

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	10 March 2025
Title of Report:	Plymouth Ports Strategy
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development)
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Your Reference:	IM27022025
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I – Official

Purpose of Report

This report presents the Plymouth Ports Strategy and seeks approval for the Strategy as a key theme within the Plymouth Economic Strategy 2024-2034.

Recommendations and Reasons

Cabinet notes the key findings and approves the Plymouth Ports Strategy.

Reason: Plymouth ports play a fundamental role in the economy of Plymouth and the life of the city. The Plymouth Ports Strategy sits underneath the Plymouth Economic Strategy 2024/2034. Having a dedicated Strategy for the ports acknowledges the importance of the ports in the economy and life of the city and provides a framework for co-ordinated action.

Alternative options considered and rejected

To not approve the Plymouth Ports 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. Having a dedicated Port strategy is a recognition of the important role they play and provides the foundation and framework for future Council activity and support.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Plymouth Ports Strategy sits under the Plymouth Plan and the Plymouth Economic Strategy and provides further insight into the role of Plymouth's ports in helping to deliver the city's vision for growth, as set out in the Plymouth Plan and Plymouth Economic Strategy.

Implications for the Medium-Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications

The Plymouth Ports 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.

Legal Implications

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There are no legal implication arising directly from the Port Strategy itself. Any projects or programmes arising from the strategy will be considered individually for legal implications.

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 Plymouth Ports 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

The Strategy itself does not carry any other implications. Any projects stemming from the Plymouth Ports Strategy will be subject to individual decisions.

Appendices

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 Ports Strategy – Briefing Note							
B	Plymouth Ports Strategy							
C	Equalities Impact Assessment							

Background papers

Title of any background paper(s)	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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None							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan											
Please confirm the Strategic Director has agreed the report? Yes. Date agreed: 24 February 2025											

	<p>Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader) approved by email. Date approved: 26 February 2025</p>
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