

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**Subject:** Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel Quarterly Report  
**Committee:** Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel  
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### **Executive Summary:**

This report sets out a review of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the period September 2010 to November 2010

### **Corporate Plan 2010-2013:**

The Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel provide strategic scrutiny of the following City and Council Priorities and key areas:

- Delivering Growth
- Raising Aspiration
- Reducing Inequalities
- Value for Communities
- The strategic and operational activities of the Department for Development & Regeneration

### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: including finance, human, IT and land:**

None

**Other Implications:** e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

None

### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

That the report is noted

### **Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

N/A

## Background papers:

Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny minutes and forward plan

Sign off: N/A

## Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel Report

# Key achievements during the period September – November 2010

## 3.1 Community Events and Road Closure Policy

A task and finish group was established to review the Council's role in the management of road traffic orders for event organisers. The group wanted to ensure that the requirements were not too bureaucratic for small events organisers and also to provide a fairer fee structure when temporary traffic regulation orders are necessary. The members were successful in working with officers to resolve that cheaper and less bureaucratic arrangements could be introduced for organisers of street parties and fetes. The appropriate advice is now being published on the Council's website. The panel also resolved that the Cabinet Member for Transport approve an annual list of events for which the Council will provide the temporary traffic regulation orders free of charge. This will include civic and other similar events that have been held across the city for over five years.



## 3.2 Review of Plymouth Community Homes

The panel hosted the second review of Plymouth Community Homes to receive progress against the commitments made to tenants in Plymouth on transfer of the housing stock. The Chief Executive of PCH reported that 50 of the 125 promises have been completed and the improvements to the homes were continuing at the rate anticipated. Members were particularly interested in progress with the North Prospect development and the potential impact of central government Housing and funding policies.



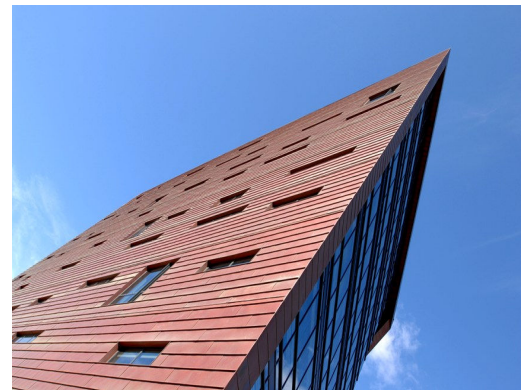
### 3.3. Local Transport Plan 3

Officers from Transport and Highways have been engaged with the panel to ensure that consultation arrangements for the proposed Local Transport Plan 3 and Implementation Plan are robust and inclusive. The panel were assured that LTP3 will seek to improve access to services across the whole city and how the planned improvements to the network will need to be affordable. The panel will receive feedback for the public consultation at its next meeting.



### 3.4 Section 106 Revenue; Planning Obligations

Members requested that officers provide a comprehensive analysis of all section 106 monies due to the Council and of these how much had been spent or committed and details of the schemes. The panel wanted to ensure that schemes were progressing in a timely fashion by officers across the Council departments and that funding was not being lost due to lack of progress. The panel were provided with very thorough information and were pleased with the extent of the work being completed. The information has been made available to all Council members and will enable them to track progress in their respective wards.



### 3.5 Tourism / Visitor Strategy and Place Management

Members gave feedback on the new Place Management Strategy and the aim to create a further 7,500 jobs in the tourism sector over the next 15 years. The new Waterfront Partnership with local businesses will start to connect the Waterfront with the City Centre, and Destination Plymouth, with the new city branding Positively Plymouth, will develop and deliver a new coherent Visitor Strategy that will help achieve the city's vision for economic growth.



### 3.6 Review of Highways Maintenance

A task and finish panel reviewed the current maintenance arrangements across the city to identify better value for money for residents, first starting with a site visit with an inspection team. The panel reported that the current long term maintenance programme for carriageways and footways is not sustainable and recommended a package of measures that address different ways of working and the assessment of priority areas across the city. The proposals will deliver a more targeted regime and which will allow for a more flexible and proactive approach for the determination of temporary/ permanent repairs, potholes, patching and materials used. The panel have also recommended to the Council that funding for highways maintenance should be given appropriate emphasis within the budget setting process and that opportunities for additional funding be considered.



This report describes the work of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel during the period September 2010 – November 2010. This includes the following meetings:

- a) 13th September 2010
- b) 18th October 2010
- c) 8th November 2010

Task and Finish Meetings took place on:

26 August and 6 October 2010 – Community Events and Road Closure Policy  
8 November 2010, 17th November 2010 and 7 December 2010– Highways Maintenance.

The Panel, through effective strategic and operational scrutiny, supports the following Cabinet members and CMT officers

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
Cabinet Member (Planning, Strategic Housing & Economic Development)	Ted Fry
Cabinet Member (Transport)	Kevin Wiggins
Director for Development & Regeneration	Anthony Payne

### **Scope of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

The Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel are primarily concerned with the strategic scrutiny of the following Corporate Improvement Priorities and key areas:

- Delivering Growth
- Raising Aspiration
- Reducing Inequalities
- Value for Communities
- The strategic and operational activities of the Department for Development & Regeneration

Although specific achievements have been mentioned above, the panel have also ensured that they have been updated with the potential impact of changes to central government policies on the growth agenda for the city or to the work of the Development & Regeneration department of the Council. Information on the new housing register Devon Home Choice was received with interest and the panel will continue to monitor any impact of policy change on the supply and quality of housing across the city. The panel is also engaged with plans for the delivery of the Local Economic Strategy. Meetings of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny panel have been very focussed with efficient use of senior officer time.

## Members of the Panel and their attendance

Sep – Nov 2010	Name	Attendance (3 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	P.Nicholson	3
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Mrs J.Nelder	2
Councillor	B.Roberts	3
Councillor	K.Foster	3
Councillor	Martin Leaves	1
Councillor	Mrs S.Stephens	3
Councillor	P. Berrow	3
Councillor	M. Wright	3
Councillor	G.Wheeler	3
Lead Officer	G.Peele	3
Democratic Support	H.Rickman	3
Councillor	Wildy	1 as substitute
Councillor	Mrs P. Nicholson	1 as substitute

## Task and Finish Group attendance

Community Events	Name	Attendance (2 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	P.Nicholson	2
Councillor	Mrs J.Nelder	1
Councillor	K.Foster	2
Councillor	P. Berrow	2
Councillor	M. Wright	2
Lead Officer	G.Peele	2
Democratic Support	H.Rickman	2

Highways Maintenance	Name	Attendance (3 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	P.Nicholson	3
Councillor	Mrs J.Nelder	3
Councillor	K.Foster	3
Councillor	P. Berrow	3
Councillor	M. Wright	3
Lead Officer	G.Peele	3
Democratic Support	H.Rickman	3

The detailed terms of reference for the Panel are contained in Appendix I.

# **Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

## **Terms of Reference**

### Terms of Reference

- To review new and existing policies and consider how they may be improved and developed;
- To monitor the budget and performance of the Cabinet Member, Department and partners to ensure that the priorities for the area are being delivered upon;
- To monitor performance against the relevant Corporate Improvement Priorities;
- To review Policies within the Budget and Policy Framework;
- To consider Equality Impact Assessments against new and existing policies;
- To investigate local issues to find out how the council and its partners can improve to meet the needs of local people;
- To make recommendations about service delivery to the Cabinet (via the Board)
- To review and scrutinise the performance of partner organisations
- To set up Ad-Hoc Working Groups as and when required;
- To produce quarterly progress reports to go to the management board

### Cabinet Members

- Transport
- Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development
- Customers Services (Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability) formally Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability

### Directorate

- Development and Regeneration
- Planning
- Transport
- Strategic Housing
- Economic Development
- Sustainability and Climate Change

### Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIPs)

- Better Homes (CIP 5)
- Waste and Recycling (CIP 10) (This is first part only, i.e. long term waste disposal solution)
- Transport (CIP 11)
- Sustainable Growth (CIP 12)

### LSP Link

- Wealthy Theme Group