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## **AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH**

Monday 7 September 2015  
10.00 am  
Council House, Plymouth (Next to the Civic Centre)

### **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 Representative)

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**Tracey Lee**  
Chief Executive

# **AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I – PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

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

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 6 July 2015.

#### **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. WORK OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UNIT (Pages 7 - 10)**

The panel will receive a report on the work of the Sports Development Unit.

#### **6. CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE ADOPTION BILL (Pages 11 - 12)**

The panel will receive a report detailing the changes resulting from the implementation of the Adoption Bill.

#### **7. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 13 - 14)**

To review the Ambitious Plymouth work programme 2015 – 2016.

#### **8. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 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 6 July 2015**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs Beer, in the Chair.

Councillor Singh, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall (substitute for Councillor Dann), Deacon, Downie, Jarvis (substitute for Councillor Bowie), Jordan, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete (substitute for Councillor Sam Davey), Riley, Singh and Tuohy.

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Bowie, Dann and Sam Davey.  
Edith Bayley (Statutory Co-opted Representative) and Jayne Gorton (Lead Officer).

Also in attendance: Alison Botham (Head of Children, Young People and Families), Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Learning and Communities), Councillor McDonald (Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Public Health), Jo Siney (Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.59 am.

*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.*

#### **1. TO NOTE THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The panel noted the appointment of Councillor Mrs Beer as Chair and Councillor Bowie as Vice Chair for the municipal year 2015–2016.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **3. MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 are confirmed as a correct record.

#### **4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

### 5. **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Deacon and Councillor Downie to their first Ambitious Plymouth meeting.

### 6. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The panel noted its terms of reference.

### 7. **APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES**

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

### 8. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

The panel noted the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year.

### 9. **OVERVIEW OF PRIORITIES FOR AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH**

Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Learning and Communities) and Councillor McDonald (Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Public Health) provided the panel with an overview of priorities for the forthcoming year.

The panel were informed that –

(a) the Children and Young People's Partnership had four objectives which set out the priorities for Children, Young People and Families –

- Raise Aspirations
- Deliver Prevention and Early Help
- Deliver an Integrated Education, Health and Care Offer
- Keep Our Children and Young People Safe

(b) key areas of work which were being looked at included –

- the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan which was looking at everything that had been highlighted in the Ofsted inspection last year
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) review
- Children's Social Care review
- Integrated Commissioning strategy for children and young people

The Chair thanked Carol Burgoyne, Judith Harwood and Councillor McDonald for their report.

Agreed that the Democratic Support Officer would obtain a copy of the Children and Young People's Partnership's 'plan on a page' and circulate it to members.

### 10. SEND FRAMEWORK 2015 - 2018

Jo Siney (Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability), Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Learning and Communities), and Councillor McDonald (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Public Health) provided the panel with an overview of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Review and Framework for Education Provision 2015 – 2018.

Members were advised that –

- (a) this piece of work drew together the work that had been carried out to date to review Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision and places across the city;
- (b) the framework described proposals for consideration for meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) over the next 3 years;
- (c) in comparison with our statistical neighbours (in particular Portsmouth and Southampton) Plymouth had a marked year on year increase in pupils with statements, with 4,000 children with statements;
- (d) Plymouth had seven special schools, along with a range of school-based specialist support centres.

Following members' questions it was reported that –

- (e) 2,000 children had been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), 1,600 of whom were known to be in school, the others were in pre-school or post-16 education. Plymouth's school population was 38,000;
- (f) data was captured from pre-school settings;
- (g) data was captured from children who moved in to the city;
- (h) Plymouth had a significant amount of SEND provision which was also used by children from outside of the city. Plymouth City Council received payment for providing these services;
- (i) the Children and Families Act 2014 had introduced Health, Education and Care (HEC) Plans which would replace Statements;
- (j) the new HEC plans would span birth to age 25 and would involve parents and carers more than the old system;
- (k) the timescale for completion of Statements had been 26 weeks and Plymouth had a 98% success rate, the timescale for completion of HEC plans was 20 weeks and it was too early to say if Plymouth were achieving this target.

