

Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	03 December 2025
Title of Report:	Plymouth Economic Strategy: Sustainable Growth Pillar Update
Lead Member:	Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide the Panel with an annual update on the Sustainable Growth pillar of the Plymouth Economic Strategy.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. It is recommended that the Panel note this report and the continued focus on Sustainable Growth as a key element of the Plymouth Economic Strategy.

Alternative options considered and rejected

This is a report to update the Panel therefore no alternative options are required.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report supports:

1. The Corporate Plan's prioritisation of Green Investment, jobs, skills and better education.
2. The Plymouth Plan:
 - Strategic Objective 2 '**Delivering a growing city**' where the transformation of the city should be delivered through sustainable growth.
 - Policy GRO1 '**Creating the conditions for economic growth**' by contributing to 'driving productivity and prosperity for all' in our green / blue economy;
 - Policy GRO7 '**Reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change**' by contributing to 'significant reductions in carbon emissions' in areas such as retrofit, renewable energy, heat networks, sustainable travel etc.;
 - Policy INT6 '**Enhancing Plymouth's green city credentials**' by contributing to 'current strengths in green technologies' and our 'exceptional natural environment'.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None.

Financial Risks

The PCC cost associated with supporting these growth projects are funded within existing approved revenue budgets

Legal Implications

None as a result of this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None arising as a direct impact of this update report.

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 arising as a direct impact of this update report

Appendices

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A	Plymouth Economic Strategy: Sustainable Growth Pillar Update							
B	Presentation							

Background papers:

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Amanda Ratsey											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 21/11/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Laing approved in Cllr Briars-Delve's absence via email											
Date approved: 21/11/2025											