

# Cabinet



Date of meeting:	14 August 2023
Title of Report:	<b>City Centre Regeneration Leadership</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	AP 14082023
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The city centre remains the major strategic priority for Plymouth in terms of Regeneration and Growth. There has been significant investment, diversification and activity to support regeneration of the city centre over the last ten years. However there are still significant challenges to address in order to unlock the city centre's full potential. This report proposes to recast existing governance structures such as the current Plymouth Strategic Regeneration (and Levelling Up) Board and refocus existing city centre groups to deliver against the priorities for the regeneration and growth of the city centre.

## Recommendations and Reasons

That Cabinet:

1. Note the report and agree to the establishment of the structures set out in section 3 of the report.  
*Reason: The establishment of the proposed Boards will support the future growth and regeneration of the city centre.*
2. To delegate authority to agree the terms of reference of the proposed Boards to the Cabinet member with responsibility for the city centre and the Strategic Director for Place.  
*Reason: To provide clarity on the purpose, scope and membership of each Board and ensure that the appropriate governance arrangements are put in place.*

## Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Option 1 – Do nothing. This option has been considered and rejected. The refocusing of existing city centre regeneration groups working alongside key partners is now required to support the next stages of the city centre's regeneration and growth.

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

The proposals directly support the vision for the city as set out in the Plymouth Plan 'to be one of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone' and will also support the delivery of the Council's priorities to 'Build more homes – for social rent and affordable ownership' and 'Green investment, jobs, skills and better education' as set out in the Corporate Plan 2023-26. The proposals also help to deliver the aspirations for Plymouth's City Centre and Waterfront area as set out in the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Strategic Objective 3 'Delivering growth in Plymouth's City Centre and Waterfront Growth Area: To realise the potential of the City Centre and Waterfront Growth Area as a regionally significant growth hub' and the City Centre Policy PLY6 'Improving Plymouth's city centre'.

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

None arising directly from this report. Where there are new resource implications arising as a result of the establishment of the proposed structures, decisions will be made about the allocation of resources in line with the Council's decision making procedures.

### Financial Risks

None arising directly from this report.

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Tackling climate change is one of the Council's top priorities having pledged to make Plymouth carbon neutral by 2030. All future business cases and projects arising as a result of plans to regenerate the city centre will consider Carbon emissions as part of their development.

### 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 arising directly from this report. Any future decisions will be considered on a case by case basis in line with the Council's decision making procedures.

### Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
		<i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	City Centre Regeneration Leadership Briefing							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment							

### Background papers:

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

Title of any background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 04/08/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) approved by email.											
Date approved: 03/08/2023											