

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L50 20/21

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Recycling Empty Homes financial assistance repayments into the Capital Programme.			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader			
3	Report author and contact details: Neil Mawson, Housing Delivery Manager neil.mawson@plymouth.gov.uk Ray White, Housing Delivery Officer ray.white@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: 1. To approve the briefing note 2. To allocate £482,437 into the capital programme funded by capital receipts from the loan repayments from previous Empty Home's loans.			
5	Reasons for decision: To enable the Council to continue to make our empty homes loan assistance available to new applicants by recycling financial assistance loan repayments.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Repaid monies diverted to central corporate budgets, resulting in funds not being used for future financial assistance to renovate properties and bring them back into occupation. This has been rejected due to success of the empty homes financial assistance programme and the need to address the ongoing lack of homes available in Plymouth.			
7	Financial implications: To 2023/24, income of £482,437 will be made available to the empty homes financial assistance programme.			
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:	Empty homes financial assistance, and this decision to recycle repaid loans, addresses the corporate plan in the following ways: A broad range of homes. Financial assistance helps individual property owners and organisations to redevelop a wide range of accommodation. Quality jobs and valuable skills: Renovating homes employs a wide range of trades and skills and has an impact on local neighbourhoods, contributing towards a clean and tidy city.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Empty homes renovated with financial assistance will have improved thermal efficiency with the benefit of reducing the property's carbon footprint.		
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 Chris Penberthy Cabinet member for Housing and Cooperative		

	portfolio is affected by the decision?	Development						
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	05/03/2021						
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	05/03/2021					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS103 20/21					
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.20.21.287					
		Legal (mandatory)	36304/AC/3/3/21					
		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						
		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							