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AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

Monday 6 July 2015
10.00 am
Astor and Charter Rooms, Plymouth Guildhall

Members:

Councillor Mrs Beer, Chair
Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair
Councillors Dann, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Jordan, Mrs Nicholson, Riley, Singh and Tuohy.

Co-opted Representatives:

Edith Bayley (Statutory Co-opted Representative)
Clare Hamon (Non-Statutory Co-opted Representative)
Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

1. TO NOTE THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The panel will note the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the municipal year 2015 -2016.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance by Ambitious Plymouth members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of this agenda.

4. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 March 2015.

5. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

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

6. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chair will welcome new members to the panel.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Pages 11 - 12)

The panel will note its Terms of Reference.

8. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

The panel will confirm the membership of the two existing co-opted representatives (one statutory, one non-statutory),

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

The panel is asked to note the dates of future meetings for the municipal year 2015 - 2016. All meetings will commence at 10 am –

- Monday 7 September 2015
- Monday 19 October 2015
- Monday 7 December 2015
- Monday 1 February 2016
- Monday 7 March 2016

10. OVERVIEW OF PRIORITIES FOR AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

The panel will be provided with an overview of priorities for the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny panel.

11. SEND FRAMEWORK 2015 - 2018 (TO FOLLOW)

The panel will receive a report on the SEND framework for 2015 – 2018.

12. CHILDRENS' SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 13 - 16)

The panel will be provided with a progress report on the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan.

13. BE WISE TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (Pages 17 - 18)

The panel will discuss the proposed review in to Child Sexual Exploitation.

14. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 19 - 20)

The panel will discuss the draft work programme for the municipal year 2015 - 2016.

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 I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE MEETING)

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

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

NIL.

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Ambitious Plymouth

Monday 30 March 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Beer, Vice Chair.

Councillors Sam Davey, Jarvis, Jordan, Michael Leaves (substitute for Councillor Sam Leaves), Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Riley, Singh and Tuohy.

Co-opted Representatives: Clare Hamon (Non-Statutory Co-opted Representative).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Sam Leaves, Edith Bayley (Statutory Co-opted Representative).

Also in attendance: Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families), Hilary Bracegirdle (Museums and Heritage Manager), Liz Cahill (Strategic Commissioning Manager), Ed Coley (Head of Employability and Skills), Jayne Gorton (Lead Officer), Richard Grant (Local Planning Manager), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Education, Learning and Families), Dominic Jinks (Executive Director of Plymouth Culture Board), Louise Kelley (Sports Development Manager), Councillor McDonald (Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Public Health), Brad Pearce (Managing director of Cater^{ed}), Julie Reed (Principal Admin Manager), Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 9.35 am and finished at 12.15 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.

47. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

48. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 are confirmed as a correct record.

49. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

50. **SKILLS AND APPRENTICESHIPS**

Ed Coley (Head of Employability and Skills) provided members with an overview of the city's opportunities with regard to skills and apprenticeships.

Members were advised that –

- (a) there were a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities for young people in Plymouth;
- (b) there was a relatively low number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) in Plymouth, although this had increased slightly since this report had been produced;
- (c) there had been a slight decrease in the take up of apprenticeships nationally, although the situation in Plymouth was promising;
- (d) 65 % of apprenticeships were at Intermediate (Level 2), with 34% at Advanced (Level 3) and 1% at Higher (Level 4+);
- (e) there was little take up in moving from Level 2 to Level 3;
- (f) it was important for the city to work with providers (eg City College) to promote the importance of apprenticeships;
- (g) there were a wide range of apprenticeships available in fields such as construction, engineering, marine industry, administration and health and social care;
- (h) there were several initiatives surrounding apprenticeships, including –
 - the '1000 Club' (a campaign set up to recruit 1000 companies in the Plymouth area to commit to support young people into employment, whether that be through work experience, apprenticeship, graduate internships or employment);
 - the 'Apprenticeships Ambassadors Programme' (whereby apprentices would be ambassadors and promote the benefits of the apprenticeship scheme);
 - 'Wage Incentive Project';
- (i) funding was an issue - funding for apprenticeships was protected for 2015-16 and growth was encouraged, however the Adult Skills Budget (ASB) had been cut by 11%

In response to members' questions it was reported that –

- (j) there was an increase in the number of Level 4 apprenticeships available,

however following completion of a Level 3 apprenticeship young people usually went to University to continue with their studies;

- (k) Careers South West (CSW) provided impartial advice to young people;
- (l) apprenticeship opportunities were available to young people from all backgrounds, although comprehensive equal opportunities data was not yet available;
- (m) more vocational degrees should be made available;
- (n) a new Studio School, based at Stoke Damerel Community College had been approved, which would focus on education in health and wellbeing.

