

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number -L38 20/21

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Plymouth City Council Emergency Active Travel Fund Programme– Tranche 2
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE – Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Rosemary Starr, Sustainable Transport Manager Email: rosemary.starr@plymouth.gov.uk Tel: 01752 305514
4	Decision to be taken: It is recommended that the Council:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Business Case for the Active Travel Fund programme (formerly known as the Emergency Active Travel Fund – Tranche 2 programme, due to a change in the title of the Fund by the Department for Transport) • Approves the addition of £756,200 to the capital programme funded by the Department for Transport Active Travel Fund grant. • Delegates the decision to allow movements across the categories within the fund to the Service Director for SP&I.
5	Reasons for decision: To allow the delivery of the Active Travel Fund programme which will result in an additional £945,250 of investment in active travel in Plymouth.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Options Considered To not deliver the Active Travel Fund Programme Rejected: Not delivering the Active Travel Fund programme, which is substantially funded by a Department for Transport grant, is not recommended because it will prevent an additional

	<p>£945,250 to be invested in walking and cycling in Plymouth. The Active Travel Fund programme aims to help Plymouth's walking and cycling network be more connected, direct, safe, comfortable and attractive. Its delivery, alongside complementary programmes such as the Transforming Cities Fund, will help to create an environment that is safer, and more conducive, for cycling and walking. This will allow the achievement of the short term Fund objective of replacing journeys previously made by public transport, which currently can't be accommodated due to the pandemic, as well as the long term objectives of delivering significant health, environmental and congestion benefits.</p> <p>The programme directly supports the Council's Climate Emergency work through encouraging and enabling more trips to be made on foot and by bike.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications: This is both a capital and revenue programme</p> <p>Total value £1,025,250 of which £945,250 is grant funding and £80,000 is Plymouth City Council (PCC) match funding.</p> <p>The breakdown is:- Capital: £836,200 (of which £756,200 is DfT grant and £80,000 is PCC match funding) Revenue: £189,050 (of which 100% is the DfT grant)</p> <p>The funding needs to be committed to schemes before the 31 March 2021 and the subsequent programmes need to be substantially completed before 31 March 2022.</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</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>X</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>x</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>	6 October 2020		
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>Delivering the Active Travel Fund programme, directly supports the delivery of the Plymouth Plan.</p> <p>The Council, as part of the Plymouth Plan, have made a</p>		

		<p>commitment to deliver a safe, accessible, sustainable and health enabling transport system¹ that delivers a step change in walking, cycling and public transport as the travel modes of choice for those living in and visiting the city.² We have said that we will make sure that transport is delivered in the most health promoting and environmentally responsible manner,³ where the impact of severance caused by transport networks is reduced, enabling more journeys by walking, cycling and public transport and providing genuine alternative ways to travel⁴. To do this we have adopted a hierarchy of modes and routes based upon different spatial settings,⁵ with walking and cycling being the best option for local trips.</p> <p>The schemes set out within the Active Travel Fund programme accord with these commitments and build on work done to date where we have a strong track of delivering effective, impactful, active travel interventions; both infrastructure and complementary behavioural change programmes.</p>		
I 0	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme directly supports Plymouth's Climate Emergency Declaration. It is designed to encourage and enable more trips by foot and by bike, building on the behavioural change which was being seen in Plymouth pre-Covid and enables and encourages new and returning cyclists (adults and children) to make walking and cycling the natural choice for the journeys they make. This is important in the short term, as capacity on public transport remains constrained, but also in the long term, recognising the inter-relationships of walking, cycling and public transport in a fully accessible, low carbon, sustainable transport network. 		
Urgent decisions				
I 1	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 I 3a)
I 2a	Reason for urgency:			

¹ Plymouth Plan Policy HEA6

² Plymouth Plan – Theme 2: A Green City


³ Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan policy SPT9.1

⁴ Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Policy SPT9.4

⁵ Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Policy SPT9.8

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 Mark Coker – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	7 th January 2021	
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 st September 2020
Sign-off			
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS88 20/21
		Finance (mandatory)	PL.20.20.21.231
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/02.02.21
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A

Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	PCC Active Travel Fund Cabinet Executive Delegated Decision Briefing Note						
	B	Active Travel Fund – Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Active Travel Fund Tranche 2– Business Case						
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:							
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	11 February 2021
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans – Leader of the Council		