The Chair thanked Jo Siney, Alison Botham, Judith Harwood and Councillor McDonald for their report.

The panel agreed the recommendations as set out in the Cabinet report and requested that the panel receive updates on progress at regular intervals.

### 11. **CHILDRENS' SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families) provided members with an overview of the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan.

Members were advised that –

- (a) the plan was not an Ofsted Improvement Plan, although it focussed around the recommendations that had Ofsted made;
- (b) the plan had been submitted to Ofsted on 14 April and feedback was due shortly;
- (c) a number of the improvement areas were ongoing;
- (d) the plan relied on working with other departments of the Council and partners/agencies;
- (e) an Improvement Board (a sub-group of the Children and Young People's Partnership) had been established to monitor the Improvement Plan;
- (f) the following areas of the plan were highlighted–
  - 1 – Ensure that practitioners have reasonable workloads  
Workloads were monitored weekly and service area action plans were in place. Caseloads had increased, and this issue was being addressed;
  - 2 – Improvement management oversight on casework and the quality of staff supervision  
A new quality assurance framework was now in place and management had attended the relevant training;
  - 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 system had been upgraded twice in the last six months which had resulted in an improvement. A review of ICT requirements for Children's Services was under way. A trial of portable electronic devices was about to commence which would improve mobile working for social workers;
  - 4 – Robustly challenge commissioners to ensure that child protection medical examinations are conducted without undue delay  
The arrangements for child protection medicals had been discussed with medical colleagues and the waiting time was now one hour. This would



- be closely monitored;
- 8 – Ensure that Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) and child protection chairs carry out their quality assurance roles in a way that provides robust scrutiny of practice and, where necessary, strong challenge  
These tasks and caseloads would be reviewed in due course. The workload had decreased, and in the interim new ways of working were being piloted to improve capacity;
- 9 – Ensure that short-term placement stability is improved for looked after children  
Any child who was now on their third placement was a cause for concern. A business review was under way in relation to fostering and residential provision to improve this situation;
- 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  
Work was being undertaken with the Listen and Care Council (LACC) to develop this pledge and ensure that all care leavers were aware of its existence;
- 17 – Take action to ensure that child protection conferences are held within statutory timescales and are attended by relevant partners  
69% of conferences were held within 15 working days, with the figure in May 2015 standing at 78%. Police and GP attendance remained poor, there was now a peninsular-wide protocol (with attendance targets) to improve attendance at these meetings. The Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would monitor these targets.

Following members' questions it was reported that –

- (g) the 'partners' referred to in area 5 were the Police, health partners, Designated Nurse for Children and Young People, health visitors and schools. The Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) meetings were chaired by the Police;
- (h) the frequency for strategic MACSE meetings was every quarter, and operational MACSE meetings was monthly. These meetings were well attended;
- (i) continuity of social workers was being addressed. Children were now initially assessed by one social worker and then referred to the appropriate social worker to process their case;
- (j) GP attendance at Child Protection conferences was poor due to pressures on their capacity and time. Processes were in force to ensure that relevant agencies were kept informed of the progress of the conferences;
- (k) the number of staff who attended the 'training' referred to in area 15 was not known, however attendance at training sessions would now be closely monitored;

- (l) the reasons for delays in holding Child Protection conferences was not known, however any delay would have been caused by a genuine issue.

The Chair thanked Alison Botham for her report.

### 12. **BE WISE TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The Chair advised the panel that the request to conduct a co-operative review in to 'Be-Wise to Child Sexual Exploitation' would shortly be re-submitted to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board and requested that members considered committing to sit as members on the review panel.

Agreed that the Democratic Support Officer would e-mail panel members to determine interest for membership on the review panel.

