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## **PLYMPTON AREA COMMITTEE**

**DATE: MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2010**  
**TIME: 6.00 PM**  
**PLACE: ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH**  
**PL7 1QW**

### **Committee Members–**

Councillor Nicholson, Chair  
Councillor Lock, Vice Chair  
Councillors Mrs Beer, James, Jordan, Sam Leaves and Dr Salter

### **Co-opted Representatives**

Mr J Boulden	(Plympton & District Civic Society)
Mr A Briggs	(Plympton Traders Association)
Mr M Halliday	(Chaddlewood Farm Community Association)
Mr E Mills	(Plympton St Maurice Civic Association)
Mr S Mower	(Plympton Academic Council)
Mr A Street	(Plympton Community Association)

***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.***

**BARRY KEEL**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

# PLYMPTON 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 1 - 4)**

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2009.

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**

A representative from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary will report on any relevant issues.

**6. COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW**

The Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships will give a presentation on the review of Council priorities.

**7. LOCALITIES**

**(Pages 5 - 26)**

The Committee will be provided with the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Localities Task and Finish Group report for their information.

## **8. TRANSPORT ISSUES**

The Corporate Director for Development will report on any transport issues affecting the Plympton Wards.

### **(a.) Eastern Corridor Major Scheme: Options for Deep Lane Junction**

The Major Schemes Project Manager will provide the Committee with an update on the Eastern Corridor Major Scheme: Options for Deep Lane Junction.

## **9. REES YOUTH CENTRE**

The Committee will be provided with a verbal update on Rees Youth Centre.

## **10. LANGAGE POWER STATION**

A representative from the Environment Agency will provide the Committee with an update on Langage Power Station.

## **11. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND (Pages 45 - 46)**

The Committee will be provided with a report on the Local Environment Fund.

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee will consider requests from individual Committee Members for future agenda items and identify items that are still outstanding from previous meetings.

## **13. 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.

## **14. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 8 March, 2010, at St Mary's Church Hall, Plympton, Plymouth.

## **15. 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 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.*

## Plympton Area Committee

**Monday 2 November 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Nicholson, in the Chair.

Councillor Lock, Vice Chair.

Councillors Dr. Salter, Mrs Beer, James and Sam Leaves and Dr. Salter

Co-opted Representatives: Mr J Bouldon, Mr A Briggs, Mr S Mower, Mr A Street and Malcolm Halliday

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jordan and Mr E F Mills

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.15 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.*

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under discussion at this meeting –

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute No. and Subject</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Councillor Mrs. Beer	31 - Policing Issues	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.	Personal
Mr. Street	31 - Policing Issues	Retired Police Officer.	Personal
	32 - Plympton Library	Board Member of NHS Plymouth.	Personal

**29. MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

**30. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair informed the Committee that an exhibition was due to take place in Plympton Museum regarding Sir Joshua Reynolds between 20 November 09 and 20 February 2010.

**31. POLICING ISSUES**

Inspector Fitzpatrick was in attendance to report on behalf of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

The Committee was advised that –

- (i) between April 09 and October 09, 935 crimes had been committed in Plympton; this was reported as being 25% less crime compared to the same period last year;
- (ii) there was a 40% reduction of crime recorded in Colebrook and Newnham;
- (iii) there was a 23% increase of crime recorded in Woodford;
- (iv) there was a 17% reduction of crime recorded in Plympton St Maurice;
- (v) there was a 13% increase of crime recorded in Yealmpstone;

- (vi) areas that had shown an increase in reported crime, had also shown an increase in police detection;
- (vii) in the last 2-3 weeks there had been an increase of criminal damage offences; two people were arrested however one of the individuals was subsequently arrested again for damaging a car. Residents were advised to park vehicles off road if possible, put wing mirrors in and hide valuables;
- (viii) Operation Everest took place on 14 October and was very successful; Police enforcement officers, MOD police, a speed detection van and extra patrols were out in Plympton engaging with members of the public;
- (ix) a mobile police surgery was due to visit all five neighbourhoods, particularly at Greenway Avenue, Newnham Carpark, Colebrook Shops, Downham Drive and St Maurice Road;
- (x) a surgery takes place in Plympton library on the third Wednesday of every month between 3-4pm;

In response to questions raised it was reported that -

- (xi) information provided to the Committee was balanced between percentages and actual figures;
- (xii) pact meetings were not well attended, so police officers were making themselves available to speak by holding mobile police surgery's;
- (xiii) police meetings were advertised in the Herald, local papers and at various surgeries;
- (xiv) residents should be mindful of crime at Christmas and ensure to hide valuable items away;

Resolved that Inspector Fitzpatrick be thanked for his attendance.

## 32. **PLYMPTON LIBRARY**

The Chair informed the Committee that there was little to report on Plympton Library however it was raised by Members that there were no final plans for the library as of yet.

Mr Street informed the Committee that members of Plympton Community Council, at their last meeting, resolved to write to Plymouth City Council to include a museum in final plans for the library. In response a meeting had been arranged between members and museum and library staff on 5 November 09 in order to discuss the issue.

## 33. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that the following be added as future agenda items –

1. Rees Youth Service – a short presentation updating the Committee on youth activities in Plympton;
2. Localities;
3. general concerns with Amey;
4. community events and road closures – information to be provided on the new policy and drafted report;
5. general issues with bus timetables;

6. Merrifield Road – a written report to be provided updating the Committee on the possibility of upgrading signage for heavy goods vehicles;
7. Langage Power Station – a representative from the Environment Agency be requested to send a report or invited to attend a future meeting in order to assure councillors and residents that environmental pollution would be adequately monitored in the future;
8. Ridgeway Works – an update

## 34. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee considered questions from members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) the current situation with regards to the gypsy site development in Plympton;
- (ii) the problems caused by lack of appropriate signage with regards to hgv lorries driving down Merrifield road;
- (iii) if there was a possibility that money from the Local Environment Fund could be allocated to better signage in Litchaton Crescent;
- (iv) faulty street lighting in Maurice Road;
- (v) if emissions from the power station were being monitored by Centrigo;
- (vi) why Councillors did not attend a local meeting about the Ridgeway Works, and why the works had started 10 weeks before Christmas;

Responses were provided as follows –

- (a) with regard to (i) above, the Vice Chair informed the committee that this issue was to be discussed at 12 November 09 Planning Committee meeting;
- (b) with regard to (ii) above, the Vice Chair informed the Committee that he had previously requested for the signage at the top of Cot Hill to be upgraded in order to redirect hgv vehicles elsewhere;
- (c) with regard to (iii) above, the Chair informed the committee that this issue would be taken outside the meeting to be dealt with;
- (d) with regard to (iv) above, the committee was informed that the street lighting department had been contacted and were aware of the problem;
- (e) with regard to (v) above, the committee was informed that Councillor Dr Salter had made attempts to contact South Hams Council however assurances were not provided that South Hams would monitor emissions. The Committee was informed that the Environment Agency had powers of enforcement and it was suggested that residents should contact them with any concerns. Councillor Mrs Beer informed the committee that she had visited the power station and was told that it was currently working to 60% capacity and that officials admitted that their comments were not appropriate;
- (f) with regard to (vi) above the Chair informed the committee that he did not attend the meeting as it wasn't expected that any additional information would be provided; he also confirmed that Amey had reviewed and altered the scheme of works for the Ridgeway which had caused the delay. Mr Briggs highlighted to the committee that driver priority for the Ridgeway changed at weekends;

Mr Street raised a personal vote of thanks to Councillor Dr. Salter for all the support he provided in relation to the incident at Langage Power Station.

