

DEVONPORT REGENERATION COMPANY PARTNERSHIP SUCCESSION STRATEGY UPDATE

Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
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Section 1 – Background

- 1.1 Over the lifetime of the New Deal for Communities programme within Devonport the City Council has acted both as the Accountable Body for the Partnership, as a key delivery agent and as a partner member of the Partnership Board.
- 1.2 In September 2010, the City Council made a statement of intent with respect to providing continued support to Devonport in a number of areas. These are outlined below, and have been met or are underway unless otherwise stated.

Section 2 – Detail

2.1 Succession

- Neighbourhood Board:
 - To work collaboratively with the new Devonport Neighbourhood Board.
 - To play an active role in membership of the Devonport Neighbourhood Board through City Council elected members.
 - To enable the Devonport Neighbourhood Board to work with emerging locality working proposals.
 - To provide on-going support, advice and guidance on local elections for the Devonport Neighbourhood Board through the City's electoral services team.
- Devonport Community Leisure Limited and Devonport Community Lands Trust:
 - To provide on-going support to the operation of the two Community Trusts through elected members taking up City Council nominated seats on the Board each of each of the two Trusts.

2.2 Liveability

- Devonport Park:
 - To ensure completion of the restoration of Devonport Park through the City's Heritage Lottery fund contract.
 - To continue to provide support to the Friends of Devonport Park and the Community Gardening Team.
 - To provide the enhanced 10-year maintenance programme for the Park committed to within the NDC and HLF funding applications for Devonport Park.
 - To employ a dedicated Park Warden and two Assistant Gardeners to work exclusively during 10-year enhanced maintenance programme within the park. *As yet one of the two Assistant Gardeners' posts is unfilled.*
- Maintenance of NDC funded assets:
 - To ensure the proactive maintenance of NDC funded improvements at:
 - Devonport Guildhall.
 - Granby Green (including the new playground) environmental improvements.
 - Cumberland Gardens environmental improvements.
 - Morice Street, Queen Street, Albany Street environmental improvements.

- Devonport Park.
- Street Lighting:
 - To fully maintain the NDC lighting scheme to a high standard in line with original funding application commitments.
- Street Cleansing:
 - To maintain the litter and detritus neighbourhood performance of Devonport in line with the rest of Plymouth reflecting its current ENCAMS status as indicated through the internal BVPI monitoring process of Waste and Street Services.
- Heritage Trial:
 - To maintain to a high standard the trail markers and sculptures funded as part of the Devonport Heritage trial; in line with application commitments.
 - Continued production and maintenance of associated literature to a high standard.
 - Promotion of the trial, as part of the City Council's wider marketing, to ensure use by local residents and visitors to Plymouth.
- Mount Wise Pools:
 - To continue to support the Mount Wise Pools Steering Group attended by local Devonport resident representatives and wider stakeholders.
 - To provide Pool opening hours tailored to local usage; as decided upon collaboratively with the Steering Group.
 - To provide a range of Pool based activities during the summer school holidays to promote healthy life-styles and water safety (subject to the availability of funding).
 - To continue to provide training and employment opportunities for local young people through the NPLQ course.

2.3 Physical Development

- Joint Commissioning Board:
 - To Chair (if requested) and support the continuation of the Joint Commissioning Board and ensure that the vision of achieving a sustainable tenure balance and a mixed community within Devonport is fulfilled.
- Plymouth Community Homes:
 - To work collaboratively with Plymouth Community Homes to ensure that master agreement in place to secure the development of new housing and commercial uses on the site of 800 substandard flats is completed.
- Transport Infrastructure:
 - To work with partners to ensure the completion of transport infrastructure improvements throughout Devonport.
- Strategic Housing:
 - Within the context of city wide prioritisation; work collaboratively with all relevant partners in Devonport to achieve a sustainable tenure mix within the area.

2.4 Health

- Children's Centre:
 - To continue to ensure delivery of an integrated Children's centre, education and family support service at Green Ark Children's Centre.

2.5 Employment

Plymouth City council will work with partners', primarily through the LSP and Wealth Theme Group, to meet the identified strategic need.