### 13. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The panel discussed the draft work programme for 2015– 2016 and agreed to recommend to the Cooperative Scrutiny Board the following items for inclusion:

- (1) regular updates on the progress of the SEND review;
- (2) a report following the recent Ofsted inspection of the Youth Offending Team.

### 14. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

# AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH - SCRUTINY

Sports Development Unit  
7 September 2015



## Introduction

This paper provides the panel with an overview of the work of the Sports Development Unit during the next 12 month period.

## Background

The Sports Development Unit's (SDU) core aim is to create and enhance the sporting, recreational and physical activity opportunities that lead to greater participation, particularly amongst under-represented groups. This is strongly linked to addressing health inequalities and other priorities such as tackling youth offending, capacity building, volunteering and sustaining a vibrant sporting infrastructure for the city. The Unit aim's to do this by:-

- reaching those who need it most
- working with key partners
- promoting opportunities in the natural environment
- supporting community sport, and
- attracting external funding.

A small team of experienced and enthusiastic sports development officers work along-side a wide variety of communities and partners in a way that promotes our cooperative values to provide different community sports initiatives. These range from diversionary activities for young people, to activities for older adults keen to get active and improve their quality of life. The SDU maintains a strategic role for sport and physical activity within Plymouth, providing guidance and leadership to both internal and external customers and supports the Plymouth Sports Board.

Sport and active recreation is not just limited to traditional sports in traditional settings, but covers all forms of sport and active recreation. The SDU encourages participation in a wide range of informal/ introductory activities at a variety of venues across the city, eg Back to Netball in sports halls, beginner running in parks and seated fitness in community halls.

## Achievements

The SDU has provided services to the community since 2002 and has shown year on year increases in participation at its activities over the last five years. This has grown from 40,037 attendances in 2010/11 to 62,509 attendances in 2014/15. Due to the Unit's focused work within the most deprived neighbourhoods<sup>1</sup> of the city, a 13.8% increase in attendance from people living within these neighbourhoods has been achieved over the last five years.

The Unit's proven track record in delivery and has been vital securing significant amounts of external funding. In 2014/15 this was in excess of £260,000.

Over the years the SDU has been instrumental in delivering a number of high profile projects. For example, it: co-ordinated the city's first ever Sports Summit which led to the creation of the Plymouth Sports Board; organised the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay event; and more recently, delivered a hugely successfully mass participation initiative called Ping! which incorporated hosting the national launch event (which was the first time ever this had taken place outside of London).

<sup>1</sup> Barne Barton , City Centre and Waterfront, Devonport, East End, Efford, Ernesettle, Ford, Greenbank and University, Ham and Pennycross, Honicknowle and West Park, Keyham, Lipson and Laura, Morice Town, Mount Gould, Mutley, North Prospect and Weston Mill, St Budeaux and Kings Tamerton, Stoke, Stonehouse, Whitleigh

The SDU holds Quest and Customer Service Excellence accreditation and has also received a number of awards from external partners highlighting its contribution and commitment to sport and physical activity. The staff's efforts have also been recognised on several occasions through our own Star Awards.

### Plan for 2015/16

The SDU is constantly evolving to meet new demands and priorities, and in line with cooperative values, has moved away from being a direct provider/deliverer to become more of a facilitator/enabler. This has resulted in a larger number of sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships with a variety of different agencies and organisations. These partnerships have made better use of diminishing resources and delivered more activity than before.

The challenge ahead is to seek more partnerships with public, private and voluntary sector bodies at local, regional and national level while maintaining existing relationships to realise shared objectives and deliver an integrated approach to sport and physical activity.

In particular the SDU is working to develop a stronger partnership with our colleagues in Public Health. Increased collaborative working with partners in health will enable knowledge to be pooled and joint strategies and interventions developed to meet the outcomes of both sectors, reducing the risk of duplication and delivering a more co-ordinated, front facing service. The Unit already supports the Thrive Plymouth (4-4-54) campaign, specifically helping to tackle inactivity.

The Unit will also look to continue to enhance its' offer of accessible and inclusive opportunities for physical recreation in the city, building on work it is already commissioned to do from Co-operative Commissioning and through funding from Sport England's Inclusive Sports Fund.

The service delivery during 2015/16 will continue to specifically assist those who have been identified as not participating in enough sport or physical activity to benefit their health and wellbeing, by particularly focusing on increasing levels by targeting the following groups:-

- Black Minority Ethnic groups
- Young people (14 to 25 year olds)
- People living in deprived neighbourhoods
- Women and girls
- Inactive Adults (25 to 45 year olds)
- People with disabilities.

### Delivery in 2015/16

The SDU will continue to work with local sports clubs, National Governing Bodies of Sport, the County Sports Partnership, Sport England, the Plymouth Sports Board and others to create and promote sustainable opportunities for people to be more active.

However to achieve its aims, the SDU is clear it needs to prioritise services towards the target groups previously outlined above and as such a number of the Unit's key programmes reflect this e.g. Activate Plymouth, Active Devonport and StreetGames.

A full list of delivery programmes for the next 12 months is shown below.

Programme	Description
<b>Ping! Plymouth</b>	Develop and deliver an eight week street festival of table tennis, followed by a legacy programme of participation
<b>Activate Plymouth</b>	Develop and deliver a varied programme of affordable activities to increase physical activity levels of people (14yrs +) living within the nine most deprived neighbourhoods in the city

<b>Active Devonport</b>	Develop and deliver a wide range of free and low-cost sporting opportunities that are accessible to the local community
<b>StreetGames</b>	Co-ordinate ten Doorstep Sport Clubs for young people (14 to 25 years) in disadvantaged communities designed to grow their motivation and ability to adopt a sporting habit for life
<b>Plymouth Games</b>	Deliver a monthly programme of social sporting competitions
<b>Sportivate</b>	Coordinate and deliver a range of six week sports programmes to encourage young people (14 to 25 years) to take up a new sport and be more active
<b>Run England</b>	Develop a network of citywide community running groups for all abilities
<b>Devon Opportunity Clubs</b>	Develop new sessions and provide sport and physical activity opportunities for people with disabilities
<b>Just Play Football</b>	Coordinate and deliver ten area based football projects across the city aimed at increasing participation and developing young volunteers
<b>Rounders</b>	Develop a grassroots programme to increase participation in Rounders
<b>Adult Swimming</b>	Coordinate a free swimming lesson programme for older adults (60 years+) who are unable to swim
<b>Short Breaks</b>	Provide a programme of sporting activities and family fun days for families with disabled children
<b>Tennis</b>	Develop a community tennis programme offering a range of free and low-cost activities from cardio tennis and family fun sessions, to turn up and play and junior coaching sessions
<b>Breeze Cycling</b>	Develop a female only cycling programme and community led cycle rides for beginners to improvers
<b>Badminton</b>	Support the Community Badminton Network and develop junior badminton participation
<b>NGB Initiatives</b>	Deliver a range of informal/ introductory sporting initiatives to increase grassroots participation e.g. Back to Netball, No Strings Badminton
<b>BME participation programmes</b>	Identify and consult with various groups and support where possible e.g. Filipino Sportsfest, Refugee and Asylum Seeker football, Kurdish and Portuguese football
<b>FANS</b>	Administer a scheme which provides free access to sporting facilities for people who are competing at a national or international level
<b>Coach Education</b>	Develop and deliver a range of workshops to support community sports clubs
<b>Grant Aid</b>	Administer a scheme that provides financial assistance to people who want to become qualified sports coaches or officials
<b>Events</b>	Support and deliver a range of local, national and community events (e.g. National Paralympic Day, National launch of Ping!)

## Plymouth Sports Board

Strategic direction for community sport city-wide is the responsibility of the Plymouth Sports Board which includes representatives from Plymouth City Council, Sport England, Active Devon, Plymouth School Sports Partnership, Plymouth University, University of St Mark and St John and Everyone Active. The Plymouth Sports Board's current priorities are to:

- Increase participation in sport and physical activity
- Support a vibrant and sustainable community sports sector
- Improve sporting facilities based on evidence of need, and
- Secure investment to support the Sport Board's priorities.

The Sports Board is currently reviewing its operation and effectiveness and has joint funded a small proportion of the SDU's newly appointed Community Sports Manager to facilitate this work. The review will consider how the Board could enhance strategic leadership for sport and physical activity within Plymouth.

Strategic direction is further informed by a Plan for Playing Pitches (recently completed) and work will get underway shortly to produce a Plan for Sports Facilities.

## Key Performance Indicators for 2015/16

The SDU uses the following indicators to measure success and consideration is being given to how these could be widened in future to link to wider health outcomes and demonstrate social return on investment.

		2015/ 16 target
SDU 1	Total attendances at SDU activities and events	65,000
SDU 2	% of attendances from people living in deprived neighbourhoods	40%
SDU 3	% of attendances from people with disabilities	7.5%
SDU 4	% of users satisfied with the service provided by SDU	95%
SDU 5	% of partners satisfied with the services provided by SDU	85%
SDU 6	VFM – cost per activity	£3.25
SDU 7	Level of funding brought in to Plymouth through SDU support	£265,000
SDU 8	Number of identified individuals trained/ supported as activators/ coaches/ officials	450
SDU 9	QUEST accreditation	Good

## Conclusion

The SDU aims to ensure the provision of a range of services, focused on communities with the greatest need. The challenge ahead is to continue to deliver this in a changing landscape, building sustainable partnerships with organisations and communities to ensure sport and physical activity maximises opportunities as a vehicle for social change and promoting health and wellbeing of Plymouth residents.

## BRIEFING FOR AMBITIOUS SCRUTINY

### Regionalising Adoption - changes resulting from the Adoption Bill - August 2015



#### Background

The Education and Adoption Bill, if passed, will give the Secretary of State a new power to direct one or more named local authorities to make arrangements for any or all of their adoption functions to be carried out on their behalf, by one of the local authorities named, or by another agency.

The proposed functions are: the recruitment, assessment and approval of prospective adopters; decisions about which prospective adopters a child should be matched with; and the provision of adoption support services.

In June 2015 the Department of Education released a paper called [Regionalising Adoption](#) and asked for expressions of interest from adoption agencies in moving to regional adoption agencies.

Local authorities are being invited to bid for a grant from £4.5million of funding.

The aim is to reduce the number of adoption agencies from the current national total of 180, and move to a regional model which the D for E suggests will lead to economies of scale, savings, access to a larger pool of adopters willing to take “hard to place” children, and opportunities to share good practice, supervision etc. The D for E is not being prescriptive about what they mean by a regional adoption agency, however they are interested in models placing 200 children a year. The paper states it is not efficient to recruit only 10 to 20 adopters a year as some agencies do.

The Regionalising Adoption paper also notes that seeking to just first place an agencies own children with their own adopters is seen as unacceptable because of the potential delay for the child. So the government announced in the July 2015 budget that £30million will be made available so that the £27,000 fee for out of area adoptions will be directly funded by central government. The intention is to avoid the perverse incentive to look locally first to avoid this fee.

Currently nationally in England there are a number of adoption partnerships but very few merged services. Adopt Berkshire is one (4 Councils). The Triboroughs is another. The D for E paper states that VAAs have a clear role and gives the example of Coram and Cambridgeshire having formed a new VAA together. Functions are delegated from the authority to the Coram.

#### Plymouth, Adopt South West and the South West region

In 2014/5 Plymouth achieved 40 children placed for adoption and recruited and approved 30 adopters (28 couples and 2 single people.)

So far in first three quarters of 2015/6 290 children have been adopted in the South West. If current trends continue around 400 adoptions will be achieved in the South West.

