

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: The Plymouth Plan

Committee: Cabinet

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Executive Summary:

Plymouth has made considerable progress in responding to David Mackay's November 2003 'invitation to aspire', delivering a number of key developments and making significant improvements to the city over the period 2006 - 2012. Today, however, there are much more challenging circumstances facing the city. The recession's depth, length and severity has meant that times are tough for people, resources are scarce, and the progress that was carefully planned has been delayed by about 5 years. Much still needs to be done to make Plymouth a more prosperous, safer, knowledgeable, greener and healthier city - a city that meets all its residents' needs and that they can be truly proud of.

While the aspiration remains to make Plymouth 'one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone', the path to achieving this needs to be reviewed and re-aligned to reflect the realities of current circumstances.

This report sets out an exciting approach to Plymouth reviewing its adopted Core Strategy and supporting Area Action Plans (AAPs), taking the city's statutory Development Plan forward within the context of the government's new Local Plan system. This will provide the foundations for preparing the new "Plymouth Plan", explaining how it will provide an integrated and holistic long term plan as to how the city will change between 2012 and 2031.

Essential to this will be an innovative approach to involving people in creating the plan in a way that will excite and engage a wide range of people. The final plan will reflect the aspirations of all Council services, local businesses and communities across Plymouth, and be a strategic plan for the city that they will use and that partners in the private, public and voluntary sectors from outside the city can 'buy in to'.

It is intended that the Plymouth Plan will be a strategic document that encompasses the whole of the city, as well as considering the city within its sub-regional and wider context. It will set out a vision

and path to improvement, providing strategic policies to guide future change. It will include both a 'bottom up' and 'top down' approach, so as to provide a context for improving the city's neighbourhoods as well as the city as a whole. It will be a plan for both people and place. It will set out how Plymouth's potential for long term sustainable growth, as well as its wider role as the economic hub of the far South West, can be delivered.

This report recommends that the proposed approach for dealing with Plymouth's transition from the old Local Development Framework to the new Local Plan system is confirmed, that the engagement process with key stakeholders and the public to establish the evidence base to inform the plan should commence, and that officers are instructed to incorporate the proposed revisions to the work programme into a revised Local Development Scheme, to be approved by the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for publication.

Corporate Plan 2012-2015:

The report directly supports the Council's vision for the city as well as its priority for delivering sustainable growth. It directly responds to the new Corporate Plan proposal to prepare the Plymouth Plan.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

There are direct financial implications associated with the report including the publication of and consultation on the revised (pre) submission draft of the Plymouth Plan, and the holding of an Independent Examination. The estimated cost is in the region of £65,000-£90,000. These costs are expected to be met from the 2014/15 Planning Department revenue budget.

The Plymouth Plan will bring a number of positive indirect financial and resource benefits. The engagement process will use existing opportunities and events arranged by the Council and other organisations and build capacity on social media channels to provide cost effective ways of involving people. As a holistic and integrated plan, it will substantially reduce the need for the preparation of many individual plans and strategies, bringing greater efficiency in strategy development together with a stronger articulation of the city's vision and direction of travel. This in turn will have a positive impact on the city's investment climate, as the city will be able to project a single coherent vision at the heart of all of its key people and place initiatives and programmes.

From a development perspective, the Plan will generate considerable private sector interest, bringing positive benefits to the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives, whilst generating considerable Planning Obligation /Community Infrastructure Levy contributions and New Homes Bonus funds to support infrastructure development. Additionally, the Plymouth Plan will aid the prioritisation of resources and submission of funding bids in support of the sustainable growth of Plymouth.

It will also fulfil an enabling role in relation to delivering a 'Co-operative Council' by providing a strategic document that supports the Community and Voluntary Sector, as well as Social Enterprises, in seeking and attracting funding and financial support.

Other Implications: eg Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

The Plymouth Plan will be a plan for both people and place. The creation of sustainable communities, and the theme of providing quality of life for everyone in the city, will run through the heart of the Plan. It will therefore provide an effective and integrated strategic framework for addressing and responding to issues such as community safety, community cohesion, child poverty and equalities and diversity. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the Plan itself, and be available at submission stage.

The consultation process will include a variety of methods and a range of information that is accessible to different audiences and engages with people of different ages, backgrounds and interests and will work with the People Directorate and other organisations that specialise in this field to achieve this.

RECOMMENDATIONS & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

1. Approve the programme and approach to preparing the Plymouth Plan, as outlined in the attached report.

Reason: To enable the Council to maintain an up to date Development Plan and to deliver the commitments made in the Corporate Plan to deliver an integrated long term plan for the city, as well as establishing the Council's response to the recent changes in the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, to review the current and future Local Development Schemes, including incorporating into the current LDS this work programme for preparing the Plymouth Plan.

Reason: To enable the Council to maintain an up to date Local Development Scheme in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The alternatives options of not maintaining an up to date Development Plan would be contrary to the Localism Act 2011. It would also leave the National Planning Policy Framework as the main policy basis for determining planning applications.

Background papers:

[Adopted Plymouth Core Strategy, Plymouth City Council, April 2007](#)

[Localism Act 2011](#)

[The Town and Country Planning \(Local Development\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2008, HMSO, June 2008](#)

[The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)

[The National Planning Policy Framework \(March 2012\)](#)

[LDF Local Development Scheme, Plymouth City Council \(July 2011\)](#)

[Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule, Plymouth City Council, June 2012](#)

[Plymouth Statement of Community Involvement](#)

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member: Paul Barnard Assistant Director for Planning

I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Plymouth has made considerable progress in responding to the David Mackay 2003 “Vision for Plymouth”. The City Council responded to the “invitation to inspire” and adopted an overall spatial strategy for the city in 2005 which set the framework for the city’s future development so it could begin a step change in the quality, intensity and pace of development to realise its full potential as one of England’s great cities. Much has already been achieved in terms of providing new jobs and homes, as well as improving the city’s communication networks, its overall environment and level of service provision. Plymouth has started the process of reshaping itself.
- 1.2. Today, however, despite these many successes we are living in very different circumstances. The recession has meant that times are tough, resources are scarce and progress has been delayed by some three to five years. And yet much still needs to be done to make Plymouth a more prosperous, safer, educated, greener and healthier city - a city that meets all its residents’ needs and that they can be truly proud of.
- 1.3. While the aspiration remains to make Plymouth ‘one of Europe’s finest, most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone’, the path to achieving this needs to be reviewed and re-aligned to current circumstances and the means to delivering key priorities mapped out.
- 1.4. In addition to this, the review process also offers the Council an opportunity to consolidate and rationalise the wide range of strategies that it has adopted. Under the flexibilities available through the Localism Act, there is the potential to develop a single integrated plan for both people and place, setting a long term direction of travel within which individual action plans, programmes and projects can be guided and providing a strategic framework for prioritisation of investment in infrastructure in order to deliver the city vision. The Plymouth Plan can be much more than just a Development Plan - it can be a holistic, integrated plan for the city as a whole.
- 1.5. The purpose of this report is to set out how the Council can move forward from its Local Development Framework to adopting a new ‘Plymouth Plan’, that sets out an integrated approach to creating a more sustainable city that better serves its people’s needs.

2. THE CONTEXT

- 2.1. The Plymouth Plan needs to provide a focused, strategic path forward, based on a clear understanding of the city’s current conditions and trends, challenges and strengths. But it will be shaped in response to a number of circumstances. These are as follows.
- 2.2. Plymouth’s Core Strategy was adopted in April 2007, some five years ago, and therefore needs to be reviewed. However, the Core Strategy, together with its supporting Area Action Plans and Development Plan Documents, the National Planning Policy Framework, (the Regional Spatial Strategy – while it remains a statutory duty to have regard to this document), constitutes Plymouth’s statutory Development Plan. These documents will continue to provide a sound basis for considering development proposals throughout this review process. And of course these documents will continue to drive delivery whilst the Plymouth Plan is being prepared.
- 2.3. The National Planning Policy Framework sets the context within which the Plymouth Plan can be prepared. Key considerations are as follows:
 - The government considers that the focus of the planning system will be on proactively promoting positive, sustainable growth – i.e. making economic, environmental and social progress for this and future generations;
 - The new Local Plan approach retains an emphasis on the need for a strategic, spatial planning approach. However, the 2012 Regulations provide much greater flexibility for the

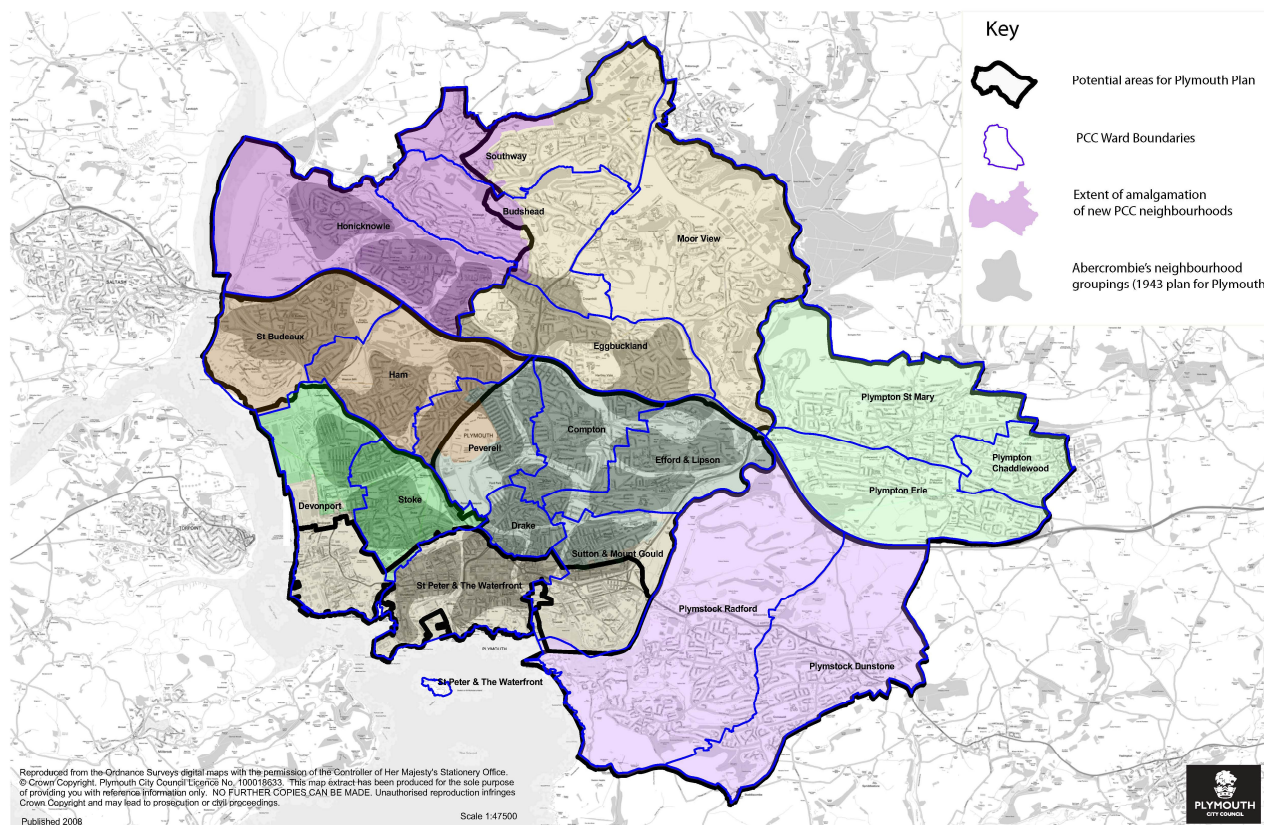
Local Planning Authority (LPA) to decide on the scope, form and content of their Plan, enabling the document to be better focused on meeting local needs;

- In proactively promoting sustainable growth, the planning system is expected to adopt a more inclusive and collaborative approach, enabling the wider involvement of people and communities in shaping the places in which they live.

- 2.4. In responding to the consequences of the current recession the Plymouth Plan needs to be focused on ensuring best value from current limited resources. This will mean:
- Focusing on the delivery of the Council's commitments, including supporting communities and finding ways to address their needs
 - Coordinating actions and engagement to ensure more from existing resources;
 - Developing actions that can benefit more than one priority, including helping everyone to work smarter in delivering agreed priorities.
- 2.5. The Council already has a good understanding of what many local people think about important issues in the city from previous consultations. These will inform the plan and will also be used to focus the engagement for the Plymouth Plan on progressing these issues, asking people to think in the long term and ensuring people are involved who may not have been involved before.

3. PURPOSE AND CONTENT

- 3.1. The Plymouth Plan is about delivering the vision, aims and objectives of Plymouth's Sustainable Community Strategy - aspiring to create a city which is:
'One of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone'.
- 3.2. It will be a strategic document that encompasses the whole of the city, as well as considering the city within its sub-regional, regional and maritime context. In order to provide a meaningful and manageable context within which the needs of the city's communities can be considered, it is proposed to divide the city into 8 broad areas, as illustrated in the map below. These areas reflect the spatial realities of how the city has been formed and functions. They are based on historic groupings of neighbourhoods, recognised barriers such as main roads, railway lines and open spaces, topography and areas of distinctive character as well as encompassing the priority regeneration /development initiatives.



- 3.3. As to content, the Plymouth Plan will set out a vision and path to improvement, providing strategic policies to guide future change and actions to deliver them. It will include both a 'bottom up' and 'top down' approach, so as to provide a context for improving the city's neighbourhoods as well as the city as a whole. It will set out how Plymouth's potential for long term sustainable growth can be realised, focusing on the city's key strategic priorities setting out how these can be delivered through an integrated approach.
- 3.4. In preparing the Plymouth Plan there is an opportunity under the 2011 Localism Act to substantially consolidate a number of the Council's current corporate strategies and plans, rationalising the current position and achieving savings. The intention is to develop one overarching strategic Plymouth Plan for the city, which will:
- Be about both people and place, outward facing, outcome focused and provide the context for all other plans and the allocation of resources – the focus will be on what Plymouth will be like as a place to work, rest and play in and how the city and its services need to be configured to address the major quality of life issues that are seen across the city;
 - Provide an integrated approach for key areas such as the economy, education, health, housing, transport and communications, culture, the environment, social inclusion, neighbourhoods, older people and children and set this within a sub-regional context;
 - Place sustainable development at the centre of the city's agenda by: increasing efficiency of the transport network and providing greater choice of high quality and reliable modes of travel; responding and building resilience to the threat of climate change and its impact on communities; and establishing the management and enhancement of green infrastructure and the marine environment as key components of sustainable growth and quality of life;
 - Enable a significant streamlining of the strategies that currently exist, with those that remain feeding into the Plan in a way that they both influence and are influenced by it – with the focus on operational delivery;
 - Offer a single point of reference for articulating the city's vision and long term direction of travel, providing a framework to guide decisions on infrastructure investment and service priorities;

- Be supported by a shared source of evidence and information to assist demographic modelling and scenario planning – including the Economic Review, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, strategic assessment of crime and the Plymouth Report;
- Be produced in an inclusive and cooperative way with our partners and all other stakeholders in the city and sub region, showing what cooperative public services might look like in the future.

4. SUPPORTING MECHANISMS

- 4.1. In respect of spatial planning, the Plymouth Plan will fulfil the needs for the city to have an up to date Local Plan which will be the primary strategic statutory development plan for the city, replacing the current LDF Core Strategy. The new planning legislation provides for other forms of statutory development plan to be created too, most notably Neighbourhood Plans which must be in conformity with the Local Plan. Other more detailed delivery plans such as Area Action Plans, Development Orders, Site Planning Statements and topic based Planning Guidance, may also be prepared. One of the advantages of the new approach to planning is that the Local Planning Authority is better able to prepare supporting documents that suit Plymouth's particular needs and context. Any additional documents will emerge in response to identified needs that come from the preparation of the Plymouth Plan, as well as in response to changing circumstances.
- 4.2. Where there is a need for an interim position pending the adoption of the Plymouth Plan, these statements will be prepared through a process of engagement with the local community and, where appropriate, be adopted as Council Policy pending their incorporation into the Plymouth Plan. An example of such a document is the North Prospect Area Planning Statement which is being prepared to guide the regeneration of this area.
- 4.3. In addition to this there may well prove to be a need for further Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) to explain how the policies and proposals in the Plymouth Plan should be implemented.
- 4.4. While the Plymouth Plan will provide the strategic framework for guiding change and growth in the long term, it will be supported by and delivered through a range of mechanisms, including:
 - An Infrastructure Needs Assessment, which will define the relationships between development opportunities and the investments needed in supporting infrastructure;
 - Short and medium term delivery plans for different services and themes, which identify and organise resources and service delivery to implement the Plymouth Plan (e.g. Transport Implementation Plan; Economic Strategy; Housing Action Plan; Health and Wellbeing Strategy);
 - The Community Infrastructure Levy which will continue to be used to fund infrastructure requirements and release value from development to meet the needs of communities. In addition the New Homes Bonus has been introduced as a way of funding infrastructure requirements and releasing value from development for the good of communities;

5. DUTY TO COOPERATE

- 5.1. The introduction of the Duty to Cooperate, which is intended to strengthen the obligation for neighbouring authorities to work together on cross border matters, will create an opportunity for a more joined up approach across sub-regional areas.
- 5.2. Plymouth City, Devon County Council and Cornwall County Council have a long history of joint working in preparing sub regional plans to inform the respective Structure Plans. This joint working has continued, particularly in ensuring compatibility in the evidence bases supporting the Cornwall, Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams District Councils Core Strategies. Plymouth and South Hams have already had considerable success with their joint working arrangements – leading to the adoption of the North Plymstock Area Action Plan and

Minerals DPD, as well as South Ham's Sherford Area Action Plan. In addition, the City Council and South Hams District Council, with the involvement of Devon County Council, have been considering further cross-border matters and development opportunities in Plymouth's urban fringe. New sub-regional working arrangements are in the course of being instigated in response to the Government's move to a more localised approach to decision making.

- 5.3. In addition to this, the Council has been considering wider issues of coastal planning in the Port of Plymouth area, exploring the possibility of a spatial plan for the marine environment around the city in support of the statutory requirement for the Marine Management Organisation to prepare Marine Spatial Plans. These matters are being addressed through joint working with adjoining authorities through the existing Tamar Estuary Consultative Forum partners, as well as other key stakeholders including the Marine Liaison Committee. The outcomes from this work will form a part of the wider sub-regional context within which the Plymouth Plan will be prepared.
- 5.4. The city will continue this proactive approach to cross border working with the surrounding authorities through wider sub-regional governance arrangements that it is currently promoting, as well as playing a proactive role in the newly formed Heart of the South West Local Economic Partnership.

6. PLAN MAKING PROCESS

- 6.1. It is intended to take advantage of the emerging new Local Plan regulations arising from the Localism Act 2011, to continue to evolve a more effective plan making process that directly addresses the city's needs. The intention is to focus from the outset on an engagement process with all key stakeholders, alongside an accessible and exciting process to facilitate a wider public debate, to enable all concerned to participate in the preparation of the Plymouth Plan.
- 6.2. Throughout this process communication and engagement will be vital. It is crucial that those who have not traditionally been engaged in these strategic planning processes have their chance to influence the future of Plymouth and the future of their neighbourhoods. This requires a contemporary and eye catching identity that attracts people's interest and promotes the Plymouth Plan as something worth getting involved in and a desirable and beneficial use of their time. The Plymouth Plan Team are developing a presence on social media in preparation for this and will use this as a tool to generate and maintain interest over the next year. It is intended that a regular e-bulletin will be distributed and regular website updates provided. Together with maintaining communication channels through existing networks such as the Plymouth Regeneration Forum and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce there will be better links with other similar networks around the city. The Plymouth Plan Team will identify gaps and ensure effective communication and engagement with a wide range of people, groups and organisations.
- 6.3. There are already a lot of organisations and groups who are engaging people about the future of the city and doing it very well. The Council will identify these events and work with them to develop a Fringe to the formal engagement process. Fringe events will be able to identify themselves as informing the Plymouth Plan and show that the work they are doing will contribute to the long term strategic plans for the city and will help to engage people who may not want to get involved in events run by the Council.
- 6.4. The identity will develop and grow over the year, as the plan seeks to address the big questions and the difficult questions we face as a city. This will focus around a large question mark and symbols reflecting the key themes identified below.
- 6.5. One of the issues that often arises during consultations on long term plans is that a large number of more immediate issues are often raised. The Plymouth Plan Team will work with

Councillors and other organisations to try and deliver change on some of these during the year to demonstrate the Council is listening and using peoples comments.

- 6.6. The simplified approach that it is intended to adopt for preparing the Plymouth Plan documents is as follows:

Stage 1: Plymouth Plan Conversations (Summer 2012 – Spring 2013)

This stage seeks to engage with all interested parties to establish their perceptions of the city's current and future needs and how these should be addressed through the Plymouth Plan. The focus will be on getting answers to key and fundamental questions as to what is possible, desirable and achievable for Plymouth by 2031 in a constructive and innovative way. This will include detailed discussions with key stakeholders as well as a wide range of public 'conversations' using a variety of innovative methods to 'pop up' around the city to excite and engage people. Social media will be used to generate a buzz around these pop up events and also to collect comments and suggestions. The Council will capitalise on existing events, projects and networks in the city. From this, the evidence needed to understand and address these issues will be compiled in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and then published to enable a wider public debate.

