




# COUNCIL DECISION MADE BY A COUNCIL OFFICER



## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OFFICER

Decision	
<b>1</b>	<b>Title of decision:</b> Designating a Neighbourhood Forum and a Neighbourhood Boundary for Plympton St. Mary
<b>2</b>	<b>Decision maker (Council officer name and job title):</b> Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place
<b>3</b>	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Jessica Vaughan, Planning Officer, E-Mail: <a href="mailto:jessica.vaughan@plymouth.gov.uk">jessica.vaughan@plymouth.gov.uk</a> DL: 01752 308986
<b>4</b>	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> To agree to designate the Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Boundary at Plympton St. Mary, the boundary being the Plympton St. Mary ward.
<b>5</b>	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> Pursuant to Section 61F(5) and 61F(7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the Council should approve the designation of the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Forum and Boundary for the following reasons:  The forum meets all the needed criteria, it has a written constitution which coincides with our emerging policies in the Plymouth Plan and has at least 21 individual members who either live in the area, are ward councillors, are part of a community group or work in the area.  The area boundary is deemed acceptable due to its already established status as a ward boundary which makes geographical sense.
<b>6</b>	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> To refuse to designate the neighbourhood area as applied for because it is considered to be inappropriate. The Council cannot refuse a valid application for an area outright, the Localism Act 2011 (c.20), Schedule 9 — Neighbourhood planning, Part 1 — Neighbourhood development orders section 61G(5) states that the Local Planning Authority must “exercise their power of designation so as to secure that some or all of the specified area forms part of one or more areas designated (or to be designated) as neighbourhood areas”.
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial implications:</b> Supporting the Neighbourhood Planning process is a statutory function of the Neighbourhood Planning team within Strategic Planning and Infrastructure (SP&I). The costs arising relate to staff time and are covered by existing SP&I core budgets  The Council can also apply for financial support for every Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Boundary which is designated, amounting to £5,000 respectively from the government <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/23-million-to-get-more-neighbourhood-plans-across-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/23-million-to-get-more-neighbourhood-plans-across-england</a> this is something which will applied for and will ease the Council’s internal costs.

8	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	Supporting Communities		
<b>Consultation</b>				
9	Have you briefed the Cabinet member?	Yes	(No is not an option) (Complete section 9a)	
9a	Please confirm which Cabinet member you have briefed.	Cllr Mark Cocker		
10	Are any other Cabinet Members affected by the decision?	Yes	X	(If yes, complete sections 11 and 12)
		No		(If no, go to section 13)
11	Which other Cabinet Member is affected?	Cllr Phillipa Davey		
12	Please confirm that this Cabinet Member been consulted.	Yes	X	(No is not an option)
13	Please confirm which Corporate Management Team member(s) has been consulted.	Name and title	Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place	
14	Please include the sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Finance	ABPlaceFPD1516 012.130116.	
		Legal	LS/24721/JP/Jan 16	
		Human Resources		
		Corporate Property		
		IT		
		Procurement		
<b>Other Information</b>				
15	Is the decision in accordance with an Equalities Impact Assessment?	Yes	X	(Attach the EIA to the decision)
<b>Briefing report</b>				
16	Is the briefing report attached?	✓		(No is not an option)
	List (and include a hyper link) to published work/information used to prepare the report.	<a href="#">Plympton St. Mary Neighbourhood Plan boundary</a> [5.5MB]  <a href="#">Plympton St. Mary Designation of Plan Area application form</a> [47KB]  <a href="#">Plympton St. Mary Forum application form</a> [60KB]  <a href="#">Plympton St. Mary Forum final constitution</a> [19KB]		

[Localism Act 2011](#)

Sustainable Linked Communities policy, Policy CS01

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/environmentandplanning/planning/planningpolicy/ldf.htm>

[Full Council 22/7/13\(30\)](#)

[NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS AND AREAS PDF 148 KB](#)

[View the declarations of interest for item 30.](#)

The Director for Corporate Services and the Director for Place will submit a report on the neighbourhood planning process relating to Neighbourhood Forums and Areas.

Additional documents:

[Webcast for 30.](#)

Minutes:

The report of the Directors for Corporate Services and Place was submitted on Neighbourhood Planning: Neighbourhood Forums and Areas and Councillor Vincent (Cabinet Member for Environment) moved the recommendation in the written report for approval.

The recommendation was seconded by Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Cooperatives and Community Development) who indicated that the responsibility had been delegated to local authorities but had not been funded in full.

Agreed to grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director for Planning Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Cooperatives and Community Development, to publicise applications for Neighbourhood Forums and Areas, to consider representations and to determine the applications.

(Councillor Wheeler declared a private interest in respect of the above item).

**Council officer signature**

**17** I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan.

**Signature**



**Date of decision**

25/1/16

**Print Name**

ANTHONY PAYNE.