

CABINET MINUTE 29 (8 September 2015)

Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place) submitted a report seeking approval of the Plymouth Plan Part One which comprised the city's overarching vision, strategic objectives and the thematic and spatial policies of the plan. The plan had been the subject of community engagement and consultation with scrutiny and the Plymouth Plan Member Working Group and the comments from the consultation had been included as a background paper together with the equality impact assessment.

The report also indicated that the consultation process for part two would commence in September 2015 leading to a consultation draft being published in June 2016 which would also provide an opportunity to refresh and, if needed, to revise the Plymouth Plan Part One.

Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport and Planning) introduced the proposals and –

- (a) paid tribute to Councillor Vincent (who formerly had Cabinet Member responsibility for the Plymouth Plan), the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Team, councillors and residents for taking part in the development of the plan;
- (b) indicated that the Council had won a national award from the Royal Town Planning Institute for plan making and had also won the south west regional award;
- (c) referred to the consultation undertaken;
- (d) commended the plan to Cabinet;
- (e) thanked the Plymouth Plan Team and everyone involved in the process.

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- (f) highlighted that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy had been integrated within the plan;
- (g) paid tribute to everyone involved in the social enterprise initiative including the social enterprise network and partners;
- (h) highlighted that following the withdrawal of the national target for child poverty by the government and on the recommendation of the Child Poverty Working Group, the policy had been included in the plan and that the Council would continue to measure child poverty.

Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure), Jonathan Bell (Head of Development Planning), Richard Grant (Local Planning Manager) and Caroline Marr (Policy and Business Planning Officer) attended the meeting for this item and indicated that the development of the plan had been a joint effort across all services within the Council.

Jonathan Bell reported that –

- (i) interactive modules for part one of the plan would be launched during the next month;
- (j) the proposed consultation process for the next phase of the plan would be submitted to the Plymouth Plan Member Working Group shortly.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed that –

- (1) the Plymouth Plan Working Group oversee the delivery of a Plymouth Plan monitoring and implementation framework for the plan, in consultation with key city partnerships;
- (2) everyone involved in the plan is congratulated with thanks particularly to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Department who are a credit both to the city and the Council and to Hannah Sloggett for her innovative idea of using a sofa as part of the consultation process.

The City Council is Recommended to formally approve the Plymouth Plan Part One as part of the Council's Policy Framework.