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

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 11 January, 2010, at 6.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Plympton.

36. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.





**Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel  
Joint Task and Finish Group  
Scrutiny Review – Report  
November 2009**

**Localities Working**

**Plymouth City Council**

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board approved in principle, on 5 August 2009 the establishment of a joint task and finish group to review Localities Working, with membership to be drawn from Customers and Communities, Children and Young People and Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panels. The Task and Finish Group will submit its findings for approval to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 2 December 2009, prior to consideration of Localities working at Cabinet on 19 January 2010 and Council on 1 February 2010.

## 2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board established a Joint Task and Finish Group to review Localities Working. The Council wants Locality Working to help it create a city with successful, strong, cohesive and sustainable communities.

- 2.2 The Group was asked to make recommendations on –

- the best way of joining up services in Localities and the proposal to have Locality Service Co-ordination Teams in each locality;
- ways we can improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality and whether Area Committees should be replaced with Partnerships (one for each locality) with a new focus on joint problem solving between services and communities; and
- what sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work.

- 2.3 The Group heard representations from a variety of witnesses and received written information from the Youth Parliament.

- 2.4 Key issues and findings included that -

- There is broad support for better service co-ordination based on the establishment of multi-agency teams at Locality level.
- There is a strong view that Neighbourhoods, not Localities, are the appropriate unit for community engagement. Most Localities are too large and diverse to be natural boundaries for community engagement.
- It is widely acknowledged that the Area Committees were not working effectively.
- Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and initiatives could, with some improvements, provide a good vehicle for community engagement but this needs to be supplemented with a variety of methods, beyond meetings, to maximise community engagement.
- Ward Councillors, engaged in improved PACT processes and equipped with feedback via these different methods, could advocate key priorities on behalf of their communities.
- Localities Working needs to be delivered within existing budgets, but has potential to respond to different needs and to priority Neighbourhoods, in relation to relevant data.

2.5 The Group believes that Localities Working can successfully deliver improvements if it is based on: good community engagement at Neighbourhood level; improved joining up of key services at Locality level; a strengthened role for Ward Councillors as advocates on behalf of communities; availability and consistency of relevant data at neighbourhood and Locality levels.

2.6 Recommendations are made covering -

- Service Co-ordination Teams for each Locality (reflecting proposals put out for consultation) within minimum representation of: street scene and environment; community safety; health; and children and young people, across partner agencies. Each team should be pulled together by a Locality Lead.
- Community engagement, to support Localities Working, focused at Neighbourhood level incorporating existing Partners and Communities Together (PACT) initiatives and strengthened arrangements to involve Ward Councillors and facilitate community involvement. (This is an alternative to proposals put out for consultation).
- Availability of information, to support Localities working, covering: local issues; feedback from consultation and community engagement; and data on city-wide priorities, disaggregated at Neighbourhood and Locality levels.
- Directing resources in response to need, using appropriate data sets.
- A post-implementation review.

### **3 Vision for Locality Working**

3.1 The Council wants Locality Working to help it create a city with successful, strong, cohesive and sustainable communities. Residents in these communities should be actively involved in shaping the places in which they live and improving services, leading to increased satisfaction and better quality of life.

### **4 The Panel**

4.1 The Joint Task and Finish group had a cross-party membership comprising the following Councillors –

- Councillor Fox (Chair)
- Councillor Wildy (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Purnell
- Councillor Roberts
- Councillor Mrs Stephens
- Councillor Mrs Watkins

For the purpose of the review, the joint task and finish group was supported by –

- Pete Aley, Assistant Director for Safer Communities
- Helen Wright, Democratic Support Officer

## 5 Scrutiny Approach

5.1 The task and finish group convened on two occasions to consider evidence and hear from witnesses -

- 2 November 2009
- 5 November 2009

5.2 Members of the Joint Task and Finish group aimed to examine and make recommendations on –

- the best way of joining up services in Localities and the proposal to have Locality Service Co-ordination Teams in each locality;
- ways we can improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality and whether Area Committees should be replaced with Partnerships (one for each locality) with a new focus on joint problem solving between services and communities; and
- what sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work.

The Work Programme Request (PID) is attached as Appendix 1.

5.3 At its meetings on 2 November and 5 November, the task and finish group considered evidence from witnesses, raised questions and considered answers and recommendations relating to Localities Working.

## 6 Witnesses

6.1 The task and finish group heard representations from –

- Pete Aley – Assistant Director for Safer Communities
- Superintendent Andy Bickley – Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
- Peter Flukes – Wolseley Trust
- Jane Donovan – Assistant Director for Environmental Services
- Pam Marsden – Assistant Director for Community Care
- Pat Patel – Tamarview Community Complex
- Carole Burgoyne – Director for Community Services
- Phil Mitchell – Housing and Regeneration Manager
- Mr Emery – Resident
- Sam Swaby – Granby Island Community Centre
- Peter McNamara and colleagues– Devonport Regeneration Community Partnership
- Annie McGee – Consultant to Plymouth Family Support Service
- Councillor Wheeler - Chair of Ham and St Budeaux Area Committee
- Martin Clay and colleague– North Prospect Partnership
- Councillor Dr Mahony – Chair of Compton and Peverell Area Committee

Responses from witnesses and written evidence received from the Youth Parliament are detailed in Appendix 2. Responses to the Localities Working Joint Task and Finish Group Questionnaire is attached at Appendix 3.

## 7 Key Issues Arising from the Evidence

- 7.1 From the evidence received the Panel considered the following to be the key themes.
- 7.1.1 There is broad support for better service co-ordination based on the establishment of multi-agency teams at Locality level. Although there could be some flexibility in how these teams are established, minimum service standards should apply across Plymouth. The establishment of such teams should not imply that all services would be located or delivered at Locality level.
- 7.1.2 Despite Localities being an appropriate unit for service co-ordination and some delivery, there is a strong view that Neighbourhoods, not Localities, are the appropriate unit for community engagement. It was widely acknowledged that the Area Committees were not working effectively, with low attendance from residents, limited involvement from service providers and few outcomes. The committees were also seen as too formal which inhibited some residents from engaging in the process.
- 7.1.3 Different models had been considered such as the 'Northern Network'. Meetings were held within the Southway Ward and involved Ward Councillors and representatives from the police, head teachers, doctor's surgeries, the church, allotment association and the scouts. Any issues raised were dealt with by the Ward Councillors. The meetings were held on an informal basis at which the Ward Councillors took the notes which avoided formal support service requirements. However, the Panel recognised that this model would not necessarily work in other Neighbourhoods, such as Devonport which is establishing a Board as part of New Deal for Communities succession arrangements.
- 7.1.4. It was acknowledged that Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and initiatives were operating with differing degrees of success at Neighbourhood level and, with some improvements, could provide a good vehicle for community engagement within small areas (residents knew what was needed within their own communities). However community engagement should not be a 'one size fits all' approach. Different Neighbourhoods have different needs and a variety of methods beyond meetings need to be employed to maximise engagement.
- 7.1.5 Although the scope of the Work Programme Request (PID) excluded the task and finish group from examining the boundaries of the six Localities (which had been agreed by the Local Strategic Partnership), it was acknowledged that most Localities (nb the Central and North East Locality) were too large and diverse to be seen as natural boundaries for community engagement. The 43 Neighbourhoods could be used as building blocks in this process as they were seen as key in enabling community engagement.
- 7.1.6 Although there should be minimum service standards across Plymouth, resources need to be directed in response to need rather than divided equally between the six Localities. It is evident that Localities Working needs to be delivered within existing budgets, as there was no additional funding available. However, a focus at Neighbourhood and Locality level would provide real potential to respond to different needs and to priority Neighbourhoods in relation to the Index of Multiple Deprivation and other data sets.

In particular, there is an opportunity to better co-ordinate resources in South West Locality which contains particular targeted interventions in Stonehouse, North Prospect and Devonport Neighbourhoods. However pockets of deprivation in more affluent areas should not be overlooked.

- 7.1.7 Data research should be used to inform future funding and where resources needed to be focused. It was acknowledged that scientific data should be used and not solely public perception, e.g. as in some areas residents would not be persuaded that crime had reduced. It was further acknowledged that the use of surveys could produce differing results and perceptions, i.e. the Place Survey and MORI Survey which had been undertaken in Devonport.
- 7.1.8 Specific resourcing issues had been identified at the Service Co-ordination Team level within Street Services (resources should not be taken away from the front line). It was recognised that this service could move more gradually to Localities Working.
- 7.1.9 Potential savings had been identified as a result of the recommendation to disband Area Committees (this saving could be allocated across the six Localities). Although it should be emphasised that 'cost cutting' was not a driver to move to Localities Working.
- 7.1.10 It was acknowledged that Localities Working should put the role of the Ward Councillor at the heart of this process and provide an opportunity to enhance the role.
- 7.1.11 The core expertise of each partner would need to be clearly identified and used effectively. Partners had a substantial role to play in this process and had a great capacity for communication which currently was not being exploited to its full extent.

## 8 Findings

- 8.1 Based on the evidence the Panel has collected, it believes that Localities Working can successfully deliver improvements if it is based on –
  - good community engagement at Neighbourhood level;
  - improved joining up of key services at Locality level;
  - a strengthened role for Ward Councillors as advocates on behalf of communities;
  - availability and consistency of relevant data at neighbourhood and Locality levels.
- 8.2 Service Co-ordination Teams in each Locality, pulled together by a Locality Lead, should include representatives of key services such as street scene, community safety, health, and children and young people, across partner agencies. Working together, within clear terms of reference, they would problem-solve and tackle relevant issues prioritised by the Councillors.
- 8.3 Each of Plymouth's 43 Neighbourhoods would have a recognised process for engaging its communities and gathering feedback. This needs to be relatively informal and can be based on existing PACT (Partners and Communities Together) initiatives eg street surveys and community meetings, improved where necessary to encourage wider participation.
- 8.4 This would be supplemented by information gathered by other methods, web-based, feedback from other fora and consultations etc, analysed at neighbourhood level.

- 8.5 Ward Councillors, engaged in the improved PACT process and equipped with feedback via these different methods, would advocate key priorities on behalf of their communities. Straightforward service requests and complaints (e.g. an individual householder's refuse collection) would continue to be directed to relevant services but issues reflecting a breakdown of services across different agencies or more complex cross-cutting matters (e.g. a run-down area attracting anti-social behaviour) would be referred to Service Co-ordination Teams; one for each Locality.
- 8.6 One Councillor from each neighbourhood would expect to be able to meet with their Locality's Service Co-ordination Team a few times during a year; but over time, working relationships based on problem resolution outside meetings should become more common place. Councillors would have a role in feeding back on progress to communities. This would put Ward Councillors at the heart of a process which engages communities in their Neighbourhoods. It would enhance Councillors' roles as advocates amongst different agencies, and encourage improved joint working at Locality level across the city.
- 8.7 To support Localities Working, information should be available covering local issues. This should include feedback from community engagement and consultation, as well as data on city-wide priorities, all disaggregated at neighbourhood level in a way that would inform decision-making and service responses.

## **9 Recommendations**

- 9.1 In order to achieve the required outcomes, listed as 'benefits' in the Work Programme Request, i.e. –

"The scrutiny is an opportunity to examine ideas, good practice and a range of views before development of proposals on Localities Working. This will enhance the consultation process underway and will afford a particular opportunity for Members and others to contribute prior to recommendations being made to Cabinet and Council.",

the following recommendations are proposed –

### **9.1.1 The Best Way of Joining up Services in Localities and the Proposals to have Locality Service Co-Ordination Teams in each Locality**

Service Co-ordination Teams are formed for each Locality reflecting proposals put out for consultation, i.e. as a minimum, with representatives from four key services, street scene and environment; community safety; health; and children and young people, across partner agencies. This would not preclude a limited number of additional services being represented permanently or on an ad hoc basis, in line with individual Locality requirements. Each team should be pulled together by a senior person (Locality Lead) and this role could be shared across different partners by mutual agreement.

City-wide minimum service standards should be developed to assist Locality Service Co-ordination Teams and standard Terms of Reference should apply to all Teams. Terms of Reference should cover any powers, decision-making, accountability, complaints, and any budget responsibility.



*The majority of witnesses agreed that the formation of Service Co-ordination Teams within each Locality was a good idea and the Panel supported this proposal (see 6.1.1).*

### **9.1.2 Ways to Improve Links Between Organisations Providing Services and the Community in each Locality and whether Area Committees should be replaced with Partnerships (one for each Locality) with a New Focus on Joint Problem Solving between Services and Communities**

Community engagement to support Localities Working, should be focused at neighbourhood level (i.e. in each of Plymouth's 43 Neighbourhoods) incorporating existing Partners and Communities Together (PACT) initiatives and with strengthened arrangements to involve Ward Councillors and facilitate community involvement. Arrangements should be as informal as possible (in terms of minute-taking etc) avoiding formal support service requirements.

Opportunities should be explored to involve Third Sector organisations in facilitation and to feed in community views from different sources e.g. web-based feedback, 'trade fair' events (i.e. not just meetings).

This proposal is an alternative to the suggestion made during consultation, of developing new community engagement structures at Locality level. However, the strengthened Neighbourhood arrangements should replace Area Committees which should be disbanded.

Ward Councillors should act as advocates on behalf of their Neighbourhoods and one Councillor from each Neighbourhood within a Locality should meet regularly with the relevant Service Co-ordination Team to raise issues, receive feedback and monitor progress. These Councillors should feedback to communities at Neighbourhood level.

*The majority of witnesses considered the proposal for Area Committees to be replaced with Partnerships (as detailed in the consultation questionnaire), as an inappropriate vehicle to deliver effective community consultation/engagement. To be effective, this needed to be delivered at Neighbourhood level. The Panel recognised that the proposed model to replace Area Committees with Partnerships would not work and therefore put forward the alternative proposal as outlined above (see 7.1.2, 7.1.4, 7.1.5 and 7.1.10).*

### **9.1.3 What Sorts of Information Locality Teams will need to Help with their Work**

To support Localities working, information should be available covering local issues, feedback from consultation and community engagement, and data on city-wide priorities, all disaggregated at Neighbourhood and Locality levels in a way that can inform decision-making and service responses.

*The Panel agreed that it was important to base decision making on good information and data to compliment community feedback and identify need and inequalities; and that this needs to be available at Neighbourhood level to help address this need (see 7.1.7).*

**9.1.4 Addressing need**

The Panel also identified the issue of addressing resources in response to need (see 7.1.6). Although minimum service standards should apply across Localities and pockets of deprivation in more affluent Neighbourhoods should not be overlooked, Locality working should be used to direct resources to priority Neighbourhoods using appropriate data sets to identify need.

**9.1.5 Review**

The panel acknowledged that a review of the progress of Localities Working would be required. It was proposed to set up a task and finish group 12 months after the implementation of this model in order to undertake the review.

**10 Acknowledgements**

10.1 The Joint Task and Finish Group wished to thank staff and Service Users at Hamoaze House, and acknowledge the contribution from the witnesses, council officers, Pete Aley the Assistant Director for Safer Communities and Helen Wright the Democratic Support Officer.



## Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	<b>Title of Work Programme Item</b>	<b>Localities Working</b>
2	<b>Responsible Director (s)</b>	Carole Burgoyne
3	<b>Responsible Officer</b>  <b>Tel No.</b>	Peter Aley, Assistant Director for Safer Communities  304388
4	<b>Aim</b>	Contribute to, and encourage participation in, consultation to develop a model for Locality Working in Plymouth's 6 Localities identified by the LSP.
5	<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Objectives of Locality working are to:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable residents to influence and challenge service delivery</li> <li>• Make services more 'joined up'</li> <li>• Improve councillor involvement</li> <li>• Reducing inequalities between communities</li> <li>• Focus money and staff more effectively</li> <li>• Improve the sharing and use of information</li> <li>• Monitor service provision more effectively</li> <li>• Meet local and national targets.</li> </ul>
	<b>Benefits</b>	The scrutiny is an opportunity to examine ideas, good practice and a range of views before development of proposals on Localities working. This will enhance the consultation process underway and will afford a particular opportunity for members and others to contribute prior to recommendations being made to cabinet / council.
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	The LSP Service providers The Third sector Communities Cabinet Full council
6	<b>Criteria for Choosing Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate priority area</li> <li>• Public interest issue covered in local media</li> </ul>

7	<b>Scope</b>	<p>To examine and make recommendations on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best way of joining up services in Localities and the proposal to have Locality Service Co-ordination Teams in each locality</li> <li>• Ways we can improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality and whether Area Committees should be replaced with Partnerships (one for each locality) with a new focus on joint problem solving between services and communities.</li> <li>• What sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work.</li> </ul>		
	<b>Exclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The boundaries for our 6 Localities (which the Local Strategic Partnership has already agreed).</li> <li>• Any new arrangements for service delivery or new approaches to neighbourhood working, i.e. at the level of our 43 neighbourhoods. (However this would not preclude looking at how neighbourhood issues and concerns can best be considered at Locality level).</li> </ul>		
8	<b>Programme Dates</b>	<b><i>Needs to be complete by mid November</i></b>		
	<b>Timescales and Interdependences</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Target Date for Achievement</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
		<p><b>Known milestones for achieving the final report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27.7.09 Customers &amp; Communities OSP – this PID needs to be approved by them, will have to be tabled;</li> <li>• 5.8.09 O &amp; S Management Board – this PID should be published on 27.7.09 with the agenda, Management Board will need to appoint Members;</li> <li>• Task &amp; Finish Group needs to meet in August if going to 02.11.09 and 05.11.09 O &amp; S Management Board.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dates of known milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.01.10– Cabinet</li> <li>• 01.02.10 – Council</li> </ul>	Peter Aley
9	<b>Links to other projects or initiatives / plans</b>	Part of CIP4		

10	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Customers and Communities OSP
11	Lead Officer for Panel	<i>Peter Aley</i>
12	Reporting arrangements	<p><b>Dates of Panels, Commission and Cabinet /Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28.9.09 – Customers &amp; Communities OSP – too late, won't be able to approve task &amp; finish group report, need mechanism to approve task &amp; finish group report before O &amp; S Management Board</li> <li>• 01.12.09 – O &amp; S Management Board to approve scrutiny report.</li> <li>• 19.01.10 – Cabinet</li> <li>• 01.02.10 – Council</li> </ul>
13	Resources	<p><b>Staff and other resources</b></p> <p>Strategic Housing and LSP staff</p>
14	Budget implications	<p><b>Resources within existing budgets and any additional resources required</b></p> <p>Staff time</p>
15	Risk analysis e.g. if no scrutiny	A potential major change in the way the council and partners co-ordinate services and engage the public would be developed without the opportunity for proactive scrutiny to influence it.
16	Project Plan / Actions	<b>Project Plan to be prepared by Select Committee appointed by Panel</b>

**Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel  
Localities Working Task and Finish Group  
Key Points from the Meeting held on Monday 2 November 2009**

**1. Witness      Andy Bickley  
                     Superintendent Devon and Cornwall Police**

**Key Points:**

- Neighbourhood working is far more responsive;
- Policing areas are not aligned with other agency boundaries;
- Co-ordinating budgets and an opportunity for public engagement;
- Some areas would need more intensive intervention;
- Not precious about budgets;
- Data informs where the resources need to go but would need constant review;
- Not policy making evidence but evidence based policy;
- Use of actual scientific data and not public perception (in some areas people wont be persuaded that crime has reduced);
- Place survey and MORI survey in Devonport produced different results and perceptions;
- Too many meetings are not productive;
- Area Committees are not productive, poorly advertised, and attendance is largely due to the issues on the agenda (if it does not affect people they will not attend).

**2. Witness      Peter Flukes  
                     Wolseley Trust**

**Key Points:**

- Functions of partners should be carefully defined;
- Core expertise of each of the partners should be used effectively, core expertise has to be identified;
- Opportunities to improve the role of Councillors;

- Opportunities to utilise partners more fully (partners have a great capacity for communication which at present is not harnessed – partners do have a substantial role to play);
- Enabling role not one grouping of representatives;
- No interference with the co-ordination teams (communication and accountability);
- Councillor role right at the heart of this process.

**3. Witness      Jane Donovan**  
**Assistant Director Environmental Services**

### **Key Points**

- Actions not meetings have a lean structure (issue with being able to provide staff to attend meetings);
- Place resources where they are needed and not divide the budget by the six localities;
- Flexibility and the need for innovation (disappointed that minimum standards may not be achieved in all areas in order to place resources in the more challenging areas);
- Localities working is not addressing the 'business as usual issues' need highlight matters that are not working;
- Need to have the right system in place to enable ownership for those things to be done properly and encourage a sense of pride and ownership in an area;
- No extra funds, very clear deliver within existing resources;
- Use of resources from partners;
- The local authority is the budget holder for street scene and environmental issues and not other partners;
- There were benefits for a community if residents live in a clean environment (the police were willing to share resources);
- Use the probation service;
- Who would be the representatives (Services for Children and Young People had appointed people across the localities – do not have anyone within the structure to act as representatives, do not want to take resources away from the front line, the challenge would be the right people doing the right job);

- Key element regarding where people live (people respond to whether they live in a mess or clean area, accountability and continuity were important to achieving this).

**4. Witness Pam Marsden  
Assistant Director for Community Services**

**Key Points:**

- Flexibility, although 25 staff had moved into Plympton/Plymstock this would be under review and they were confident in working with health partners;
- Co-location and shared resources would only be placed in three of the localities and not all six;
- Better service for the service user that was our aim (integration that was what you would achieve);
- Working well with health partners;
- Flexibility about management;
- Other partners;
- The work on localities seems to be further advanced;
- No thought about accountability/governance arrangements.

**5. Witness Pat Patel  
Tamarview Community Complex**

**Key Points:**

- Acknowledge PACT meetings are working well and were a good vehicle for community engagement for a small area;
- Residents know what is needed in their area;
- Community groups were able to pull people together;
- The ability to have some influence over budgets would be a good thing;
- Area Committees are just for Councillors and Co-opted representatives;
- Little involvement by service providers at Area Committee meetings;
- Lack of youth service provision in the area;
- Small neighbourhood working would be best.



**6. Witness Phil Mitchell  
Housing and Regeneration Manager**

**Key Points:**

- Use of the super output areas focus on where there was the most deprivation, this might be a way of prioritising some of the neighbourhood working;
- There was a difference in what was being said he seemed to be suggesting that the locality level should be used for strategic issues that were not resolved at neighbourhood level, other witnesses seem to imply locality level is more taskforce working;
- Not possible to have an infrastructure in all 43 neighbourhoods to deal with issues (focus on deprivation).

**7. Witness Mr Emery  
Resident of Plymstock**

**Key Points:**

- Lack of consultation with localities working (only a small sample of people involved in the process);
- Area Committees were not local enough;
- Service providers did not attend Area Committee meetings;
- General PACT meetings liked the neighbourhoods;
- The consultation response on locality working from the Plymstock Area Committee did not accurately reflect the minute;
- Area Committees were too formal (council meetings form a barrier for residents, it is a council meeting for councillors as oppose to a meeting with residents);
- Consultation was insufficient (no information or background was provided for people to enable them to make a recommendation);
- Recommendations community engagement on consultation;
- The system is not working for individuals and individuals make up communities.

**8. Witness Peter McNamara  
David Brown  
Will Blagdon  
Anne Freeman  
Devonport Regeneration Community Partnership**

**Key Points:**

- Evidence based resources based on evidence and priorities;
- Money resources to be dropped down to the neighbourhood could hit targets but have no great benefit;
- Not one size that fits all;
- Use existing access points;
- Clear purpose;
- Partnership working is efficient, saves time and opens doors;
- Funding is not everything;
- Need to take with a pinch of salt level of community consultation, lack of involvement in DCLT and Land Trust.

**9. Witness      Annie McGee  
                         Consultant to PFSS**

**Key Points:**

- Workforce development new ways of training staff;
- Develop trust of people prior to embarking on the formal part;
- One service long time proven record of success might consider expertise apply work throughout the local authority;
- Three key issues not an issue Area Committees relationship with neighbours and boundaries;
- Lack of parity across the city (Barn Barton hard to reach groups have not got a youth worker);
- Not aware of work going on in half term.

**10. Witness      Sam Swaby  
                         Granby Island Community Centre**

**Key Points:**

- Commonality of purpose;
- Danger of solely looking at deprived localities as there were pockets of deprivation in affluent areas;
- Only way Index Multi Deprivation – evidence based;

- Data collection inform funding in the future (be clear in the recommendations).

**11. Witness Councillor Wheeler**

**Key Points:**

- Neighbourhoods were key to enabling the community, happy to use the neighbourhoods as building blocks;
- People were only interested in what goes on in their area;
- Problem resourcing 43 neighbourhoods.

**12. Witness Martin Clay  
Roger Mitchell  
North Prospect Partnership**

**Key Points:**

- Loss of an area's identity;
- Concerns relating to losing the improvements that have already been made;
- Funding needed to be driven rather than just divided into the localities;
- There was an assumption that funding would be divided equally into the six localities;
- Attention to make representatives views at the localities level, loudest voice not have the most say danger historically that has happened;
- Mature neighbourhoods invest and grow.

**13. Witness Councillor Dr Mahony  
Chair of Compton and Peverell Area Committee**

**Key Points:**

- Central and North East locality is too big and diverse;
- Not challenging neighbourhoods and building blocks more flexible with ward boundaries.

**14. Witness Carole Burgoyne  
Director for Community Services**

**Key Points:**

- 'One size did not fit all' localities would be operated in slightly different ways;

- Minimum service standards should be developed;
- Not all services will be located at Locality level i.e. Mental Health or Adoption;
- Learn lessons from previous consultation exercise, i.e. the recent waste rezoning initiative could have engaged the PCSOs to make residents aware of what would be happening to their street's waste collection arrangements;
- Important to manage expectations do not want to move to a more complicated way of working.

### **15 Written Youth Parliament Evidence**

#### **Key Points:**

- young people were unaware that Area Committees existed and therefore did not attend the meetings;
- a proposal to hold a Localities Working open day to launch the initiative;
- a suggestion to send questionnaires to school to establish the issues affecting young people (young people found Area Committee meetings boring);
- in order to encourage people to become engaged, examples could be provided of successful outcomes;
- a proposal to form Localities Working committees aimed at young people; membership could be drawn from the youth forums within the Localities which could then feedback the local issues to the committees;
- there were potential issues relating to transport and whether young people would be able to attend the meetings due to size of the Localities.

**Written Evidence Gathered from Questions set out by the Panel**

## Locality Working: Task & Finish Group Questionnaire Responses

### Feedback to date

(9 RESPONSES RECEIVED TO 28/10/09).

#### Q1 – Set up 6 Locality Teams/4 key services?

**77% recorded yes, 0% no.** Need regular newsletters, feedback from the community, involve university in SE locality. Other services suggested to be covered: security, housing maintenance, social divide, planning and transport.

#### Q2 – Led by Champion, assisted by coordinator?

**44% recorded yes, 10% no.** Champion needs to have commitment and ability, recognise needs of low income families, work alongside Area Committees (ACs), councillors could be Champions, should be a Community champion and not recompensed. Coordinator could volunteer for free.

#### Q3 – Replace 8 Area Committees with 6 Locality Partnerships?

**44% recorded yes, 22% no.** A view that Neighbourhood level is preferred and most effective level of community engagement (PACTS work well at this level), so need two tier system. Localities are based on school catchments, these are irrelevant: suggestion of four way split to create 4 strategic areas. Another disagreed with boundaries.

PACTS should continue. Localities too big for community to be heard. Develop ACs to take on new role. Regular newsletters needed, need regular meetings with police.

#### Q4 – Involving local people.

Emphasis on well publicised meetings, accessible, central venues, use questionnaires, door to door inquiries, work together, have flexible agendas, draw up a plan, support active tenants organisations, link with community anchors.

#### Q5 – What information is needed?

Statistical information, information from areas, record of what work is being done, local knowledge, disability issues, listen to TRAs (?), need full range of information from all services.

#### Q6 – Governance arrangements?

Decisions should be based on necessity and consensus. All services to be covered. Listen to community views. Need delegated budget, decide where finances spent.

#### Q7 – Any other comments?

AC experience is of very low attendance from residents. Rethink the whole boundary issue. Areas too big. Keep it simple and it will work. Councillors need budget to improve area. Keep residents informed.

A view that after Scrutiny need to feedback to ACs.

Ensure consultation is not about what's already decided.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**

**Subject:** Eastern Corridor High Quality Public Transport (HQPT) Scheme: Proposals for Deep Lane Junction

**Committee:** Plympton Area Committee

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Cabinet Member:** Cllr Kevin Wiggins, Cabinet Member for Transport

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**Executive Summary:**

Plymouth Transport and Highways is preparing a Major Scheme Business Case (MSBC) for the Eastern Corridor, to be submitted to the Department for Transport in 2010. This bid will be for large scale investment which seeks to provide a High Quality Public Transport (HQPT) service, including the infrastructure to support this, along the length of the Eastern Corridor from Langage to the City Centre and Millbay. This investment is required to provide the necessary capacity to accommodate the additional trips generated by the Sherford, Plymstock Quarry and Langage developments.

An important element of the Eastern Corridor scheme is capacity improvements at Deep Lane junction and the provision of a new access road into the Langage Energy Park. Significant design work has taken place over the last year and four options for Deep Lane are now being considered. These options were subject to a public consultation in late November/early December and the results are currently being analysed.

The Eastern Corridor scheme is being led by Plymouth City Council but in partnership with Devon County Council and the Highways Agency. It is proposed that all three organisations will agree on which option for Deep Lane junction will be taken forward into the Eastern Corridor Major Scheme Business Case early in 2010.

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**Corporate Plan 2009-2011:**

The Eastern Corridor Major Scheme Bid is a key project for delivering the Local Transport Plan, the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy, North Plymstock Area Action Plan (AAP) and South Hams District Council's Sherford AAP.

The scheme directly supports Plymouth's four visionary goals contained within the Corporate Plan and Strategic Objective 6 "Developing an Effective Transport System".

The scheme directly assists Corporate Improvement Priority 12, “Delivering Sustainable Growth”, by delivering strategic infrastructure.

The scheme also contributes to Corporate Improvement Priority 11 “Improving Access across the City”. It will provide faster and more reliable journey times for public transport services along the Eastern Corridor, linking residents with better access to employment, education, leisure and healthcare facilities.

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

The current forecast for the Eastern Corridor scheme for 2008 – 19 is £104.4 million. This excludes £18.9m already secured for the East End element of the overall programme of works. The proposed funding status and sources of the £104m are shown below:

<u>£mil</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Status</u>
77	Regional Funding Allocation	not yet secured
25	Third Party contributions	not yet secured
2	New Growth Point grant	secured

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**Resource Implications:**

The PCC Project Team for the development of the Eastern Corridor Major Scheme is now fully resourced and there are no further resource implications.

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**Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**

There are no other implications directly arising from this report.

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**Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

The Plympton Area Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of this report as an update on the proposals for Deep Lane Junction

**Reasons:**

1. To enable the Council to proceed towards submitting a bid to the DfT in accordance with Central Government guidance for Programme Entry to the South West Regional Funding Allocation to fund transport improvements within Plymouth’s Eastern Corridor, which in turn will support new sustainable development.

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**Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

None

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**Background papers:**

1. Cabinet Report – East of Plymouth Developments Major Scheme Bid, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006



2. East of Plymouth Infrastructure Study, June 2007
3. Cabinet Report - Eastern Corridor Major Scheme Project Governance, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008
4. Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Eastern Corridor Major Scheme, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008
5. Plympton Area Committee Report, September 2007 - Eastern Corridor High Quality Public Transport (HQPT) Scheme

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**Sign off:**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Draft Regional Spatial Strategy identifies an increase of approximately 24,500 dwellings in Plymouth itself with an additional 11,000 dwellings in the neighbouring South Hams area, 5,800 dwellings in the Caradon area and 3,800 dwellings in the West Devon area. This increase of 45,100 dwellings in the Plymouth Housing Market Area (HMA) is going to place a significant strain on Plymouth's existing transport network.
- 1.2 At least 11,000 of these proposed dwellings are to be located on the Eastern Corridor, a large number of which will be delivered through the Plymstock Quarry and Sherford New Community Developments. In addition the Langage Strategic Employment Site is forecast to expand by 130,000 square metres by 2026. In order to achieve this ambitious growth along the Eastern Corridor, the supporting transport infrastructure needs significant investment. The existing transport infrastructure comprises of a highway network which is often at or close to operational capacity, poor walking and cycling links and a bus network with a good level of service but which operates in wards dominated by car usage which compromises the ability to offer a higher level of service
- 1.3 Plymouth Transport and Highways is preparing a Major Scheme Business Case (MSBC), for the Eastern Corridor, to be submitted to the Department for Transport in 2010. This bid will be for large scale investment which seeks to provide a High Quality Public Transport service, including the infrastructure to support this, along the length of the Eastern Corridor from Langage to the City Centre and Millbay. The MSBC will also provide capacity improvements at key junctions, as well as establishing high quality walking and cycling links.
- 1.4 The Eastern Corridor MSBC will incorporate significant improvements to Deep Lane junction and over the last year Plymouth City Council (PCC), Devon County Council (DCC) and the Highways Agency (HA) have been working in close partnership to develop this element of the scheme. These improvements will also include a new access road into the Langage Strategic Employment Park.
- 1.5 Four different options for Deep Lane Junction and the new Langage Access Road are currently being considered, the details of which are set out in this report.

## **2. Proposals for Deep Lane Junction**

### **2.1 Option 1 - Illustrated in Appendix 1**

- 2.2 This option comprises a new fully signalised gyratory roundabout, with two new bridges crossing the A38. This gyratory would be connected to the A38 via new east and westbound entry and exit slip roads.
- 2.3 A new signalised junction would be constructed to the north of the gyratory to provide a connection to a new Langage Access Road and a widened carriageway connecting to a new signalised junction at the Ridgeway/Sandy Lane roundabout.
- 2.4 The option of an off-line footbridge to the west of the gyratory junction to enable pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A38 without negotiating the large roundabout is also being examined.
- 2.5 The new access road into Langage would be to the south of Langage, where the Langage Energy Park could expand.

### **2.6 Option 2 – Illustrated in Appendix 2**

- 2.7 This option comprises the construction of a new bridge just to the west of the existing bridge at Deep Lane. The A38 eastbound exit and entry slip roads would be realigned to merge with this new bridge.
- 2.8 A new signalised junction would be constructed to the north of the bridge to provide a connection to the new Langage Access Road and a widened carriageway connecting to a new signalised junction at the Ridgeway/Sandy Lane junction to replace the existing roundabout (similar to Option 1).
- 2.9 A pedestrian and cycle route would be provided along the west side of the proposed bridge with signal controlled crossings at each of the slip roads and would tie in with existing footways and cycle lanes at the Ridgeway. The existing pedestrian and cycle provision on the east side of Deep Lane to the north of the A38 would not be affected.
- 2.10 As in Option 1 the new access road into Langage would be to the south of Langage.

### **2.11 Option 3 – Illustrated in Appendix 3**

- 2.12 This option includes improvements at both Deep Lane and Voss Lane. It comprises:
- A new bridge parallel to and to the west of the existing Deep Lane bridge.
  - New westbound exit slip-road loop at Deep Lane, (connecting to the proposed Park and Ride) to replace the existing exit slip-road.
  - 2 new roundabouts at Voss Farm connected by the existing bridge.
  - Eastbound entry slip-road at Voss Farm.
  - Westbound exit and entry slip-roads at Voss Farm.
  - Direct link into Langage Energy Park from Voss Farm.

- A new footbridge for cyclists and pedestrians would be provided immediately to the west of the existing Voss Lane bridge.

### **2.13 Option 4 – Illustrated in Appendix 4**

2.14 This option would comprise improvements at Deep Lane and Voss Lane. The design proposed would require a departure from standards on the A38 which would need to be agreed with the Highways Agency. This option would comprise:

- 2 new roundabouts at Voss Farm connected by the existing bridge.
- Eastbound exit and entry slip-roads at Voss Farm.
- Westbound exit and entry slip-roads at Voss Farm.
- Direct link to Langage from Voss Farm.
- Improved westbound diverge lane drop at Deep Lane.
- Provision of a “straight ahead” link into the old A38 from the A38 east exit slip-road and a right turn at Deep Lane into old A38.
- A new footbridge would be provided immediately to the west of the existing Voss Lane bridge as for Option 3

### **2.15 Bus Priority for Sandy Road – Illustrated in Appendix 5**

2.16 All of the proposed options will include alterations to the Sandy Lane corridor between the Ridgeway and Holland Road to incorporate a bus lane in each direction as shown in Appendix 5.

## **3 Public Consultation**

- 3.1 A public consultation was held between November 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 and December 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Approximately 6,500 consultation brochures and questionnaires were sent out to residents in Chaddlewood, Elburton and all other residents within 1km of the Deep Lane and Voss Farm junctions. Key stakeholders were also included in the consultation, as were those who had asked for further information during previous Eastern Corridor consultations. The consultation documentation was also sent to all businesses at Langage Business Park.
- 3.2 During the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 four consultation events were held in Ivybridge, Langage, Chaddlewood and Elburton, where representatives of DCC, PCC and the HA were available to answer questions. The consultation events were well attended. Approximately 30 members of the public attended in Ivybridge, 20 attended at Langage and over 100 each in Chaddlewood and Elburton. Owners of land around Deep Lane and Voss Farm attended events at Ivybridge and Langage.
- 3.3 Responses were made through the completion of questionnaires which asked for people’s views on the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Questionnaires

were sent out to approximately 6,500 addresses. The questionnaire was also available on-line. At the time of writing over 700 responses had been received.

#### **4. Next Steps**

4.1 In order to determine which option for Deep Lane and Langage Access Road should be taken forward into the Eastern Corridor a number of factors need to be considered:

- Cost, value for money and ability to encourage economic growth
- Ability of the junction design to accommodate the predicted development traffic
- Benefits to buses, pedestrians and cyclists
- Responses to the public consultation
- Impact on the environment
- Impact on road safety

4.2 It is the intention that PCC, DCC and HA Officers will recommend a preferred option in late January 2010, to be presented to a future meeting of the Eastern Corridor Project Board for approval. The date of this meeting has yet to be fixed but is anticipated to be in late February 2010. Final approval of the option to be included within the Eastern Corridor MSBC will be made by Cabinet later in the year.

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LAYOUT INCLUDES RED TREE PROPOSALS AT SHERFORD (SCOTT WILSON DRAWING NO. D 108875-706 REV C) FOR DETAILS OF SLIP ROAD MERGE AND DIVERGE LAYOUTS REFER TO D 127/06

JUNCTION NORTH OF DEEP LANE LAYOUT SUBJECT TO FURTHER DESIGN INCLUDING AMU FACILITIES

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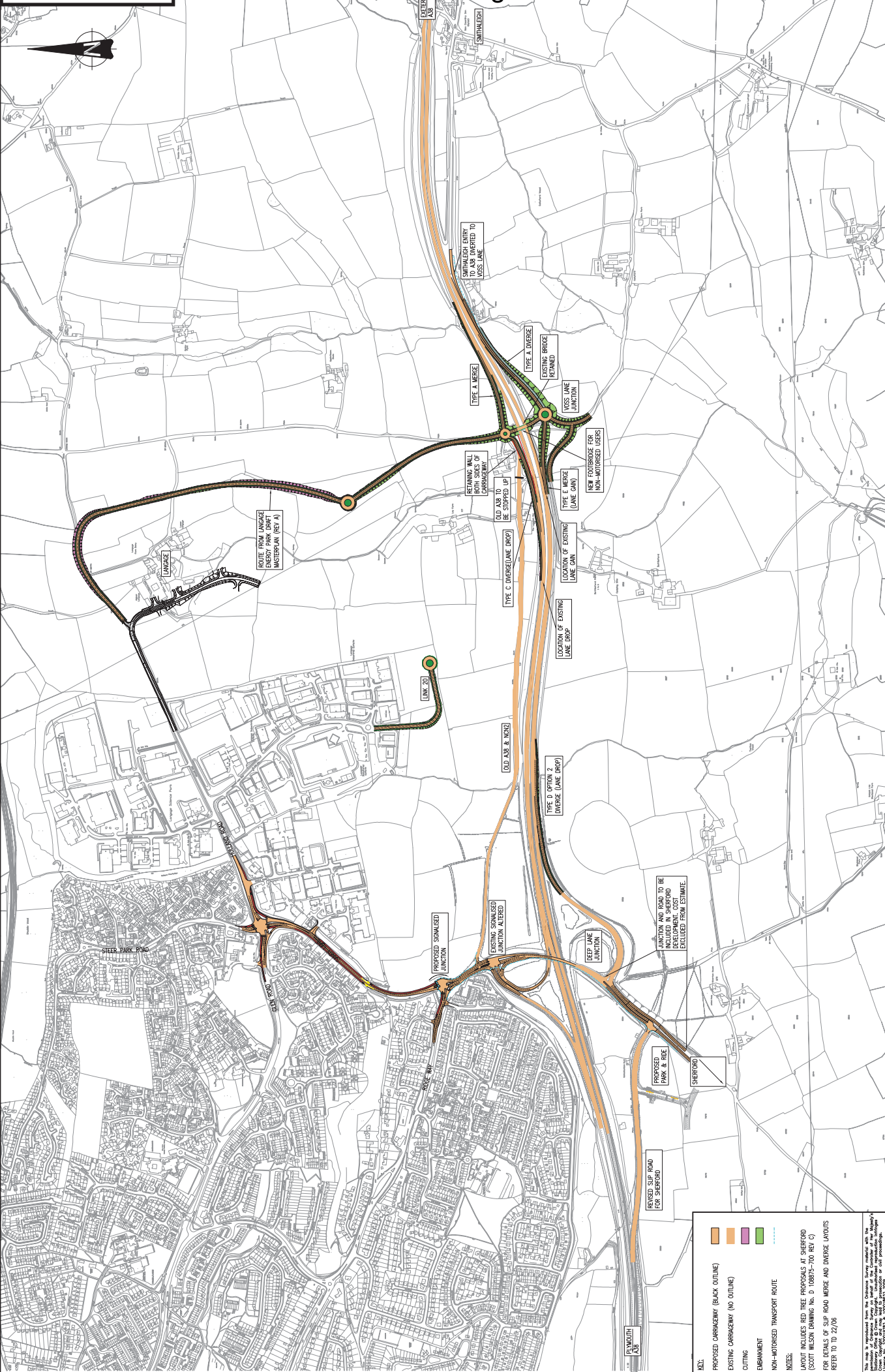
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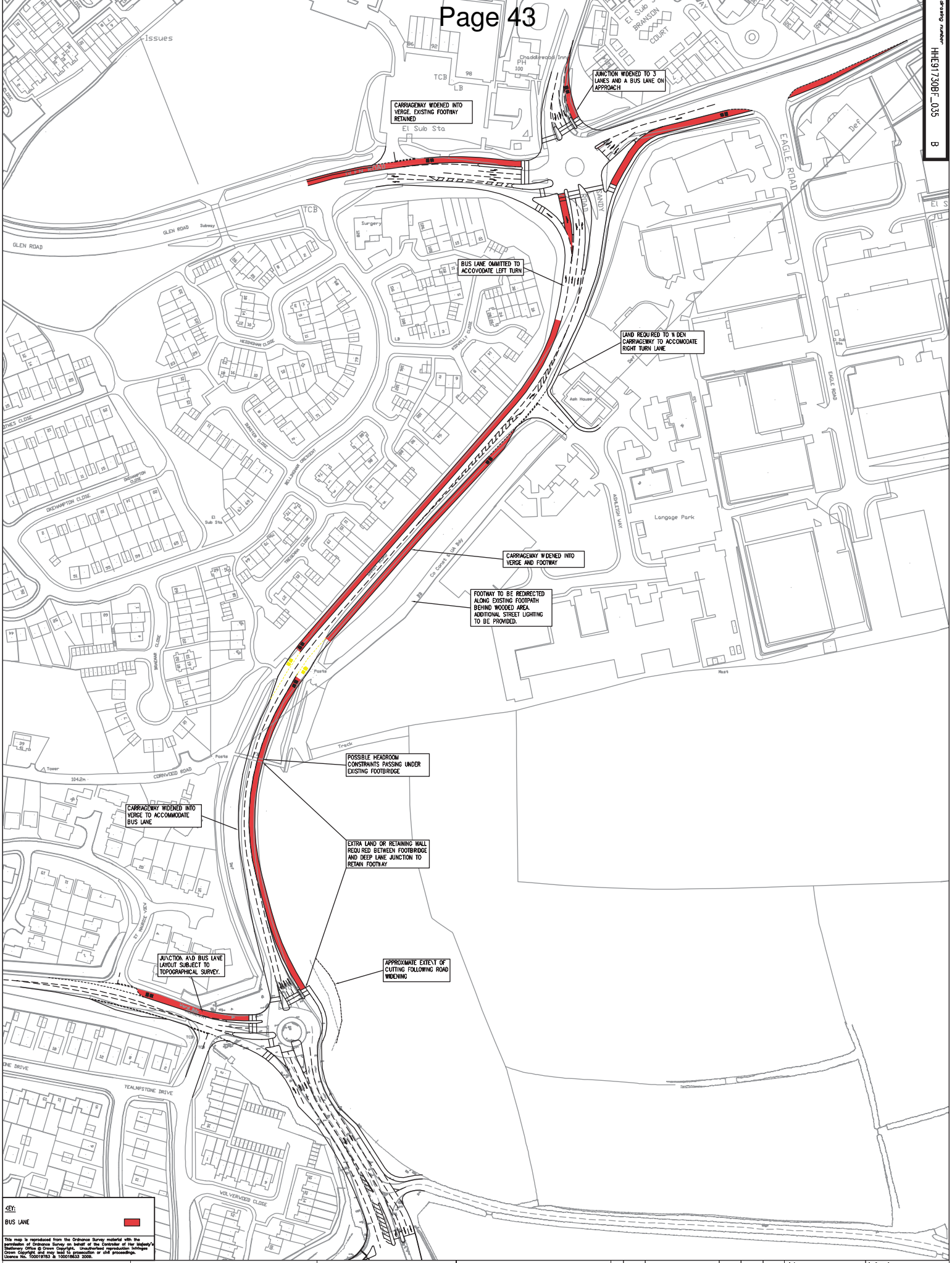
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To: Plympton Area Committee  
 From: Garry Stainer, in the capacity as the Project Manager of the LEF Fund  
 Subject: LEF 2009/10  
 Date: January 2010

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I am writing to advise you of 2 new finance arrangements relating to this year's Local Environment Fund:

- **LEF – Supplementary Allocations 2009/10**

With it now being decided that all LEF budgets not spent last year are to be carried-forward, there are now some additional monies available for your committee. In addition, there are also some further amounts available from projects that were 2008/09 ring-fenced projects – this is either with a ring-fenced project being cancelled due to a factor beyond the control of the Committee or a project being completed at a cost which is less than the original budget.

The following table summarises the newly additional funds that are available to your committee: – [these are additional to the main allocations which have already been allocated to you.]

		Share of "unallocated" (£)	Newly available due to ring fenced projects being cancelled or under-spent (£)	Total (£)
Committee.				
<b>Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway</b>	<b>LEF 1</b>	1,158	3,449	4,607
<b>Compton and Peverell</b>	<b>LEF2</b>	772		772
<b>Devonport, Stoke, St Peter and Waterfront</b>	<b>LEF 3</b>	1,158		1,158
<b>Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton and Mount Gould</b>	<b>LEF 4</b>	1,029	600	1,629
<b>Eggbuckland and Moor View</b>	<b>LEF 5</b>	772		772
<b>Ham and St. Budeaux</b>	<b>LEF 6</b>	772	7,469	8,241
<b>Plympton</b>	<b>LEF 7</b>	900		900
<b>Plymstock</b>	<b>LEF 8</b>	773		773
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,334</b>	<b>11,518</b>	<b>18,852</b>

As Chair of your Committee, it has been decided to initially allocate these new monies to yourselves, for you to be able to apportion to each Councillor e.g. at your next Area Committee meeting.

- **LEF Monies needing to be spent by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

It has also been decided that the deadline date for spending allocated LEF Funds is **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010** – no carry-forwards are to be allowed into the next financial year. This is for all LEF Funds: i.e. your original 09/10 allocations, 08/09 carried-forward projects and the newly available allocations above.

We are aware that the date of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 is not that far away and that there is a need to allow for time for invoices to be processed – we would therefore please encourage for LEF allocations to now be spent as soon as you are able.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the Project Manager for the LEF Fund of Garry Stainer on telephone no.: 304682, if there is a query.

Distribution:

Chairs of the Area Committees:

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway -	Cllr Monahan
Compton & Peverell -	Cllr Dr John Mahony
Devonport, Stoke, St. Peter & Waterfront -	Cllr Mrs Dolan
Drake, Efford & Lipson, Sutton & Mt Gould -	Cllr Eddie Rennie
Eggbuckland & Moor View -	Cllr Michael Foster
Ham & St. Budeaux -	Cllr Gordon
Plympton -	Cllr Nicholson
Plymstock -	Cllr Mrs Pengelly