

FOR JOBS AND PROSPERITY

Pledge 6 – Review the City Council’s procurement procedures

What we said we would do: We will review the City Council’s procurement procedures to make sure the City Council buys as much as it can locally. We will ensure that all suppliers to the City Council work to the highest standards of ethical behaviour and quality. We will continue to take action to make sure every pound we spend brings the maximum benefit to Plymouth.

What we wanted to achieve: A comprehensive review of the City Council’s procurement procedures, with the aim of improving them to increase the entry opportunities of local market suppliers and their subsequent supply chains. We also wanted to implement processes whereby the money spent by Plymouth City Council brings a greater benefit to Plymouth and its respective communities, beyond that of the goods and/or services being initially procured.

What we have done: We have conducted a review of the procurement service and its processes; the outcomes and recommendations of the review are as follows:

- Review and update of the Contract Standing Orders (subject to sign off in December 2019)
- Implementation of the updated Social Value Policy (September 2019)
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and PL postcode spend key performance indicators (KPIs) set and reported on monthly; Annual Report
- Procurement self-service process implemented up to £25,000
- Three quotes required up to thresholds stated within the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU); engage with stakeholders to ensure two of the three are from the PL postcode when possible
- Members of local business groups and public sector organisations to promote participation from local businesses e.g. Plymouth Public Procurement Partnership (PPPP)
- Increased creation of goods/services catalogues; increasing the ease of access to goods/services from contracted suppliers; PL postcode suppliers inclusive
- Playing an active role with other City Council services on correlating initiatives e.g. Construction Charter, Inclusive Growth Chartermark.
- **2018/19** – approximately £226 million spend, PL postcode spend approximately 47%; **2019/20** April to September 2019 – PL postcode spend approximately 51%.

What’s next: We will continue to identify, monitor and address areas in which we can improve our procedures to progress local business opportunities. Upcoming work will focus on but is not limited to:

- Standardised/simplified templates to reduce barriers to entry
- Produce and publish a city-wide directory that PL postcode businesses can sign up to
- Publish our Forward Plan, increasing visibility of upcoming opportunities
- Further embed Social Value; which in turn focuses on the local market
- PL/SME spend KPIs; develop and publish joint Plymouth Public Sector results, providing greater visibility of how and where public resource is spent.

Find out more!

Here are some news stories about our work to deliver the pledge:

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/new-strategy-childrens-home-procurement/>

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/new-social-value-policy-announced/>

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FOR BETTER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Pledge 56 – Build relationships between younger and older people

What we said we would do: Studies show increased physical and mental health benefits as a result of increased social interaction between generations. We will enable schools and child care providers to forge links with residential homes, community centres and senior citizen's clubs to build mutually beneficial relationships between younger and older people.

What we wanted to achieve: To bring young and old together by sharing new and old experiences with skills to benefit each other's mental and physical wellbeing.

What we have done: A presentation on the benefits of intergenerational work with schools was given to our Dignity in Care Home Forum in June 2019, with 82 people in attendance representing 53 care homes. In September 2019, 33 Health and Wellbeing Champions (representing domiciliary care and care homes) attended training, which covered creating community and intergenerational work.

Some examples of intergenerational activity taking place in care homes include enjoying board games, dancing, crafts and singing together, events where elderly frail and younger children shared the benefits of integrational connections within the Plymouth community. In addition, *Jiminy Wickett* are providing croquet with older people at Stoke Damerel School.

Feedback from care homes includes increased engagement/mood of the residents; products of work that can be displayed to brighten up the home; increased learning; and greater awareness of dementia in young people, contributing towards social inclusion – 'normalising' people living with dementia in the future generation, i.e. helping to see people living with dementia as people and helping younger people to think about who the person used to be.

Chatsworth Residential Home said: *"It has been great, the children were shy on the first visit but after that they would run in and go straight to the residents, they had no reservations. The residents love the visits from the children and engaging with them and they really loved their visit to the school and all the children in the school were brilliant with them. After each visit our residents are buzzing and talk about it for ages they really love it. We are looking forward to going back to the school again this term. After the visit to the school the residents reminisced for ages about the differences between their school days and how it is now, even the staff love it. Can't wait to get re started."*

What's next: We will work with schools to increase the number taking part in visits to local care homes and in other intergenerational activities.

Find out more!

Here are some news stories about our work to deliver the pledge:

<https://www.sdcc.net/news/2019-10-28-our-lovely-students-are-a-big-hit-on-their-care-home-visits>

<https://www.sdcc.net/news/2019-03-14-lord-mayor-joins-in-croquet-session>



FOR FIGHTING POVERTY

Pledge 64 – Support WASPI women in their fight for pension justice

What we said we would do: We will support Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) women (women born in the 1950s) in their fight for pension justice.

What we wanted to achieve: We want to show our full support to WASPI women and their national campaign, calling upon the government to make fair the transitional state pension arrangements for all women affected by the changes to the state pension age and who face financial hardship as a result.

What we have done: In October 2019, the Cabinet member for Housing and Co-operative Development publicly wrote to both the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Secretary of State for International Trade, and the Minister for Women and Equalities, following the recent ruling against the WASPI Women by the Royal Courts of Justice. This was shared on social media and received much positive support. Approximately 3.8 million women born in the 1950s have been affected by the mismanagement of increases to the state pension age. For Plymouth, this has affected around 8,500 women who face financial hardship as a result of the changes implemented by the 1995 and 2011 Pension Acts.

What's next: We continue to fully support the WASPI campaign, calling on the government to make fair these transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the state pension age with a lack of appropriate notification. We will continue to raise this issue with Plymouth's three MPs to ensure that it remains on the political agenda.

Find out more!

Here is a news story about our work to deliver the pledge:

<https://twitter.com/ChrisPenberthy/status/118377795010322>

