

# FOR A SAFER, WELCOMING CITY

## Pledge 66 – Oppose cuts to the Police and Fire services

**What we said we would do:** We support community policing and we will continue to oppose cuts to the number of police stations, police officers and PCSOs in Plymouth. We will fight any further cuts to Plymouth's fire cover, the number of fire stations and firefighters in our city.

**What we wanted to achieve:** We want to ensure the safety of people in Plymouth by opposing cuts to services that might affect how people in the City are protected.

**What we have done:** We continue to oppose cuts to both the Police and the Fire Service at every opportunity. We are regularly lobbying both central government and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Over the last 18 months this administration has continued to fight for the residents and visitors of Plymouth

- We raised a Motion on Notice around the Police Merger between Devon and Cornwall and Dorset Police, as we felt this would be detrimental to the people of Plymouth and that plans were vague and unrealistic. As part of this we wrote to the Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner and the Home Secretary expressing our severe recommendations and set out a number of key asks for the City.
- Also as part of our role on the Police and Crime panel of the OPCC we also raised our concerns about the Police Merger and continued to be vocal about the problems that would be faced should such a merger take place
- We have strengthened our role on the panel by taking on the role of Vice Chair of the OPCC Panel
- Raised issues with Police and Crime Commissioner about possible changes to the Forensic Services via the OPCC Panel
- We continue to voice concerns about levels of policing in Plymouth
- We have responded to Fire Service Consultation to say that Plymouth should be protected from any reductions including protecting the number of fire stations and serving firefighters in our City.
- We have been vocal during discussions about the Police precept to continue to fight for a better funding settlement for Devon and Cornwall to support residents in Plymouth
- Written a letter and visited central government in London to lobby for additional funding for Plymouth due to reduced Devon and Cornwall Police funding and impact of the visitor economy over the summer

**What's next:** We will continue to work in the best interests of people in Plymouth by opposing cuts to services that we feel may be detrimental to their safety

### Find out more!

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

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/council-leader-slams-police-merger/>

