

Cabinet



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 Title of Report: **Completed Pledges Report**
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Purpose of Report

The administration continues with its four year programme to deliver against the 100 pledges, by March 22, for a better, greener and fairer Plymouth. Following the completion of 8 pledges in February, the total number of pledges completed is 71 of the 100.

A “pledge on a page” overview has been prepared for each of the following pledges listed below:

- **Pledge 9:** Many local businesses work hard for the good of Plymouth, going the extra mile to help meet the city’s needs and working for inclusive growth. We will explore ways in which we can help businesses and social enterprises that go further than a standard corporate social responsibility programme to grow.
- **Pledge 15:** Electric cars are increasingly popular. We will install more electric car charging points in Plymouth, including in residential areas.
- **Pledge 31:** We will prioritise stopping as many people as possible becoming homeless, and we will end the practice of families with children being housed in Bed and Breakfasts. - PRIORITY PLEDGE (TOP 5)
- **Pledge 33:** The vast majority of landlords in Plymouth are good and take care of their properties, but there are far too many poor-quality homes. We will toughen up enforcement of housing in the private rented sector to drive up standards for renters. If, within 12 months, the private rented sector has not taken substantial steps to improve standards, we will begin the process of introducing a licensing scheme for the private rented sector.
- **Pledge 42:** We think the current system of fining parents for taking their children on holiday in term time can hurt families on a budget. We will work with schools and parents to introduce a fair system so families can take an annual holiday without penalty. - PRIORITY PLEDGE (TOP 5)
- **Pledge 86:** We will deliver the upgrade of Central Park, ensuring it remains the city’s green lung and a community asset we can all be proud of. We will not allow house-building on parkland to protect Central Park. The new park at Seaton will be as important to the north of Plymouth as Central Park is to the south of the city. This new park will open in the next few years and we will ensure it delivers for local people.
- **Pledge 90:** We will review the current policy of charging for bulky waste collections and re-introduce community skips where practical. We will increase the use of community bins to cut down the number of wheelie bins in some residential streets.

- **Pledge 91:** We will trial all-electric road sweepers, which can reduce both air pollution and operating costs. - PRIORITY PLEDGE (TOP 5)

To see a full list of pledges completed please visit our [on-line pledge board](#).

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. Cabinet are invited to note the completion of pledges 9, 15, 31, 33, 42, 86, 90, 91 in February 2020, bringing the total for completed pledges to 71.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The 100 Pledges and manifesto priorities continue to inform development and delivery of the Corporate Plan and therefore have been adopted by the Council as part of delivery of the Corporate Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

All resource implications have been considered and incorporated within the MTFP and Service Business Plans.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Pledge completions complement the Council's existing policy framework with respect to the above. However, where potential environmental implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from pledge delivery, 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.*

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Appendices


Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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Background papers:

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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