Stage 2: Plymouth Plan: Your Plan, Your City (Summer 2013)

Having completed the initial conversations and evidence-gathering stage, the outcomes will be collated into a draft Plymouth Plan to enable a much wider formal engagement stage. As part of this engagement process, it is proposed to hold a 'Plymouth Convention' in the summer of 2013. This will be over a number of weeks where events, debates, activities, exhibitions and films will create a focus for everyone to comment on what has been concluded from the evidence gathered, and the implications of where this is taking the city through the Plymouth Plan.

Stage 3: Plymouth Plan: Pre-submission Consultation (Summer 2014)

Based on the outcomes from the stage 2 engagement, the City Council will prepare the Plymouth Plan document for submission. The process of engagement with key stakeholders will continue throughout this plan-making stage. However, before formally submitting the Plymouth Plan to the Secretary of State, a city wide pre-submission consultation will be held for the statutory 6 week period, to establish whether there are any matters that would call the soundness of the plan into question, and address any remaining issues of clarification or correction. If this consultation raises significant issues which require substantial amendment(s) before submission, then the revised document will be subject to a further round of engagement /consultation.

Stage 4: Plymouth Plan: The Legal Stages (Winter 2014 – Autumn 2015)

When the Council is satisfied that the document is soundly based, (following the Stage 3 consultation), it will be submitted to the Secretary of State, along with all the representations made at the pre-submission consultation stage, for it to be considered at examination by an independent planning inspector. The inspector produces a report which forms the basis for the Council's adoption of the final document.

7. PLYMOUTH PLAN – KEY THEMES AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

- 7.1. In order to manage the preparation of an integrated strategy, there will be a need to bring together related issues within the context of a set of key themes. While these themes will evolve in response to the issues identified through the plan making process, an initial working

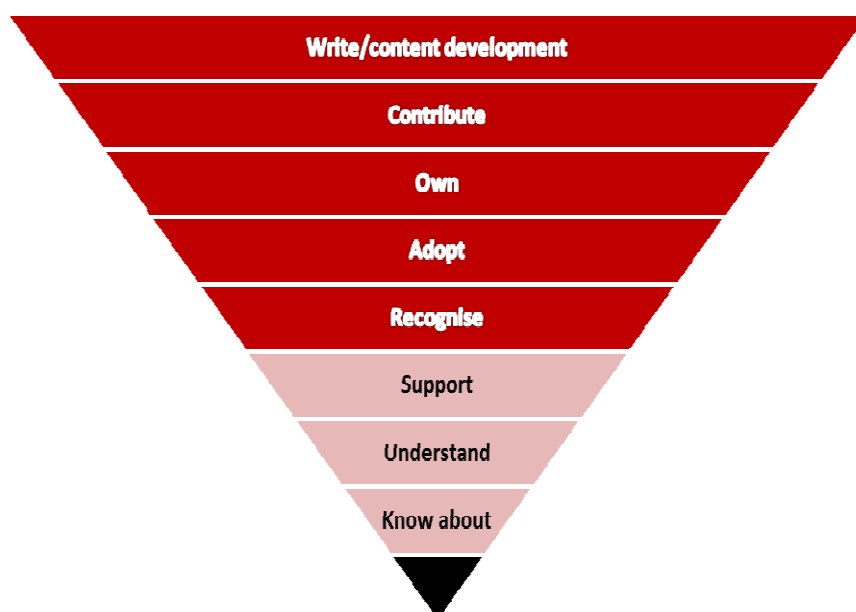
set of themes is set out below which respond to the City Council's stated commitments. These are as follows:

Initial Plymouth Plan Themes	Council Commitments
Education & Learning	Young Plymouth - Children , Young People + Education & Skill Development
Health and Care	Caring Plymouth – for all of Plymouth's residents + Health, Food & Public Safety
Greener Plymouth	Greener Plymouth - Environment + Sustainability
Getting Around	Moving Plymouth – Transport, Technology & Access
Prosperity & Affordability	Working Plymouth - The Economy and Jobs + Prosperity & Business success
Living & Housing	Living Plymouth – Housing + Neighbourhoods
City Pride & Vision	Pride in Plymouth – Image & vision for our city + Design, Planning & Public Space
Local Community	Safer Plymouth – Crime, Safety & anti-social behavior + Equity, Civic engagement & Quality of Life
Arts & Culture	Vibrant Plymouth – Culture, Creativity and Sport + Arts, Culture & Innovation

- 7.2. The range, relationships and the part to be played by the different groups of stakeholders identified as needing to contribute to the preparation of the Plymouth Plan is illustrated in the diagram below. But again this is only presented as an initial working set of potential participants as this list is expected to grow and change as the engagement process evolves. Because of the strategic nature of the Plymouth Plan all Cabinet members will have a direct input into its preparation.

