Berrynarbor Parish Council

County Councillors Report

October 2026

Consultation on Plymouth's Membership of the Combined County Authority and Proposal for a Mayor

Residents, businesses and organisations across Devon, Torbay and Plymouth are being encouraged to take part in a public consultation on proposals for Plymouth City Council to become a full member of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (DTCCA).

The six-week consultation commenced on 16 September 2026 and will run until 28 October 2026, providing an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the proposals and their potential implications for the wider region.

The DTCCA was established in 2025 to enable local authorities to work together on strategic issues that extend beyond individual council boundaries. Its responsibilities include areas such as transport, housing, skills development, investment and economic growth. At present, Devon County Council and Torbay Council are full members of the authority, while Plymouth City Council participates without voting rights.

Should the proposal be approved, Plymouth City Council would become a full member of the DTCCA, with equal representation and decision-making powers alongside the existing member authorities.

The consultation also sets out proposals for the DTCCA to seek mayoral status from the Government. If approved, and subject to Plymouth joining the authority, a directly elected mayor would represent the wider Devon, Torbay and Plymouth area.

Please return any overdue library books

Library users across Devon will no longer face fines for returning books late, from Thursday 1 October 2026.

All existing overdue charges will also be removed, giving library users a clean slate.

Libraries Unlimited, the charity commissioned to run Devon's libraries, removed late fees for children and young people in 2022 to help remove barriers to reading. The change will now apply to all library users.

People are being encouraged to make the most of the change, while continuing to return or renew books on time so they remain available to others.

Storm Season is approaching…….

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Highways emergency number is 0345 155 1008

Environment agency Floodline 0845 988 1188

Flooding from sewers and water pipes; 0344 346 2020

Thank you to Martin for picking up the post for the vehicle activated sign. Very happy to look at any further suggestions for sites for the sign.

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