

# CITY CHANGE FUND REVIEW – PAPER THREE

Assessment Criteria, March 2021



To be eligible for funding through the City Change Fund each project must satisfy all seven of the Assessment Criteria set out below, plus an eighth should the project be seeking to access the Climate Emergency bonus:

**1. Has the project signed up to the Council's terms and conditions?**

In order to safeguard the use of publicly managed funds, a signed and dated copy of the terms and conditions for funding through the City Change Fund must be emailed to [citychangefund@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:citychangefund@plymouth.gov.uk) in advance of any pledge from the Fund being made.

**2. Does the project help address the demands that development places on an area?**

To meet legal requirements (Regulation 59C of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2013), the project needs to be for the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. This could include for example: projects which help address the need for local infrastructure; reduce any adverse impacts of development; or helping manage increased pressure on local services by enabling community action.

**3. Is the project based in Plymouth, or are at least 75 per cent of the people benefitting Plymouth residents?**

To be eligible the projects need to benefit the city and its people.

**4. Is it explained clearly what the money will be spent on?**

Where there is unspecified expenditure, or a lack of clarity about how the City Change Fund will be used, a pledge will not be made. A detailed budget breakdown is not required, but please provide an outline breakdown of how you are intending to spend the entire sum.

**5. Does the project promote community cohesion and/or economic, social or environmental wellbeing?**

Projects need to have demonstrable economic, social or environmental benefits to a local community and should be consistent with the Plymouth Plan's 'Welcoming City' value where 'Every person who lives in or visits the city will be treated fairly and with respect'. Projects whose intention is to convert people to particular religious, beliefs or philosophical positions will not be eligible for funding. Additionally, the Council will consider evidence of wider community support for the project, including the level of support provided by the crowd both before and once the project goes live.

**6. Does the project conflict with council policy or business?**

Projects that seek to challenge Council policies or decisions, undertake work that conflicts with the Council's policies (for example, the Plymouth Plan, its planning or estates policies, and its equalities and diversity policy), or negatively impact on the Council's ability to deliver its services, will not be supported through the CCF

**7. Does the project place any additional financial burdens on the City Council without securing its prior consent?**

Projects which add financial burdens to the Council's budgets will not be eligible for funding unless this impact has been agreed by the relevant Council department.

**8. ONLY RELEVANT TO PROJECTS SEEKING TO BENEFIT FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY BONUS**

**Is the primary purpose of the project to reduce carbon emissions, deliver carbon offsetting measures or increase the resilience of the city to the impacts of climate change, and/or will the project have demonstrable benefits in supporting local responses to the climate emergency?**

For projects that are making a significant contribution to Plymouth's efforts to respond to climate change, an additional pledge can be made by the Council from the City Change Fund as set out in Paper One. The project owner should provide information sufficient to substantiate any claims about their project making a significant contribution to this agenda and how the bonus will be used to further the city's response to the climate emergency.

Plymouth City Council reserves the right to amend these assessment criteria at any time.