

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	10 August 2021
Title of Report:	The Administration's commitments: First 100 day plan
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Purpose of Report

At the Council's Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2021, Cllr Nick Kelly was elected Leader of Plymouth City Council. The Conservative Administration has identified 86 commitments to Build Back Better in Plymouth. This report sets out at Appendix A progress in respect of 22 of these commitments that will be undertaken during the first 100 days of the administration. Eighteen commitments have been completed; these are;

- 3. We will fast track applications for Blue Badges, disabled facilities grants and disabled parking spaces for those with terminal illness.
- 5. We will increase our consultation with local communities and look to devolve more power to local people so they feel empowered and have a greater input in determining their priorities. Conservatives recognise that family values and personal responsibility strengthen local communities so we will listen more and act accordingly
- 7. Plymouth is Britain's Ocean City so we will invest in maritime facilities allowing more people to benefit from our coastal waters and making accessing the sea easier
- 13. We will increase enforcement against anti- social behaviour. This will include fly tipping, dog fouling, littering and graffiti.
- 14. We will introduce more CCTV cameras to deter crime but also identify offenders and prosecute to create safer communities for our residents.
- 21. We believe education is key to life opportunities. Sadly under Labour standards at Plymouth's schools have declined. This is unacceptable. Plymouth continues to be below the national average for all stages, Early years, Primary and Secondary educational attainment. To reverse this decline we will focus on supporting the Plymouth Education Board to drive up educational attainment because our children deserve to attend a Good or Outstanding schools
- 22. We will support the policy of not fining parents for unauthorised absence of up to 11 sessions allowing families to take a one-week holiday during term time without penalty. Family time is important

- 24. We welcome the Government's increase in the Dedicated Schools Grant of £8.16m which increases school funding to £178m in 2021/22. This will see a significant increase of resources per pupil in the city's schools
- 25. Plymouth Conservatives will continue to campaign for fairer funding where Plymouth schools see equal funding to London schools
- 57. We will NOT introduce a congestion charge in Plymouth. This would be detrimental to residents and local businesses.
- 59. We will commit to FREE parking at our district shopping centres to support our local communities in Whitleigh, St.Budeaux, Plymstock, Plympton, Estover, West Park, Stoke, Devonport, Leigham, Mountbatten Crownhill and Mutley Plain
- 70. We will invest in Mutley Plain to improve the trading conditions for local businesses by extending the FREE car parking at the Barracks and Napier Street car parks to THREE hours. We will install new CCTV cameras to expose and help prosecute anti-social behaviour such as street drinking, fly tipping, vandalism, dog fouling and drug use
- 74. To improve traffic flow and make it easier to get around Plymouth we will undertake a review of the traffic light sequencing across the city. This will also help to reduce emissions and be better for the environment
- 82. We will reduce the cost of Plymouth City Councillors by removing the new additional Councillor allowances Labour introduced immediately they took control in 2018
- 83. We will scrap the £15 bin delivery charge
- 84. We will extend the green garden waste collection period including bags and go back to fortnightly collections
- 85. We will scrap the need to register EVERY year for the green garden waste collection service
- 86. We will scrap the charges to dispose of soil and rubble for local residents at Chelson Meadow.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Cabinet:

1. To note the completion of the 18 commitments identified in this report.
2. To note the progress made towards the completion of the remaining four commitments due for completion within the administration's first 100 days.

The Leader and Cabinet wish to demonstrate delivery at pace against the Administration's commitments to improvements across a range of services which are important to residents, visitors and businesses.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not to produce a plan. Without the formal agreement and publication of a defined set of actions within the first 100 days, there is a risk of slippage against commitments and a lack of transparency.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The commitments set out at Appendix A relate to the revised priorities set out in the Corporate Plan which was adopted by the Council on 14 June 2021

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Most commitments will be delivered from within existing revenue and capital resources. Where there are new resource implications, decisions will be made about allocation of resources in line with the

Council's decision making procedures. Where delegated decisions are required in order to implement specific commitments, financial implications will be set out as part of the decision making process in accordance with the Council's constitution.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Environmental sustainability is a key priority of the new administration, and the waste management, recycling and traffic management commitments are specifically aimed at reducing the city's carbon footprint.

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.*

The commitments within the first 100 day plan make specific contributions to community safety, inclusion, community engagement, increased support for the vulnerable and improved educational standards for children and young people.

We have given due regard to our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The commitment to fast track applications to the blue badge scheme, disabled facility grants and parking spaces for those with terminal illness will have a positive impact on people with disabilities. Securing a sustainable funding settlement for Adult Social Care will contribute to better outcomes for people with disabilities and the agenda to empower local people has the potential to contribute to better outcomes for communities sharing protected characteristics.

Over the coming months as we move to deliver the priority commitments of the Administration, Equality Impacts Assessment will be carried out, where required by service leads for each the priority areas set out in the first 100 days plan.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	The new Administration's commitments: First 100 Day Plan							

Background papers:

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Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)											
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