

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	11 February 2026
Title of Report:	Thriving Communities Framework 2026-2030
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
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Key Decision:	No
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Purpose of Report

This report offers Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel Members the opportunity to undertake pre-decision scrutiny on the 'Thriving Communities Framework 2026-2030. This is an update to the current Community Empowerment Programme adopted in 2021 and sets out the Council's key delivery programmes for working with individuals, communities and organisations to make Plymouth a Fairer, Greener and Healthier City.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel is recommended to review the proposed framework and make any recommendations for consideration in advance of the final draft being prepared for Cabinet approval in March.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Community Engagement is a corporate priority and the option to not take forward the programme was not considered. There is a strong need and appetite to ensure that we are effectively engaging and working with residents, communities and businesses across the city to achieve better outcomes for all.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The framework supports the implementation of the Plymouth Plan in which the city is committed to making Plymouth a fairer city where everyone does their bit. The Corporate Plan commits the Council to being democratic, providing strong leadership and involving communities in decisions that affect them, which is the underlying aim of Thriving Communities. It also supports the Council's commitment to Fairness and Cooperation Council in treating everyone with respect and working together with communities to create the city we all want to see.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The programme draws on several strands of work that are taking place across the Council including Equality and Diversity, the development of an Engagement Framework, City Help and Support, Building

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 30/01/2026											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy Date approved: 30/01/2026											