



Action Plan for Plymouth City Council

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1. Part I – General information

Project: 2050 CliMobCity

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2. Part II - Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:		Investment for Growth and Jobs programme
		European Territorial Cooperation programme
	X	Other regional development policy instrument

Name of the policy instrument(s) addressed:

Local Transport Plan (as incorporated into the Plymouth Plan, including the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP))

Further details on the policy context and the way the action plan should contribute to improve the policy instruments:

Plymouth City Council is required under UK law to produce and periodically renew a Local Transport Plan setting out its transport strategy and policies, and how it intends to implement these. Plymouth City Council has chosen to incorporate its Local Transport Plan into the city's overarching strategic plan (the Plymouth Plan) which includes the city's spatial planning strategy - the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP. The JLP was formally adopted in 2019 and will be reviewed in time for re-adoption in 2024. Opportunities will be taken to leverage the learning outcomes from Plymouth City Council's participation in the 2050 CliMobCity project in the formal, multi-stage Local Transport Plan (JLP) policy review process.



3. Part III - Details of the actions envisaged

Participation in the 2050 CliMobCity project has provided learning opportunities in relation to a wide range of specific sustainable transport projects and initiatives that have been delivered or are being developed by our partner cities in the project as part of their plans to decarbonise mobility. The mobility and carbon modelling of a transport measure package has provided valuable insights and perspective in terms of the likely impacts of current and potential approaches to decarbonising mobility at the city level. Through this Action Plan Plymouth City Council seek to identify opportunities for delivery of new or improved sustainable transport initiatives in our city (both during and beyond the Action Plan period). We also seek to systematically leverage the insights from the mobility and carbon modelling to deliver concrete improvements to our policy instrument via the formal, multistage policy review process. This will eventually culminate in the adoption of an updated policy instrument in 2024 that will be vital to achieving our Climate Emergency goal to achieve net zero by 2030

2.1. Proposed actions

Action	Summary description			
Mobility Hubs	Commence construction of Plymouth's Mobility Hubs network (included as			
	action 3.35 in Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan			
	(CEAP3 (2022)).			
Assess 2050 CliMobCity projects	Systematically assess other projects explored / showcased within the 2050			
for delivery	CliMobCity project for potential inclusion in Plymouth City Council's			
	Climate Emergency Action Plan 4 (CEAP4 (2023)).			
Leverage project findings	Fully leverage project findings to strengthen the policy instrument through			
	the formal, multi-stage review process.			

2.2.1. Action 1: Mobility Hubs

Introduction / background

Plymouth City Council secured £51.2 million from Tranche 2 of the UK Department of Transport's (DfT) Transforming Cities Fund in March 2020 to deliver a programme of interventions that will provide active and low carbon mobility opportunities throughout Plymouth. Part of this DfT funding, totalling £9.8 million, will be used to deliver a network of Mobility Hubs across the city. Learning gained from participation in the 2050 CliMobCity project is directly informing the detailed planning and design of this Mobility Hub project.

Mobility Hubs will be delivered at up to 50 carefully selected locations across the city. Depending on the needs and opportunities of each location Mobility Hubs will feature electric vehicle (EV) charging points, electric bikes, car club vehicles, journey planning, bike parking and security measures (lighting, CCTV).



