

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Completed Pledges  
**Committee:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 11 December 2018  
**Cabinet Member:** Mark Lowry  
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**Ref:**

**Key Decision:** No  
**Part:** 1

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### **Purpose of the report:**

To provide a “pledge on a page” overview of two pledges recently completed. For Cabinet to note completion of pledges;

- Pledge 79 - We will create more parking spaces in the West End to help support local businesses.
  - Pledge 100 - We will re-commit Plymouth to become a carbon neutral city by 2050.
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### **Corporate Plan**

Pledge updates compliment reporting against the Corporate Plan. Pledge completion is undertaken fully in line with the Council’s values.

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

All resource implications have been considered and incorporated within the MTFs and Business Plans.

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

Pledge completions complement the Council’s existing policy framework with respect to the above.

### **Equality and Diversity**

Where potential equality and diversity implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from the pledge completion, assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council’s policies.

### **Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:**

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**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

None:- This update forms part of the Council's agreed performance management framework.

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**Published work / information:****Background papers:**

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pledge 79									
Pledge 100									

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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member Giles Perritt													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													

# FOR THE CITY CENTRE

## Pledge 79 – More parking in the West End

**What we said we will do:** We will create more parking spaces in the West End to help support local businesses.

**What we wanted to achieve:** Delivery of a significant number of additional parking spaces in the West End of the City to provide improved accessibility to shops to support local businesses in the area.

**What we have done:** We have created over 190 new spaces in the West End.

On 24 September we re-opened the former Toys R Us car park, delivering 160 new spaces. Works also included a refurbishment of the former Toys R Us car park through the remarking and signing of the car park, installation of new CCTV linked to the Council's CCTV Centre, new payment systems which accept coins, card and the ability to pay by mobile phone, alongside a complete spruce-up with fresh paint.

This work swiftly followed a review of existing West End car parks (City Market, Woolworths East and Woolworths West) where we were able to increase parking by a further 30 parking spaces.

We have delivered additional support at Christmas; from 15 December, parking will be £1 from 3pm for each late night Thursday leading up to Christmas at Western Approach car park. This concession is aimed at getting families to come into the West End, straight from the school run, to take advantage of the £1 fee.

**What's next:** We will deliver further improvements to the City Market and Mayflower West parking for Christmas. We are currently consulting on further changes to support West End businesses and advertising proposals to deliver further changes, such as extending the maximum stay at the City Market from one to two hours. This recognises the additional eateries available at the market where people may need that little bit longer. We are also introducing short stay 'shoppers' tariffs' at the Mayflower West car park, which will mean that more parking is available to shoppers to support the West End.

### Find out more!

Here are some news stories about our work to deliver the pledge:

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/toys-r-us-parking-u/>

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/late-night-christmas-shoppers-can-park-pound-western-approach/>

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/changes-two-city-centre-car-parks-help-shoppers-visitors/>



# FOR A GREENER, CLEANER PLYMOUTH

## Pledge 100 – A Carbon Neutral City by 2050

**What we said we would do:** We will re-commit Plymouth to become a carbon neutral city by 2050.

**What we wanted to achieve:** Play our role in combatting climate change by reducing our carbon footprint.

**What we have done:** Plymouth has renewed its pledge to not only be a carbon neutral city by 2050 but to halve emissions by 2034.

500 homes have been installed with more energy-efficient LED lights (7,000 light bulbs), draught excluders, hot water cylinder jackets, heating controls and energy monitors. Plymouth Energy Community Advisors have helped families save on average £283 by switching energy suppliers.

More than 30 schools and community buildings have solar installations, saving them £80,000 last year. In the last two years, 10 schools and community buildings, including Mount Edgumbe, had over £200,000 of LED lighting installed, saving more than £42,000 from their energy bills.

We have carried out exploratory drilling in the city centre to see if hot rock could help heat offices and regeneration projects, reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Our Plymotion team encourage people to try cleaner, cheaper and healthier travel. We have invested in more bus lanes and cycle routes so that people can leave their cars at home. Finally, we helped to install 24 electric charge points, including 12 in public car parks and other locations such as Derriford Hospital, Mount Gould Hospital, Cumberland and Thornberry Centres, and City College Plymouth – all for public use.

**What's next:** The Council has many more plans in the pipeline, including expanding levels of renewable energy, making another 500 homes more energy efficient, providing new heating to 200 more homes through our Warm Homes Fund, and driving a step change in the use of low carbon transport.

More electric charging points are on the cards, with a charge point at the Plymouth Road Lidl store and one at the new retail park at Marsh Mills secured as part of planning permissions. Finally, new industrial units are also being built to a more environmentally friendly specification.

### Find out more!

Here is a news story about our work to deliver the pledge:

<http://plymouthnewsroom.co.uk/plymouth-marks-10th-anniversary-climate-change-act/>

