

### Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel – Tracking Decisions 2024/25

Minute No.	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
Minute 63  <b>City Centre Update</b>  10 October 2022	Full report regarding for the aborted start to the Old Town Street and New George Street project.	<b>Date: On Hold</b>  <b>Officer: David Draffan</b>  <b>Progress: Agreed with Chair and Vice Chair at Agenda Setting meeting (31 October 2022) that committee would wait for conclusion of ongoing issues before report can be created. Conclusion expected by end of 2024.</b>
Minute 90  <b>Tracking Decisions</b>  1 March 2023	Request for regular updates on the Habitat Banking Vehicle. Agree on regularity of updates.	<b>Date Due: Ongoing</b>  <b>Officer: Chris Avent</b>  <b>Progress: Agreement to provide updates to Committee Members via Democratic Support at suitable milestones for the project. Latest update shared with members for September 2023. Update requested 31 October 2024.</b>
Minute 33  <b>NZAP 2024-27</b>  14 February 2024	Request that once a weighting factor for environmental impact when tendering contracts, had been agreed with procurement, that it was shared with the Committee.	<b>Date Due: February 2025</b>  <b>Officer: Paul Barnard / Holly Golden</b>  <b>Progress: Formal request made on 15 February 2024. New weighting factor to be rolled out in February 2025 in line with the introduction of the new Procurement Act. It will be shared with all Councillors by Councillor Briars-Delve.</b>

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<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee – Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>Recommended to the Environment Agency that they carry out winter pilots in the 3 bathing areas to improve water quality data, and make this available to the public.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 31 July 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officers: Nicola Horne</b></p> <p><b>Progress: Previously complete. The Environment Agency do not have the directive or remit to collect this data. Suggested that PCC’s Public Health department could collect the data.</b></p> <p><b>During Tracking Decisions item at the 17 July 2024 meeting, it was asked if Public Health would be collecting this data? Chased 25 September 2024 and 31 October 2024.</b></p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee – Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that signage was increased and improved at the sea fronts when storm drains discharge.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 5 July 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Katharine O’Connor</b></p> <p><b>Progress: Cabinet will direct officers to investigate options for improving signage in consultation with Environment Agency, seeking best practice from other areas. Chased 6 June 2024, 18 July 2024, 25 September 2024 and 31 October 2024.</b></p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee – Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that a water ambassador programme was developed with the National Marine Park.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: August 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Kat Deeney</b></p> <p><b>Progress: COMPLETE.</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet will direct officers to present the proposal to the NMP partners for discussion and development of a way forward. Chased 25 September 2024, 30 October 2024 &amp; 18 November 2024.</b></p>

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		<p>It has been concluded that without a sustainable funding stream a water quality focussed ambassador programme would not be possible. At a meeting of the EA, SWW and PCC on the 20<sup>th</sup> November it was discussed how we could integrate community engagement and action into the WQ programme. This would build on the pioneering work of the BRIC (Building Resilience in Communities) which already works with communities. This will remain an ambition of the partnership and an action on all partners is to seek funding to support this area of work.</p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee</b></p> <p>–</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that they lobby government for Plymouth be a pilot for an area of water quality improvement.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Kat Deeney</b></p> <p><b>Progress: Chased 25 September 2024, 30 October 2024 &amp; 18 November 2024. December 2024 update below:</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Briars-Delve will write to the DEFRA Minister responsible for water quality to set out the opportunity in Plymouth. Officers will also be directed to engage with DEFRA officials to determine how this pilot could be established.</b></p> <p><b>Work has progressed with EA and SWW to develop our Plan for Water. This plan will look at our approach to working together to deliver a transformational change as well as priority areas of focus.</b></p>

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		<p>Steve Reed, the new secretary of state for the environment, food and rural affairs has now set out his 5 priorities and 2 relate to water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning up rivers, lakes and seas</li> <li>• Protecting communities from flooding</li> </ul> <p>It is proposed to further develop the Plan for Water and then present this as a credible and deliverable pioneering opportunity to address these two water priorities to have the greatest impact.</p> <p>An approach to the SoS will be made in the Spring, but a note to the work we are doing will be included in the letter on the Flood and Water Management Act.</p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee – Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that they improve and increase facilities/infrastructure for sea swimmers, such as life rings, defibrillators, hot showers and bins, in consultation with local sea swimming groups.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 31 July 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Kat Deeney</b></p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Previously complete. This recommendation is already underway through existing programmes of work (National Lottery Heritage Fund NMP Horizons project) approved by the Cabinet.</p> <p>Some improvements were carried out before the start of bathing season 2024. Infrastructure will continue to be reviewed and maintained.</p> <p>During the Tracking Decisions item at the 17 July 2024 meeting, a request was made for information</p>