ACTION 1:	Commence construction of Plymouth's Mobility Hubs network (included as			
	action 3.35 in Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan			
	(CEAP3 (2022)).			
1 Relevance to the project	Learning gained from participation in the 2050 CliMobCity project has proved			
	valuable in informing the planning and design of Plymouth's Mobility Hub			
	project. A presentation was given by project partners from Leipzig on their			
	city's Mobility Hub project in (check meeting and date). Following this			
	meeting, further information was obtained by the Plymouth City Council team			
	on the practical implementation of the project in Leipzig. In addition, a			
	presentation was given in Utrecht during the kick off meeting in September			
	2019 by Lomboxnet on the implementation of vehicle to grid vehicle charging			
	infrastructure which helped the Plymouth City Council team to understand			
	the issues and opportunities arising from using this technology. The design			
	of the Mobility Hubs then started in October 2021, utilising the learning			
	gained, in particular with respect to the location of the Hubs in relation to			
	other public transport infrastructure, the branding of the Hubs, the size of the			
	Hubs and the technologies used. The way in which car sharing, bike share			
	schemes and EV charging stations are integrated in Leipzig provided useful			
	insight that has directly shaped the Mobility Hubs in Plymouth. Detailed			
	design of the hubs will commence in September 2022 and construction of			
	the hubs will start in March 2023.			
2 Nature of the action	The Mobility Hub project is required to be delivered by March 2023, as			
	defined by the terms of the UK Department for Transport grant funding			
	agreement. Construction will commence in summer 2022, with operation			
	starting at some sites by March 2023. Plymouth City Council has sole			
	responsibility for designing and delivering the network of Hubs. The project			
	will help the Council to deliver on its Climate Emergency objectives and also			
	its Local Transport Plan, which forms part of the city's overarching strategic			
	plan (the Plymouth Plan).			
2b. Estimated impact	An economic impact assessment of the project generated a Benefit Cost			
•	Ratio of 5.24, representing very high value for money. The project aims to			
	replace over 1 million car miles per year with e-bike usage and 800,000 car			
	miles per year with electric car club vehicles.			
2c. Relations	None			
3 Stakeholders involved	Plymouth City Council is working in partnership with a range of delivery			
	partners including Beryl (rental e-bikes), Bikespace CIC (e-bike servicing),			
	Gamma Energy Limited (EV charge points) and Co Cars (car club vehicles).			
3b. Responsible Actor	John Green, Low Carbon City Officer, Plymouth City Council			
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4 Timeframe	Since September 2019 - Content of hub planning influenced by 2050			
	CliMobCity			
	Summer 2022 – Construction commences			
	Spring 2023 – Operation commences at some Mobility Hub sites			
	We envisage that 10 Hubs will be fully operational during Spring 2023. We			
	will monitor the progress of the construction and the launch of each of the			
	individual Hubs.			
5 Costs	£11.6m			
6 Funding sources	£9.8m – UK Department for Transport (Transforming Cities Fund)			
	£1.8m – Private sector and other match funding			
7 Priority The Mobility Hubs project is the flagship project within the City C				
	programme of Transforming Cities Fund initiatives. It is being given the			
	highest priority by the Council's officers and also the political leadership of			
	the Council.			

2.2.2. Action 2: Assess 2050 CliMobCity projects for inclusion in CEAP4 (2023).

Introduction / background

At the conclusion of Phase 1 (2019-2022) of the project, we will review all projects explored via site visits, in person presentations and online presentations for potential incorporation into Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) 4 (2023).

Plymouth City Council produced its first annual Climate Emergency Action Plan in 2020 setting out the actions it and key partners planned to deliver during that year to take the city towards its goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030. This plan will be renewed with new or updated actions every year until 2030.

During the CliMobCity project meetings, partners had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of examples of new and best practice in sustainable transport project planning and delivery through site visits, in person presentations and online presentations. These will be systematically reviewed and consideration given to whether any actions relating to them can be incorporated into CEAP4 (2023)

ACTION 2:	Systematically assess other projects explored / showcased within the 2050		
	CliMobCity project for potential inclusion in Plymouth City Council's Climate		
	Emergency Action Plan 4 (2023).		
1 Relevance to the project	Seeking to maximise interregional learning experiences this action will		
	ensure that opportunities to learn and borrow good / best practice from		
	project partners are identified and exploited to deliver mobility-related carbon		
	reduction outcomes in Plymouth.		



2 Nature of the action	At the conclusion of Phase 1 of the project / commencement of Phase 2 of			
	the project (August 2022) PCC officers will undertake a thorough review of			
	all presentations and notes relating to all the projects explored / showcased			
	during the project meetings. Any projects that are assessed as having			
	potential for inclusion in CEAP 4 (2023) will be taken forward for further			
	discussion and consideration. CEAP 4 (2023) will be published in December			
	2022.			
2b. Estimated impact	Dependent upon whether any measures are identified as suitable for			
	inclusion in CEA4 4 and what they are.			
2c. Relations	Information regarding projects showcased / explored within the 2050			
	CliMobCity project that are not progressed through CEAP4 but are assessed			
	as being potentially valuable and applicable in Plymouth in the medium / long			
	term will be considered in the policy review and development activities within			
	Action 3.			
3 Stakeholders involved	None.			
3b. Responsible Actor	Daniel Forster, Transport Planning Officer, Plymouth City Council			
4 Timeframe	August 2022 – Undertake review of projects.			
	Summer / autumn 2022 – Discuss projects identified as having potential for			
	inclusion in CEAP4 with officers responsible for the CEAP content.			
5 Costs	No costs other than staff time.			
6 Funding sources	N/A.			
7 Priority	Medium. Must ensure that projects identified as having potential for			
	inclusion in CEAP4 are fed into the CEAP development process in a timely			
	manner.			

2.2.3. Action 3: Fully leverage project findings to strengthen the policy instrument through the formal, multi-stage review process

Introduction / background

ACTION 3:	Fully leverage the findings of Plymouth City Council's 2050 CliMobCity			
	mobility and carbon modelling work in the forthcoming formal policy review			
	of the JLP.			
1 Relevance to the project	Seeking to fully leverage the findings of Plymouth City Councils's 2050			
	CliMobCity mobility and carbon modelling work and maximise interregional			
	learning opportunities in pursuit of an improved policy instrument this action			
	will ensure that officers responsible for policy development and			
	implementation and relevant political decision-makers are aware of the key			



	learning outcomes of the project and take this evidence into account during		
	the forthcoming review of the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP.		
2 Nature of the action	Through direct engagement and collaboration with the JLP team as follows:		
2 Nature of the action			
	- The production of JLP scoping papers on (1) Sustainable Transport and		
	Active Travel and (2) The Climate Emergency. Aiming to improve JLP		
	policies, the scoping papers will identify issues and challenges focusing on		
	what has changed since the JLP was prepared, specifically considering the		
	Climate Emergency, current / emerging policy any new evidence.		
	Preparatory work, July to September 2022.		
	- Specific actions needed to address these issues and challenges will be		
	identified, new evidence to support any revised policy approach will be		
	reported to Members (including via the 5 December 2022 JLP Partnership		
	Board meeting to report key findings, gaps, and commissioning of any new		
	evidence, including learning from the 2050 CliMobCity Project. October 2022		
	to March 2023.		
	- Develop options for new or amended JLP policies, working with a wide		
	range of stakeholders, the public and elected members to test and explore		
	how policies could be amended. March 2023 to August 2023.		
2b. Estimated impact	Low impact in terms of direct reductions to carbon emission from mobility.		
	Direct impact on the policy difficult to estimate in advance, however, carbon		
	impacts will be addressed in the scoping papers.		
2c. Relations	Information regarding projects showcased / explored within the 2050		
	CliMobCity project that are not progressed through CEAP4 (Action 2) but are		
	assessed as being potentially valuable and applicable in Plymouth in the		
	medium / long term will be considered in the policy review and development		
	activities within Action 3.		
3 Stakeholders involved	None		
3b. Responsible Actor	Daniel Forster, Transport Planning Officer, Plymouth City Council		
4 Timeframe	August 2022 to August 2023		
5 Costs	No costs other than staff time.		
6 Funding sources	N/A.		
7 Priority	High. This action is fundamental to the aims of the project. It is urgent as		
	the review of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is		
	already underway and the window to influence the policy instrument is time		
	limited.		



4. Signatures

Action Plan for the region of Plymouth City Council

Date:			
Name of the organisation(s) : :			
Signatures of the relevant organisat	ion(s):	 _	