

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L49 20/21

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Plymouth's Business Parks Update			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader			
3	Report author and contact details: Jon Turner, Project Manager, Jon.turner@plymouth.gov.uk – Tel: 01752 307127			
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:</p> <p>Approves the business case update report</p> <p>Allocates £1,936,967 into the capital programme to increase the Plymouth Business Parks scheme as detailed within the Get Building Funding agreement and financed by the HOTSW LEP Get Building Fund</p>			
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>To increase the value of the capital programme in order to meet the required costs to deliver these schemes effectively. In leveraging in external funding the capital contribution previously committed by Plymouth City Council may be reduced.</p> <p>Investment in Business Parks meets both an identified demand and provides businesses, particularly SMEs, with a unique and affordable eco-system of services. It supports a close community of like-minded businesses, with tenants benefiting from both business and social networking opportunities. It also responds to the impact of Covid-19 by developing well-located, flexible and appropriately sized workspace to meet ongoing and evolving demand.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>As preferred in the Executive Decision ref L24 20/21.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>As the match-funding for these schemes is already approved in the capital programme, the revenue implications associated with this grant funding are already included within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). By utilising this funding, the council will increased financial contributions</p>			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:

	(please contact Democratic Support for further advice)		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 <u>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</u>			
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:	Growing City – Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible; quality jobs and valuable skills		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Both business parks developments aim to deliver new build low carbon flexible work space units.		
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	Councillor Mark Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance		

	portfolio is affected by the decision?							
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted		18 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		18 March 2021				
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS121 20/21			
		Finance (mandatory)			pl.20.21.284			
		Legal (mandatory)			lt/36369/180321			
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report for publication						
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	<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
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	23 March 2021					
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader							