

Welcome

Catch up on key decisions and forthcoming opportunities to influence policy and service design.



Take the challenge to quit smoking...

The Primary Care Trust Smoking Advice Service challenged the public to 'quit for a week' on national No Smoking Day in March through the promotion of activities and events in the city. These activities involved local community groups, Plymouth Argyle, the Fire Service and many more partners. They were well attended with a lot of people vowing to take the challenge. The Smoking Advice Service is looking forward to seeing them come along to the new Guildhall drop-in on Saturday mornings 11-1pm. Advisers will be there for the next eight weeks giving advice and support to people to help them quit. Nicotine Replacement Therapy will be available to those who are eligible. For further information please contact Sarah Wyatt on 01752 314040 or sarah.wyatt@pcs-tr.swest.nhs.uk.

Olympic Minister visits Stonehouse Gym

It's not often that a government minister calls into Union Street for a quick 30 minute visit and then stays for almost an hour. That's just what Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell did recently when she called in to the Stonehouse Community Gym based in the HQ building. Accompanied by Linda Gilroy MP they stopped and chatted to people using the gym and then had a go on the treadmill, weights and stability ball.

Neighbourhood Renewal Funding and several years of hard work established the community gym in Stonehouse to help people become fitter and healthier in friendly surroundings with expert help on hand. With 180 adult members and 27 junior members (aged 11-16), the Gym not only operates a fitness suite, but has also delivered activities in local primary schools and community settings.

For further information please contact Rhea Brooke on 01752 220200



Our Vision

Plymouth will be recognised as "one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone."

Driving growth in the medical and healthcare sector

The Plymouth Medical & Healthcare Sector is highlighted in the Plymouth Economic Strategy as a major source of growth for the city. A group drawn from private and public sector organisations has come together to explore and drive this growth. The group is chaired by Tamar Science Park Chief Executive and member of the LSP Wealthy theme group Nigel Halford. All key players within this sector will be invited to input into this work to establish their key objectives and then to develop an action plan. Carolyn Bruce-Spencer has been appointed as the co-ordinator to facilitate and guide their actions and can be contacted on 01752 764418 or CBruce-Spencer@sciencepark.org.uk

Success at continuing neighbourhood renewal projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal (NRF) and Cleaner, Safer, Greener (CSG) Funds both end on 31st March 2008. Over the past two years, Plymouth 2020 have managed the combined spend of £7.5m of NRF and CSG in the priority neighbourhoods of Barne Barton, Stonehouse, North Prospect and the City Centre.

We are delighted to report that so far 37 of the 43 innovative projects commissioned will continue. We are now gathering information, photographs, customer testimonials, for NRF and CSG projects and plan to celebrate these successes at the LSP Forum event on 21st May 2008. If you can help please contact Lucy Davis on 01752 304007 .

City Development Company now online

Find out who's who and what's what in relation to the newly formed City Development Company at www.plymouthcdc.org.uk

Get up the creek!

The great outdoors is greener and more attractive for people living in Barne Barton as Kit Hill Park and Kinterbury Creek County Wildlife Site have both benefited by improvements funded with £210,000 from the Safer Stronger Communities Fund and inspired by the local community.

A friends group is now planned for the site and the local community is keen to make use of it including the new Riverside Primary School and a new health walking initiative



Forthcoming events:

- 2nd April 2008 - LSP Executive Group
- 30th April 2008 - Wise theme group
- 22nd April 2008 - Wealthy theme group
- 30th April 2008 - Healthy theme group
- 21st May 2008 - LSP Forum
- 22nd May 2008 Safe and Strong Theme Group Event
- 13th June 2008 - LSP Board

Comings and goings...

We would like to wish **Pippa Ferguson at Government Office South West** good luck in her secondment to government department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, where she will be managing the interface between BERR and regional partnerships and bodies along with taking forward the Sub-national Review of Economic Development and Regeneration.

Welcome to **Andrew Seedhouse** who will take over from Pippa as Plymouth Locality Manager and as lead for the LSP and the LAA.

Planning for change

Check out what physical plans are going on in the city and how you can get involved by reading the newsletter from the local development framework team available online at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldfgetinvolved

Time to vote for your LSP community representative

Plymouth Community Partnership manages the LSP's community engagement programme. The Safe and Strong Communities Theme Group now has a vacancy for a community representative due to the retirement of Margaret Nash. Those standing for election are:

1. Sallyann Ball, Adelaide Community Project
2. Martin Clay, North Prospect Partnership
3. Geoff Leeming, Harbour Drug & Alcohol Services
4. Gill Tishler, Plymouth Citizen's Advice Bureau

Voting deadline is Friday 11 April 2008 at 5pm. Further information can be obtained from Rachel Silcock on 01752 202590 or email rachel@pcp.org.uk

Deadline for items for the next newsletter – 15 April 2008



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