

# OUR PLEDGES FOR A BETTER PLYMOUTH WE WILL:

## Working Plymouth

### The Economy and Jobs

- 1** Double the size of the award-winning and successful 1000 Club to help 2,000 more people into work and apprenticeships.
- 2** Begin to deliver the new plan for the city centre to attract shoppers and visitors.
- 3** Increase the amount of local purchasing the Council does to keep more of Plymouth's wealth in our city.
- 4** Set up a forum to help women return to work on family friendly policies after maternity or childcare leave.
- 5** Launch the 'Building Plymouth' initiative, a new partnership to grow and support jobs in the construction industry.
- 6** Consult local businesses and education leaders to create a 'Plymouth Plan for Skills' with an objective of increasing the effectiveness of money spent on training.

## GROWING PLYMOUTH

## Safer Plymouth Crime, community safety and anti-social behaviour

- 7** Campaign against any further Government cuts to Police, PCSOs and Firefighters in Plymouth.
- 8** Ensure the street lights are kept on by replacing old bulbs with new energy-saving and greener LED lights that will save money, reduce light pollution and save 3,200 tonnes of carbon a year. In 2012 we promised not to turn off street lighting as some councils are doing. We make that promise again now.
- 9** Continue the programme of replacement or refurbishment of Plymouth's public toilets and investigate more businesses opening their toilets to the public.
- 10** Build a new CCTV control room to keep our streets safe. We will relocate the city's CCTV control centre from the soon to be demolished Mayflower Car Park to a new secure location to keep our city safe.

## CARING PLYMOUTH

## Young Plymouth

### Children and Young People

- 11** Introduce a 'second chance to swim' scheme so that any child who didn't learn to swim in primary school gets another opportunity to learn this essential skill.
- 12** Increase the number of children leaving school with the ability to read and write.
- 13** Introduce a 'Young People's Skills Passport' so all our young people are 'job ready' after leaving school.
- 14** Improve the quality of careers advice for young people so whether they want to go to university, start an apprenticeship, start a business or get a job they have the additional help they need to succeed.
- 15** Keep a discounted entrance fee for Plymouth's children to city leisure services and find more ways of getting young people engaged in sport.

## GROWING PLYMOUTH

## Greener Plymouth The Environment

- 16** Support the expansion of the Plymouth Energy Community.
- 17** Identify more sites and locations for green energy generation especially for solar panels producing green energy.
- 18** Relaunch a home composting scheme to encourage more recycling of garden and vegetable waste.
- 19** Investigate replicating the successful 'Eyesore Gardens' project from Barking and Dagenham Council in Plymouth to deal with untidy and overgrown gardens in our community.
- 20** Encourage the use of unused land around the city to grow crops, fruit and vegetables via a new landshare scheme.

## PIONEERING PLYMOUTH

## Moving Plymouth Transport

- 21** Continue our programme of road resurfacing, repairing potholes and fixing pavements.
- 22** Continue to press Government for improvements to the road and rail network to ensure that Plymouth is not cut off again by extreme weather in the future.
- 23** Slow traffic down in residential areas with plans for more 20mph zones.
- 24** Propose more safer cycling and walking routes in and out of Plymouth for leisure and commuting.
- 25** Welcome the Waterfront Partnership's review of Plymouth's potential as a cruise liner destination and evaluate options for growing the number of cruise ships that visit the city.
- 26** Seeking funding for the Forder Valley relief road to open up Derriford for new housing, jobs, a primary school and a community park.

## GROWING PLYMOUTH

## Living Plymouth Housing

- 27** Deliver our plan for homes and maintain our commitment to build 1,000 homes every year for the next five years including homes affordable to rent as well as affordable to buy.
- 28** Continue our multi-million pound investment through the ECO initiative to bring affordable warmth to people who live in private rented housing as well as housing association tenants.
- 29** Agree a plan with registered social landlords to create more social housing.
- 30** Develop a programme to improve the quality of private rented housing and take action against rogue landlords.
- 31** Continue to encourage self-build, co-operative housing and the widest possible range of tenure and ownership.

## GROWING PLYMOUTH

## Vibrant Plymouth

### Culture, creativity and sport

- 32** Push for the Government to declare Plymouth as the centre for the Mayflower anniversary celebrations in 2020.
- 33** Begin to introduce free wifi in the city centre and reinvest the proceeds to widen the wifi network so that everyone in Plymouth can get connected to the internet.
- 34** Host a conference in partnership with University of St Mark and St John to promote a plan for sport for the whole of the city.
- 35** Further develop the Plymouth Armed Forces Community Covenant to make sure more of our veterans, ex-service personnel and their families are properly supported.

## PIONEERING PLYMOUTH

## Pride in Plymouth

### Image and vision for our city

- 36** Light our Landmarks by permanently lighting Smeaton's Tower and other prominent iconic structures and buildings so they can be enjoyed during the day and at night.
- 37** Having launched the celebration of Plymouth's 100 anniversary we will continue the festivities with a huge programme of cultural and historical events across the city.
- 38** Campaign to open a walkway from Durnford Street in Stonehouse through Millbay Port to encourage greater use of the South West Coast Path.
- 39** Recognise the contribution of Plymouth's men and women who served in the First World War in the military and on the home front with a series of events marking the 100th anniversary of the Great War.
- 40** Press ahead with plans to improve Plymouth Museum.
- 41** Start a public fundraising campaign for a fitting Mayflower memorial.

- 42** Use Plymouth's recent designation as a 'City of Service' to grow our reputation for volunteering by developing a programme to encourage people and communities from across the city to work together.

- 43** Begin a programme of commissioning public art for local and international artists.

## CONFIDENT PLYMOUTH

## Caring Plymouth

### for all of Plymouth's residents whatever their age

- 44** Continue our pioneering work to make Plymouth a dementia friendly city.
- 45** Continue to work closely with the NHS to provide a seamless service for older people's care including smoother discharge from hospitals.
- 46** Campaign for a fairer settlement for Plymouth for public health funding that sees our city receive £27 less per person than Portsmouth does.

## CARING PLYMOUTH

## Open Plymouth

### A different kind of City Council

- 47** Open a new one-stop shop in the City Centre so that more of the City Council's services are available in one prominent and cost-effective location.
- 48** Put more Council services online so you can do more with us on the internet at a time more convenient for you.
- 49** Further enhance the scrutiny programme of the City Council. By giving more responsibility to our City Councillors to scrutinise services offered across the city we have seen more transparency and shone a light onto services that are not performing at their best.
- 50** Continue the campaign to encourage people to register to vote so everyone in Plymouth is able to have their voice heard at election time.

## CONFIDENT PLYMOUTH

