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<p>Inspector Pete Willingham, South Sector Neighbourhood Team</p>	<p>I am the Inspector who has responsibility for Policing Plymouth City Centre. I have for some time been engaged with the Council over the review of a Bye-Law, specifically Councillor Bill Stevens. I would wish to make the following observations:-</p> <p>The Police do not receive many complaints from the public in relation to skateboarding in front of the Civic Centre. In fact we have received only one complaint in the past 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skateboarding has not been identified as a 'Partners and Communities Together' priority through community engagement. • I have witnessed members of the public raising concerns reference Skateboarding at Area Committee meetings. However, this is usually in response to the issue being on the agenda, rather than them bringing it as an issue which concerns them. • I acknowledge the fact that many young people do use the area outside of the Civic Centre to Skateboard and Cycle. This activity can lead to damaged street furniture and may be construed as dangerous to pedestrians. • The Police would support the renewal of a workable Bye-Law, but only as part of an inclusive problem solving process. Any response should not be purely enforcement based, but should include alternative venues and engineering/ designing out the problem. • I would wish to seek clarity as to the aims of prosecution and which authority would be responsible for enforcement.