

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	12 October 2021
Title of Report:	The Administration's commitments: August to December 2021
Lead Member:	Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
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Purpose of Report

The Conservative Administration has identified 86 commitments to Build Back Better in Plymouth, and within the first 100 days following election has delivered 22 of these commitments. The focus is now on a further 38 identified commitments that will be delivered by the end of December 2021. This report sets out in Appendix A progress in respect of these 38 commitments, one commitment is already complete, the completed commitment is;

- 8. We will appoint a "City Tree Champion" to promote the planting of numerous new trees throughout the city and maintain our existing specimen trees. We will plant 2021 trees in our first year to improve air quality, increase biodiversity and improve our health and wellbeing.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Cabinet:

1. Agrees and endorses the completion of commitment number eight identified in this report.
2. Endorses the progress made against the remaining 37 commitments.

The Leader and Cabinet wish to demonstrate delivery at pace against the Administration's commitments to improvements across a range of services which are important to residents, visitors and businesses.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not to produce a plan. Without the formal agreement and publication of a defined set of actions, there is a risk of slippage against commitments and a lack of transparency.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The commitments set out at Appendix A relate to the revised priorities set out in the Corporate Plan which was adopted by the Council on 14 June 2021

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Most commitments will be delivered from within existing revenue and capital resources. Where there are new resource implications, decisions will be made about allocation of resources in line with the Council's decision making procedures. Where delegated decisions are required in order to implement specific commitments, financial implications will be set out as part of the decision making process in accordance with the Council's constitution.

Financial Risk

Financial risks will be considered within the existing revenue or capital resources. Where a decision is required the risks will be considered as part of the decision making process.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Environmental sustainability is a key priority of the new administration, and the waste management, recycling and traffic management commitments are specifically aimed at reducing the city's carbon footprint.

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.*

The commitments make specific contributions to community safety, inclusion, community engagement, increased support for the vulnerable and improved educational standards for children and young people.

We have given due regard to our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The commitment to fast track applications to the blue badge scheme, disabled facility grants and parking spaces for those with terminal illness will have a positive impact on people with disabilities. Securing a sustainable funding settlement for Adult Social Care will contribute to better outcomes for people with disabilities and the agenda to empower local people has the potential to contribute to better outcomes for communities sharing protected characteristics.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	The Administration's commitments: August to December 2021							

Background papers:

**Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

Title of any background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)
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Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 05/10/2021											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Nick Kelly Date approved: 07/10/2021											