

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L40 20/21

Decision	
1	Title of decision: PCC Big 4 Decarbonisation Project
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader
3	Report author and contact details: Alastair Gets, alastair.gets@plymouth.gov.uk , 01752 306930
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that the Leader of the Council: • Approves the Business Case • Allocates £2.922m into the Capital Programme funded by £2.522m from the Salix PSDS & Skills Funds £0.400m from S106 funds • Vire £0.214m from the Ballard House refurbishment project to this project. • Authorises the procurement process • Delegates the acceptance of the Salix grants to the S151 Officer • Delegates the award of the contract to Service Director for SP&I
5	<p>Reasons for decision: The business case covers decarbonising the heating systems at 4 PCC sites, including improving glazing, insulation and installing solar PV. The main benefit is reducing associated carbon emissions. Lowering carbon emissions will contribute to the declaration of a climate emergency, the pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030 and is part of the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan. Nearly 5,000 tonnes of CO₂e will be reduced over the life of the measures.</p> <p>This project helps deliver JLP DEV32 – Delivering low carbon development by reducing the heating energy load and JLP DEV33 – Renewable and low carbon energy by the installation of heat pumps and solar PV.</p> <p>It also helps to deliver the promise of a “Green, sustainable city that cares about the environment” through delivering low energy heating to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Alternative technologies such as ground source open loop heat pumps were investigated but well-testing proved that it was not feasible for this part of the heat network, so air source heat pumps were chosen.</p> <p>Option 1: Do Nothing – no capital spending or revenue pressure but PCC fails reduce its carbon emissions and loses out on government grant money.</p> <p>Option 2: Do Minimum Option - only do buildings with energy savings (Poole Farm and Guildhall only connected to Council House) but less carbon savings than the full project, challenging the net-zero by 2030 pledge, and losing out on a significant portion of grant money, which may be a one-off offer.</p>

7	<p>Financial implications: There is no additional corporate borrowing as a large portion of the development and capital is grant funded and the rest is S106 or already allocated repairs and maintenance budgets.</p> <p>For SP&I (Poole Farm) there are savings of £456 in year 1 increasing to £629 in year 20. For the Corporate Landlord (Guildhall cluster, Ballard House and Elliot Terrace) there is a revenue cost of £13,097 (an increase of 13%) in year 1, which reduces to £4,974 (4%) in year 20. This would be reduced further when Phase 2 (connecting the Civic Centre) is implemented and when further insulation and glazing measures are installed (new PSDS grant application due to be submitted by 11 January 2021).</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p> <p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</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 £1 million</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>
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>This project helps deliver JLP DEV32 – Delivering low carbon development by reducing the heating energy load and JLP DEV33 – Renewable and low carbon energy by the installation of heat pumps and solar PV.</p> <p>It also helps to deliver the promise of a “Green, sustainable city that cares about the environment” through delivering low energy heating to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.</p>		
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>A reduction in carbon emissions estimated at nearly 5,000t over the life of the measures due to lower use of on-site fossil fuels and reduced imported electricity.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	<p>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)</p>
		<p>No</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>(If no, go to section 13a)</p>
12a	<p>Reason for urgency:</p>			
12b	<p>Scrutiny</p>			<p>Date</p>

	Chair Signature:			
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Sue Dann (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	06/01/2021		
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Paul Barnard	
		Job title	Service Director for SP&I	
		Date consulted	04/01/2021	
Sign-off				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS94 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.20.21.226	
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/35935	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
17	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Big 4 Decarbonisation Project Briefing Report Part I		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
	C	Big 4 Decarbonisation BC FINAL		

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						
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Big 4 Decarbonisation project Briefing Report Part II			✓				
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 OBE - Leader						