

# Plymouth Plan For Nature and People



## Background



### Strategic Vision for Nature

- The plan integrates nature as vital infrastructure for city growth, health, wellbeing, and economy.

### Environmental Alignment

- The plan addresses climate and ecological emergencies aligning with national environmental policies.

### Natural Assets of Plymouth

- Plymouth's green spaces, National Landscapes, and marine park support biodiversity and economic growth.

### Building on Innovation

- The plan builds on past and existing environmental projects like National Marine Park and Community Forest.

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## Purpose of the Plan



### **Strategically aligning Nature alongside Growth**

The Plan serves as a strategic framework to integrate the city's natural assets across all city services and sectors.



### **Five Key Objectives**

The Plan focuses on five objectives promoting nature richness, health and wellbeing, inclusivity, engagement, and innovation in the city.



### **Measurable Delivery Programme**

Actions linked to specific outcomes enable accountability and regular reporting to track progress against each objective.

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## Engagement and Consultation



## Extensive Stakeholder Engagement

- The Plan involved over 1000 residents and stakeholders through surveys, focus groups, & campaigns gathering broad input.

## Key Themes Identified

- Focus groups highlighted nature access, biodiversity, climate resilience, and community stewardship as key concerns.

## Strong Public Support

- 76% of respondents supported the Plan's vision during the public consultation, showing community approval.

## Feedback Integration

- Feedback was used to refine the Plan, improve actions, and enhance clarity and inclusivity.



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## Proposed changes to the Plan



Analysis of the feedback received through the consultation process identifies the main actionable points and how they are going to integrate into the final draft of the Plan. The main areas for amendment cover:

- 1. Strengthening Accessibility and Inclusion**
- 2. Enhancing Cultural, Educational, and Community Engagement**
- 3. Improving Specificity, Delivery, and Accountability**
- 4. Addressing Climate, Coastal, and Financial Concerns**

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## Next Steps



### Governance and Oversight

- A cross-sector Steering Group will oversee the Plan's delivery and ensure accountability across stakeholders.

### Implementation & Leadership

- The Council's Natural Environment service will coordinate with internal teams and external partners to implement the Plan.

### Key Action Initiatives

- Steps include launching a communications campaign, publishing investment prospectus, and developing climate adaptation plans.

### Monitoring and Reporting

- Citizen science, academic research, and digital infrastructure will track progress on environmental and social indicators.



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## Recommendations



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.
2. Approve the creation of a Year 1 Action Plan for delivery in 2026.
3. Request that this item be returned to the Committee for annual review of the Action Plan.