Adopt South West, which includes Plymouth, launched in April 2015 as a co-operative regional partnership which is not a legal entity or agency.

ASW co-operates on recruitment and has one front door - a call centre number and a website for adopters <http://www.adoptsouthwest.org.uk/> The Adopt South West joint marketing strategy includes a joint [TV campaign](#) that has already started this year (in April) and will be aired again in Adoption Week and January 2016.

Adopt South West is a partnership of Devon County Council, Torbay Council, Plymouth City Council, Families For Children (a VAA) and Barnardos SW (a VAA) adoption agencies. Adopt South West currently has 49 children and 98 adopters waiting (July 2015 figures).

Elsewhere in the South West we understand that the following local authority adoption services - S Glouc, Glouc, Bristol, N Somerset, BANES, Swindon and Wiltshire - are merging to become Adopt West.

We also understand that a regional grouping that may become Adopt Wessex is in the process of forming (FFC, Poole Borough, Bournemouth Borough and Dorset County Council adoption agencies.) Somerset County Council may join this partnership.

Cornwall is also currently discussing with Adopt South West partners whether to join Adopt South West. If they did as far as we know all local authorities would be part of one of the three regional South West partnerships that are forming: Adopt South West, Adopt Wessex and Adopt West.

**Next steps** – if adoption agencies are interested in making an expression of interest to the D for E the application needs to be submitted by September 7th. Support suggested includes project coach and financial support in 2015/6 (e.g. to backfill roles). Applicants can also make suggestions about the support needed. Coaching support will be available from Oct 2015 to end March 2016 from an independent agency commissioned by the Department for Education, with a view to developing an action for April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 onwards.

### **Action taken to date by Plymouth City Council**

Adopt South West has agreed to jointly develop an expression of interest together and this is in process. The application will request change management and other support to assist in the development of a joint options appraisal.

Adopt South West members have also formally written to Cornwall to invite Cornwall to join Adopt South West. Cornwall are currently considering whether to join and a variation to the Adopt South West joint funding agreement has been drafted ready.

Adopt South West has informally taken advice from the D for E about the likely success of an application for less than 100 adoptions a year, (given current local trends), in lower population fringe areas of the UK such as the Peninsula. The D for E has indicated that an Adopt South West Expression of Interest would be welcomed.



**AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH****DRAFT**

Work Programme 2015 - 2016


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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			Jo Siney
	Children's Social Care Improvement Plan			Alison Botham
7.9.15	Work of Sports Development Unit			Louise Kelley
	Changes resulting from Adoption Bill			Siobhan Wallace
19.10.15	Education Paper with Plymouth Learning Partnership			John Searson/David Maddison
	People Directorate Budget	Co-operative Scrutiny Board recommendation (19.8.15)		Judith Harwood/Alison Botham
	Corporate Performance Report – K14, K15 K19, K45, K27a/b	Co-operative Scrutiny Board recommendation (19.8.15)		Judith Harwood/Alison Botham
7.12.15	Children's Social Care Improvement Plan			Alison Botham
	Department Budgets pre Budget Scrutiny			Judith Harwood/Alison Botham
1.2.16	Validated results SATS/GCSE's			John Searson
	SEND framework 2015-2018 – 6 Monthly update			Jo Siney
7.3.16	School Transport Contract Award			Jayne Gorton
<b>NEW – items not yet allocated a date</b>				
Information relating to the cost of the recent Ofsted inspection				<b>Recommendation from Budget Scrutiny 2014/15</b>
The containment plans within Childrens' Social Care				<b>Recommendation from Budget Scrutiny 2014/15</b>
Under-performing/Coasting schools				
Multi Academy Trusts				

Child poverty	
Children's Centres	
Headteacher succession planning	
Increase in free childcare provision to 30 hours per week	
<b>Scrutiny review proposals</b>	<b>Description</b>
'Be-wise to Child Sexual Exploitation'	New PID re-submitted to Co-operative Scrutiny Board and approved. First meeting scheduled for September 2015.

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