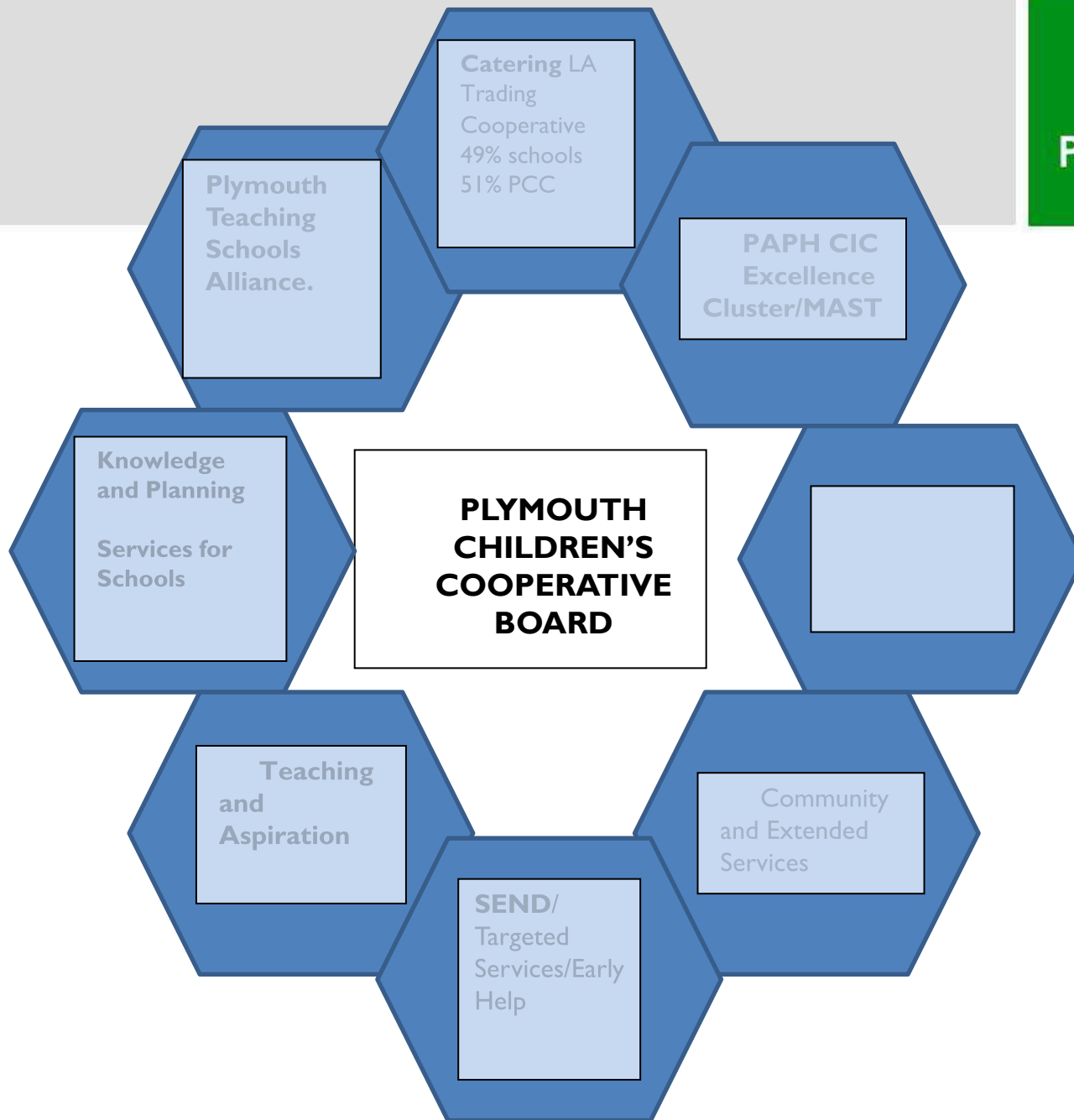




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An example in reality



In April 2013, following the delegation of budgets to schools, all schools* agreed to sustain the Council Education Catering Service by pooling budgets and moving forwards in a cooperative way.

From September 2014 the school meals service will be a cooperative venture between schools and the Council.

(*who use the service currently. Some 70% of the total number of schools in the city)

A growth area with roots in local supply and a focus on healthy choices



- The business plan for the new company forecasts a growth in the delivery of school meals from 1.5m per year to around 2.1m.
- All food has been procured with an emphasis on the cooperative values and using local suppliers who can guarantee sustainable, ethically produced products
- Although the Council owns 51% of the new company each member has a vote. This puts the majority of decision making into the hands of schools and stakeholders

Expanding into...



- More Community Meals being served ensuring the elderly can enjoy a healthy, freshly cooked meal at least once a day and retain contact with another person that day
- Liaison with the acute trust regarding delivery of non-specialist meals for those in hospital
- Investment in local facilities outside term time to bring healthy, good value meals to communities
- Helping communities with food projects and volunteering