

Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	15 October 2025
Title of Report:	Plymouth Plan for Nature and People
Lead Member:	Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)
Lead Strategic Director:	Glenn Caplin-Grey (Strategic Director for Growth)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To brief the Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel on both the purpose and engagement process followed for producing a new strategic delivery plan for the Council.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. Endorse the proposed changes to the draft Plymouth Plan for Nature and People following public consultation to act as a strategic delivery framework integrating nature and natural spaces into the city's growth.
Reason: To ensure public comments have been suitably taken into account and recognize the importance of the document prior to Cabinet decision.
2. Support the creation of a Year 1 Action Plan for delivery in 2026.
Reason: To recognise the need for accountability around specific actions related to the plan.
3. Request that this item be returned to the Panel for annual review of the action plan.
Reason: To ensure that there is ongoing political scrutiny of progress towards delivering the plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Do nothing – this would have left the Council with out-of-date strategic delivery plans related to managing our natural spaces.
2. Update existing plans without any engagement and consultation.

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

The plan sets out how we will deliver the objectives using the Corporate Principles of Democracy, Fairness, Responsibility and Co-operation as well as setting out how it supports the city vision of “One of Europe’s most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.”

Plymouth Plan

Delivers against HEA7 which focuses on health and wellbeing through natural spaces and GRO6, which emphasises the delivery of a sustainable and integrated natural network.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The plan sets out an ambition to raise external investment to work towards the delivery of the objectives and actions in the plan, ensuring that there is greater value added to council revenue budgets.

Financial Risks

The plan sets out actions to raise significant ongoing external investment to support the delivery of the plan, there are no financial risks to the council arising from the publication of this plan.

Legal Implications

The Plan sets out an approach and actions which ensure the Council meets its new duties in place under the Environment Act 2021.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

This plan supports delivery of actions set out in the Net Zero Action Plan and has objectives focused on environmental enhancement throughout.

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 plan has been designed and written to incorporate inclusivity as a principle.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Plymouth Plan for Nature and People Briefing Report							
B	PCC_Plan for Nature and People_two-page Summary_Screen_18.08.25							
C	PCC_Plan for Nature and People_Draft_20.08.25							
D	Plymouth Plan for Nature and People Presentation							

Background papers:

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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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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Glenn Caplin-Grey											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 06/10/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Briars-Delve approved via email											
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