Members agreed the recommendations as set out in the report, and recommended that a further two be added –

- (1) a degree level is added for all vocational apprenticeships;
- (2) data on ethnic background is collected from all young people who start an apprenticeship.

The Chair thanked Ed Coley for his report.

51. **PLYMOUTH EDUCATION CATERING SERVICES**

Brad Pearce (Managing Director of Cater^{ed}) and Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Education, Learning and Families) provided members with an update on the newly created Education Catering Service: Local Authority Trading Company – CATER^{ed}.

Members were advised that –

- (a) Cabinet agreed in June 2014 that the Education Catering Service, in partnership with maintained schools and academies and the Council, be created as a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) to enable the delivery of a sustainable food service to schools across the city;
- (b) the Company was established as a company limited by share, and registered at Companies House on 15 December 2014, the company is 51% Council owned and 49% school owned;
- (c) schools and academies have separately become members of a separate company – The Schools Shareholder Company in order that they can be represented as a shareholder in CATER^{ed};
- (d) the Board of CATER^{ed} was made up of eight school representatives (along with two council officers, one Managing Director and the potential for two extraordinary non-voting Directors);

- (e) three staff consultation events had been held, and no significant issues had been raised by staff or Trade Unions;
- (f) the Company had been granted access to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) as a Schedule 2 (Part 2) employer and had resolved any outstanding issues regarding any pension shortfalls;
- (g) the Company had arranged to buy back support services from the Council, initially for a period of one year, although it had proved difficult to identify actual services and the associated costs for each service area;
- (h) the Company were currently negotiating with the Council for the continuation of the provision of community meals within the city;
- (i) it was planned that all staff would transfer under TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)) and CATER^{ed} Limited would be fully live on 1 April 2015.

In response to members' questions it was reported that –

- (j) the new Company had been built on strong co-operative values;
- (k) the new Company was a Teckal (a vehicle used by public bodies to pre-privatise or outsource services) company and as such had to do most of their business with the Local Authority;
- (l) in order to be self sufficient, the Company would need to investigate diversifying in the future.

The Chair thanked Brad Pearce and Judith Harwood for their report, and took the opportunity to congratulate Brad and his team for winning the coveted top spot at the national EDUcatering Excellence Awards, scooping the title of Local Authority Caterer of the Year 2013.

52. **FOSTERING/RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS**

Liz Cahill (Strategic Commissioning Manager) and Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families) provided members with an update on the performance of the Cost and Volume contract for Fostering following submission to Cabinet on 9 December 2014.

Members were advised that –

- (a) the Cost and Volume frameworks were re-tendered during 2014, with the contract award taking place at Cabinet in December 2014. The contract is in place from 1 February 2015 until 31 March 2017. Seven independent fostering agencies were awarded a contract;
- (b) the Cost and Volume framework committed providers to high standards of care, but did not provide any guarantee of business;

- (c) the new contract had only been in force for two months; however savings had already been seen, £23,000 per annum had been saved with one provider alone;
- (d) the new contract was working well, good reports had been received so far, and the contract would be monitored quarterly and scrutinised closely;
- (e) systems were in place to tackle the issue of permanency; an additional requirement of the new contract was for the seven fostering providers to increase their local carer numbers by 20% during the period of the contract. The purpose of this was to help Plymouth City Council place more children and young people locally in a family based placement (as long as it was safe and appropriate to do so) and avoid uprooting them from positive influences in their lives. This should also reduce reliance on residential placements that were a distance away from Plymouth.

In response to members' questions it was reported that –

- (f) a LADO was a Local Authority Designated Officer;
- (g) the group provider meetings were very well attended;
- (h) Liz Cahill would provide the panel with an update every three months.

The Chair thanked Liz Cahill and Alison Botham for their report.

53. **OFSTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE**

Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families) and Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Education, Learning and Families) provided members with an update on the OFSTED improvement plan, which had now been re-named 'Childrens' Services Improvement Monitoring Framework – March 2015'.

Members were advised that –

- (a) a great deal of work had gone in to the production of the new plan since the January meeting of Ambitious Plymouth;
- (b) the new plan contained more information, and had to be submitted to OFSTED by 17 April; it was planned to sign off the final version on 7 April;
- (c) any comments/feedback on the plan had to be submitted to Alison Botham by 3 April;
- (d) there were 17 areas of improvement; a 'RAG' (red/amber/green) rating and 'milestone' information had been added to the new report format;
- (e) the new plan would be submitted to OFSTED, who would note the contents of it and feedback to the Council;

- (f) a sub group of the Childrens' and Young Peoples' Partnership (CYPP) would monitor the progress of the report, and in turn feedback to the CYPP and ultimately to the Health & Wellbeing Board;
- (g) Ambitious Plymouth would receive a quarterly progress report;

In response to members' questions it was reported that –

- (h) Childrens' Services were making reasonable progress;
- (i) comments and feedback on the report were welcome;
- (j) areas for improvement could change in the future as the Service developed, although none would be removed until the Service was satisfied they were resolved;
- (k) particular aspects of the plan would be reviewed if Ambitious Plymouth considered it necessary, or thought insufficient progress was being made.

The Chair thanked Alison Botham and Judith Harwood for their report.

(Councillor Michael Leaves left after this agenda item)

Order of business

With the permission of the Chair, the order of business was amended, as set out below in the minutes.

54. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The panel reviewed it's work programme and noted the addition of two items for inclusion on the work programme for the new municipal year, as previously requested by Budget Scrutiny –

- (1) information relating to the cost of the recent OFSTED inspection;
- (2) the containment plans within Children's Social Care.

It was noted that the Co-operative Scrutiny Review 'Be-wise to Child Sexual Exploitation' had been postponed until the new municipal year, in order to allow adequate time and resources to complete it.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to add 'Safeguarding' to the work programme as a regular agenda item; in the interim Simon White (Safeguarding Children's Board Manager) would be contacted, in order to determine the focus of his reports.

Following advice from Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Learning and Communities) it was agreed to add 'Children's Plan' to the work programme.

Under this agenda item, future meeting dates were discussed; panel members were

advised of the current draft dates, which would be confirmed in due course.

55. **PLYMOUTH PLAN**

Councillor McDonald (Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Public Health), Councillor Peter Smith (Deputy Leader), Richard Grant (Local Planning Manager), Louise Kelley (Sports Development Manager), Dominic Jinks (Executive Director of Plymouth Culture Board) and Hilary Bracegirdle (Museums and Heritage Manager) provided the panel with an overview of the Plymouth Plan, focusing on Policies 12, 22, 26 and 37.

Members were advised that –

- (a) the Plymouth Plan was being published in two parts; Members currently had the opportunity to comment on part 1 of the plan as part of the consultation process. The plan itself set out the shared strategic direction for the future of the city and would replace approximately 130 plans and strategies, including the Local Transport Plan, and the Housing Plan;
- (b) policy 12 (Delivering the best outcomes for children, young people and vulnerable adults) was a wide-ranging policy, a key aspect of which related to child poverty. It was necessary for the results of the consultation to be known before the policy could be developed further;
- (c) policy 22 (Delivering learning and talent development as a major civic approach in support of the skills developments of citizens) highlighted the importance of education for the citizens of Plymouth;
- (d) it was vital that young people were given independent careers advice, and were given the opportunity to obtain the skills that employers needed;
- (e) Plymouth Adult and Community Learning Service (PACLS), along with their partners, YMCA and the Shekinah Mission, offered a wide range of part-time learning opportunities, including one day workshops in leisure subjects and work-based learning qualifications;
- (f) the Plan for Playing Pitches in Plymouth outlined the Council and its partners objectives for playing pitches in the city and would be used as evidence to inform decision making relating to pitches;
- (g) the old Sports Facility Strategy needed updating;
- (h) a consultation was available online for people to view and complete if required;
- (i) Sport England now had more clearly defined capital available through its Places People Play Legacy funding programme.

In response to members' questions it was reported that –

- (j) there had been a decline in the take up of part-time courses offered through

(PACLS);

- (k) the organisation of PACLS had changed in order to access grants and other sources of funding;
- (l) accredited courses subsidised other courses;
- (m) a number of learning providers were only able to access funding for accredited courses;
- (n) a number of Plymouth schools had excellent sporting facilities,
- (o) most schools did not offer their sporting facilities to the local community – either because they closed at 4 pm or they chose not to do so;
- (p) the Sports Development Unit were proactively encouraging schools to offer their sporting facilities to their local communities;
- (q) the mission of the Plymouth School Sports Partnership, hosted by Sir John Hunt and Plymstock schools, was to positively impact on the lives of every child and young person attending partnership schools and their parents/carers through the opportunities they provided.

The Chair thanked officers and Cabinet Members for their report, and encouraged any concerns and comments raised by the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny panel to be fed back to the Plymouth Plan team.

56. **AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS 2014-15**

The Panel reviewed its work programme and was asked to reflect upon its achievements for 2014/15 for inclusion in the annual scrutiny report. Members congratulated themselves on completing their busy work programme which had included –

- Plymouth Education Catering Services – Local Authority Trading Company (now CATER^{ed})
- Transformation of PACLS (now On Course South West)
- City of Culture bid (including an update on the Plymouth History Centre)
- Youth Services
- Transformation of the Integrated Health and Wellbeing Board
- OFSTED

Agreed that the Lead Officer and Democratic Support Officer, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a summary of the panel's achievements for inclusion in the annual scrutiny report.

Under this agenda item, Councillor Parker-Delaz-Ajete expressed her thanks to the Lead Officer and Democratic Support Officer; Councillor Jordan expressed his

thanks to Councillor Bowie and Councillor Mrs Beer in their roles of Chair and Vice Chair.

57. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

Terms of Reference



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To scrutinise matters relating to our specified responsibilities with a view to improving services, reducing inequalities and improving outcomes for the people of Plymouth.

OUR CORPORATE PLAN

The panel is committed to the Plymouth City Council corporate values of *democratic, responsible, fair and partnership* and through its work will ensure that the council and its partners are working to achieve our vision to make Plymouth 'One of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone'.

OUR CORPORATE COMMITMENT THEMES

- Vibrant Plymouth
- Young Plymouth
- Working Plymouth

LINKED TO THE CABINET MEMBER AND DEPARTMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR

- The leadership and delivery of all services for children and young people
 - Apprenticeships and the Skills Agenda
 - Children's Social Care
 - Adoption and Fostering
 - Early years Development
 - Education Grants
 - Leisure management and Sports Development
 - Safeguarding Children and Young People
 - Schools and Colleges
 - Youth Services

The panel will review new and existing policies for the areas as set out above and consider how they may be improved and developed. The panel will also assist the Co-operative Scrutiny Management board by monitoring the budget and performance of the Cabinet Members, Service Areas and partners to ensure that improvements in the areas set out above are being delivered upon.

PARTNERSHIP LINKS

- Children's Partnership
- Plymouth Sports Board

TRANSFORMATION LINK

- People and Organisational Development
- Integrated Health and Wellbeing (Children's services element)

MEMBERSHIP - The Chair and Vice Chair of the panel shall serve on the Co-operative Scrutiny Board. All members of the panel will adhere to the general rules of Overview and Scrutiny. There are 12 members of the panel including the Chair and Vice Chair. The Vice Chair is from the opposite political group to the Chair.

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AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH SCRUTINY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE ON PROGRESS



Overview Briefing

Following the October/November 2014 Ofsted Inspection (for Children in need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers), an Improvement Board was established to monitor an Improvement Plan. This Improvement Plan was sent back to Ofsted on the 14th April.

On 11th March 2015 the first meeting of the Improvement Board was held. The Improvement Board is a sub group of the Children and Young People's Partnership. The plan is also subject to scrutiny by the Chief Executive (PCC), the Leader and the Leader of the opposition, Portfolio Holders, Chair of the LSCB, Director for Children's Services (PCC), at the quarterly Safeguarding Assurance meeting.

Progress against the plan will be reported formally to the Improvement Board and the Safeguarding Assurance Meeting in June. A short summary update of progress against the plan is contained below:

Improvement Area		Overview
1	Ensure that practitioners have reasonable workloads.	On going monitoring and service area action plans are in place. The issue of social work caseloads is also being addressed under phase 2 of Transformation.
2	Improve management oversight on casework and the quality of staff supervision.	There is a quality assurance framework for supervision in place from June 1 st which includes auditing standards, and staff have attended training and workshop events to secure an improvement in quality.
3	Improve the electronic social care record system so that it delivers accurate and timely data and performance information to improve the quality of service.	The Care First upgrade was completed bringing us in line with the OLM developments on the 31 st March. The Mapping and Business analysis to determine and document further system requirements is underway. The requirements for improved reporting are in test at present.
4	Robustly challenge commissioners to ensure that child protection medical examinations are conducted without undue delay.	Arrangement for child protection medicals have been discussed with Derriford hospital and a new contract for paediatric services is in place to secure the required improvements. This will be monitored by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
5	Improve the quality and analysis of return interviews of missing children so that they are an effective tool to safeguard individual young people and inform the strategic response.	A performance framework has been agreed and is being shared with partners to determine any further revisions. The membership of the operation MACSE meetings has been reviewed and additional partners have been invited and are attending, for example education welfare. The meetings are held on a fortnightly basis and consider data from 'return interviews'.
6	Accelerate the implementation of the early help framework to prevent the need for escalation to children's social care and ensure that children get help at the earliest opportunity.	The Target Operating Model has been drawn up and this will form part of the Transformation work that is underway in the services for children young people and families.

7	Conduct a further test of assurance, including a risk assessment, of the dual role of the Director of Children's Services (DCS).	The Director of Childrens Services (DCS) Assurance test is currently under review, will be complete in June and will be subject to audit.
8	Ensure that Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) and child protection conference chairs carry out their quality assurance roles in a way that provides robust scrutiny of practice and, where necessary, strong challenge.	Independent chair tasks and case loads will be reviewed in line with Phase 3 of Transformation. However, new ways of working are being piloted in the interim to improve capacity.
9	Ensure that short-term placement stability is improved for looked after children.	Task groups have met to create new action planning in relation to Placement Stability. These will be in place by end of May. The consultation on the Integrated Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategy is complete and an final draft is being developed for publication in June. The in house sufficiency strategy has been reviewed and a business review is underway with commissioning in relation to sufficiency across all fostering and residential provision.
10	Improve analysis to identify trends and ensure sufficiency of placements for children who require adoption.	Adoption TV campaign with peninsula authorities was launched in April for one week and will be repeated in October 2015 and January 2016. The two stage adoption process to assess adopters has been achieved and is being reviewed quarterly. The Care First upgrade requirements for adoption are being mapped at present and will be complete by end of June. A requirements log will then be created and CF6 will be reconfigured to enable appropriate reporting requirements. In parallel the adoption team with performance have created manual reporting systems.
11	Develop robust arrangements to monitor the decision making and progress of care planning for children who require adoption.	A new process for scrutiny around permanence has been developed and a Permanence Decisions Panel will be in place from June.
12	Take action to increase the number of care leavers in education, employment and training (EET).	The virtual school worker is now embedded in the Care Leavers Team and meetings are being coordinated with the University, Careers South West and City College to explore further support for care leavers.
13	Ensure that care leavers have detailed pathway plans that are up to date and set out clearly significant steps that will help them in their transition to independence.	A review of pathway plans has been undertaken and we are working with young people to make the plans more meaningful and user friendly.
14	Work with care leavers and looked after children to develop a local care leaver 'pledge' that reflects their needs and that is in clear and accessible language.	A meeting has been held to initiate participation by young people to implement the embedding of the Plymouth Pledge.
15	Ensure that assessments are consistently	There is an action plan in place to improve the

	of good quality, analytical, child- focused, and take into account risk and protective factors.	quality of written assessments. Staff have attended training and a new quality assurance framework will be in place by the end of June.
16	Ensure that children's plans are outcome-focused, specific and include timescales; are reviewed and updated following significant events; and are written in straightforward language that parents, carers and children can understand.	Actions plans are being created by June to address the implementaion of 'outcome' focused care planning and the training and development requirements along with IT required. This will include the role of a young people's group to contribute to development of plans.
17	Take action to ensure that child protection conferences are held within statutory timescales and are attended by relevant partners.	An action plan is in place to improve the timeliness of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs). A peninsular-wide protocol (with attendance targets) has been drawn up to improve the attendance of GPs and Police at ICPCs, which will be ratified at peninsular LSCBs in June. The LSCBs will monitor attendance as part of their data sets and provide challenge where appropriate.

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REQUEST FOR A COOPERATIVE REVIEW



Please submit this document to Democratic Support once complete.

The request will be submitted to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board for consideration against the approval criteria and you will be notified of its success. If the Board approve the request for a Co-operative Review on the subject matter below then a project plan will be completed and you may be asked for further information.

What is the name of the review?	Be-wise to Child Sexual Exploitation
Please provide a brief outline of the subject and scope of the review?	<p>There is a national focus on the sexual exploitation of children following the publication of the Jay Report (<i>Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham, 1997-2013, Alexis Jay OBE</i>), which highlighted the scale of child sexual exploitation in Rotherham, a city of similar demographics to Plymouth.</p> <p>The review aims to scrutinise the current provision in the city for children and young people who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation, and ensure that there is a programme to keep children safe from exploitation and trafficking in place.</p> <p>The review will work in partnership with Children’s Safeguarding Board, Children and Young People’s Partnership and Safer Plymouth. It is proposed that members are co-opted to the review panel from those bodies.</p> <p>The review will require five elected members as a minimum.</p>
Please outline the reasons as to why you believe a review needs to take place?	<p>The main reasons of the review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is a priority for a number of partnership bodies in the City; • there is a national focus on the sexual exploitation of children and this is an area of concern for the public.
What will the review attempt to achieve?	<p>It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the potential number of children in Plymouth subject to, or at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE). In particular how CSE impacts the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ children who go missing ○ children in the care of the local authority; ○ children with persistent absence from their educational settings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ children with mental health, and or multiple vulnerabilities. ● review oversight of child sexual exploitation across statutory partners and their approach to tackling the issue ● review the work being undertaken in schools on sex and relationship education ● To make detailed recommendations to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board on the findings of the review.
Who will benefit from the review?	The beneficiaries will be children and young people at risk of child sexual exploitation across the city, and their families.
How long do you think the review might take?	The review will be a key plank of the Ambitious Plymouth 2015/16 work programme. Details of numbers and scheduling of public meetings will be defined through the project planning process. It is expected that the review will be undertaken over a period of months reporting to the Board and Cabinet toward the end of the calendar year.
When do you think the review should commence and why?	The review will commence in July 2015. Following a project planning meeting an initial call for evidence will form the basis of the remainder of the review. This review should be undertaken immediately as it has been identified as an area of public concern.
When do you think the review should be completed by and why?	The review is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015. This will allow adequate time for the panel to complete the review and consider all the relevant and required evidence and witness statements and ensure that any recommendations are prepared in sufficient time.
Review requested by?	Councillors Mrs Beer and Bowie

Received in Democratic Support Section:	Reviewed by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board:
Date:	Date:
Scrutiny Review Approved/Rejected	
If approved initial Project Plan meeting date:	

AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH**DRAFT**

Work Programme 2015 - 2016

**PLYMOUTH**
CITY COUNCIL

Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice. The information in this work programme is intended to be of strategic relevance and is subject to approval at the Cooperative Scrutiny Board.

For general enquiries relating to the Council's Scrutiny function, including this committee's work programme, please contact Lynn Young, Democratic Support Officer, on 01752 304163.

Date of meeting	Agenda item	Purpose of the agenda item	Reason for consideration	Responsible Officer
6.7.15	SEND framework 2015-2018			
	Childrens' Social Care Improvement Plan			
7.9.15				
19.10.15				
7.12.15				
1.2.16				
7.3.16				
NEW – items not yet allocated a date				
Information relating to the cost of the recent Ofsted inspection		Recommendation from Budget Scrutiny 2014/15		
The containment plans within Childrens' Social Care		Recommendation from Budget Scrutiny 2014/15		
Under-performing/Coasting schools				
Multi Academy Trusts				
Validated results/SATS/GCSE's				
Child poverty				
Childrens' Centres				
Headteacher succession planning				
Changes resulting from Adoption bill				
Increase in free childcare provision to 30 hours per week				
Department budgets pre Budget Scrutiny				
School Transport Contract Award				
Scrutiny review proposals		Description		
'Be-wise to Child Sexual Exploitation'		New PID to be re-submitted to Co-operative Scrutiny Board		

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