

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	08 July 2024
Title of Report:	Productivity Plan
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	PP080724
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the Council's response to the formal request from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DHLUC) in April 2024 to publish a Productivity Plan. The Productivity Plans are to be returned to Government by 19 July 2024.

Recommendations and Reasons

- Council endorses the content of the Productivity Plan and agrees to submit to Government.
Reason: Government have requested member oversight and endorsement of the Productivity Plan. The plan will also be published on the Plymouth City Council website.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- Plymouth City Council does not submit a Productivity Plan as requested.
This option has been rejected as there has been a specific request from Government and, although not a legislative requirement, not publishing a Productivity Plan could be detrimental to the reputation of the Council.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Plymouth Plan sets out a clear strategic vision and direction of travel for the city. Through the Corporate Plan, the Council then aligns its plans and priorities to deliver against the Plymouth Plan. In doing this, the Council ensures that it is as productive as possible and allocates its resources accordingly.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no implications as the Productivity Plan is outlining actions the Council is already undertaking.

Financial Risks

There are no financial risks as the Productivity Plan is outlining actions the Council is already undertaking.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

There are no implications as the Productivity Plan is outlining actions the Council is already undertaking.

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.

There are no other implications as the Productivity Plan is outlining actions the Council is already undertaking.

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	Plymouth City Council's Productivity Plan 2024							
B	Letter from Simon Hoare MP, former Minister for Local Government, 16 April 2024							

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.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 03/07/2024											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader) (verbally agreed)											
Date approved: 04/07/2024											