

# Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	29 October 2024
Title of Report:	<b>Plymouth Ports Strategy</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
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Your Reference:	Port Strategy OSC
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

This report provides an update to the Committee on the development of a Plymouth Ports Strategy.

## Recommendations and Reasons

The Committee is asked

1. To support the Plymouth Ports Strategy.

*Reason: Plymouth Ports play a fundamental role in the economy of Plymouth and the life of the City. Having a dedicated Strategy for the ports acknowledges the importance of the ports and provides a framework for co-ordinated action.*

## Alternative options considered and rejected

1. To not support the Port Strategy – In this instance the Council would rely on existing policies and strategies. However, the work undertaken has demonstrated the vital importance of the Ports to the economy. Adopting a dedicated Port strategy is a recognition of the important role and provides the foundation and framework for future Council activity and support.

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

The Strategy sits under the Plymouth Plan and Economic Strategy and helps to deliver targets to meet the City's vision for growth.

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

The Plymouth Port strategy itself does not have any implications for the Medium-Term Financial Plan. Any initiatives, programmes or projects stemming from this will be subject to individual decisions.

**Financial Risks**

The Strategy itself does not carry any financial risks. Any projects, programmes or initiatives stemming from the Strategy will be subject to individual decisions.

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

The Strategy itself does not carry any environmental implications, as any projects will be subject to individual decisions. It is noteworthy, that the Strategy identifies opportunities to decarbonise port operations as well as the potential role of the ports in supporting the transition to net zero.

**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.*

The Strategy itself does not carry any other implications. Any projects stemming from the Plan for Economic Growth will be subject to individual decisions.

**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>						
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A	Plymouth Port Strategy – Briefing							
B	Draft Plymouth Ports Strategy							

**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: David Draffan

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

Date agreed: 15/10/2024

Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Tudor Evans '*approved verbally*'

Date approved: 16/10/2024