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The decision detailed below may be implemented on 19 March if it is not called-in.

Delegated Decisions

I. Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council:

- I.a. L44 23/24 - Grant Acceptance: Levelling Up Round 3 Fund Grant from DLUHC **(Pages 1 - 14)**

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L44 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Grant Acceptance: Levelling Up Round 3 Fund Grant from DLUHC
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE , Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Erinc Tabak, erinc.tabak@plymouth.gov.uk or Julia Blaschke julia.blaschke@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to accept up to £19,946,417 for the project ‘Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) – Accelerating Plymouth’s Waterfront Regeneration’ from DLUHC as part of the third round of the Levelling Up Fund [subject to the Strategic Director of Place’s subsequent approval of the terms of the grant]; 2. Authorise the Strategic Director for Place (As senior Responsible Officer), to accept the funding and allocate the DLUHC grant funding to relevant partners and to approve the terms of such funding awards where they do not already have the authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This grant will unlock essential capital works to key assets across the city, benefitting local communities and establishing Plymouth as a Net Zero Port City with an exemplary waterfront. 2. Following a submission to Round 2 of LUF which was unsuccessful, DLUHC have since reconsidered our application and announced that the full amount would be awarded to us in Round 3. Following this announcement, Plymouth City Council has put together the necessary documentation for government and we are now awaiting their response and formal offer. 3. The project will have an extremely tight delivery window as all funding will need to be spent by March 2026. In order to minimise delay, we are asking for agreement to accept the funding and to authorise Strategic Director for Place as SRO to accept any funding. 4. Each individual project will have their own decisions – for which the necessary democratic process will be followed.
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reject the funding – this option was considered and rejected because it would significantly impair economic development in the city and across the region. Key capital developments, including those in the Freeport, across our National Marine Park and at our Millbay Port rely on this funding and without it would stall. The work being proposed at the Port will accelerate our Net Zero progress towards having a Net Zero Port, which will further establish Plymouth as a pioneer and high achieving city. If this work is stalled, this opportunity will be missed.
7	Financial implications and risks: The award of this grant de risks the Council on all projects where the Council originally had funds committed. We will maintain robust programme management protocols

	through regular monitoring and review to ensure that the projects are delivered within the grant terms and conditions. Remedial action will be taken where necessary.			
	Full terms and conditions with this funding are yet to be received, these will be reviewed before any final financial commitment is made.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			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	n/a		
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 projects have three strategic themes which align with the Plymouth Plan, including developing Plymouth as a healthy, growing and international city. The bid aligns with a number of policies, including transport, environment, economic growth, skills and talent development, climate change, Plymouth's role in the global market place, 'green city' and supporting world class universities and research institutions.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	For the purposes of accepting the funding there are no negative environmental implications expected. Any impacts of individual projects will be addressed by each project team when considering each decision.		
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		
		No	x	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	n/a		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	n/a		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	x	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	23.02.24	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 108 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	CH 27 02.24 0831	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/KT/2333/27022024	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report: Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) – Accelerating Plymouth's Waterfront Regeneration		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for

		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>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.</p>							
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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature			Date of decision	06 March 2024				
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							

Briefing: Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) Accelerating Plymouth's Waterfront Regeneration



Plymouth is the only city in the South of England that has been identified by the Centre for Cities as being in need of levelling up even prior to the pandemic. Building on our excellent track record of working with HMG, £19.946m of investment from the Levelling Up Fund will deliver a transformational infrastructure project, whilst enabling the first tranche of Freeport capital investments in the city.

All three sites in this bid are central to the delivery of the Freeport. Each site has a past and present use, connected by our Freeport ambition. Our goal with this bid is to meet future Freeport needs through capital investment that delivers inclusive economic growth by creating / repurposing key assets. The investment at each of these sites will deliver innovation, infrastructure and skills across the city, predominantly in our most deprived neighbourhoods:

- **Freeport Innovation Centre**, will utilise £2m of LUF to establish a new building in Oceansgate, creating an innovation cluster of marine and defence businesses; generating an export pipeline.

Oceansgate 3.1 will feature Innovation Barns, forming the centrepiece of the innovation hotbed within the Freeport South Yard tax site. Benefiting from a high growth high value cluster being established at South Yard through investment and continued support by Princess Yachts, Babcock International and Ministry of Defence, the innovation hotbed will leverage opportunities to grow the sector by providing essential warehouse space for businesses in the Freeport.

- **Modernisation of port infrastructure at Millbay**, working together with Associated British Ports, £5.5m of LUF will help to improve freight turnaround and meet the Freeport's export and Net Zero ambitions.

Improvements to the port infrastructure at Millbay will rationalise both ferry passenger and ferry freight movements. As a result, it will radically enhance the port's capacity, enabling it to thrive commercially, create new jobs and secure new opportunities for the Freeport to meet our export ambitions. This will predominantly be achieved through better traffic management (to enable more efficient disembarking of ferry passengers and reduced processing times for ferry freight), an increase in check-in booths, and improved passenger access. Additional investment has also been secured with ABP committing to Shore Power – to move the Port towards Net Zero.

- **Freeport regeneration of our waterfront and Civic Centre**, £12.446m of LUF will fund the regeneration of waterfront assets and the refurbishment of the Civic Centre (subject to Cabinet decision on 11 March).

