

# Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	10 October 2022
Title of Report:	<b>City Centre Update</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Richard Bingley (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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## **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update on plans to improve Plymouth city centre

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

Recommendation: To note the work being undertaken and to support the plans for future investment

Reasons: The work proposed will improve the city centre, generating wider benefits for the city and its residents.

## **Alternative options considered and rejected**

An alternative option would be to focus investment in other parts of the city. However, the city centre has been identified as one of the strategic growth areas in the Joint Local Plan and having a vibrant city centre helps to support wider investment in the city.

Another option would be to do nothing. However, the city centre is facing a number of challenges which would get worse with no intervention.

## **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The vision for the city as set out in the Corporate Plan is for Plymouth to be “one of Europe’s most vibrant waterfront cities”. In order to achieve this it is essential for Plymouth to have an attractive and successful city centre where people want to live, work, shop and spend their leisure time.

## **Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

A number of existing projects have been approved and are already part of the capital programme. A number of projects have secured external grant funding. Separate business cases will be required for future projects, which may be funded in a variety of ways.



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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 23/09/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Richard Bingley (Leader) Date approved: 23/09/2022											