

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L42 20/21

Decision	
1	<p><b>Title of decision:</b></p> <p>Funding agreement to accept the offer of up to 1,127,995 Euros from the Interreg V A France (Channel) England 2014-2020 programme to support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the France Channel England (FCE) area. The project title is C – CARE : Covid Channel Area Response Exchange</p>
2	<p><b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader</p>
3	<p><b>Report author and contact details:</b> Patrick Bowes, Economic Development Manager, T – 01752 304882</p>
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <p>Accept the funding offer of up to 1,127,995 Euros from the Interreg V A France (Channel) England 2014-2020 programme by way of a signed funding agreement</p>
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>PCC has secured funding from the Interreg V A France (Channel) England 2014-2020 programme to increase the quality and effectiveness of service delivery to the most socially and economically disadvantaged groups through social innovation.</p> <p>The project will deliver 4 cross-border work packages aimed at supporting individuals at risk of exclusion and businesses at risk of closure in order to reverse some of the negative impacts of the pandemic.</p> <p>This focus on several interrelated topic areas and the associated activities will play a key role in reducing business closures, reducing the risk of individuals becoming socially and economically excluded and ensuring a sustainable recovery across the FCE area.</p>
6	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <p>(1) Do Nothing</p> <p>The sudden impact of Covid 19 meant that authorities first had to react and respond. There has been little time as yet to reflect on the effectiveness of this response on a local, regional or national basis let alone to look beyond national boundaries.</p> <p>Doing nothing and failing to consider looking at Cross-border solutions we will lose the opportunity to examine different responses in different national, regional and local contexts and learn the lessons and best practice from what is being done in a range of locations. There would be no added value to own</p>

	Covid recovery programmes without that cross border partner working to ensure maximum benefit from best practice.			
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial implications:</b> £ 974,506 (1,127,995 Euros) of ring-fenced revenue grant has been awarded to PCC to meet 100% of the cost of achieving the revenue grant objectives. Effective project management will ensure that the project is delivered within the grant terms and conditions. There are no expected revenue pressures arising as a result of accepting this grant award.			
<b>8</b>	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>  in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total  in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>  is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.
	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>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:</b>	Growing City – Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible; quality jobs and valuable skills		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	This project delivers Action 2.78 of the Carbon Emergency Action Plan - Work with the Inclusive Growth Group of the Plymouth Growth Board to publish the Resurgam Charter, and deliver on its commitment to encourage and support businesses to respond proactively to the Climate Emergency.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	x	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		<b>No</b>		<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency: With the funding award decision due on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and the requirement to sign the Partnership Agreement by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021; following the call in publication period of 10 days after sign off of the executive Decision would not allow</b>			

sufficient time for the <b>Partnership Agreement</b> to be signed. Therefore, an urgent decision is required to meet this deadline.			
12b	<b>Scrutiny Chair Signature:</b>	Councillor Darren Winter approved by email	<b>Date</b> 30/03/2021
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>	Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
	<b>Print Name:</b>	Councillor Darren Winter	
<b>Consultation</b>			
13a	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
		<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> (If no go to section 14)
13b	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)	
13c	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>	28 February 2021	
14	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
15	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Anthony Payne
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director for Place
		<b>Date consulted</b>	28 February 2021
<b>Sign-off</b>			
16	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS106 20/21
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	PI.20.21.256
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/4/04.03.21
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Appendices</b>			
17	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>	

	A	Briefing report for publication						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
<b>18a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		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 <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		<b>No</b>	x					
		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>18b</b>								
<b>Background Papers</b>								
<b>19</b>	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.							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
<b>20</b>	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	31 March 2021
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader		