

WORKING PLYMOUTH

Economic Development



Plan for Jobs – Update

Background

The Plan for Jobs was considered and agreed by the Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 20 February 2013. The Plan brings together 19 very different projects, covering a variety of interventions and led by a variety of partners, including the Council. The Plan aims to deliver over 2,000 jobs (ft/pt jobs and apprenticeships lasting more than six months) by the end of 2014. This report provides an update of the 19 projects to date.

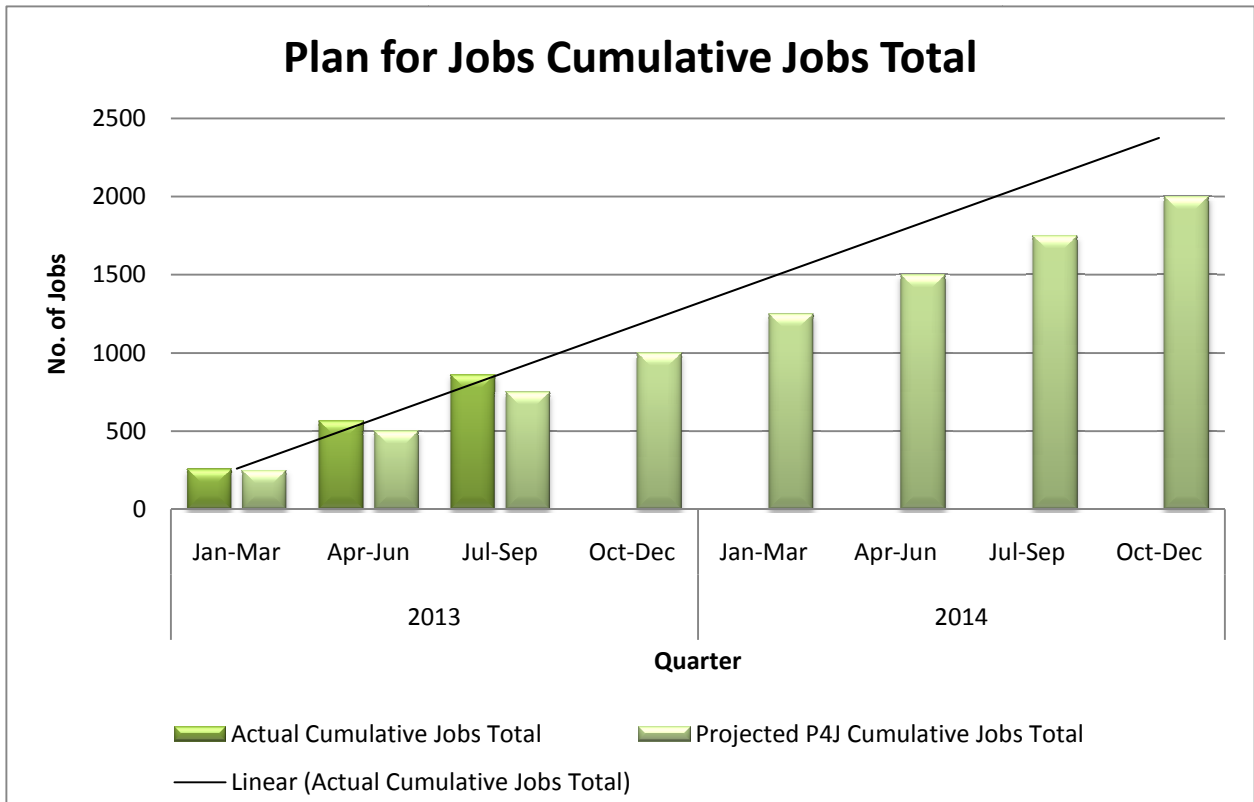
Following the Scrutiny Panel meeting an update regime was agreed by the Plan for Jobs Task Group members at their meeting on 26 March 2013. This states that the Plan for Jobs Task Force will meet in person every six months, with interim meetings organised should they be needed to discuss any specific issues. Update reports are compiled from information supplied by Task Force members and/or named officers working directly on the projects. To date there have been two emailed updates (January - March 2013 and July – September 2013) with a full Task Force meeting held on 7 August 2013 to consider the April - June 2013 update. A template has been produced to facilitate tracking of the outcomes and is updated each quarter.

