

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L52 20/21

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Douglass House site development
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Fiona Gordon, Commissioning Officer, 01752 307190
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocates £530,000 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by Transforming Care Capital NHSE grant • Authorises a virement of £47,000 from the Disabled Facilities Grant budget to this project code to finance purchase of specialised equipment • Authorises the procurement process • Delegates the award of the contract to Service Director for People
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council has been allocated a £530,000 grant from NHSE to improve registered respite facilities in the city for people with highly complex needs (severe learning disabilities, autism). The successful conclusion to the 2 year project allows us to provide much needed discreet, specialist support in a safe environment for the most vulnerable citizens of Plymouth.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council has allocated the undeveloped grassed area land (0.25 ac) adjacent to Douglas House.</p> <p>The project will be to build 2 bungalows which are fully wheelchair accessible. In order to satisfy the bid PCC will provide the value of the prime residential development site in its ownership as its contribution to the project. Both bungalows will incorporate a range of adaptations with their construction and design to ensure that the needs of people with high complex needs will be safely met.</p> <p>Once the two bungalows have been developed PCC will own the freehold to both properties.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>We currently have nowhere that is suitably located in Plymouth or of appropriate construction and design to support people in crisis. It is needed now, we have people going into crisis in the city and we have nowhere safe to support them, we are having to manage highly distressed individuals in the community, putting them at risk of injury from housing repairs, hate crime from neighbours, complaints to the Council and elected members.</p>

7	Financial implications: The latest approved grant from NHSE for the build on the Douglass House site is £530,000 – this includes all professional fees and contingencies. A figure of £47,000 was allocated for specialised equipment required to fit out the 2 bungalows to the required standard.			
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:
			No	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
			No	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		No		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 Douglass House Business Case that was agreed at the Capital Programme Board on the 28 th September 2020.	
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	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		
		No	no	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Cllr Kate Taylor, Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	14 th August 2020		
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	Craig McArdle	
		Job title	Strategic Director for People	
		Date consulted	23/03/2021	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS125 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.20.21.288	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/36393/JP/230321.	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report		
	B			
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any	Yes	x	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II')

	confidential/exempt information?			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	Business Case			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 I 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		24 March 2021			
Print Name		Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader								