

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan – sites consultation

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 28 June 2016

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nicholson

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Ref:

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

To advise Cabinet of the consultation timetable and process for the next stage of the Plymouth Plan, which will now form part of a wider Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.

The consultation will focus on sites that are currently under consideration for inclusion in the Local Plan that will be submitted for public examination in 2017

The (draft) Corporate Plan 2016-2019

The Plymouth Plan is significant in relationship to all of the Corporate Plan Objectives. Most particularly it delivers the Growing Plymouth objective, due to its focus on the City's growth agenda and the Vision to transform the city, but the Plymouth Plan themes relate well to all of the Corporate Plan objectives:

Corporate Plan Objective	Plymouth Plan Theme
Pioneering Plymouth	Arts and Culture; Greener Plymouth; Local Communities.
Growing Plymouth	Education and Learning; Prosperity and Affordability; Living and Housing; Getting Around; Local Communities.
Caring Plymouth	Health and Wellbeing; Local Communities.
Confident Plymouth	City Pride and Vision.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

The costs of the consultation will be met from existing revenue budgets.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

The Plymouth Plan promotes the creation of sustainable communities, and the theme of providing quality of life for everyone in the city runs through the heart of the Plan. It will therefore provide an effective and integrated strategic framework for addressing and responding to issues such as community safety, community cohesion, child poverty and equalities and diversity.

Equality and Diversity

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes, reported previously when Plymouth Plan approved by City Council in September 2015.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended Cabinet note the consultation timetable and process as set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None in the context of this report.

Published work / information:

Consultation leaflet and booklet to be published on 1 July 2016

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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Sign off: comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decision, as follows (insert references of Finance, Legal and Monitoring Officer reps, and of HR, Corporate Property, IT and Strat. Proc. as appropriate):

Fin	BAN PlaceF PCI161 7 001.22 0616	Leg	LS/25 908/J P	Mon Off	DV S25 902	HR	n/a	Assets	n/a	IT	n/a	Strat Proc	n/a
Originating SMT Member Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure)													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 21 September 2015 Full Council unanimously approved Part One of the Plymouth Plan and paved the way for the plan to be advance towards becoming part of the city's statutory development plan.
- 1.2 On 16 February 2016 Cabinet approved the principle of the Plymouth Plan being incorporated into a Joint Local Plan covering the local authority areas of Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council;
- 1.3 On 1 July 2016 the three councils will be launching a public consultation process to seek views of sites under consideration either as development or local greenspace opportunities. This report incorporates a briefing on the consultation process and timetable.

2.0 Next steps

- 2.1 Once the consultation process is complete the three councils will consider the comments received with a view to preparing a pre-submission draft local plan in October. This will need to be agreed at a meeting of Full Council and then subject to a formal consultation process, with the aim of submitting the plan for public examination in January 2017.

CONSULTATION BRIEFING NOTE

Introduction

The Plymouth Plan is evolving and becoming part of the Joint Local Plan with South Hams District and West Devon Borough Council.

All comments made previously on the Plymouth Plan will be taken forward and remain public for people to see.

This engagement is all about sites that have been suggested for development or protection in Plymouth and the Urban Fringe. These have all been assessed but before sites are included in the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan we are gathering views to make sure all available information is considered for each site.

Dates of consultation: 1st July – 12th August

What are we consulting on?

Paper copies of the following materials will be available at libraries, first stop, at all engagement events and on request:

- An A0 map:
 - Showing all the **sites suggested for development**
 - Showing all the sites suggested for **local green space designation**
 - Identifying a **proposed Plymouth Principal Urban Area boundary (PPUA)**
 - Showing additional details on the reverse-side regarding:
 - A summary of Plymouth Plan Part One
 - The context of the Joint Local Plan
 - Projected housing numbers for Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon
 - Draft details and draft area visions of the three strategic growth areas
- A booklet:
 - Explaining the current engagement period and how comments can be made
 - Explaining what support is to be offered for those wanting to make comments
 - **Showing details of all the sites** put forward for development and their constraints

Additional documents on the website and 'objective' consultation portal will include:

- A copy of the booklet and all printed information with the ability to comment on-line for each site
- The full area visions chapters
- We also exploring an interactive map version of the document

Other evidence base documents:

- Draft area visions for the city's three growth areas
- Landscape evidence base
- City Centre and Waterfront Masterplan
- Sites that South Hams and West Devon are discussing
- Retail evidence base
- Flood risk evidence base

How will we accept comments?

- By post: in any format i.e. repots, photographs, plans, annotations etc.
- By e-mail: plymouthplan@plymouth.gov.uk
- On line - through the objective consultation portal
- Via groups who have arranged their own event

What support are we offering?

- The website will be kept up to date with all current information and details of the Joint Local Plan: <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthswdevonjointlocalplan.htm>
- **POP** (Plymouth Octopus Project who provide support for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Plymouth) **and Planning Aid are co-hosting training sessions** on how groups can run their own events. There will be 8 events altogether, one in each Plymouth Plan Area.
- If groups run an event and submit comments to us they will be offered a **£50 reward**, this is the third time which we've done this and it's been very popular. The quality of the comments we receive has vastly improved
- Once a week, on various days (including one Saturday) officers will be available in/outside **Central Library** to explain the process/raise awareness of the consultation. Copies of the map and the booklet will also be available to view/comment on:

Day	Date	Time
Monday	04-July	10am - 2pm
Wednesday	13-July	10am - 2pm
Saturday	23-July	10am - 2pm
Tuesday	26-July	10am - 2pm
Thursday	04-August	10am-2pm
Friday	12-August	10am-2pm

- Councillors will be briefed in advance and support will be provided for them to engage their residents as appropriate
- A **poster** will be put on all buses in the city
- A **leaflet** will be produced and handed out
- An **e-newsletter** will go out to everyone who has previously made comments on the Plymouth Plan at regular intervals during the consultation
- Regular publicity will be sent out on **social media**
- Copies of the consultation materials will be available in all **libraries and First Stop**
- Officers will be available to individuals or groups to make their comments as appropriate.
- We will send out regular press releases and updates throughout the consultation to ensure awareness is continually raised
- We will promote neighbourhood planning as a tool which local communities can use
- Comments will be published as and when they're received
- Resources will be made available for communities who need more support/for controversial sites

The Joint Local Plan is following the below timetable (the same as the Plymouth Plan):

- Publication of further evidence base reports and public engagement on sites and policies from June 2016
- Draft Joint Local Plan published October 2016
- Submission of the Joint Local Plan January 2017
- Public Examination, Spring/Summer 2017
- Adoption by the three councils, Autumn 2017