

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY A CABINET MEMBER

Delegated Authority Reference No. PSHED 12 10/11

Name of the Matter

Proposals for Changes to Planning Application Fees in England – Consultation Response

Cabinet Member Exercising Delegated Authority

Councillor Fry – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development

Decision

To agree the Council's response to the Communities and Local Government's consultation regarding 'Proposed Changes to Planning Application Fees in England' as outlined in appendix 1 of this report.

Reasons for Decision

The proposals set out in the consultation document, should they be enacted by Government, would enable the Council to obtain full cost recovery for functions in association with Planning Applications, thereby supporting the continued delivery of statutory Council services and the growth in the City. It is therefore considered important that the Council makes representations on this significant Government proposal.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected (if not applicable, please provide explanation)

Do not send a consultation response. It is considered that the proposals contained in the consultation document would be of benefit to the Council and should be supported at this consultation stage of the process to improve the likelihood of their formal enactment in law. This option would not allow Plymouth City Council to provide support for the proposals.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with providing a consultation response to Communities and Local Government. The decision by Central Government following the consultation will have direct implications on the ability of the Council to collect fees linked to full cost recovery for Planning Application functions. There may be some limited resource implications associated with setting and implementing a local fee schedule but this will be accommodated within the Planning Service's existing revenue budget.

In Consultation with:

- .. Other Cabinet Member (if applicable)
- .. Corporate Management Team Member Anthony Payne, Director for Development and Regeneration

and

	(Officer's initials or N/A)
• Democratic Support (mandatory)	DSO571011
• Finance (mandatory)	DevF10110041
• Legal Services (mandatory)	JAR/10554
• Human Resource	N/A.....
• Corporate Property	N/A.....
• IT	N/A.....
• Strategic Procurement	N/A.....


(N.B. Sign-off by Democratic Support, Finance and Legal is mandatory. Sign off by HR, CP, IT and SP need only be sought in those cases where there are implications for the particular service. If not appropriate, please enter 'N/A').

Is the Decision

- A key decision (in the Forward Plan)* No
- Within the policy and budget framework?* Yes
- In accordance with Equalities Assessment?# Yes
- A case of special urgency agreed by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board*? Yes

If Yes

Signature of Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board


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Reason for Urgency (please indicate how delay for call-in would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest)

- The consultation response needs to be sent by 7th January 2011 to be considered by the Department of Communities and Local Government as part of the consultation process

* All key decisions must be taken by Cabinet, unless, in exceptional circumstances, they are urgent. See Forward Plan for further guidance.

For further advice, contact Assistant Director for Safer Communities, ext. 4388.


List of Background Papers (If not attached, indicate where it can be accessed. Any confidential information should be included in background papers only and not contained in the delegated decision. If background paper Part II, please indicate and complete Reasons for Part II below.)

- Plymouth City Council Consultation Response – Proposals for changes to planning application fees in England (attached as appendix 1)
- "Proposals for changes to planning application fees in England: Consultation", Communities and Local Government, November 2010 (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningfeesconsultation>)

- "Proposals for changes to planning application fees in England: Consultation response form", Communities and Local Government, November 2010 (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningfeesconsultation>)
- "Planning Costs and Fees: Final Report", Communities and Local Government, November 2010 (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningfeesreport>)

Cabinet Member –

I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, City Strategy and Corporate Plan (Medium Term Financial Plan).

Signature  Date 4/1/11

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY A CABINET MEMBER

Delegated Authority Reference No. PSHED 15 10/11

Name of the Matter:

Local decisions: a fairer future for social housing consultation

Cabinet Member Exercising Delegated Authority:

Councillor Ted Fry, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development

Decision:

To agree the response (attached) to be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) on their consultation on Local decisions: a Fairer Future for Social Housing consultation

Reasons for Decision:

To contribute to the Government's consultation exercise on social housing reform

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected (if not applicable, please provide explanation):

Not responding would result in Plymouth City Council's views not being considered as part of the consultation exercise.

Financial Implications:

We are currently awaiting New Tenure Strategy and consideration would be required to assess whether we currently have sufficient information to fulfil the requirements of the new duty. There is a potential resource implication in providing research and informing the development of the new policies, which would be need to be contained within the existing budget provision.

In Consultation with:

- .. Other Cabinet Member (if applicable)
- .. Corporate Management Team Member (mandatory) Anthony Payne, Director for Development and Regeneration

and

- | | (Officer's initials or N/A) |
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| • Democratic Support (mandatory) | DSO601011 |
| • Finance (mandatory) | F10110044 |
| • Legal Services (mandatory) | 10619/DVS |
| • Human Resources | N/A |
| • Corporate Property | N/A |
| • IT | N/A |
| • Strategic Procurement | N/A |

(N.B. Sign-off by Democratic Support, Finance and Legal is mandatory. Sign off by HR, CP, IT and SP need only be sought in those cases where there are implications for the particular service. If not appropriate, please enter 'N/A').

Is the Decision

- A key decision (in the Forward Plan)* N
- Within the policy and budget framework?* Y
- In accordance with Equalities Assessment?# Y
- A case of special urgency agreed by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board*? Y

If Yes

Signature of Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Daniel Ames

Reason for Urgency (please indicate how delay for call-in would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest)

Due to the short consultation deadline, any delay would result in the council not responding to legislative proposals that may affect Plymouth. The decision is urgent because, during the short consultation period, Plymouth City Council has consulted with its key delivery partners over the understanding and impacts of the proposals in order to inform the council's response.

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For further advice, contact Assistant Director for Safer Communities, ext. 4388.

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- Briefing Report (Part I), attached
- Local decisions: a fairer future for social housing, Consultation, CLG, November 2010

Cabinet Member –

I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, City Strategy and Corporate Plan (Medium Term Financial Plan).

Signature *Reefry* Date *17/1/11*