

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L30 20/21

Decision									
1	<p>Title of decision:</p> <p>Funding agreement to accept the offer of up to £625,000 from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership for the delivery of works under the National Marine Park (NMP) banner.</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 Knight; Economy, Partnerships and Regeneration Manager; T – 01752 304472</p>								
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>Accept the funding offer of up to £625,000 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 Sound National Marine Park’ project. The aim of the project is to make the first steps in turning the NMP vision in to reality. There are three elements to the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking physical works to waterfront surfaces, steps and slipways and installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) boat charging points to improve key access points to the NMP; • Creating new facilities on the Hoe Foreshore to increase the number of residents and visitors using the waters of the NMP; • Supporting the delivery of SailGP (https://sailgp.com/) in July 2021 and future NMP events. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Element</th> <th>Works</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Access Points</td> <td>Improve / repair access points, including EV charging points, at locations across the City’s waterfront from the Tamar to the Plym</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Facilities</td> <td>Install two swim rafts and associated services at Tinside on the Hoe Foreshore</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SailGP (+ future NMP events)</td> <td>Install a MPLS network and supporting digital infrastructure compatible with a new PA system for the Hoe</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This project is more than the sum of its parts. We are using capital investment to unlock the economic, social and environmental capital of the NMP. This is achieved by enabling everyone to access and engage with the NMP. This physical infrastructure also complements the high quality digital infrastructure to create and support future opportunities for sustainable, green development. In parallel to this, we have</p>	Element	Works	Access Points	Improve / repair access points, including EV charging points, at locations across the City’s waterfront from the Tamar to the Plym	New Facilities	Install two swim rafts and associated services at Tinside on the Hoe Foreshore	SailGP (+ future NMP events)	Install a MPLS network and supporting digital infrastructure compatible with a new PA system for the Hoe
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	secured funding from the Transforming Cities Fund to invest in EV charging points (including electric boats) to deliver additional environmental capital investment.			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>(1) Do Nothing</p> <p>Work is underway to create the UK's first NMP, following the September 2019 declaration. PCC and the wider partners have been invited to submit a Development Proposal to The National Lottery Heritage Fund's (Lottery) Heritage Horizons Award scheme that will support projects over £5M. An ultimately successful application will deliver enormous benefit to the City. However, Delivery Phase funding is not due to come on stream until 2023 at the earliest, which is still some time away. We could wait for the outcome of that proposal, but that misses a number of opportunities. Firstly, there is no guarantee of success in applying to the Lottery and there is an expectation of match funding. Secondly, the proposals contained within this project underpin the delivery of NMP, but also have a clear economic, social and environmental value in their own right. There are a number of positive outcomes from investment at this stage, while reliance on one major source of funding is not risk free</p> <p>(2) Delivery Options</p> <p>There are various delivery options to kick start the development of the NMP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Await central government proposals around landscape designations / approaches • Develop a locally-led approach. <p>As the former approach is not guaranteed to take place, there is sufficient local momentum and support to proceed with the second option.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>The match funding for this grant is met from existing budgets within the capital programme and therefore will not create any further financial pressures in accepting the grant.</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>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</p> <p>x 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>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.</p>
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			

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:	Growing City – Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible; quality jobs and valuable skills		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)			
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				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Pete Smith (Deputy Leader)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	21 December 2020		
14	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	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	21 December 2020	

Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS78 20/21			
			Finance (mandatory)			pl.20.21.219			
			Legal (mandatory)			MS/35564			
			Human Resources (if applicable)						
			Corporate property (if applicable)						
			Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Briefing report for publication							
Confidential/exempt information									
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Getting Building Fund Business Case Template – Plymouth Sound National Marine Park				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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						

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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	27 January 2021			
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)							