

## **Equalities Consultation deadline approaching...**

Equalities and community cohesion means being a truly inclusive city where everyone can live free from discrimination, have fair and equal access to services, and where people from different backgrounds get on well together. Views are being sought on the most important things that need to be done to improve equalities and community cohesion. To take part in the consultation please visit

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/communitycohesion> but hurry as the consultation ends on Monday 7 December 2009.

There will also be an interactive event on Thursday 7 January, 2010 between 10am and 12.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Rhian Edwards on 01752 304321, or email [rhian.edwards@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:rhian.edwards@plymouth.gov.uk) for more details

## **Our Vision**

**“One of Europe’s finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.”**

## **Alcohol: Safe, Sensible, Social**

The LSP Forum held on November 18th at Plymouth Pavilions focussed on health issues surrounding alcohol. Over 60 participants heard from a number of speakers and perspectives across the themes of the LSP in recognition of the cross cutting position that alcohol has within the work of the Partnership.

Many acknowledge that alcohol has a positive role to play within society. However, alcohol-related harm is of concern to the whole community. Many in society drink to a level that creates a risk to health, relationships and the safety of others. Alcohol misuse also has a significant impact on local communities and especially young people and children. In addition, the health, social and financial costs of alcohol are much higher for some communities than others.

This LSP Forum examined the current challenges of this age old social drug and considered what more can be done to reduce the harm that it can cause. The Forum contributed to the work currently being undertaken on the revised Alcohol Strategy for the city through a workshop session. The Forum also heard from the recently formed Plymouth Alcohol Alliance which will be the vehicle for coordinating the work of different organisations

There is a great deal of work being undertaken by organisations and individuals in the city to prevent and alleviate harm resulting from the use and abuse of alcohol. The challenge set out in the Government’s ‘Safe, Sensible, Social, the next steps in the National Alcohol Strategy. 2007’ is to minimise health harms, violence and anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol, while ensuring that people are able to enjoy alcohol safely and responsibly. For further information please contact Neil Boot on 01752 315770 or email; [neil.boot@plymouth.nhs.uk](mailto:neil.boot@plymouth.nhs.uk)

## **Be Compact Aware**

The Plymouth Compact is an agreement between local public sector bodies and the Third sector (voluntary and community groups) to support and improve partnership working. The Compact and Codes have been approved and adopted by Plymouth 2020.

The Compact document sets out the broad principles and is supported by Codes of Practice which aim to improve practice in relation to:

- ◆ Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
- ◆ Consultation
- ◆ Funding and Procurement

The codes contain specific undertakings for each sector, as well as a series of joint undertakings, which aim to make a positive impact on partnership working in the city. For further information and copies of the Compact and Codes of Practice please visit our website.

## **Dive in and give Plymouth’s leisure facilities a sporting chance**

Based on previous research and consultation, the draft Plymouth Sports Facility Strategy and Plymouth Aquatics Strategy have been prepared during a very exciting time for sport and leisure in the city, as we move closer to the development of the Life Centre.

The purpose of both strategies is to review existing sports and swimming activity provision alongside current facilities to determine what needs to change and improve in the future. In line with Plymouth City Council’s Corporate Improvement Priority 6 - ‘providing more and better culture and leisure activities’, Culture, Sport and Leisure are aiming to

improve opportunities for both residents and visitors to Plymouth to access high quality sporting and swimming facilities which meet a wide range of needs and levels of performance.

12 week consultations are taking place on both draft strategies. Summary and full versions of the documents, along with options for responding can be viewed as follows:

#### **Plymouth Sports Facility Strategy until 22 January 2010**

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sportsfacilitystrategy>

#### **Plymouth Aquatics Strategy until 8 February 2010**

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/aquaticsstrategy>

Alternatively, contact Culture, Sport and Leisure on 01752 307057 for more information.

You are invited to give your views and comments on both of these strategies. This will help to produce and implement final versions of the documents that both meet and agree with the vision and aspirations of the city.

### **Plymouth 2020 Executive Group Update**

The Executive discussed proposed changes to the membership of the Board and Executive with a view to clarifying roles and responsibilities and improving representation and decision making. The paper was recommended for approval to the Plymouth 2020 Board.

A second paper was also discussed covering an update on the planning workshops held by the four Theme Groups. Further planning work is now being undertaken by the Theme Groups and work will also be undertaken to clarify the governance and membership of Theme Groups. This work is due for completion by April next year.

Other reports received by the Executive in November were:

**Local Area Agreement (LAA)** A summary of how Plymouth 2020 is performing against Local Area Agreement targets for the period 1 April 2009-30 Sept 2009. The report also discussed ways to improve and strengthen the approach to performance management. The Executive also received an update on the arrangements for the 2009/10 LAA review and refresh process.

**Climate Change Action Plan** - The Executive endorsed the plan subject to exploring the resourcing implications and its impact on deprived communities. It was recommended for approval to the Plymouth 2020 Board.

**Locality Working:** The Executive agreed to support the proposed Locality model and the establishment of six locality service coordination teams.

**Total Place Pilot Study:** The report outlined the proposed Total Place Pilot Study being developed for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth.

### **Dates for the diary**

- **Plymouth 2020 Board** 4 December
- **Wealthy Theme Group** 14 December
- **Safe and Strong Theme Group** 14 January
- **Plymouth 2020 Executive Group** 27 January
- **Wise Theme Group** 25 February
- **Healthy Theme Group** 24 February

### **Welcome...**

Lorna Randles, who is taking over the role as Partnership Administrator from Jo Deering. You can contact Lorna on 01752 307988 or [lorna.randles@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.randles@plymouth.gov.uk)

### **Christmas Office Hours**

The LSP Office will close on 24 December 2009 and reopen on 4 January 2010. Core Council Services will be operating during this period and can be contacted on 01752 668000 or by email: [enquiries@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@plymouth.gov.uk)

**Cut off for submission of articles for the next newsletter is 18 December please send any articles to [isp@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:isp@plymouth.gov.uk)**

## ***Seasons greetings to one and all from your LSP Support Team***



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