

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – COD12 20/21

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Derriford Community Parks Strategic Walking and Cycling Improvements Scheme – phase I Contract Award
2	Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure
3	Report author and contact details: Robin Pearce/Chris Avent, Natural Infrastructure Team 01752 304233/304184 Robin.pearce@Plymouth.gov.uk Chris.avent@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	Decision to be taken: To appoint Avon Construction as the principal contractor for phase I of the Derriford Community Parks Strategic Walking and Cycling Improvements Scheme
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: Executive Decision L2 19/20
5	<p>Reasons for decision: 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 processes.</p> <p>The decision:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Business Case • Allocates £7,652,615 to the Capital Programme to be funded by £7,594,850 DfT Transforming Cities Fund, £55,765 S106 and £2,000 revenue contributions. • Authorises the procurement process(es) • Delegates the award of the contract(s) to Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure <p>£1,762,880 of the £7.6m forms the funding for the Derriford Community Paths project.</p>
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: The alternative options direct award would be to either carry out a formal tendering exercise or use an appropriate framework. Both these options would add delay to any appointment, impacting on the delivery timescale of the works and the impact of that on the funding terms and conditions. The market was tested on a competitive basis despite the direct award process and the appointed contractor was the only capable of delivery the scheme on time to budget. Seeking alternative contractors through repetition of the procurement route would lose the schemes funding, create reputational harm and not deliver the project whilst resulting in a significant revenue pressure for the council.
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>Capital</p> <p>Phase I of the scheme is entirely funded through the Transforming Cities Fund tranche I award.</p>

	Revenue The scheme is revenue neutral.			
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 £1million
			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 <u>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</u>	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:	This scheme forms part of the TCF tranche one Northern Corridor Sustainable Transport Corridor programme, which delivers the following benefits: <u>Climate emergency</u> Plymouth City Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 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 in emissions from transport. Encouraging more trips to be made by walking and cycling is essential if the Council's commitments are to be met. <u>Growing Plymouth</u> <i>Support the local economy and facilitate economic development</i> The very strong BCR set out in the economic appraisal for the TCF tranche 1 programme of walking and cycling improvements indicates a substantial benefit to the economy. There are 13,000 new jobs planned on the northern corridor by 2034 via major employment sites, including nationally significant medical and education facilities, the Science Park, Becton Dickinson and Plessey. This bid improves access to these employment sites, enterprise zones and development sites offering employment opportunities. These growth areas include major employers Derriford Hospital, Plymouth Science Park, the International Medical and Technology Park, Marjons University and high-profile businesses, as well as some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the south-west, that suffer from poor health and low levels of physical		

		<p>activity.</p> <p><i>Support housing delivery</i></p> <p>There are also 9,350 new houses planned on the corridor by 2034.</p> <p><i>Reduce carbon emissions by increasing the volume and proportion of journeys made by low carbon sustainable modes</i></p> <p>The whole corridor already experiences significant congestion with most junctions at or near to capacity at peak times. This will inevitably worsen, further impacting on reliability and attractiveness for all modes unless action is taken to improve the alternatives to the private car. 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><u>A Caring Council</u></p> <p>Two air quality management areas located on this corridor are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The benefits set out below can be expected to 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. • 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 £4.1 million pa with far greater costs to the wider economy.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	This scheme is part of the Councils response to the climate emergence		
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			
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/> (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	01/16/2019	
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	17.02.2021
Sign-off			
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS105 20/21
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.19.20.291
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/34525/JP/313 20
		Human Resources (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/574/ED/02 21
Appendices			
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication (<i>mandatory</i>)	
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment (<i>where required</i>)	
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.				
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Contract Award Report Part 2							
Background Papers								
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>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.</p>							
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		11.2.21		
Print Name		Paul Barnard						