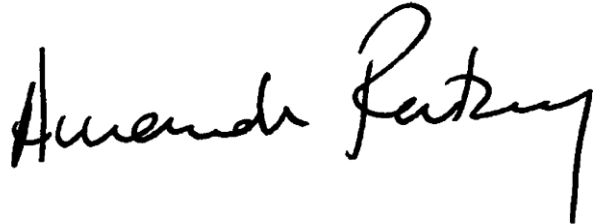
Together, these investments will generate over £28.6m of match funding, supporting new inclusive skills and career paths and creating over 3,500 jobs. In addition, they will underpin the success of our Freeport to drive the city's competitiveness and productivity. The Freeport aims to create a super-cluster of high value, high growth businesses and realise our inward investment strategy; which was recently commended by the Department for International Trade. The uplift in the local economy and associated demand, including the proposed pipeline of gigawatt-scale offshore floating wind

projects in the Celtic Sea, will need to be supported by a satisfactory supply. This will be addressed by the improvements to the infrastructure at Millbay Port.

Our programme will create a greener economy, promote active mode transport through delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure, and thus build healthier communities, proud of their waterfront and inspired to capitalise on the wealth of economic opportunity unlocked by this holistic package of projects.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – LUF 3

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

Author(s): This is the person completing the EIA template.	Erinc Tabak	Department and service:	Place, Economic Development, EEE	Date of assessment:	28 February 2024
Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Amanda Ratsey	Signature:		Approval date:	01.03.24
Overview:	<p>Plymouth City Council have been awarded a grant of £19.95m which will unlock essential capital works to key assets across the city, benefitting local communities and establishing Plymouth as a Net Zero Port City with an exemplary waterfront.</p> <p>Following a submission to Round 2 of LUF which was unsuccessful, DLUHC have since reconsidered our application and announced that the full amount would be awarded to us in Round 3. Following this announcement, Plymouth City Council has put together the necessary documentation for government and we are now awaiting their response and formal offer.</p> <p>The project will have an extremely tight delivery window as all funding will need to be spent by March 2026. In order to minimise delay, we are asking for agreement to accept the funding and to authorise Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place) as SRO to accept any funding.</p> <p>Each individual project will have their own decisions – for which the necessary democratic process will be followed.</p>				
Decision required:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to accept up to £19,946,417 for the project 'Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) – Accelerating Plymouth's Waterfront Regeneration' from DLUHC as part of the third round of the Levelling Up Fund [subject to the Strategic Director of Place's subsequent approval of the terms of the grant]; 2. Authorise the Strategic Director for Place (As senior Responsible Officer), to accept the funding and allocate the DLUHC grant funding to relevant partners and to approve the terms of such funding awards where they do not already have the authority to do so. 				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

<p>Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>x</p>
<p>Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>x</p>
<p>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>x</p>
<p>If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.</p>	<p>The proposal does not have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or PCC employees. Furthermore, there is no assumed adverse impact for any of cohorts set out in section The projects funded through LUF will be subject to individual decisions. We therefore feel that a full EIA is not required at this stage.</p>			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<p>Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)</p>	<p>Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)</p>	<p>Adverse impact</p>	<p>Mitigation activities</p>	<p>Timescale and responsible department</p>
<p>Age</p>	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>			
<p>Care experienced individuals</p> <p>(Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all</p>			

	<p>those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>			
Disability	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>			
Gender reassignment	<p>0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).</p>			
Marriage and civil partnership	<p>40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married.</p> <p>0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).</p>			
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total</p>			

	fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.			
Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth’s population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>			
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth’s population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>			
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).			
Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of			

	residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).			
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SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	<p>The decision is compliant with the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA).</p> <p>With a focus on economic development, the services to be delivered under this grant agreement need to be mindful of the Human rights act and the rights of the communities covered by the Trust.</p> <p>The HRA conveys the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ life ▪ freedom from torture and degrading treatment ▪ freedom from slavery and forced labour ▪ liberty ▪ a fair trial ▪ respect for private and family life ▪ thought, conscience and religion, and freedom to express your beliefs ▪ freedom of expression ▪ freedom of assembly and association ▪ marry and to start a family ▪ peaceful enjoyment of your property 	<p>Structured meetings to ensure that understanding of the HRA provides a foundation for planning of delivery.</p> <p>While the purpose of this document is to ensure compliance with the HRA, it is noted that breaches of the HRA are sometimes associated with work and can provide challenges for those people in the workplace.</p> <p>This will be led by the individual projects.</p>	<p>Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026.</p> <p>Economic Development Economy, Employment and Enterprise</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ an education ▪ participate in free elections <p>and the right not to be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ subjected to the death penalty ▪ punished for something that wasn't a crime when you did it ▪ discriminated against in respect of these rights and freedoms. 		
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SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.	The decision will facilitate the celebration of diversity amongst our communities and ensure Plymouth remains a welcoming city for all.	This will be led by the individual projects.	Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026. Economic Development Economy, Employment and Enterprise
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	All decisions being taken by the council are looking to promote inclusive growth of our economy, including addressing the gender pay gap and other inequalities.	This will be led by the individual projects.	Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026. Economic Development Economy, Employment and Enterprise
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	This decision will support our workforce through the Our People Strategy as well as any strategies that are adopted in its place beyond 2024.	This will be led by the individual projects.	Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026. Economic Development

			Economy, Employment and Enterprise
<p>Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.</p>	<p>While this isn't the purpose of the services under this Agreement, this will be important to optimal delivery and support, signposting and referral mechanisms may be required.</p>	<p>This will be led by the individual projects.</p>	<p>Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026. Economic Development Economy, Employment and Enterprise</p>
<p>Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.</p>	<p>This is at the heart of the services to be delivered under this Agreement with particular focus on the workplace</p>	<p>This will be led by the individual projects.</p>	<p>Capital programme to be delivered by March 2026. Economic Development Economy, Employment and Enterprise</p>