PP Stakeholder Mapping Framework

The role of different types of stakeholders



Write/content development – Core Team and content writers/developers

Contribute – Participants feeding back and amending

Own – Ensuring plan is being used appropriately. Adapting policies and plans to align with direction of the Plymouth Plan

Adopt – Ensuring PP is formally adopted with working practices

Recognise – Ensuring recognition is given to the PP within other strategic document and these align with the direction of the Plymouth Plan

Support – Good level of understanding and support for the direction and content of the Plymouth Plan when speaking with others. Ability to speak confidently about the plan and promote widely

Understand – Basic level of knowledge about the purpose and content of the plan

Know about – Recognise Plymouth has a plan for the future

The contributions expected from the different types of Stakeholder

Strategic - Expected contributions on the strategic issues and content of the plan

Management – Expected contributions at professional level in area of expertise

Frontline – Expected contributions from an operational perspective in area of expertise or on a personal level

Geographical Impact

Plymouth – Scope of plan relating Plymouth only

TTWA – Scope of plan relation to the sub-region/travel to work area

Regional – Scope of plan relating to Devon, Cornwall and/or Somerset

- 7.3. In addition to the broad range of stakeholders mentioned above, the Planning Service also have a list of statutory consultees that are set out in the Statement of Community Involvement and highlighted below:

The following groups will be consulted as required throughout the preparation of the local plans as indicated in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004:

Natural England

The Environment Agency

English Heritage

National Rail

Highways Agency

Relevant Strategic Planning Authorities • (Cornwall, Devon, Dartmoor and Torbay)

Relevant District Councils (Caradon, South • Hams, West Devon)

Relevant Parish Councils and Town Councils

Relevant electronic communication companies

Strategic Health Authority

Relevant electricity and gas companies; such as SWEB, British Gas

Relevant sewerage and water undertakers; such as South West Water

8. PLYMOUTH PLAN TIMETABLE

- 8.1. The timetable for preparing the Plymouth Plan is as follows:

Plymouth Plan Stage	Programme
1. Plymouth Plan Conversations An engagement process to scope and evidence the Plan	Summer 2012 to Spring 2013
2. Plymouth Plan: Your Plan, Your City A formal public engagement process on the draft plan through the Plymouth Plan Convention	Summer 2013
3. Plymouth Plan: The Final Plan	Summer 2014

Submission of the Plymouth Plan to Secretary of State, for examination prior to adoption	
4. Plymouth Plan: The Legal Stages Independent Examination of Plymouth Plan Council Adoption of the Plymouth Plan	Winter 2014 Autumn 2015

9. OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 9.1. Other documents are required to inform or support the production of the Plymouth Plan. They will be prepared and published alongside the plan, and include:-
- Publishing updates to the evidence base underpinning the Plymouth Plan.
 - **Equality Impact Assessments, Viability Assessments and Habitat Regulations Assessment/ Appropriate Assessment.** This is an on-going process which informs the development of each stage of the Plymouth Plan.
 - **A Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment /Significant Effects report.** This is an ongoing process which informs the production of the Plymouth Plan. The final reports will be published at the Pre-submission stage as part of the public consultation process.
 - **The Plymouth Report–** to provide baseline information for the production of the Development Plan, monitor its subsequent progress, as well as to comment on whether there is a need for change / review. This information will be published on the Council's LDF web site through the Plymouth Report, regularly updated when new information becomes available, but still provide a new baseline position in December of each year as required by national guidance.
 - Statements of Conformity to:
 - explain the steps undertaken to ensure that Development Plan documents have been produced in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement
 - confirm that the DPDs are in general conformity with the NPPF.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1. This report recommends that the proposed approach for dealing with Plymouth's transition from the old Local Development Framework to the new Local Plan system is confirmed and the officers instructed to incorporate the above work programme into a revised Local Development Scheme, to be approved for publication by the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment.