

Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	11 March 2020
Title of Report:	Plan for Sustainable Fishing
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
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Your Reference:	N/A
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to brief the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the launch of the Plan for Sustainable Fishing for consultation. Producing a Plan for Sustainable Fishing is one of the administration's 100 Pledges: *Britain's Ocean City is not just a brand, it is a celebration of Plymouth's maritime role. That is why we will work with Plymouth's fishing industry to launch a Plan for Sustainable Fishing to secure the industry's future in the city.*

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that Scrutiny notes the content of the Plan for Sustainable Fishing and the launch of the consultation. The consultation is an important process to ensure we have a plan which is owned by the fishing sector and will help the sector continue to grow. Consultation will involve the major stakeholders, namely Sutton Harbour Holdings, Plymouth Trawler Agents, the National Marine Aquarium, Interfish, the wider fishing and port community and statutory bodies such as the Marine Management Organisation, the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority and the Marine and Coastguard Agency.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Do nothing – The Fishing and Fisheries Select Committee of 22 August 2018 made the following recommendations to Cabinet which were agreed on the 11 September 2018:

- To produce a plan for sustainable fishing to secure the industry's future in the City
- To agree the consultation responses to the Fisheries White Paper: Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generation
- To increase resources and expertise supporting the sector by employing a Fishing Development Officer
- Recreational angling should be considered as part of the whole approach to sustainable fisheries.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

A Growing City

The project aims to deliver a plan that takes advantage of the new Fishing Bill and the additional quota that is a potential outcome from the negotiation of the fishing policy, surrounding the UK's departure from the European Economic Union. Even a small increase in quota will make a considerable difference to the economic growth of the fishing industry in Plymouth. It will secure additional jobs, improve skills and create employment opportunities for all skill levels. It will add an additional element through tourist attraction and form a major part of the National Marine Park. It will achieve this through changes to infrastructure, business support and training.

A Caring Council

The plan proposes a number of recommendations that will improve the health and wellbeing of the fishing community. It also gives direction on creating a fishing quarter that will make the Plymouth a welcoming city through place shaping.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Capital and Revenue Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the Council at this stage. However, there are proposals contained that do have a direct impact on the council's resources. These will need to be further considered at the conclusion of the consultation.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Where potential environmental implications are identified during the consultation period assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council's policies.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

None

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Plan for Sustainable Fishing							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sustainable fishing study evidence base							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan, Service Director for Economic Development											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 03/07/2019											
Cabinet Member approval: Approved verbally by Councillor Evans OBE, Leader Date approved: 27/02/2020											