

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OFFICER

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD13 20/21

Decision	
1	<p>Title of decision: TCF Tranche One – Somerset Place to Ponsonby Road Contract Award</p>
2	<p>Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure</p>
3	<p>Report author and contact details: Denise Clift, Project Manager, Strategic Planning Team 01752 307105 denise.clift@plymouth.gov.uk</p>
4a	<p>Decision to be taken: To appoint South West Highways as the principal contractor for constructing the improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and people with disabilities, stretching from Somerset Place to Ponsonby Road. The scheme involves replacing the existing 1m wide, unlit, unsurfaced route with a 3.5m wide, 180m traffic free strategic cycle network link with lighting.</p>
4b	<p>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: Executive Decision L2 19/20 provided authorisation to spend the funding awarded to Plymouth City Council as part of the Transforming Cities Fund and authorises the procurement process(es). The decision “Delegates the award of the contract(s) to Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure.</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision: The Term Maintenance Contract (TMC) provides specifically for the delivery of transport projects in addition to the core highway maintenance activities and has already been through a competitive tendering assessment process. Using the TMC provides the optimum route for early delivery by securing early contractor involvement to develop the design, by capitalising on the continuity of service provision, local knowledge and the close working arrangements that the TMC contractor has established with the Council’s Highways department.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected: To carry out a formal tendering exercise or through the use of an appropriate framework. Both would add delay to any appointment and impact on the potential delivery of the works.</p>

7	Financial implications: This scheme is funded entirely through the Transforming Cities Fund tranche I award.			
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.
8b	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:	<p>This scheme forms part of the TCF tranche I East-West Corridor Improvements Package</p> <p>Growing Plymouth</p> <p><i>Support the local economy and facilitate economic development</i></p> <p>The East-West corridor already boasts major employment with Peninsula Medical School, Plymouth University, Babcock, MoD, Princess Yachts and Oceansgate enterprise zone. Its importance will grow with 17,000 new jobs planned by 2034. This scheme is to help to support this growth by improving sustainable transport connectivity – improving access to jobs for residents, and access to skills for employees. Regular exercise also improves wellbeing and productivity.</p> <p><i>Support housing delivery</i></p> <p>There are 15,550 homes planned for the East-West corridor by 2034.</p> <p><i>Reduced carbon emissions by increasing the volume and proportion of journeys made by low carbon sustainable modes</i></p> <p>This level of growth presents an opportunity to support that growth by dramatically increasing the use of healthy, low carbon, sustainable modes of transport and improving journey reliability.</p> <p>A Caring Council</p> <p>Three air quality management areas are located on this corridor which can be expected to benefit from this and future investment.</p> <p>The benefits set out below can be expected to</p>		

		<p>disproportionately benefit lower income groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to services, training and employment • Encouraging modal shift away from the private car, thereby reducing congestion and accidents • Health and activity benefits • Reduced community severance • Reduced vehicle noise; several noise important areas are identified on the corridor <p>This scheme will also help address physical inactivity which is a major problem in Plymouth, with just 18.6% of the adult population exercising for 30 minutes three times a week. Physical inactivity is estimated to cost the NHS £4.1m per annum with far greater costs to the wider community.</p>
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Plymouth City Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, pledging the city to become carbon neutral by 2030. Transport represents 28% of the city's carbon footprint, a proportion that is set to increase to 48% of the residual emissions under the net zero scenario even with an 80% reduction from transport. Encouraging more trips to be made by walking and cycling is essential if the Council's commitments are to be met.</p>


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 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		
		No	x	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			

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		9.2.21				
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS83 20/21			
		Finance (mandatory)			pl.20.21.216.			
		Legal (mandatory)			MS/19.01.21			
		Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
		Corporate property (if applicable)			N/A			
		Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
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.				
		No	x					
		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							

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Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Council Officer 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	9.2.21			
Print Name	Paul Barnard						