

MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



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Member submitting the question: Charlotte Holloway

To the Cabinet Member for: sue.dann@plymouth.gov.uk

Question: Questions regarding the Team Plymouth Service Director appointment. Can the Cabinet Member confirm when the Service Director - Team Plymouth role will be advertised, and whether a timetable has been agreed? If the role is not being advertised immediately, what is the reason for the delay following Full Council approval on 24 November? Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the Council remains committed to a fully open, fair and competitive recruitment process for the permanent role? What steps will be taken to ensure that the recruitment process actively seeks the strongest possible candidate? Has the final job description and person specification been signed off, by whom, and can it be shared with councillors?

Answer:

The role of Service Director for Team Plymouth was approved at the meeting of Full Council on 24 November 2025. We need to fill the post as quickly as we can, so that we get maximum benefit from the partnership at an early stage. The appointment to the post will be on an interim basis and has been advertised internally. This has been done for other interim appointments, for example Service Director for Street Services.

The interim appointment will be for a period of 6-months and the permanent post will then be advertised externally. Interviews for the interim appointment take place on 19 December.

Signed:

Date: 18 December 2025