- Employment Support to Devonport Residents:
 - To work collaboratively with partners such as JobCentreplus, Working Links, A4E and Enterprise Plymouth Limited to provide maximum support to residents within Devonport. To obtain information about, apply for and take up employment opportunities.
 - To work with such partners to take all possible measures to reduce barriers to the take up of employment; e.g. through the work of the Social Inclusion Unit.
 - To work collaboratively with partners such as the South West Regional Development Agency, Business Link and Enterprise Plymouth Limited to support enterprise development within Devonport and to support the wellbeing of existing businesses.
- Training Support to Devonport Residents:
 - To work collaboratively with partners such as JobCentreplus, Working Links, A4E and City College to maximise skills development and the range of training opportunities available for residents within Devonport.
- Annual Jobs Fair:
 - To continue to support and promote the annual Jobs Fair held in Devonport.

2.6 Education

- Curriculum:
 - Science: To ensure that Seymour House continue to co-ordinate an annual Sail Ahead programme working with all Devonport primary schools and Stoke Damerall Community College, subject to the availability of commercial support and sponsorship.

Suitable support has not been found to enable this programme to continue.

- Devonport Guildhall:
 - To maintain the building to a high standard post refurbishment in line with contractual commitments.
 - To ensure that the building operates as a cultural hub for the direct benefit of Devonport residents and that benefits accrue to the Devonport area in line with funding application commitments.
 - To proactively monitor the compliance of RIO (as current leaseholder) against their 10 year outcomes for Devonport community benefit, as set out within the City Council's contract with RiO. A Devonport focus on access and inclusive participation of local residents in activities available at, and organised from the Guildhall, will be continued.

- Devonport Library:
 - To preserve enhanced opening hours and provision of a service tailored to local needs from the newly refurbished Devonport Library.
 - To provide outreach services from Devonport Library to the local Devonport community.
 - To run school-based programmes delivered within and from the library setting.

- Youth services within Devonport:
 - To maintain the commitment by the City Council's Youth Service to deliver one day per week of youth activities / support in Devonport.
 - To continue the inclusion of Devonport based youth provider representatives in the workings of Children's Trust and ensure the inclusion of Devonport based providers in invitees for tender on commissioned activities.

- Family Room:
 - Ongoing provision of a crèche and training venue within the grounds of Mount Wise Primary School.

- Annual Art of the Community festival:
 - Ongoing support for the Devonport element of the programme through the three local primary schools.

This support ceased last year.

- Devonport Nurture Group:
 - To continue the delivery of a combined nurture group for Marlborough & Mount Wise primary schools.

Programme is no longer running.

2.7 Community Safety

- Closed Circuit TV:
 - To provide ongoing monitoring of 33 Devonport cameras at the City Centre Control Room.
 - To provide ongoing, proactive maintenance of 33 Devonport cameras to ensure that they remain fully operational at all times.
 - Ongoing rental of BT infrastructure to ensure images from 33 cameras across Devonport reach the City Centre Control Room.
 - Ongoing response and support to subscribing members of the Devonport Against Retail Crime Scheme through StoreNet radio communication at the City Centre Control Room.

Anti Social Behaviour Unit:

- Within context of prioritisation across the City will strive to continue to give priority to the resolution of ASB issues arising in Devonport. To ensure that such issues are escalated through the 4-step model to a suitable outcome for the local community.
- Priority use of MATRON noise monitoring equipment in Devonport to gain evidence for ASB cases as required – in line with NDC funding conditions.

- Missing Persons Team:
 - To continue to support the multi-agency Missing Persons Team and to ensure that all incidents relating to Devonport residents are dealt with expeditiously.
- Devonport PACT Process:
 - To continue to support Devonport neighbourhood meetings and a process to resolve priorities raised via local Ward Councillors.
- Plymouth Community Safety Partnership:
 - To ensure the inclusion and discussion of Devonport crime and ASB figures within each Partnership delivery group; where the figures fall within the top 6 priority neighbourhoods across the City.
 - To ensure a commitment from the multi-agency delivery groups to address the highlighted issues and reduce incidents of crime and ASB throughout Devonport and to report on progress in doing so to the Devonport Neighbourhood Board.