

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L44 20/21

Decision	
1	<p>Title of decision:</p> <p>Co-operation Agreement with Homes England in relation to land at Woolwell</p>
2	<p>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</p> <p>Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader</p>
3	<p>Report author and contact details:</p> <p>Matt Ward, matt.ward@plymouth.gov.uk 07966 717018</p>
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>The Leader of the Council is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve that the Council enters a Co-operation Agreement with Homes England in relation to land at Woolwell; and • delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Place to agree and sign the Co-operation Agreement (subject to due diligence) and any other related contracts or agreements, including but not limited to any Section 106 Agreement, collaboration agreement with other land owners, wayleaves or easements related to the site and any future Promotion Agreement for the site.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>To progress the delivery of high quality homes on a site allocated in the Joint Local Plan, to explore the potential to attract third party investment in infrastructure and to generate a capital receipt for the Council.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>The Council could negotiate with adjacent land owners directly. However, Homes England has extensive experience of large scale, complex land assembly and may be able to secure additional investment in infrastructure.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>As set out in more detail in the Part II report.</p>

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.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
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:	The report proposes a way of working with Homes England which may help to unlock the delivery of a strategic site allocated in the Joint Local Plan for housing-led mixed use.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Homes England will be looking to ensure that the proposed development reduces its environmental impact as much as possible.		
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 Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	8 March 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	10 February 2021	
Sign-off				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS113 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.20.21.276	
		Legal (mandatory)	33630/AC/11/3/21	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
17	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Part I briefing report for publication		
	B	Part II briefing report for publication		
	C	Equalities Impact Assessment		
Confidential/exempt information				
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	x	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: Part II Briefing Paper			x				
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 1 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	17 March 2021			
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)							