

Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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| Date of meeting: | 23 February 2022 |
| Title of Report: | Plymouth Plan Annual Report |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Deputy Leader) |
| Lead Strategic Director: | Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place) |
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| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

Since its inception in 2014, the Plymouth Plan has set out a shared direction of travel for the long term future of the city of Plymouth. The first Annual Report prepared for the Plymouth Plan was published in June 2021 and provides an overview of progress for each of the different elements of the plan. Given the timing of data availability, the information in the Annual report pre-dates impacts of Brexit and the COVID pandemic. The report does however provide an opportunity to reflect on progress in the first six years of the plan.

The Plymouth Plan Annual Report can be used as the starting point for a citywide discussion on progress towards achieving the strategic outcomes set out in the Plymouth Plan and any future actions that need to be taken in partnership to improve the direction of travel.

The next report, planned for June 2022, will begin to capture some of the impacts of Brexit and the COVID pandemic.

Recommendations and Reasons

For Scrutiny to consider and note the information provided in regard to the Plymouth Plan Annual Report

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report provides a brief overview of progress towards achieving the strategic outcomes set out in the Plymouth Plan. A number of these indicators are also incorporated into the Corporate Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Plymouth Plan Annual Report provides an overview of progress therefore has no immediate resource implications. However, actions taken to address areas where sufficient progress is not being seen may have longer-term financial and resource implications. These would need to be set out in any future action plans.

Financial Risks

None associated with this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

As a monitoring document, there are no direct implications with regards to Carbon Footprint. The Plymouth Plan itself embeds the Council's Climate Emergency declaration into the city strategy.

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.*

As a monitoring document, there are no direct implications with regards to these matters.

Appendices

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Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Anthony Payne

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 14/02/2022

Cabinet Member approval: Cllr P Nicholson; approved by email.

Date approved: 15/02/2022

APPENDIX A – About the Plymouth Plan

The Plymouth Plan is the City's strategic plan for the period to 2034. It sets a shared direction of travel for the long-term future of the city bringing together a number of strategic planning processes into one place.

The plan is genuinely holistic. It talks about the future of the city's economy; it plans for the city's transport and housing needs; it looks at how the city can improve the lives of children and young people and address the issues which lead to child poverty and it sets out the aspiration to be a healthy and prosperous city with a rich arts and cultural environment; and it sets out the city's spatial strategy, incorporating the Plymouth-specific elements of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.

The Plymouth Plan meets a variety of statutory functions that the City Council and other statutory bodies in Plymouth are obliged to fulfil, including the preparation of the following strategies and plans:

- Transport (Transport Act 2000, as amended by the Local Transport Act 2008) - Local Transport Plan.
- Health and Wellbeing (Health and Social Care Act 2012) - Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Community Safety (Crime and Disorder Act 1998) - Safer Plymouth Partnership Plan.
- Housing (Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009); Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015; Housing and Planning Act 2016) - Plymouth Housing Plan.
- Natural Environment (The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006) - Plymouth Green Space Strategy.

Other strategic principles absorbed into the Plymouth Plan include those dealing with:

- Climate Change - Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- Economy - Plymouth Local Economic Strategy.
- Children and young people - Plymouth Children and Young People's Plan.
- Child Poverty - Child Poverty Strategy.
- Art and culture - The vital spark: A cultural strategy for the city of Plymouth.
- Waste - Plymouth Municipal Waste Strategy.

The plan was developed after an extensive period of community conversations and stakeholder engagement that took place between 2013 and 2015, and since has been 'refreshed' on three occasions, most recently in January 2021 when the Council's Climate Emergency declaration was embedded into the city strategy.

APPENDIX A - Plymouth Plan Performance Monitoring Process

The context for the Plymouth Plan's performance framework is the strategic outcomes set out within the Plan, each with measures of success identified and from which a suite of indicators has been developed. These measures of success are reviewed annually in the Plymouth Plan Annual Report (see Appendix B).

The Plymouth Plan sits at the head of a dynamic system. The system includes the capability to monitor performance, and to provide insight and intelligence for decision-makers on the findings of that monitoring. This enables reviews and refreshes to take place, ensuring the Plan remains relevant to current challenges. As shown in the diagram below, it follows a plan/monitor/manage approach:

- Plan - This is the vision and strategy as set out within the [Plymouth Plan](#), which is the overarching strategic plan for the city, and its associated delivery and organisational plans.
- Monitor – This is about the data collected and held in [Data Plymouth](#), an evidence bank for the Plymouth Plan which offers a range of open data, live statistics from national and local data sources, needs assessments and other useful reports and links. The Plymouth Plan Annual Report summarises the key findings and messages from this data, structured around the plan's measures of success.
- Manage - This is about the analysis of that data through the Annual Report and other mechanisms which enable the City to keep track of progress in implementing the plan and to take actions if needed in response to changed circumstances or areas where the direction of travel is in the wrong direction.

The Annual Report forms part of a suite of documents which also includes the [Plymouth Report](#) and the [Authorities Monitoring Report](#). The Plymouth Report provides an overview of the needs and issues facing the city and contains the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) whilst the Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR) sets out key information on the delivery of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.



APPENDIX B - Plymouth Plan Annual Report 2021

For full version of the Plymouth Plan Annual Report, follow link.

[PlymouthPlanAnnualReportJune2021.pdf](#)