

PLYMOUTH PLAN

Your Plymouth Scrutiny Panel

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1. The Plymouth Plan is a ground-breaking plan which looks ahead to 2031 and sets a shared strategic direction of travel for the long-term future of the city. An important principle is that local people and communities of geography, identity and interest are at the heart of the plan.

2. The Plymouth Plan is being published in two parts;

- Part one sets out an overarching strategy for future change and growth in the city.
- Part two will set out detailed policies for different areas of Plymouth (Published for consultation in the autumn of 2015).

The Plymouth Plan Team would like feedback and input from the panel on the content of specific policies set out in the draft Plymouth Plan.

Do you have any concerns about the content of any of the below policies?

It's important that any gaps or weaknesses in the content are identified at this early stage to inform decisions going forward so we would welcome any thoughts you may have.

The policy areas selected to be looked at in more detail include:

Policy 14 - Playing an active role in the community (pg.41 - 42)

- Enabling and supporting **communities** to support and help themselves – targeted **volunteering**, locally-led solutions, reduced need for professional help
- Access to **information**, advice, informing **communities and voluntary organisations** of their rights
- Improving local areas, **devolving** budgets, **shared decision making**
- Support to protect local services, **own assets** or **run services**
- Active **culture** and **health** programme focused on **participation and engagement**
- **Social value** and impact, joined up approach to attracting **investment**
- Supporting the **voluntary and community sector** to deliver change in local communities
- Temporary and meanwhile uses of **buildings**.

Policy 15 - Delivering strong and safe communities and good quality neighbourhoods (pg.43)

- Support of **strong and inclusive communities**, addressing **inequality**, considered use of the planning process for the benefit of the **community**, provision of specific support and targeted **regeneration**.
- Identifying/considering sites for development, **betting shops**, **payday lender restrictions**.

Policy 18 - Meeting local housing needs (pg.46 – 48)

- Access to a **decent, safe** and affordable home suited to their needs, located in a community where they want to live
- **Empty homes, affordable housing** supported housing self-build and custom build vulnerable to live independently specialist housing for older people provision of housing for younger people quality of private sector housing, **prevention of homelessness, fuel poverty**
- **Local Planning Authority** to meeting local housing need (pg.47 – 48).

Policy 41 - Celebrating diverse communities (pg.87)

- Reputation as a **welcoming, multicultural** city, **fair** city, **communities** of geography, identity and interest, people feel **safe and secure**, community **cohesion**, service provision responds to need.