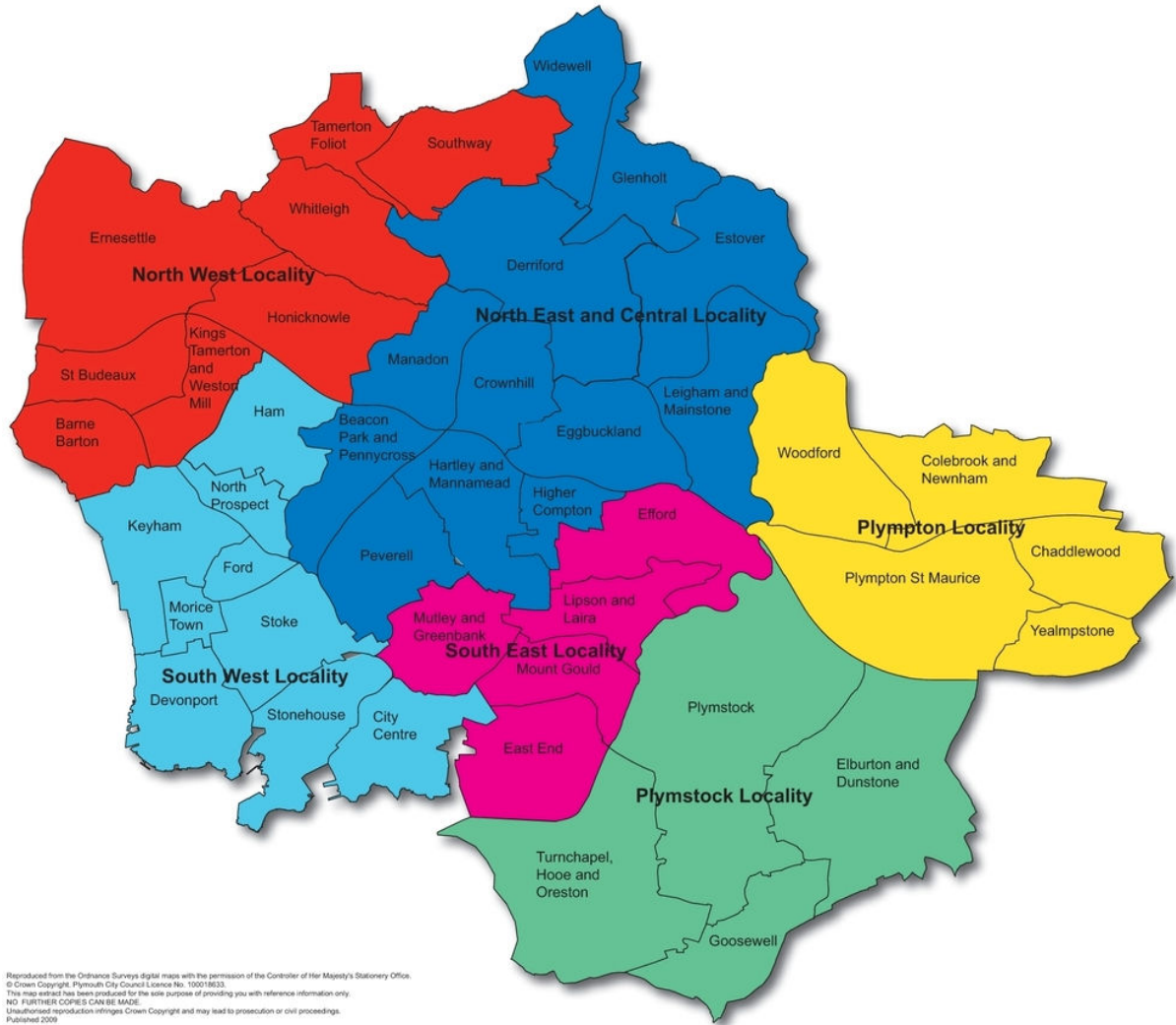
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Locality Working

**This document is available in other languages and in accessible formats,
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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>
Drake, Efford & Lipson, Sutton & Mount Gould	East End Efford Lipson & Laira Mount Gould Mutley & Greenbank

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Neighbourhood covered by Ward</i>
Drake	Andy Fox Steven Ricketts	Mutley & Greenbank
Efford & Lipson	Andy Kerswell Bernard (Claude) Miller Brian Vincent	Efford Lipson & Laira Mutley & Greenbank
Sutton & Mount Gould	Mary Aspinall Jean Nelder Eddie Rennie	East End Mutley & Greenbank

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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