

**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL CLUB  
DATE FIRST INCLUDED IN THE FP**

**Nature of the decision:**

To consider the possibility of the purchase of the freehold of Home Park (and other appropriate terms and conditions) and leaseback to the football club by the Council on a commercial basis.

**The Cabinet cannot consider key decisions if they have not been included within the Forward Plan unless they fall within the two exceptions set out in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.**

**PARAGRAPH 15 – GENERAL EXCEPTION**

subject to Rule 16 (special urgency), the decision may still be taken if -

- (a) the decision must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next forward plan and until the start of the first month to which the next forward plan relates;

The last forward plan was published on 15 September 2011 and the item could not be included because the detail of the formal offer of the land was received after that date. The next forward plan will be for the period commencing on 1 November 2011 and it is impracticable to defer the decision until Cabinet in November 2011 because the Council's decision is linked to the purchase of the club which needs to be completed before November.

- (b) the monitoring officer has informed the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panels on 10 October 2011:

Councillor Thompson, Chair of the Customer and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel;  
Councillor Nicholson, Chair of the Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel;  
Councillor James, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

- (c) the Monitoring Officer has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council;
- (d) at least 5 working days have elapsed since the Monitoring Officer complied with (a) and (b).

**Who will make the decision?** Cabinet (on the recommendation of the Leader)

**Timing of the decision?** 18 October 2011

**Who will be consulted and how?**

Persons to be consulted with:

Council officers

Process to be used:

Draft Cabinet report

**Information to be considered by the decision makers:**

Report to cabinet which explains the proposed property transaction and the financial implications. The report will also include property, finance, legal and valuation advice.

**Documents to be considered when the decision is taken**

Report to Cabinet

**Representations:**

Contact details available from Plymouth City Council Tel: 01752 668000

Further information – Availability of Documents:

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