

Scrutiny Management Board



Date of meeting:	24 September 2025
Title of Report:	Corporate Plan Monitoring Report 2024-25 Q4
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report:

Corporate Plan Monitoring Report - Quarter Four of 2024/25: Executive Summary

This report provides Scrutiny Management Board with a comprehensive assessment of Plymouth City Council's performance against the Corporate Plan 2023-2026 priorities during the final quarter of 2024/25, demonstrating how the administration's vision for Plymouth as one of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities continues to drive service delivery and strategic decision-making.

Delivering Core Priorities: The Council has maintained focus on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through enhanced community safety partnerships and preventative interventions. The Community Recovery Fund has proven instrumental in rebuilding community cohesion following public disorder incidents, supporting grassroots organisations and fostering inclusive dialogue across diverse communities.

Infrastructure improvements have centred on creating cleaner, greener streets through major regeneration projects including Armada Way and New George Street developments. The achievement of air quality targets leading to the revocation of the Air Quality Management Area represents a significant environmental milestone, whilst ongoing investment in sustainable transport demonstrates commitment to net-zero objectives.

Housing and Economic Growth: Housing delivery remains a strategic priority, with continued collaboration with Homes England and completion of major regeneration programmes. The Council's Plan for Homes addresses the housing crisis through strategic partnerships and innovative funding mechanisms, whilst maintaining high planning performance standards.

Economic development initiatives focus on creating sustainable employment opportunities through the Economic Strategy Delivery Plan and Creative Industries Plan, positioning Plymouth as a leader in green investment and skills development.

Supporting Vulnerable Residents: Enhanced health and social care integration has improved primary care access and mental health support provision. The establishment of dedicated funding streams for violence against women and girls, alongside new adult social care facilities, reinforces the Council's commitment to protecting vulnerable residents.

Financial Stewardship and Workforce Development: Prudent financial management ensures essential services continue despite challenging economic conditions, whilst strategic workforce development through new leadership programmes strengthens organisational capacity. The Council's advocacy role has secured significant national partnerships and funding opportunities, ensuring Plymouth's voice is heard at regional and national levels whilst delivering quality public services for all residents.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Scrutiny Management Board notes the Corporate Plan Monitoring Report, Quarter Four 2024/25.

Reason: To update Scrutiny Management Board on the performance of the Council in terms of progress in delivering against the Corporate Plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The Corporate Plan Monitoring Report is a key reporting document that provides transparency on the Council's performance and as such reporting this performance is considered best practice.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Reports progress/delivery against the Corporate Plan

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Medium Term Financial Strategy is a core component of the Council's strategic framework and has a vital role to play in translating the Council's ambition and priorities set out in the Corporate Plan 2023-26.

Financial Risks

Associated risks regarding performance are managed within the strategic and operational risk registers.

Legal Implications

None arising from this report

(Provided by Alison Critchfield (AC))

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Environmental sustainability is a key priority of the administration, and the waste management, recycling and traffic management commitments are specifically aimed at reducing the city's carbon footprint.

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.*

None.

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Background papers:

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Title of any background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 04/09/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities) Date approved: 05/09/2025											