

# Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting: 29 January 2026  
 Title of Report: **Plymouth Ports Strategy Update**  
 Lead Member: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)  
 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

The purpose of the following report is to provide an update to the scrutiny committee on the activity that has been delivered in the city aligning to the 'Opportunity' areas identified within the Plymouth Ports Strategy document launched in March 2025.

## Recommendations and Reasons

- I. It is recommended that the Panel note the report and the continued focus on the importance of our Port based economy locally.

## 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:

- 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;

## 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**

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

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A	Plymouth Ports Strategy							
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: 19/01/2026											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Approved by email											
Date approved: 19/01/2026											