



Oversight and Governance

Chief Executive's Department

Plymouth City Council

Ballard House

Plymouth PL1 3BJ

T 01752 668000

www.plymouth.gov.uk/democracy

Published 07/03/22

Delegated Decisions

Delegated Executive/Officer Decisions

Delegated Executive and Officer decisions are available at the following link -

<https://tinyurl.com/ms6umor>

Cabinet decisions subject to call-in are published at the following link - <http://tinyurl.com/yddrql6>

Notice of call-in for non-urgent decisions must be given to the Democratic Support Unit by 4.30 pm on Monday 14 March 2022. Please note – urgent decisions and non-key Council Officer decisions cannot be called in. Copies of the decisions together with background reports are available for viewing as follows:

- on the Council's Intranet Site at <https://modgov/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx>
- on the Council's website at <https://tinyurl.com/jhnax4e>

The decisions detailed below may be implemented on Tuesday 15 March 2022 if it is not called-in.

Delegated Decisions

I. Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of the Council:

I.1. Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

(Pages 1 - 6)

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L38 21/22

| Decision | | | | |
|----------|---|------------|-----------|---|
| 1 | Title of decision: Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund | | | |
| 2 | Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Nick Kelly – Leader of Plymouth City Council | | | |
| 3 | Report author and contact details: Kurt.Borth@plymouth.gov.uk | | | |
| 4 | <p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the briefing note Allocates £967,404 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant from BEIS Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. Approves the transfer of the funds in accordance with the back to back funding agreement and delegates the approval of the agreement to the Service Director for SP&I. Delegate authority to the Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure to passport the allocated funds to Plymouth Community Homes (PCH) and LiveWest and enter into further agreements in relation to it. | | | |
| 5 | <p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow for the delivery of energy efficiency upgrades by social housing providers LiveWest and Plymouth Community Homes in Plymouth. | | | |
| 6 | <p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Do Nothing option:</p> <p>This would be ignoring an opportunity to help PCH and LiveWest fund their energy efficiency upgrade programmes to vulnerable households with external funds. The project has the capacity to improve the living conditions and health of some of the most vulnerable households in the city. The Council successfully bid for these funds with PCH and LiveWest and as such should passport these funds to the housing providers. The funds can only be used for the purposes outlined above.</p> | | | |
| 7 | <p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>There are no negative financial implications in undertaking this decision.</p> | | | |
| 8 | Is the decision a Key Decision? | Yes | No | Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which: |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------|--|
| | (please contact Democratic Support for further advice) | | X | in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total |
| | | | X | in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million |
| | | | X | is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority. |
| | If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions | | | |
| 9 | Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget: | The project is an excellent fit with the strategic objectives of The Council. Social inequalities will be reduced by the provision of efficient heating and efficiency measures to social housing households experiencing fuel poverty. This not only provides a much healthier, warmer, and comfortable environment for the householder, it also reduces the annual energy bill ensuring vulnerable households income is maximised. The retrofitted energy efficiency measures will help to reduce the carbon emissions of the city, contributing to the delivery of the Joint Local Plan and Climate Emergency Action Plan. | | |
| 10 | Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact) | The project will aim to improve all households to an EPC rating of C with the measures installed. This improvement will realize extensive Carbon emission and fuel bill savings. | | |
| Urgent decisions | | | | |
| 11 | Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public? | Yes | | (If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice) |
| | | No | X | (If no, go to section 13a) |
| 12a | Reason for urgency: | | | |
| 12b | Scrutiny Chair Signature: | | Date | |
| | Scrutiny Committee name: | | | |
| | Print Name: | | | |
| Consultation | | | | |

