

Cabinet minute 40: 12 August 2014

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) submitted a report welcoming the final report of the Plymouth Fairness Commission 'Creating the Conditions for Fairness' which was published in March 2014 and presented the Council's draft response to the Commission's recommendations outlined in the report.

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operatives, Housing and Community Safety) introduced the proposals and indicated that -

- (a) the commission had undertaken an extensive public consultation;
- (b) he welcomed the principles of fairness and would work with partners to achieve the aims;
- (c) that there were financial implications with the delivery of the commission's recommendations. A commitment of £0.5m per year had been made for the introduction of a living wage and additional costs would be identified during the year and included in the 2015/16 budget;
- (d) the commissioners had volunteered to meet annually for the next five years to monitor and progress the recommendations;
- (e) some of the commission's recommendations had been referred direct to partners who were currently preparing their responses.

Candice Sainsbury (Senior Policy, Performance and Partnerships Adviser), attended the meeting for this item and reported that this was the start of the conversation with partners and new ways to address issues. It was intended that the council and partners would provide feedback to the commission in October 2014.

Cabinet thanked all officers who had engaged with the Fairness Commission and the draft response, the commissioners for their final report and future monitoring, the secretariat of the commission for their assistance and also Candice Sainsbury for her work and enthusiasm.

Cabinet Members asked officers to ensure that a list was maintained showing who / which partner was responsible for the delivery of each recommendation.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed that the draft response to the recommendations of the Plymouth Fairness Commission is referred to the City Council for approval.