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		<p>on what improvements had been carried out before the beginning of the 2024 bathing season. Formal request made 18 July 2024. Chased 25 September 2024, 30 October 2024 &amp; 18 November 2024.</p> <p>December 2024 Update: The facilities available at Tinside Cove are as follows: Defibrator, hot shower and life rings. Before the start of the swim season we also held a Tinside Tidy Up the details of which can be found here <a href="#">Tidy Up Tinside: Community Spirit Shines in Plymouth - Plymouth Sound National Marine Park</a></p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee</b></p> <p>–</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that the Cabinet writes to the relevant minister to ask when schedule 3 to The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 was going to be enacted.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: September 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Kat Deeney</b></p> <p><b>Progress: The Cabinet supports the delivery of this recommendation and will write the relevant minister asking when Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 will be enacted. This matter will form part of the letter detailed in recommendation 11. Chased 25 September 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Letter will be written following the outcome of the general election on 4 July 2024. The team are aiming for September 2024 to make the most impact with their letter. Chased 25 September 2024, 30 October 2024 &amp; 18 November 2024.</b></p> <p><b>December 2024 update: COMPLETE. Government announced in Jan 10th 2023: “Following today’s publication of the review, regulations and processes for the creation of sustainable drainage systems at new developments will now be devised, through the</b></p>

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		<p>implementation of Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. Implementation of the new approach is expected during 2024.”</p> <p>With a change in Government a letter was sent to Steve Reed MP in December to ask for an update on enacting schedule 3.</p>
<p>Minute 5</p> <p><b>Water Quality Select Committee – Recommendations</b></p> <p>22 February 2024</p>	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet that they write to the relevant minister to ask them to update bathing legislation.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: September 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Kat Deeney</b></p> <p><b>Progress:</b> The Cabinet supports the delivery of this recommendation and will write to the relevant minister asking them to update bathing legislation. This matter will form part of the letter detailed in recommendations 11 and 14.</p> <p>Letter will be written following the outcome of the general election on 4 July 2024. The team are aiming for September 2024 to make the most impact with their letter. Chased 25 September 2024, 30 October 2024 &amp; 18 November 2024.</p> <p><b>December 2024 Update: COMPLETE</b> The new government has a focus on improving water quality and has recently launched a new consultation on proposed reforms and technical amendments to the Bathing Water Regulations 2013.</p> <p>The consultation has a focus on key areas of the legislation that we would like to see change, They are seeking views on:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• removal of automatic de-designation after 5 years of ‘poor’ water quality</li> <li>• changes to the designation criteria of bathing sites</li> <li>• removing the fixed dates of the bathing season from regulations</li> <li>• the definition of ‘bathers’</li> <li>• the introduction of multiple monitoring points at bathing sites</li> </ul> <p>The consultation closes on 23 December 2024 and we will be submitting a response as it provides a formal avenue to meet the Select Committee’s recommendation.</p>
<p>Minute 14ti</p> <p><b>Plymouth Economic Strategy – Delivery Plans</b></p> <p>29 October 2024</p>	<p>Armada Way works were underway and would be completed in phases and a press release had detailed the completion dates, the link to which would be shared with Panel members.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 1 November 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Hannah Chandler-Whiting</b></p> <p><b>Progress: COMPLETE.</b> Details and link shared with all members of the Panel via email on 30 October 2024.</p>
<p>Minute 14w</p> <p><b>Plymouth Economic Strategy – Delivery Plans</b></p> <p>29 October 2024</p>	<p>More information would be provided on the use of hydrogen at Langage to panel members.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 13 November 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Amanda Ratsey</b></p> <p><b>Progress: COMPLETE.</b> Formal request made on 30 October 2024. Response circulated via email on 11 November 2024.</p>
<p>Minute 14ee</p> <p><b>Plymouth Economic Strategy – Delivery Plans</b></p>	<p>The retention actuals data for Plymouth University graduates would be provided.</p>	<p><b>Date Due: 13 November 2024</b></p> <p><b>Officer: Amanda Ratsey</b></p>

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29 October 2024		<b>Progress: COMPLETE. Formal request made on 30 October 2024. Information shared with panel via email on 31 October 2024.</b>
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