

Your Plymouth Scrutiny Panel - 14th December 2015 – PI progress report on K24

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We will help people take control of their lives and communities	Strengthen and support co-ordination and capacity building in the voluntary sector and reinvigorate volunteering	The % of (adult) residents who volunteer at least once per month	<p>Background - The Community Life Survey 2013/14 shows that 41% of adults questioned reported volunteering formally (i.e. through a group, club or organisation) at least once in the previous year. 27% said they took part at least once a month. If the survey results are applied to the wider UK population as a whole, this would produce an estimate of 15.2 million people volunteering at least once a month in the UK, and 23.1 million volunteering at least once a year. If this was replicated in Plymouth, this would mean approximately 87,000 people volunteering at least once a year and almost 58,000 volunteering once a month.</p> <p>However, using figures from current local providers and volunteer brokerage services, estimates suggest that approximately 21% of the adult population (almost 45,000) are currently formally volunteering at some level in the city, which is approximately half of the national average. However, the true figure is likely to be much higher with many people volunteering and not realising</p>	<p>Core officer time and contributions from partner agencies.</p> <p>One Plymouth support</p> <p>Small levels of financial input.</p>	<p>Target</p> <p>22% 2015/16</p> <p>23% 2016/17</p> <p>50% 2030/31</p> <p>Quarterly monitoring of people accessing Volunteer Plymouth, Timebank SW and Our Plymouth.</p> <p>One Plymouth Action Plan December 2015</p> <p>Pledge Plymouth and Right to Read launch January 2016</p> <p>PCC Timebanking Model January 2016</p>	<p>Our internal volunteer policy and, volunteer handbook has been revised and published</p> <p>An improved Better Together portal</p> <p>Cities of Service has created 125 new volunteer roles</p> <p>One Plymouth action plan has been agreed and funding established</p> <p>Cities of Service new projects impact metrics have been agreed</p>

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			<p>that they are and informal volunteering not being recorded.</p> <p>Plan</p> <p>In October 2015 One Plymouth partners formed a steering group to modernise the volunteering infrastructure in the city. It has raised funds to support this work and aims to improve the gateway to volunteering, improve I.T support including a new app and to encourage micro-volunteering – people being able to volunteer for small amounts of time from a place that is convenient to them. This work is supported by an action plan which was agreed by One Plymouth partners in December 2015.</p> <p>In October 2015, Better Together, the web portal that links private sector volunteering opportunities to community groups and neighbourhood action was updated to make it easier for organisations to fulfil their corporate social responsibility</p> <p>In January 2016, Cities of Service is launching 2 further projects to build on the success of Energy Champions and Grow, Share, Cook. Right to Read will recruit volunteers to enable</p>			

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			<p>children to read to and be read to by an adult and Pledge Plymouth will encourage people to give 15 minutes a month of their time to improve life in our city on a variety of themes using social media to report what they have done.</p> <p>In January 2016, a volunteering opportunity of the month for our staff will be advertised on the Our Plymouth website along with information on staffroom, Facebook and Twitter. This will be done in partnership with Volunteer Plymouth with opportunities being selected by the Cities of Service Chief Service Officer and the Volunteer Plymouth manager. Staff will be encouraged to volunteer in their own time, but will receive support from both Cities of Service and Volunteer Plymouth on how to apply.</p> <p>From January 2016, we will launch the time-banking model for Plymouth City Council staff. This pilot project is funded through Department for Communities and Local Government funding awarded to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Service. Colleagues are working with Street Services and Adult Social Care to look</p>			

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			<p>at how swaps with communities can be managed and support a cultural change of better valuing and supporting volunteer activity in the city as well as supporting the TimebankSW model.</p>			