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Monday 16 December 2019

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Council House, Plymouth

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Councillor Mrs Beer, Vice Chair

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Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

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- 8. Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 1 - 14)**
- 9. Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Review (Pages 15 - 26)**

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| Date of meeting: | 16 December 2019 |
| Title of Report: | Quarter 2 Capital Report 2019-20 |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) |
| Lead Strategic Director: | Andrew Hardingham (Service Director for Finance) |
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| Your Reference: | Fin/CF |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

The Capital report outlines the finance monitoring position of the Council as at the end of September 2019. The primary purpose of this report is to detail how the Council is delivering its capital resources and to approve relevant budget variations.

Recommendations and Reasons

Recommendation: That Council approves the revised five year Capital Budget (2019-2024) as at 30 September 2019 from £810.545m to £845.354m.

Reason: To ensure appropriate funding for adjustments within the Capital Programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – our Financial Regulations require us to produce regular monitoring of our finance resources.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Plymouth Plan remains the principal driver for the Council's capital programme. It contains the most ambitious set of proposals this City has ever seen. Primarily through its planning vehicle, the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, there are proposals to build 26,700 new homes across the area, create 13,200 new jobs, and to undertake an unprecedented major investment programme in modernising infrastructure including transport, schools and green spaces.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Robust and accurate financial monitoring underpins the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Council's Medium Term Financial Forecast is updated regularly based on on-going monitoring

information, both on a local and national context. Any adverse variations from the annual budget will place pressure on the MTFP going forward and require additional savings to be generated in future years.

Financing of council borrowing for the capital programme has been included in the MTFP.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None directly arising from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

The reducing revenue and capital resources across the public sector has been identified as a key risk within our Strategic Risk Register. The ability to deliver spending plans is paramount to ensuring the Council can achieve its objectives to be a Pioneering, Growing, Caring and Confident City.

Appendices

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| A | Capital Monitoring Report Q2 | | | | | | | |

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Andrew Hardingham, Service Director for Finance

Please confirm the Strategic Director has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 29/10/2019

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mark Lowry (verbally)

Date approved: 30/10/2019

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Capital Report Quarter 2 2019/20

The latest capital budget as at 30 June 2019 for the five years from 2019/20 to 2023/24 was £810.545m.

The capital budget has been adjusted to take into account some of the changes to the capital programme and adjustments to the income assumptions shown in table 1.

The five year capital budget 2019-2024 is currently forecasted at £845.354m as at 30 September 2019. This is set out in Table 1.

Current Capital Resources

Table 1 The Capital budget consists of the following elements:

| Description | £m |
|--|----------------|
| Capital Programme approved by CCIB | 314.450 |
| Income Assumptions * | 530.904 |
| Total Revised Capital Budget for Approval (2019-2024) | 845.354 |

* Estimate of income to be received to finance future capital projects

Within the approved budget (representing forecast resources), the Capital Programme represents projects that have been approved by the City Council Investment Board (CCIB). Project officers prepare detailed business cases and present them to the board and if approved the CCIB recommends them to the Leader for approval. Once the executive decision has been signed by the leader the projects are added to the Capital Programme for delivery.

Tables 2 and 3 below shows the revised capital programme for the period 2019-2024, as at the end of September 2019. Appendix 1 shows a detailed breakdown of the Capital Programme.

Revised Capital Programme

Table 2 Capital Programme by Directorate

| Directorate | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m |
| People | 8.274 | 0.187 | 0.172 | 0.172 | - | 8.805 |
| Place | 141.407 | 85.511 | 28.273 | 18.836 | 7.851 | 281.878 |
| Transformation & change | 9.935 | 2.565 | - | - | - | 12.500 |
| Public Health | 6.423 | 4.844 | - | - | - | 11.267 |
| Total | 166.039 | 93.107 | 28.445 | 19.008 | 7.851 | 314.450 |

Table 3: Capital Programme by Delivery Outcome

| Primary Outcome of Projects | £m |
|--|----------------|
| Securing Growth in the City Centre/Waterfront | 26.703 |
| Securing Growth in Derriford and the Northern Corridor | 64.335 |
| Securing Growth in the Eastern Corridor | 7.510 |
| Delivering More/Better Housing | 17.078 |
| Ensuring Essential City Infrastructure | 27.092 |
| Improving Neighbourhoods and Community Infrastructure | 5.347 |
| Ensuring Good Quality School Places | 3.631 |
| Growing the Economy | 19.150 |
| Delivering Oceansgate | 15.437 |
| Connecting the City | 31.263 |
| Celebrating Mayflower | 5.635 |
| Delivering The Box | 14.442 |
| Transforming Services | 76.827 |
| Total | 314.450 |

Recommendation

That Council approve the Capital Budget 2019-2024 is revised to £845.354 (as shown in Table 1)

Appendix I: Detailed Breakdown of the Capital Programme

| Approved Capital Programme | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Celebrating Mayflower | | | | | | |
| Mayflower 400 - Public Realm Improvements | 799 | - | - | - | - | 799 |
| Mayflower 400 – Public Realm Enabling | 2,102 | 512 | - | - | - | 2,614 |
| Mayflower 400 - Elizabethan House | 1,264 | - | - | - | - | 1,264 |
| Mayflower 400 - Monument | 450 | - | - | - | - | 450 |
| Mayflower 400 IT and CRM Systems | 310 | - | - | - | - | 310 |
| Mayflower 400 - Waterfront Event Infrastructure | 197 | - | - | - | - | 197 |
| Total Celebrating Mayflower | 5,123 | 512 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,635 |
| Connecting the City | | | | | | |
| Mayflower Coach Station | 20 | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Electric Car Charge Points | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| On Street electric Vehicle Charging | 50 | 500 | - | - | - | 550 |
| Cot Hill Bridge | 739 | 25 | - | - | - | 764 |
| Plymouth Rail Station Regeneration | 2,277 | 2,558 | 7,370 | 13,014 | 4,020 | 29,239 |
| Ply Railway Station Concourse (TCF) | 1,238 | - | - | - | - | 1,238 |
| Total Connecting the City | 4,326 | 3,083 | 7,370 | 13,014 | 4,020 | 31,813 |
| Delivering More/Better Housing | | | | | | |
| Self Build Housing Sites | 153 | - | - | - | - | 153 |
| North Prospect Phase 4 | 250 | 750 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| North Prospect Phase 5 | 950 | - | - | - | - | 950 |
| Bath Street | 170 | 1,663 | - | - | - | 1,832 |
| Plan for Homes | 738 | - | - | - | - | 738 |
| Plan for Homes 3 | 1,000 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 1,250 | 9,000 |
| Demolitions for Housing | 214 | - | - | - | - | 214 |
| Asbestos Claims by PCH | 696 | 500 | 500 | 400 | 400- | 2,496 |
| Extra Care Housing Support Millbay | 450 | - | - | - | - | 450 |
| How Street Specialist Housing Programme | 238 | - | - | - | - | 238 |
| Four Greens Wellbeing Hub | 7 | - | - | - | - | 7 |

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| Total Delivering More/Better Housing | 4,866 | 5,163 | 2,750 | 2,650 | 1,650 | 17,078 |
| Delivering Oceansgate | | | | | | |
| Oceansgate Remediation/separation works | 1,297 | - | - | - | - | 1,297 |
| Oceansgate Phase 1 Direct Development | 182 | - | - | - | - | 182 |
| Oceansgate Phase 2 Direct Development | 6,765 | 3,085 | - | - | - | 9,850 |
| Oceansgate Phase 2 Infrastructure | 988 | - | - | - | - | 988 |
| Oceansgate Phase 2 Offsite Drainage | 3,119 | - | - | - | - | 3,119 |
| Total Delivering Oceansgate | 12,352 | 3,085 | - | - | - | 15,437 |
| Delivering The Box | | | | | | |
| The Box | 13,625 | 816 | - | - | - | 14,442 |
| Total Delivering The Box | 13,625 | 816 | - | - | - | 14,442 |
| Ensuring Essential City Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| King George V Pedestrian and Walking Cycle Route | 262 | - | - | - | - | 262 |
| Mount Wise - Charge Point and Ticket Machine | 11 | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Bus Punctuality improvement plan (BPIP) | 14 | - | - | - | - | 14 |
| Prince Maurice Road Junction Improvements | 45 | - | - | - | - | 45 |
| TCF Tranche Phase I | 6,415 | - | - | - | - | 6,415 |
| S106 Transport Projects | 626 | - | - | - | - | 626 |
| Derriford Community Park | 87 | - | - | - | - | 87 |
| Ham Lane – flood Alleviation | 120 | - | - | - | - | 120 |
| European Marine Sites - Recreational Behaviour Changing Measures | 45 | 55 | - | - | - | 100 |
| Home Energy | 124 | 80 | 60 | - | - | 264 |
| Warm Homes | 617 | - | - | - | - | 617 |
| Civic Centre District Energy | 717 | - | - | - | - | 717 |
| Development Funding | 0 | 20 | 125 | 125 | - | 270 |
| Capitalised Maintenance Schemes | 7,105 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 15,105 |
| Local Safety Schemes | 251 | - | - | - | - | 251 |
| Living Streets | 247 | - | - | - | - | 247 |
| Keep Plymouth Moving | 235 | - | - | - | - | 235 |
| Visitor Signage | 36 | - | - | - | - | 36 |
| Flood defence Works | 36 | - | - | - | - | 36 |
| West Hoe Pier | 80 | - | - | - | - | 80 |

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| Co-operative & Mutuels Development Fund | 60 | 280 | 240 | 237 | 181 | 999 |
| Public Conveniences | 711 | | | | | 711 |
| Mount Edgcumbe Projects | 334 | - | - | - | - | 334 |
| Total Ensuring Essential City Infrastructure | 18,406 | 2,436 | 2,425 | 2,362 | 2,181 | 27,810 |
| Ensuring Good Quality School Places | | | | | | |
| Pomphlett Basic Need | 1,148 | - | - | - | - | 1,148 |
| Yealmpstone Farm Primary School Basic Need | 112 | - | - | - | - | 112 |
| Plymstock School Expansion | 2,370 | - | - | - | - | 2,370 |
| Total Ensuring Good Quality School Places | 3,238 | - | - | - | - | 3,631 |

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| Growing the Economy | | | | | | |
| Social Enterprise Fund | 255 | - | - | - | - | 255 |
| Langage Development Phase 2 | 29 | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| Langage Development Phase 3 | 565 | 2,187 | 10 | - | - | 2,762 |
| 39 Tavistock Place | - | 30 | - | - | - | 30 |
| ED Loans | 2,720 | - | - | - | - | 2,720 |
| Total Growing the Economy | 3,569 | 2,217 | 10 | - | - | 5,796 |
| Improving neighbourhoods and delivering community infrastructure / facilities | | | | | | |
| Barne Barton general amenity improvements | - | 164 | 4 | - | - | 164 |
| Active Neighbourhoods | 6 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Infrastructure Works at Honicknowle | 26 | - | - | - | - | 26 |
| Derriford Community Park | 469 | - | - | - | - | 469 |
| Play Pitch Projects | 704 | - | - | - | - | 704 |
| Central Park Improvements & Sports Plateau | 2,541 | - | - | - | - | 2,541 |
| Improving Outdoor Play | 826 | - | - | - | - | 826 |
| Dunstone Woods | 13 | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Blockhouse Park Playground | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Manadon Play Pitches | 246 | - | - | - | - | 246 |
| Plympton Swimming Pool | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Pool View | 96 | - | - | - | - | 96 |
| Children Centres | 250 | - | - | - | - | 250 |
| Total Improving neighbourhoods and delivering community infrastructure / facilities | 5,184 | 164 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,347 |
| Securing Growth in Derriford and Northern Corridor | | | | | | |
| Forder Valley Link Road | 17,576 | 17,565 | 10,873 | - | - | 46,014 |
| Forder Valley Interchange | 1,204 | 5,996 | 1,210 | - | - | 8,410 |
| Derriford Transport scheme | 19 | 3 | - | - | - | 23 |
| Charlton Road | 546 | - | - | - | - | 546 |
| Northern Corridor Junction Improvements | 83 | 379 | - | - | - | 462 |
| Woolwell to the George | 65 | - | - | - | - | 65 |
| Purchase of Properties in the North of Plymouth | 1,053 | 498 | 40 | - | - | 1,591 |
| Morlaix Drive Access Improvements | 1,112 | 3,485 | - | - | - | 4,597 |

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| Northern Corridor Strategic Cycle Network | - | 1,777 | 150 | 700 | - | 2,627 |
| Total Securing Growth in Derriford and Northern Corridor | 12,185 | 39,177 | 12,273 | 700 | 0 | 64,335 |

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| Securing Growth in the City Centre and Waterfront | | | | | | |
| Devonport Market High Tech 'Play Market' | 1,498 | + | - | - | - | 1,498 |
| Charles Cross | 5,173 | - | - | - | - | 5,173 |
| Public Realm Schemes | 1,240 | 6,390 | 3,316 | 110 | - | 11,056 |
| Millbay Boulevard & Associated Works | 4,705 | - | - | - | - | 4,705 |
| Cobourg House | 217 | - | - | - | - | 217 |
| Quality Hotel | 1 | 307 | - | - | - | 308 |
| Colin Campbell Court | 10 | 626 | - | - | - | 636 |
| Toys 'R Us | - | 1,273 | - | - | - | 1,273 |
| Contribution to Drake Leisure Public Realm | 923 | - | - | - | - | 923 |
| Contribution to Civic Centre Public Realm | - | 2,500 | - | - | - | 2,500 |
| Re-development of Old Town Street / New George Street East | 100 | 2,500 | - | - | - | 2,600 |
| City Centre Shop Fronts Grant Scheme | 166 | - | - | - | - | 166 |
| West End Public Realm | 74 | - | - | - | - | 74 |
| Total Securing Growth in the City Centre and Waterfront | 14,107 | 13,596 | 3,316 | 110 | 0 | 31,129 |
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| Securing Growth in the Eastern Corridor | | | | | | |
| Eastern Corridor Junction Improvements | 4,229 | - | - | - | - | 4,229 |
| Eastern Corridor Strategic Cycle Network | 1,238 | 1,534 | - | - | - | 2,772 |
| A379 Pomphlett to The Ride | 150 | 240 | 120 | - | - | 510 |
| Total Securing Growth in the Eastern Corridor | 5,617 | 1,774 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 7,510 |
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| Transforming Services | | | | | | |
| Barbican Footbridge | 46 | - | - | - | - | 46 |
| Street Services Information Management System | 164 | - | - | - | - | 164 |
| Fleet Replacement | 354 | - | - | - | - | 354 |
| Grass Cutting Equipment | 253 | - | - | - | - | 253 |
| Container Provision | 832 | - | - | - | - | 832 |
| Chelson Meadow Closure & Leachate Plant Upgrade | 163 | - | - | - | - | 163 |
| Asset Investment Fund | 43,911 | 11,511 | 8 | - | - | 55,430 |
| Highway Works at the Former Seaton Barrack site | 305 | - | - | - | - | 305 |

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| Disabled Facilities Grant | 2,481 | - | - | - | - | 2,481 |
| Bayview Electrical Safety Works | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Schools Condition Works | 60 | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| SEN Access and Safeguarding | 108 | 12 | - | - | - | 119 |
| Schools Devolved Formula & Projects | 700 | 175 | 172 | 172 | - | 1,220 |
| St Budeaux Library | 720 | - | - | - | - | 720 |
| ICT | 6,424 | 2,442 | - | - | - | 8,866 |
| Corporate Asset Maintenance | 314 | - | - | - | - | 314 |
| Other Corporate Property | 1,283 | 123 | - | - | - | 1,406 |
| Transformation Accommodation | 383 | - | - | - | - | 383 |
| Boiler Replacement Programme for Council Properties | 52 | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| Bereavement Infrastructure | 6,423 | 4,844 | - | - | - | 11,267 |
| Total Transforming Services | 65,027 | 19,107 | 180 | 172 | 0 | 84,486 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME | | | | | | |
| | 166,040 | 93,106 | 28,445 | 19,008 | 7,851 | 314,450 |
| Forecast future income streams | 60,871 | 102,221 | 131,337 | 50,076 | 186,399 | 530,904 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 226,911 | 195,327 | 159,782 | 69,084 | 194,250 | 845,354 |

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| Date of meeting: | 16 December 2019 |
| Title of Report: | Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Review |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader) |
| Lead Strategic Director: | Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) |
| Author: | Alison Ward |
| Contact Email: | alison.ward@plymouth.gov.uk |
| Your Reference: | N/A |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

This report is based on a standard template intended to update each of the Constituent Authorities of the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Joint Committee regarding revised governance arrangements, and the budgetary position for 2019/20. The report contains recommendations for amendments to the Committee's Arrangements document following the governance review.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Council:

- a) as a constituent member, approves the amendments to the Heart of the South West Joint Committee's list of functions in the Arrangements document (highlighted in bold italics in Appendix A attached), and notes the updated budget position for 2019/20;
- b) as a constituent member, approves the recommendation from the Joint Committee on 27th September 2019, to re-appoint Somerset County Council as the Administering Authority for the Joint Committee for a further 2 years until January 2022;
- c) makes provision of £8,000 as the Council's contribution to the administration and work programme of the Joint Committee for the 2020/21 financial year, subject to all other Constituent Members making financial contributions based on the methodology recommended by the Joint Committee at their meeting on 27th September 2019.

Reasons

In recent months, the Joint Committee has reviewed and updated its governance arrangements in the light of experience since its establishment in early 2018, and in response to changing Government policy and local circumstances. Some changes are required to the Committee's Arrangements document as a result and these need to be formally agreed by the Constituent Authorities.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative would be to reject the proposed changes to governance, and financial contributions. This option is not recommended as this would ultimately undermine the role and sustainability of the Joint Committee and would not be consistent with the Council's desire to influence regional and national agendas. It is essential that the Joint Committee remains fit for purpose; that it represents a sustainable way of joint working into the future; and that it delivers value for the resources committed to it by the Constituent Authorities.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Plymouth City Council is taking a lead role in driving and managing the HotSW Leaders' programme. This includes leading and shaping the work of the partnership. As the largest city in the HotSW area, it is appropriate that Plymouth has a prominent role in the regional agenda, helping to raise the profile of the Heart of the South West with Government and enabling the area to compete regionally and nationally. This activity makes a significant contribution to the Council's Corporate Plan priority to 'create a strong voice for Plymouth regionally and nationally.'

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**Financial Implications**

A full budget breakdown is set out in section 4.0 of the background paper including the schedule of contributions from the Constituent Authorities. In the case of Plymouth City Council, a contribution of £8,000 to cover the administration and work programme costs of the Joint Committee is requested for the financial year 2020/21.

Additionally, in recognition of the level of officer support that Plymouth City Council provides, the Council will receive £20,000 for the current financial year from the Joint Committee budget. This will offset the Council's contribution for 2019/20.

The Joint Committee continues to provide a relatively low-cost, effective governance structure for bringing partners together across a large dispersed geography into a single leadership body that promotes the interests of the HotSW area, as well as championing specific place-based priorities.

Legal Implications

The review of the role and functions of the Joint Committee has taken account of the legal framework within which the Joint Committee operates.

HR Implications

None

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

Risk Implications

The key risk to the Constituent Authorities is a Committee without a clear role and functions and with unsustainable support arrangements. The Joint Committee has been acknowledged by Ministers and senior civil servants and as a valuable body that can represent the collective interests of the Heart of the South West area and which works effectively with the Local Enterprise Partnership. If the Committee cannot be sustained into the future then the momentum achieved with Government will be at risk and the opportunity to realise additional funds, powers and responsibilities from Government for the benefit of the HotSW area will be severely compromised. This in turn would compromise the ability to deliver the jointly adopted Productivity Strategy.

Equality and Diversity:

There are no equalities implications associated with the recommendations.

Appendices

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| B | Appendix B - Joint Committee Support Structure | | | | | | | |
| C | Appendix C – Extract from the Joint Committee with tracked changes | | | | | | | |

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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| Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date agreed: 27/09/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (agreed verbally) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date approved: 24/10/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Background

1.0 Review of the role and functions of the Joint Committee

The Constituent Authorities have previously agreed one addition to the list of delegated functions by giving the Joint Committee the function of agreeing the local authorities' input into the development of the HotSW Local Industrial Strategy (LIS). Plymouth City Council approved this at their meeting on 28th January 2019.

In addition to the above policy development, the need to review the governance arrangements arose from:

- Changes in Government policy away from large devolution 'deals' to a more targeted dialogue on key themes of relevance to the local authorities and partners, eg, housing. The Joint Committee's influencing role has become increasingly important as recognised by Ministers, local MPs and Government officials. The ambition remains to draw down additional functions, powers and funding from Government.
- The evolution of the Joint Committee's role from agreeing policy (the HotSW Productivity Strategy) to overseeing delivery of the Strategy alongside the LEP.
- The developing relationships with other key local partnerships to ensure that there are appropriate reporting lines and communication channels, e.g. HotSW LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee, Peninsula Transport Board, Great South West, HotSW Local Transport Board.

Accordingly, the Committee has refined its focus into the following areas:

- Strategic policy development
- Influencing Government / key agencies to achieve direct intervention, support, funding and powers
- Designing and delivering strategic HotSW responses to 'Government' offers
- Designing and delivering public sector reform where this will deliver improved productivity, eg in health and education
- Delivering at scale –(beyond what individual councils can achieve)
- Oversight of the Delivery Plan – working with the HotSW LEP to ensure delivery of the HotSW Productivity Strategy.

This does not involve the transfer of any functions from the Constituent Authorities to the Joint Committee.

These refinements to the focus of the Committee have been reflected in amendments to the list of functions contained in the Joint Committee's 'Arrangements' document – see Appendix A attached.

The subject matter focus for the Joint Committee will fall into the following areas of the Productivity Strategy Delivery Plan:

- Housing – including support for a more strategic dialogue with Government that complements the work of individual councils and joint working arrangements, and helps accelerate housing delivery across the area
- Support for a Route Based Corridor Study identifying key infrastructure requirements, to be agreed and completed (working with the Peninsula Transport body)
- An agreed HotSW Local Industrial Strategy which meets our transformational objectives, signed off by Government
- A successful engagement plan with MPs / Ministers

- Successful operational phase of the Brexit work in collaboration with Government
- Preparation for / response to offers of public sector reform to improve productivity
- Agreement and submission of a Coastal Communities proposal to Government seeking additional Government support for our coastal communities
- Development of an investment framework to deliver the Productivity Strategy within a new national funding environment.
- Enabling partners to prepare for and respond to opportunities arising from the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Shared Prosperity Fund.

2.0 Joint Committee Political Arrangements

The Committee has agreed to change its meeting arrangements to achieve a better balance between formal decision-making meetings (fewer) and more opportunities for informal engagement and challenge sessions.

In addition, two informal engagement sessions will be arranged per annum to engage relevant Portfolio Holders and Directors on Joint Committee business.

3.0 Joint Committee Management Support Arrangements

Comprehensive management support arrangements have been in place to support the partnership (and latterly the Joint Committee) since 2015. These have been recently reviewed and refined. To minimise direct support costs impacting on the Committee's budget, most of the officer resource is provided by the Constituent Authorities on an 'in-kind' voluntary basis.

In addition, Somerset County Council (SCC) was appointed as the Administering Authority to the Joint Committee to support and run the Joint Committee and its meetings. SCC has been paid for undertaking this role from the Joint Committee budget.

Other direct budget contributions towards the Committee support costs have been allocated to refund those Constituent Authorities who have provided officer resources for programme management capacity, and administrative support to the Brexit Resilience and Opportunities Group.

The diagram in Appendix B shows the revised management support arrangements of the Joint Committee.

The revised arrangements provide for:

- A CEx Executive Group to lead the work of the Joint Committee and to include theme leads for the Delivery Plan. The membership of this group is set out in Appendix B.
- Use of existing Devon and Somerset Chief Executives' and Leaders' meetings to support the work of the Committee;
- 1 x joint meeting per annum of the Devon and Somerset Chief Executives.
- Better alignment of the Joint Committee's support arrangements with the LEP.
- A Policy and Technical Officer Group of senior policy officers to focus on delivery of the Delivery Plan, monitoring progress/measuring performance, and drafting responses to national policy changes.
- A dedicated and resourced programme management function, (funded from the Joint Committee's budget) to manage Joint Committee business on behalf of the CEx Executive Group and additional to the Administering Authority role.

4.0 Joint Committee Budget Position

The Joint Committee remains completely reliant on the Constituent Authorities for its budget and there are no other obvious sources of additional funding to support running costs or delivery of its work programme.

The Joint Committee budget as at the end of March 2019 was as follows:

| Constituent Authorities | Contributions | | Expenditure – 18/19 | |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---|
| | – 18/19 | £ | £ | |
| County Council x2 | | 10,500 | 40,000 | Administering Authority costs (including staffing, venue hire, publicity costs) |
| Unitaries x 2 | | 4,000 | | |
| Districts / National Park Authorities x 15 | | 1,400 | 16,346 | Brexit admin support costs |
| Underspend carried forward from Devolution Budget | | 66,838 | 9,750 | Housing audit |
| | | | 5,000 | Housing conference |
| | | | 8,759 | Transport consultancy |
| | | | 660 | Portfolio-holder event costs |
| Total | | 116,838 | 80,513 | |
| | | | 36,325 | (carry forward to 2019/20) |

The Joint Committee budget covers the costs of running the Committee and the work programme. Contribution levels for each council tier are based on population levels. The Committee agreed earlier this year that a larger annual budget was likely to be required to fund work programme priorities in future years and approved 'in principle' to seek the agreement of the Constituent Authorities to double the 2018/19 core contributions as a one-year arrangement so giving maximum contributions in 2019/20 of:

County Council - £21,000

Unitary Council - £8,000

District Council / National Park Authorities – £2,800

For 2018/19 only these contributions were split into two payments. Constituent Authorities have been invoiced for 50% of the amounts stated above. A second invoice was due to be sent to each Constituent Authority for the other 50% in the autumn if the budget proved to be insufficient to fund the work required in 2019/20 and only if fully costed work programme proposals were available to justify the request.

The overall budget position for 2019/20 is detailed in the table below. There are no plans to invoice the Constituent Authorities for the second budget contribution for 2019/ 20 because of the need to take stock of the direction of the Committee's work programme following the recent elections and delays in progressing discussions with Government, as a result of Brexit.

As it stands the contributions collected from the Constituent Authorities (£48,600) together with the underspend carried forward from 2018/19 (£36,326) totalling £84,926 is sufficient to cover the planned and anticipated costs for 2019/20 of £60,000.

A key unknown aspect of the work programme is the preparation for Brexit and the budget impacts of any additional work that the Committee may wish to commission. This will be kept under review in the coming months as the position becomes clearer.

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Income | £ |
|---------------|----------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Constituent Authority contributions | 48,600 - committed 48,600 – in principle |
| 2018/19 underspend | 36,326 |
| <u>Total</u> | 133,500 (of which 48.6k is in principle) |

| Expenditure | £ |
|--|--|
| Administering Authority Programme Office | 20,000 – committed (for the year) 20,000 – committed (April 19 to April 20) |
| Brexit Resilience and Opportunities Group – officer support costs | 10,000 – in principle (April to Sept) (Oct onwards tbc but estimated at up to £10,000) |
| Housing Task Force | Tbc |
| Growth Corridor Work | Tbc |
| MP/ Ministerial engagement | Tbc |
| Brexit work programme | Tbc |
| Coastal Communities proposal | Tbc |
| <u>Total</u> | £60,000 (including anticipated commitments detailed above) |

Further discussions are planned as to how to establish a financially stable Joint Committee budget for future years.

APPENDIX A – EXTRACT FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE’S ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT**2. Joint Committee Functions:**

2.1 The only delegated functions of the Joint Committee relate to:

- (a) the approval of the HotSW Productivity Strategy; and
- (b) ***the development and endorsement of the HotSW Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) (noting that final approval of the HotSW LIS rests with the HotSW Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Government.***

All other matters referred to in 2.3 below are ‘referred’ matters where the Joint Committee will make recommendations to the Constituent Authority or Authorities for decision. Additional delegated or referred functions may be proposed for the Joint Committee in the future by the Joint Committee or any of the Constituent Authorities but shall only be agreed if approved by all of the Constituent Authorities.

2.2 The principle of subsidiarity will apply to the relationship between the Joint Committee, the Constituent Authorities and local Sub-Regional Partnerships with decisions being made at the most local and appropriate level on all matters to do with the delivery of the Productivity Strategy and in relation to the other functions of the Joint Committee.

2.3 The Joint Committee shall:

- (a) Develop and agree the HotSW Productivity Strategy Delivery Plan in collaboration with the LEP.
- (b) ***Maintain oversight of the HotSW Delivery Plan - working alongside and in collaboration with the LEP using each other’s strengths and roles to ensure delivery of the HotSW Productivity Strategy.***
- (c) ***Continue discussions / negotiations with the Government and Government agencies to achieve direct intervention, support, funding and powers to the benefit of the HotSW and assist with the delivery of the Productivity Plan and the LIS, working with the LEP.***
- (d) Continue discussions / negotiations with the Government / relevant agencies to secure delivery of the Government’s strategic infrastructure commitments, eg, strategic road and rail transport improvements.
- (e) ***Design and deliver the strategic HotSW response to ‘Government’ offers and respond to Government calls for evidence if appropriate.***
- (f) ***Design and deliver public sector reform where this will deliver improved productivity to the HotSW, eg health, education.***
- (g) ***Deliver at scale (beyond what individual councils can achieve).***
- (h) Work with the LEP to identify and deliver adjustments to the LEP’s democratic accountability and to assist the organisation to comply with the revised (November 2016) LEP Assurance

Framework. This includes endorsing the LEP's assurance framework on behalf of the Constituent Authorities as and when required. However, this is subject to the Framework being formally approved by the LEP's Administering Authority.

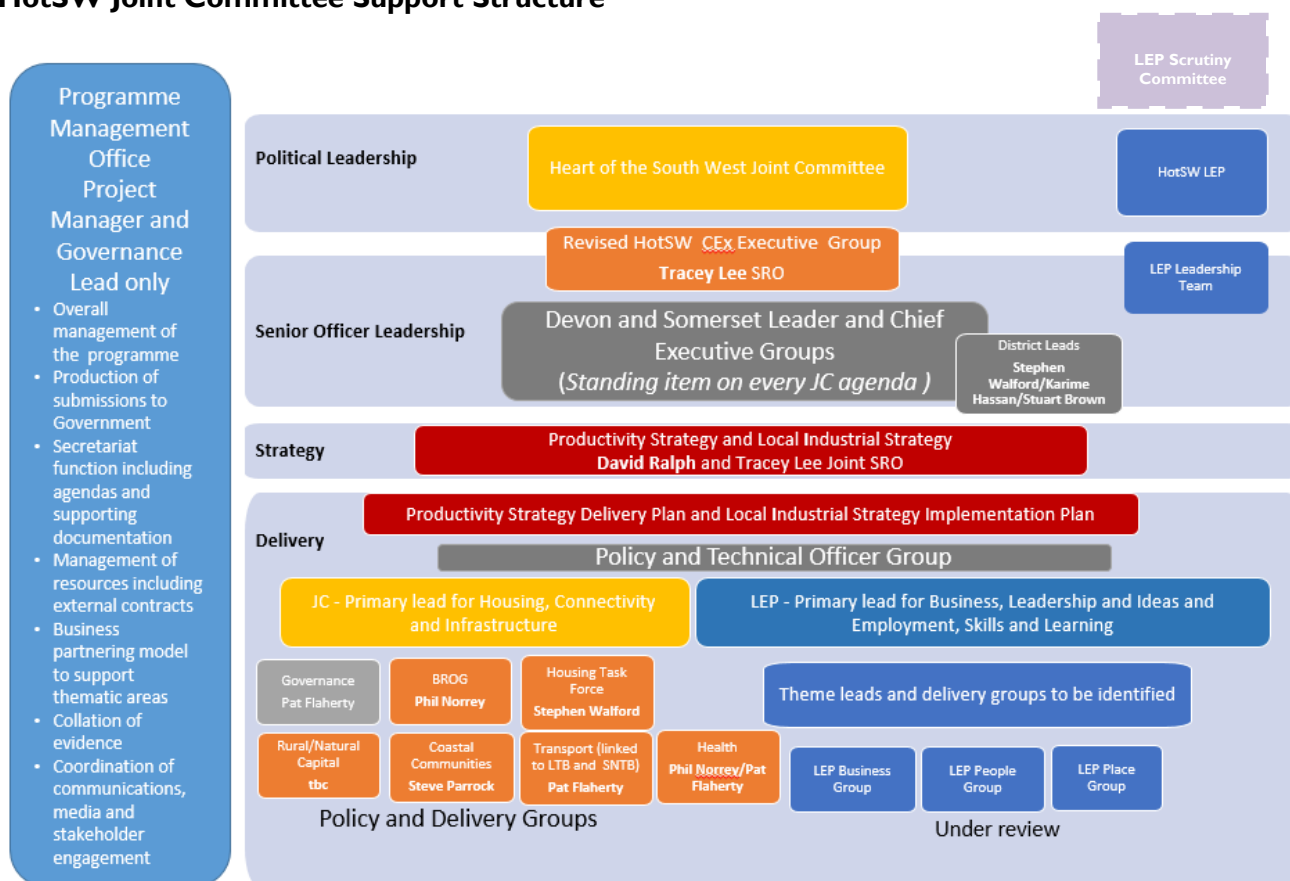
- (i) Ensure that adequate resources (including staff and funding) are allocated by the Constituent Authorities to enable the objectives in (a) to (e) above to be delivered.

The following clause was removed from the list of functions.

Continue discussions /negotiations with the Government on the possibility of achieving devolved responsibilities, funding and related governance amendments to assist with the delivery of the Productivity Strategy. Joint Committee proposals arising from these discussions /negotiations would require the formal approval of the Constituent Authorities / partner agencies.

APPENDIX B

HotSW Joint Committee Support Structure



Chief Executives' Executive Group Membership and Roles

| Theme/Role | Lead | Body |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| HotSW Leaders SRO | Tracey Lee | JC (PCC) |
| Productivity Strategy SRO | Tracey Lee/David Ralph | JC (PCC)/LEP |
| LIS SRO | David Ralph/Tracey Lee | LEP/JC (PCC) |
| BROG | Phil Norrey | JC (DCC) |
| Governance lead | Pat Flaherty | JC (SCC) |
| Housing lead | Stephen Walford | JC (MDDC) |
| Transport lead | Pat Flaherty | JC (SCC) |
| Coastal Communities lead | Steve Parrock | JC (TC) |
| District Council Leads X 3 | Stephen Walford (Devon - Rural) Karime Hassan (Devon - City/Urban) Stuart Brown (Somerset) | JC (MDDC/ECC/MDC) |
| Rural/Natural Capital lead | Kevin Bishop | JC (DNP) |
| Health theme | Via Phil Norrey and Pat Flaherty in the short term | JC (DCC/SCC) |

**APPENDIX C – EXTRACT FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE’S
ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT – Tracked Changes Version**

**Plymouth City Council Constitution Part E, Heart of the South West
Joint Committee, Section 3**

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- (c) Continue discussions /negotiations with the Government and Government agencies to achieve direct intervention, support, funding and powers to the benefit of the HotSW and assist with the delivery of the Productivity Plan and the LIS, working with the LEP.
- ~~(a) Ensure delivery of the HotSW Productivity Strategy in collaboration with the LEP and the Constituent Authorities.~~
- (d) Continue discussions / negotiations with the Government / relevant agencies to secure delivery of the Government’s strategic infrastructure commitments, eg, strategic road and rail transport improvements
~~Continue discussions /negotiations with the Government on the possibility of achieving devolved responsibilities, funding and related governance~~

~~amendments to assist with the delivery of the Productivity Strategy. Joint Committee proposals arising from these discussions / negotiations would require the formal approval of the Constituent Authorities / partner agencies.~~

~~(e) Design and deliver the strategic HotSW response to 'Government' offers and respond to Government calls for evidence if appropriate.~~

~~(f) Design and deliver public sector reform where this will deliver improved productivity to the HotSW, eg health, education.~~

~~(g) Deliver at scale (beyond what individual councils can achieve).~~

~~Continue discussions / negotiations with the Government / relevant agencies to secure delivery of the Government's strategic infrastructure commitments, eg, strategic road and rail transport improvements~~

~~(b)(a)~~

(h) Work with the LEP to identify and deliver adjustments to the LEP's democratic accountability and to assist the organisation to comply with the revised (November 2016) LEP Assurance Framework. This includes endorsing the LEP's assurance framework on behalf of the Constituent Authorities as and when required. However, this is subject to the Framework being formally approved by the LEP's Administering Authority.

(e)(i) Ensure that adequate resources (including staff and funding) are allocated by the Constituent Authorities to enable the objectives in (a) to (e) above to be delivered.