

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L25 20/21

Decision	
1	<p>Title of decision:</p> <p>Funding agreement to accept the offer of up to £1,936,000 from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership for the delivery of the Plymouth International Business Park project and enabling works for the City Business Park project</p>
2	<p>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader</p>
3	<p>Report author and contact details: Patrick Bowes, Economic Development Manager, T – 01752 304882</p>
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>Accept the funding offer of up to £1,936,000 from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Getting Building Fund by way of a signed funding agreement</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>PCC has secured funding from the Getting Building Fund to deliver the ‘Plymouth’s Business Parks’ project. The aim of the project is to create new low carbon, Grade A workspace in Plymouth. There are two schemes in this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The direct development of an underutilised, brownfield PCC owned site at Plymouth International (PI). This site is currently unviable for PCC without grant investment. There is a clear cost value gap; • Capital works at City Business Park (CBP), demolition & ground works, preliminary work to RIBA Stage 3 to create a viable site for construction. <p>Investment in Business Parks meets both an identified demand and provides businesses, particularly SMEs, with a unique and affordable eco-system of services. It supports a close community of like-minded businesses, with tenants benefiting from both business and social networking opportunities. It also responds to the impact of Covid-19 by developing well-located, flexible and appropriately sized workspace to meet ongoing and evolving demand.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>(1) Do Nothing</p> <p>Whilst this option does not cost anything to deliver, it results in no provision of positive outputs such as</p>

	<p>jobs or supply of new employment space and stimulation of economic growth.</p> <p>The site at PI will remain as a bare land asset and will have the on-going management / maintenance costs associated with it. The site at CBP needs addressing as the building is condemned due to asbestos. It needs to be demolished (full/partial) and left in a condition for future development.</p> <p>(2) Leave to the market (i.e. sell the land at PI for private development) This would give rise to the following drawbacks :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No guarantee of increase in supply (i.e. there is an existing market failure due to insufficient private supply) - Limited commercial interest in previously developed land - No guarantee that alternative private sites meets the needs of SMEs - Current well-established SME cluster at CBP will disappear 			
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>PCC will compile and authorise claims for payment. Claims will be compiled by the PMs. Authorisation will be carried out by the PCC appointed Lead Accountant and Compliance Officer.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p>
				<p>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</p>
				<p>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million</p>
				<p>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.</p>
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			
9	<p>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:</p>			<p>Growing City – Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible; quality jobs and valuable skills</p>
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>			
Urgent decisions				
11	<p>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)</p>

	public?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If no, go to section I3a)
I2a	Reason for urgency:			
I2b	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		(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	9 September 2020		
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	9 September 2020	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS70 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	PI.20.21.165	
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/24.11.20	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		

	A	Briefing report for publication						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	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 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)				
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Getting Building Fund Business Case Template – Workplace Package Plymouth Business Parks			x				
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	20 January 2021
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans, OBE		