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PLYMPTON AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY 8 MARCH 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 Council)

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 - 10)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 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

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

6. TRANSPORT ISSUES

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

7. PLYMPTON LIBRARY

The Committee will receive an update on progress.

8. REES YOUTH CENTRE

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

9. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ROAD CLOSURES - (TO FOLLOW)

The Assistant Director for Transport will provide the Committee with a briefing note on Community Events and Road Closures.

10. LANGAGE POWER STATION

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

11. LOCALITY WORKING: NEXT STEPS (Pages 11 - 16)

The Committee will be provided with a report upon locality working.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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Plympton Area Committee

Monday 11 January 2010

PRESENT:

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

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

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.

37. 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 –

Name	Minute No. and Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs. Beer	40 - Policing Issues	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.	Personal
Mr. Street	40 - Policing Issues	Retired Police Officer.	Personal

38. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

39. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair informed the Committee that item 9, Rees Youth Centre, was to be deferred to the next meeting as the representative due to give a verbal update was unable to attend due to a back injury.

40. POLICING ISSUES

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

The Committee was advised that –

- (i) overall crime between April 09 and December 09 was down by 6.6% in Chaddlewood and Plympton St Maurice;
- (ii) there was a 3.8% reduction of Anti Social Behaviour in Plympton;
- (iii) an individual had been arrested for the recent burglary of the Conservative Club and had been found guilty in court; a 12 month suspended sentence had been passed with 200 hours community service and an order to pay back a total of £7000;
- (iv) a web wise project was held on 7 December 2010 in the Ridgeway in order to help silver surfers access computers; the Co-op provided free tea, coffee and cakes and a good time was had by all;
- (v) the Diversity Officer had attended a local school to educate children on diversity issues;

- (vi) there was due to be a 'Stay Safe' project held in Harewood House on 14 January 2010 at 7pm;
- (vii) the next PACT meetings were due to be held on the followings dates:
 - Plympton St Maurice – 3 February 2010 – 7.30pm
 - Colebrook and Newnham – 10 February 2010 – Community Centre
 - Woodford – 24 February 2010 – 7pm – Woodford Junior School
- (viii) the next round of mobile surgery meetings were due to be held on the 2 February 2010 at the following times:
 - Plympton Area – Greenway Avenue – 10am
 - Colebrook and Newnham Car park – 11am
 - Chaddlewood shops – 12pm
 - St Maurice road – 3pm

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (ix) Inspector Fitzpatrick would contact the probation service in order to establish if the 200 hours community service hours regarding the individual who broke into the Conservative Club, could be carried out in Plympton;
- (x) crime figures would continue to be reported to the Committee;

Resolved that Inspector Fitzpatrick be thanked for his attendance.

41. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW** (Pages 1 - 4)

The Assistant Director for Learner and Family Support gave an interactive presentation on the review of Council priorities. Members of the Committee were informed that –

- (i) the purpose of the presentation was to help establish the priorities for the Council over the forthcoming financial year;
- (ii) at present Plymouth City Council had over 300 different services and that most of these operated well, however, there are other areas that need some direction to improve their service. These areas were called Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIP's) and were contained within the Corporate Plan;
- (iii) the CIP's were changed on an annual basis and were formed from feedback gathered throughout the year via surveys, customer comments and complaints and information gathering in forums such as Area Committees.

Members of the Committee and members of the public were then asked to indicate, via an interactive voting system, if the Council should do more, keep it up or do the less within nine key areas identified by the Council which it believes are most relevant to customers. The results are attached as an annex to these minutes.

During the exercise the Panel raised concerns that the questions in the interactive presentation had a breadth of definition and therefore could not be answered accurately; the questions also did not distinguish between Plymouth and Plympton which could have altered the individuals' response.

The Assistant Director for Learner and Family Support was thanked for her attendance.

42. LOCALITIES

The Committee was provided with the final report from the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's 'Localities Task and Finish Group' that was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 2 December 2009.

Concerns were raised that the key findings in the report did not apply to Plympton, specifically with regards to the statement that 'Area Committees were not working effectively'.

Members informed the Committee that –

- (i) the outcome of the task and finish group highlighted that better communication was needed at neighbourhood level;
- (ii) the Localities report was due to go to Cabinet on 19 January 2010;
- (iii) a questionnaire concerning locality working had been circulated to all Area Committee Chairs;
- (iv) locality working aimed to bring the Council and its partners to one forum;
- (v) the boundaries of Plympton would not change;
- (vi) it was important that members of the public who attended area committee meetings should have the right to speak and raise concerns;

Resolved that the report be noted.

43. TRANSPORT ISSUES

Eastern Corridor Major Scheme: Options for Deep Lane Junction

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

The Committee was informed that –

- (i) there were four options for Deep Lane junction as detailed in the report;
- (ii) all of the proposed options would include alterations to Sandy Road between the Ridgeway and Holland Road to incorporate a bus lane in each direction as shown in Appendix 5 of the agenda;
- (iii) the four options were subject to a public consultation in late November/early December and the results were being analysed;
- (iv) over 100 people attended each of the public consultations in Chaddlewood and Elburton;
- (v) the Eastern Corridor scheme was being led by Plymouth City Council but in partnership with Devon County Council and the Highways Agency;

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (vi) safety auditing for all four Deep Lane options had not yet taken place however all routes were designed to current safety standards;
- (vii) costs had yet to be confirmed for the four Deep Lane options however they currently ranged from 17 to 32 million pounds;

- (viii) 102 million pounds of funding had been secured so far for the whole Eastern Corridor Scheme; 77 million pounds had been allocated from the Department of Transport and 25 million pounds had been allocated from developers;
- (ix) developer contributions were being allocated to both Plymouth City Council and Devon County Council for the scheme;
- (x) the public consultation was intended for local residents to highlight what aspects of each option they preferred;

Resolved that the Major Schemes Project Manager be thanked for her attendance.

44. **REES YOUTH CENTRE**

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

45. **LANGAGE POWER STATION**

The Chair informed the Committee that the representative from the Environment Agency was unable to attend the meeting due to bad weather however he had submitted a briefing note for the Committee to consider.

Members of the Panel informed the Committee that local liaison meetings were held in which concerns were raised by local Councillors.

Resolved that Mr Mudge, the PCC Officer for Devon and Cornwall PPC Compliance Team be invited to the next meeting.

46. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Local Environment Fund Project Manager submitted a report advising Committee –

- (i) of new funds which had recently been made available in the sum of £900;
- (ii) that there would be no carry forward of funds not spent by 31 March, 2010.

Councillor Nicholson confirmed that improvements to the car park in Market Road was a possibility for the funds however other proposals should be submitted as soon as possible for costing.

Resolved that costings for the proposed works to the car park be sought.

47. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that 'Community Events and Road Closures' be added as a future agenda item.

Under this agenda item it was highlighted that Plympton Library was removed from the agenda as there was little to report and the agenda was full, however it would be added to the next agenda as normal. A question was raised concerning the completion of the new library and the implementation of the health centre and it was responded that February 2012 was the final completion date and that the health centre was still due to be incorporated.

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

The Committee considered a question from a member of the public regarding the possibility of liaising with Devon and Cornwall Police to ensure that Plympton Area Committee meetings would not clash with PACT meetings in the future.

With regard to the above question it was highlighted that if Locality working was approved then it was envisaged that local Councillors, police representatives and other partners would work together in one forum.

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

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 8 March, 2010, at 6.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Plympton.

50. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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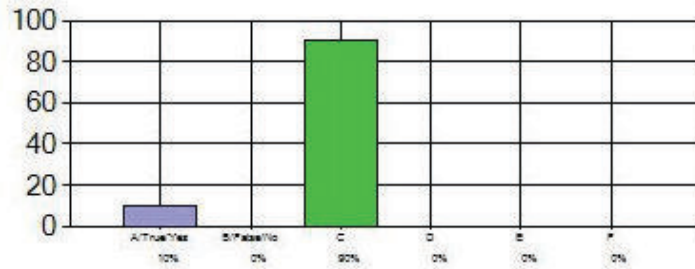
Class Information

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Teacher: Tracy Hewett
Activity: Area Committees
Date: 12/01/2010
Class Avg: 16%
Class Size: 40

Question 1 - Multiple Choice

Where is Plymouth situated within the country?

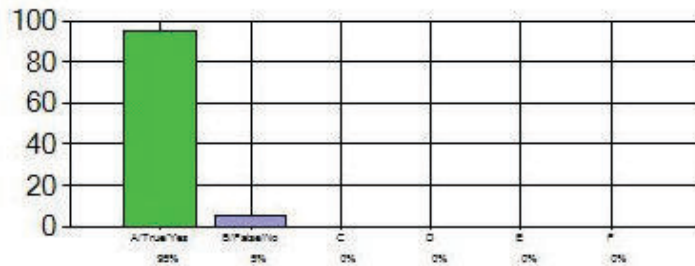
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- D) North West



Question 2 - Multiple Choice

Surfing is a sport that takes place where?

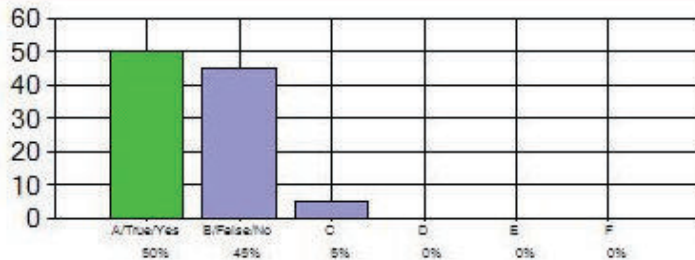
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- C) In your living room
- D) In a school hall



Question 3 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide better and more affordable housing."

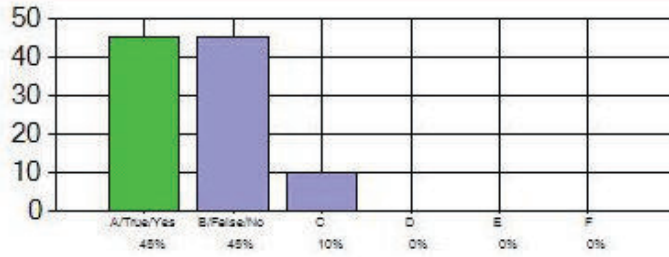
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- C) Do less



Question 4 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide more culture and leisure activities."

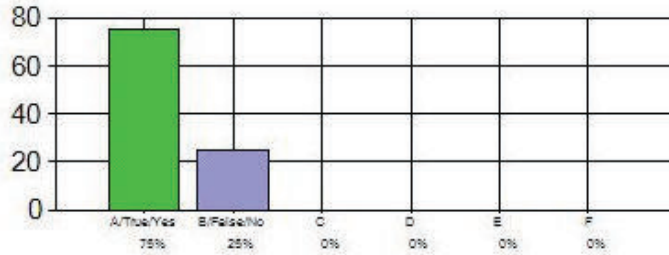
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Question 5 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to tackle anti-social behaviour."

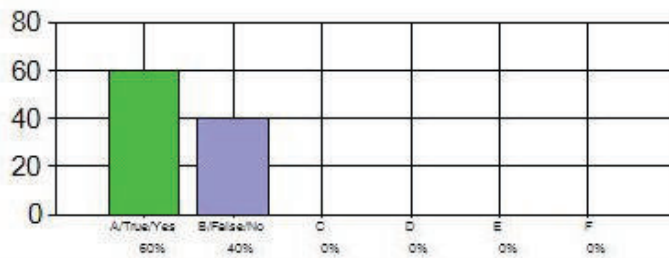
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Question 6 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to keep me informed and involved in local issues."

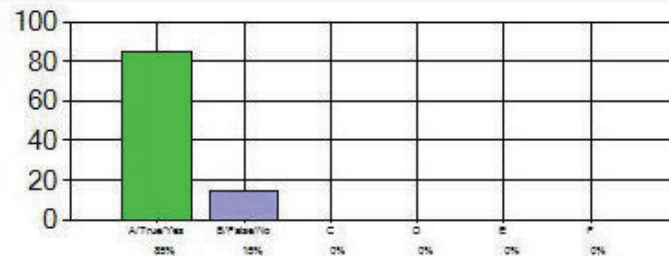
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- C) Do less



Question 7 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to work on providing better value for money."

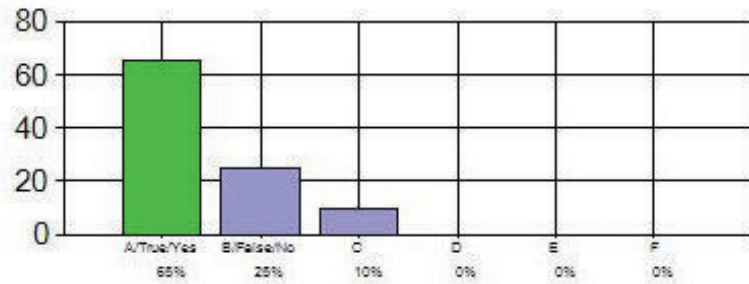
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 8 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to help older people to live independently."

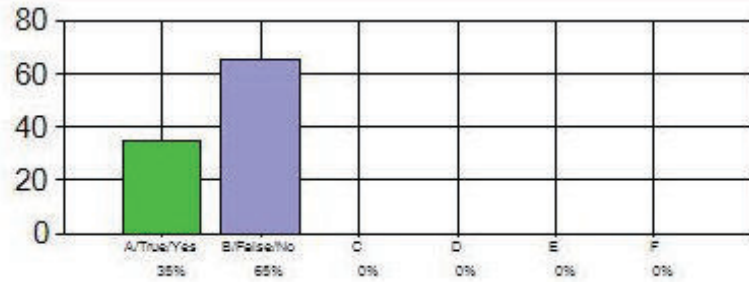
- A) Do more
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- C) Do less



Question 9 - Multiple Choice

"We want cleaner streets."

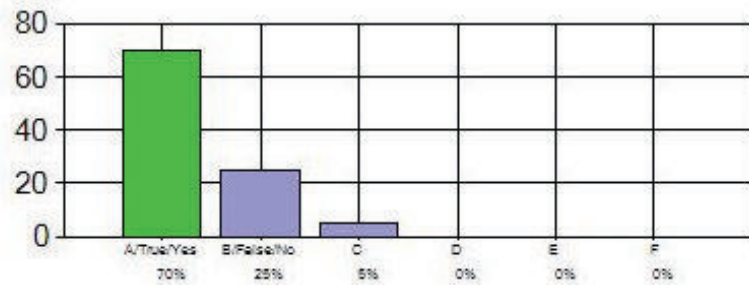
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 10 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to raise achievement in our schools and colleges."

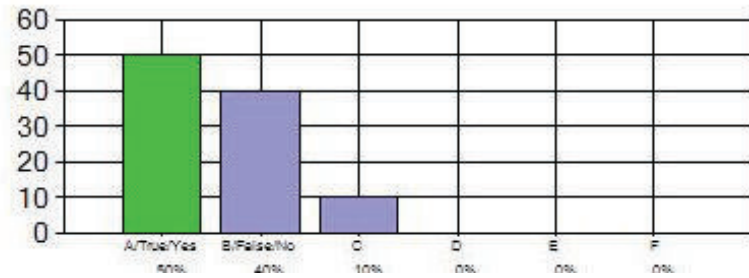
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 11 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to make it easier to get around Plymouth."

- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



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Locality Working

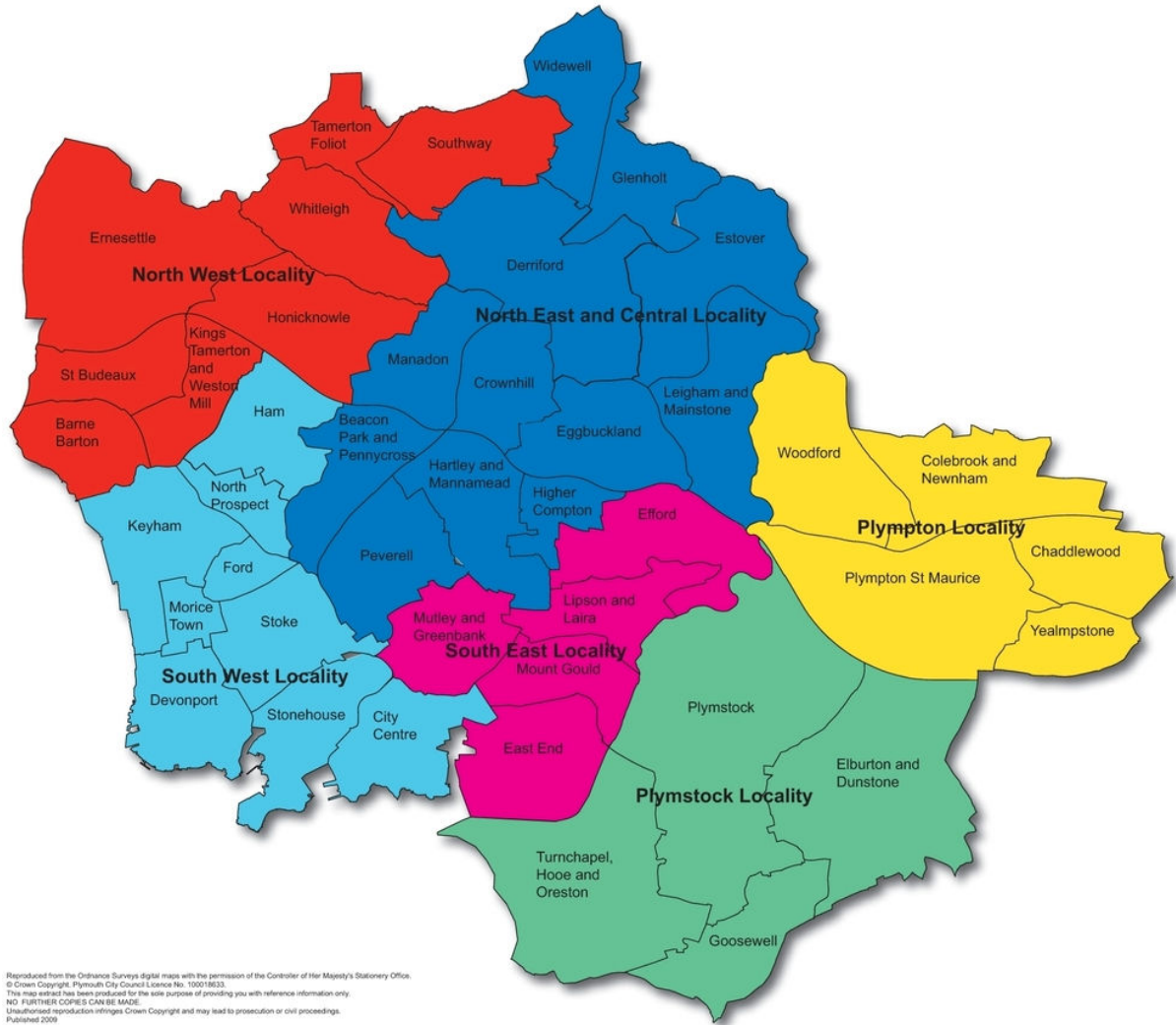
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1. Introduction

- 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 the 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>
Plympton	Chaddlewood Colebrook & Newnham Plympton St Maurice Woodford Yealmpstone

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Neighbourhood covered by Ward</i>
Plympton Chaddlewood	Glenn Jordan David Salter	Chaddlewood Plympton St Maurice Yealmpstone
Plympton Erle	Terri Beer John Lock	Plympton St Maurice Yealmpstone
Plympton St Mary	David James Samantha Leaves Patrick Nicholson	Colebrook & Newnham Chaddlewood Plympton St Maurice Woodford

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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