At the March Task Force meeting it was agreed that Task Force members would ‘champion’ each of the projects and act as the figurehead for it. It was understood that some members would be more involved in their allotted project than others. The Task Force members championing each are included in the table below. The full list of Plan for Jobs Task Force members can be found at Appendix A to this report.

Plan for Jobs projects progress to date

To date 861.5 jobs have been attributed to the Plan projects with 257.5 between January and March 2013, 308.5 between April and June 2013 and a further 295.5 between July and September 2013.

This progress is very positive. In order to reach the 2,000 target at the end of 2014 there would need to be an average of 250 jobs attributed per quarter. The figures for the first three quarters have outstripped this. The progress to date shown against the increase required each quarter in order to reach the 2,000 target is shown in the chart below.



Below is a charter highlighting the progress made on each of the 19 projects over the last three quarters:

Project	Q1	Q2	Q3	Cumulative Total
1 West End Accelerated Development	60	0	0	60
2 Plymouth Pavilions/Home Park	0	0	0	0
3 Get Britain Building	0	0	0	0
4 Bickleigh	0	0	1	1
5 Provision of Enterprise Hubs	0	0	0	0
6 Proactive Approach to Planning	0	10	8	18
7 1000 Club	149	212	208.5	569.5
8 Apprenticeship Training Agency	0	0	3	3
9 Making Waves	1	0	0	1
10 Increasing Inward Investment	6	22.5	25	53.5
11 PWGF2	0	18	3	21
12 Fredericks Foundation	1.5	0	2	3.5
13 Outset Finance	10	4	2	16
14 GAIN	12	18	31	61
15 Digital Connectivity	11	12	12	35
16 Business Engagement	3	1	0	4

17	Pursuing Public Finances for Jobs	4	1	0	5
18	PCC Procurement	0	10	0	10
19	Plymouth Building for Jobs Investment Fund	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		257.5	308.5	295.5	861.5

Discussion

As can be seen from the above table most of the 19 projects are yielding results. All of the projects are now well underway with progress on each. Planning consent for a number of projects is currently being secured with on-site work likely to start in the New Year. These will then start to deliver jobs. As can also be seen, the total number of jobs created in the first nine months, even with not all of the 19 projects delivering jobs, already means that the Plan is delivering ahead of target.

Furthermore, there continue to be additional developments in Plymouth that will also create jobs. The update report has a separate section that itemizes these additional jobs in order to provide a complete picture. These are in addition to and treated separately to the Plan for Jobs jobs and are logged separately to ensure any double counting is minimized. Double counting between projects is also being addressed.

Jobs have also been created through other developments including, but not limited to, the following:

- Plymouth City Council units at City Business Park
- Money Group locating to Plymouth in late 2012
- Plessey Semiconductors receiving Regional Growth Fund Round 3 funds to safeguard and secure employment in Plymouth (confirmed before the P4J but likely to deliver during its lifetime)
- Regional Growth Fund Round 4 funds through the UTC Aerospace and City Deal bids, both of which will bring investment and jobs into Plymouth over the coming years

These are noted in update reports and quantified where possible. Task Force members are also encouraged to feed through information and additional jobs figures.

Forthcoming meetings of the Task Force are scheduled for January and July 2014 and a final meeting in January 2015. Dates, should meetings be required, have been set for October 2013 and January and October 2014.

Quarterly update reports will continue to be produced until the Plan is delivered.

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23 October 2013

Appendix A

Plan for Jobs Task Force Members:

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Prof. Julian Beer – Plymouth University

James Brent – Akkeron Group

Ian Brokenshire – KPMG

Simon Chamberlain – Tamar Science Park

Phil Davies – City College Plymouth

Peter Flukes – Wolseley Trust

Gareth Hart – Plymouth Social Enterprise Network

Bev Hurley – Outset

Roger Pipe – Millfields Trust

Judith Reynolds – Plymouth University

Clive Turner – Plymouth Community Homes