| | | | | |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| I3a | Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | (If no go to section I4) |
| I3b | Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision? | Maddi Bridgeman – Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene Vivian Pengelly - Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities | | |
| I3c | Date Cabinet member consulted | 02.23.2022 | | |
| I4 | Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I5 | Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted? | Name | Anthony Payne | |
| | | Job title | Director of Place | |
| | | Date consulted | 02.23.2022 | |
| Sign-off | | | | |
| I6 | Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted: | Democratic Support (mandatory) | DS125 21/22 | |
| | | Finance (mandatory) | djn.21.22.282 | |
| | | Legal (mandatory) | MS/38118 | |
| | | Human Resources (if applicable) | | |
| | | Corporate property (if applicable) | | |
| | | Procurement (if applicable) | | |
| Appendices | | | | |
| I7 | Ref. | Title of appendix | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Confidential/exempt information | | | | |
| I8a | Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | No | publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain) | | | | | |
| | | Exemption Paragraph Number | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 18b | Confidential/exempt briefing report title: | | | | | | | |
| Background Papers | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> 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. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box. | | | | | | | |
| Title of background paper(s) | | Exemption Paragraph Number | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Cabinet Member Signature | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given 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. For further details please see the EIA attached. | | | | | | | |
| Signature |  | | Date of decision | 7 March 2022 | | | | |
| Print Name | Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of Plymouth City Council | | | | | | | |

CAPITAL INVESTMENT BRIEFING NOTE FOR PASSPORTING FUNDS



Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

SCHEME SUMMARY: *(Provide a brief paragraph outlining the current situation. Explain the details of the proposal and how the proposal will address the issue)*

A new government funding package has been secured which will improve the energy efficiency of homes in Plymouth. Plymouth City Council partnered with housing associations LiveWest and Plymouth Community Homes to bid for funding from the government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. The government has allocated £800m to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund as part of a multibillion-pound, three-year investment in the decarbonisation of heat and buildings.

Plymouth City Council bid has been successful in securing £967,404 of investment in homes in the city which will be matched by both housing associations. The money will be spent on upgrading two social housing schemes in the city (83 homes), Furse Park (LiveWest) and Alcestor Close (PCH) currently below Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C. This funding will help to deliver warm, energy efficient homes and reduce carbon emissions and fuel bills, as well as tackling fuel poverty and supporting green jobs.

STRATEGIC CASE: *(How will this proposal meet corporate priorities? Explain how the project delivers or supports delivery of Plymouth Plan / Joint Local Plan Policies (including policy references))*

These upgraded homes will contribute to the reduction of carbon required for Plymouth to meet its Net Zero by 2030 goal.

This work was also outlined in our 2022 Climate Emergency Action Plan in action 3.18 – 'Work with social housing providers to apply for funding from the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, to lower the carbon emissions, reduce fuel bills and improve the comfort and health of over 100 households in the city.'

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS: *(List the outcomes and benefits expected from this project)*

Financial outcomes and benefits:

£15,000 of the Admin and Ancillary costs will go to PCC for administration (legal, financial) and coordination of the project. This will contribute to the Low Carbon officers project management time.

Non-financial outcomes and benefits:

83 vulnerable households in Plymouth will undergo extensive energy and building fabric upgrades to improve their homes comfort, efficiency and reduce their fuel bills and vulnerability. This will also contribute to PCC's Net Zero goal by 2030.

KEY RISKS: *(Identify the risks, level of risks and measures in place to mitigate the risks)*

There are minimal risks to PCC as we are not delivering the projects. PCC will coordinate the reporting to BEIS and pass port the grant funds to Plymouth Community Housing and LiveWest. LiveWest and PCH should be responsible for any risks or liabilities that arise from the project work itself. This will be outlined in our agreement with PCH and LiveWest. PCC will coordinate monthly update meetings, and reporting protocols in order to mitigate any risks that may arise to interfere with regular reporting to BEIS.

The risk element in receiving the grant is low:

- It is 100% externally funded and as such there is no impact on existing PCC budgets.

MILESTONES AND DATES: *(delivery timescales)*

The funds are to be awarded as soon as possible and the projects will be complete by 31st March of 2023.

FUNDING: *(Include : PCC accountable body status, passporting funding to the provider, who is responsible for delivery, back to back funding agreement, ongoing PCC revenue implications)*

PCC will coordinate the reporting to BEIS and pass port the grant funds to Plymouth Community Housing and LiveWest on a schedule adhering to the grant funding agreement between PCC, PCH and LiveWest (to follow).

Plymouth Community Homes – Will improve 26 homes
LiveWest – Will improve 57 homes.

Plymouth City Council £15,000 – Grant administration costs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:

- Approves the briefing note
- Allocates £967,404 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant from BEIS Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.
- Approves the transfer of the funds in accordance with the back to back funding agreement and delegates the approval of the agreement to the Service Director for SP&I.