

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	17 January 2023
Title of Report:	Plymouth's Future: Our Opportunity, Our Delivery Plan - Quarter Two Progress Update 2022 - 23
Lead Member:	Councillor Richard Bingley (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides a progress update against the delivery plan agreed by Cabinet in July 2022 for the second quarter of 2022-23. There are a number of progress updates within the report which include -

- The Plymouth and South Devon Freeport became operational on 13 October 2022 following tax site assessment and authorisation of a customs site;
- Along with Plymouth University and Exeter University, Plymouth city Council has been awarded £890k to look at MCA regulatory pilots around Marine Autonomy and Hydrogen Fuel Cells;
- The first homes have been completed at the new Stirling Project, Honicknowle, which has seen nine service veterans in housing need involved in the construction of 25 self-contained affordable homes to rent, with up to 12 of the homes to be lived in by the veterans themselves. The scheme is due to complete by September 2023.

Since the preparation of this report, there has been further progress which will be included in the quarter three report and includes –

- Plymouth and South Devon Freeport is the first of eight Freeports to be given the full green light along with two others. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in December 2022 and the approval unlocks millions of pounds of grant seed funding and enables applicable businesses to join and take advantage of the Freeport status.
- the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to UK Shared Prosperity Fund has also been signed, details of the [Council's investment plan are available here](#).
- Plymouth's role as a cultural and arts hotspot has been endorsed with renewed Arts Council England investment of more than £12m into the city's cultural organisations. Arts Council England (ACE) announced their three year funding deal for National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) around the country. There are eight in Plymouth, which will get £4,113,239 a year over the next three years, a total of £12,339,717.
- The Christmas lights switch on in the Barbican and City Centre saw record crowds and help position the City as a destination for shopping, both in terms on independent shops on the Barbican and in the West end and Chains in the main City Centre.

The positive impact of Plymouth hosting Sail GP 2022 has also been made available since the last progress report –

- July's event, which reached a total worldwide TV audience of more than 74 million in over 175 countries, showcasing the city's stunning city and seascapes, and reaped an economic impact upwards of £10million, according to auditors Deloitte.
- It also attracted almost 16 million video views on social media. And the ripple effect continues to be felt, long after the competitors and more than 31,000 spectators sailed off – representing 12 overseas nationalities – with ongoing benefits from the enormously popular weekend, which received a 100 per cent positivity rating for the city and the seal of approval from the Princess of Wales.

Recommendations and Reasons

Cabinet is recommended to note the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

There are no alternative options, this is a key reporting document that provides transparency on the progress of the delivery plan, and as such reporting this performance is considered best practice.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report is fundamentally linked to delivering the administrations priorities.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Medium Term Financial Strategy is a core component of the Council's strategic framework and has a vital role to play in translating the Administration's ambitions and priorities.

Financial Risks

None as a result of this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None as a result of this report.

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.*

None as a result of this report.

Appendices

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Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 05/01/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: <i>Cllr Richard Bingley approved by verbally</i>											
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