

# COMPLETED PLEDGES UPDATE

Cabinet



Date:	11 June 2019
Title of Report:	Completed Pledges Update
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Labour Group was elected as the administration for Plymouth City Council at the local elections on 3 May 2018 and renewed that democratic mandate on 2 May 2019.

The administration continues with their four year programme to deliver against the 100 pledges from their 2018 manifesto for a better, greener and fairer Plymouth.

The following pledges have recently been completed and a “pledge on a page” overview prepared:

- **Pledge 21:** We have safeguarded the airport land in the local plan and we make a clear and unequivocal statement that we will continue to fight any attempts by developers to build on the runway.
- **Pledge 35:** The delay in re-opening the pedestrian footbridge at Sutton Harbour has caused real damage to our tourist economy. We will work with Sutton Harbour Holdings, who own the bridge, and the Environment Agency, who own the lock gates, to repair and re-open the foot bridge as soon as possible.
- **Pledge 51:-** We will continue to train Council staff in dementia awareness and encourage other public bodies to do the same.
- **Pledge 55:** Loneliness is a growing problem, and its effects were highlighted by the late Jo Cox MP. Far too many people in Plymouth face life in isolation without human contact. We will work with charities, social care providers and others to publish an action plan to ease loneliness.
- **Pledge 57:** We will adopt the ‘safer places scheme’ that provides people with learning disabilities with a safe place to go if they feel anxious, or face verbal abuse, harassment or bullying.
- **Pledge 58:** The staff at Derriford Hospital and in our NHS do a superb job, but there is far too much demand and not enough of them. We will work with health partners to provide more care in local communities to help prevent admission to hospital. When someone has been in Derriford or Mount Gould we will seek to speed up their discharge and receive care in their own home or other care setting by working to integrate services better.
- **Pledge 59:** It is a scandal that there are 8,000 people in Plymouth waiting for an NHS dentist. More than 20% of **those** waiting are children. We will continue to support the inclusion of oral health and hygiene in the child poverty action plan, and we will look to work with the Peninsula

Dental School at Plymouth University, the Director of Public Health and dental professionals to provide more dental services in our city.

### **Recommendations and Reasons**

Cabinet are invited to note the completion of seven pledges in April and May (21,35,51,55,57,58,59)

Cabinet are asked to confirm that the 100 Pledges, which have informed development of the Corporate Plan, continue to be recognised as adopted by the Council as part of delivery of the Corporate Plan.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

N/A

### **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The 100 Pledges and manifesto priorities continue to informed development and delivery of the Corporate Plan and therefore have been adopted by the Council as part of delivery of the Corporate Plan.

### **Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

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

### **Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

Pledge completions complement the Council's existing policy framework with respect to the above. However, where potential environmental implications are identified from the implementation of any new activities arising from pledge delivery, assessments will be undertaken in line with the Council's policies.

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

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

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### **Appendices**

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### Background papers:

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