

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted by: Mr Gregg Black

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: The Leader of The Council Cllr Evans OBE

To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Full Council

Date: 15 September 2025

Question (to be no longer than 50 words): With the Labour Government cutting funding to the Restoring Your Railway Fund, do you support developing a Plymouth Metro between a new Plympton station and Tavistock to cut carbon emissions and boost public transport use?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes but if not, I would like a response sent to me via post.

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

Yes, the Council is 100% supportive of developing a Plymouth Metro. We are currently exploring feasibility funding with government, and the concept is included in the Plymouth Plan and Peninsula Transport. This includes a new Plympton Station and reopening the line to Tavistock.

The adopted Plymouth Plan Policy GRO4 is to use transport investment to drive growth. More specifically the policy states that it will deliver targeted integrated transport measures to help support the sustainable growth of Plymouth including working with partners to promote improved and more resilient local rail services, through developing and communicating the Plymouth / Devon Metro concept, reinstating the Tavistock to Plymouth branch line and investigating the need for new rail stations such as Plympton. Plymouth City Council is a partner within Peninsula Transport, the sub-national Transport Body for the south-west region responsible for setting transport strategy and for communicating agreed major transport priorities to Government. It has also identified as a priority, metro type rail services including the reopening of the branch line to Tavistock and opening a new station in Plympton as credible and deliverable schemes capable of being transformational in transport terms to the Plymouth Travel To Work Area. Plymouth City Council will be working with Peninsula Transport and other key strategic partners in developing these schemes.

