

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L47 20/21

Decision				
1	Title of decision: The Box - DCMS/ Arts Council England Covid Kickstart Grant Award			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Caroline Cozens, Strategic Projects Manager, 01752 305628			
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approves the briefing note To accept the DCMS / Arts Council England (ACE) Covid Grant of £932,600 for The Box. Allocate £765,334 into the capital programme, funded by the above grant. 			
5	Reasons for decision: <p>The Box Construction, fit out and original May 2020 opening was impacted by COVID19 and the first UK lockdown. This created a series of additional costs to complete the project. Plymouth City Council has been successful in being awarded a grant from the DCMS/ Arts Council to cover the full amount of these additional project costs.</p>			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: <p>There was no way to avoid these costs to complete the agreed project programme and scope. COVID safe systems of work were implemented and we experienced delays in materials, supply chain challenges and problems with labour availability - lengthening the project. If we had been unsuccessful in securing this grant we would have needed to meet these costs from PCC budgets and extend capital borrowing.</p>			
7	Financial implications: <p>The latest approved budget for The Box is £46.838m. This Covid grant of £932,600 is covers capital and revenue expenditure as well as lost income (sponsorship). These costs have been already been incurred and are fully funded by the grant award.</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		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:		See previous The Box decisions and reports	
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)		None for this grant	
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	(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	yes
			No	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		Cllr Pete Smith	

I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	11 th February 2021						
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer				
		No	no					
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne					
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place					
		Date consulted	30 th November 2020					
Sign-off								
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS118 20/21					
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.20.21.280					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/36360/JP/170321.					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A					
Appendices								
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	The Box - DCMS/ Arts Council England Covid Kickstart Grant Award						
Confidential/exempt information								
I8a	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 I8b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	no					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7

18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
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 1 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
The Box Capital Update 17th December 2019								
The Box Refinancing 15th October 2018								
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	<p>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.</p>							
Signature				Date of decision	18 March 2021			
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader							