

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OFFICER

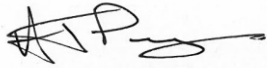
Executive Decision Reference Number – COD24 20/21

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Contract Award – Old Town Street and New George Street Public Realm
2	<b>Decision maker :</b> Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> : Tom Lowry, Design and Delivery Co-ordinator, Tel: 01752 305980 <a href="mailto:tom.lowry@plymouth.gov.uk">tom.lowry@plymouth.gov.uk</a>
4a	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> To award the contract for Better Places – Old Town Street and New George Street Public Realm to the successful tenderer. Details of the successful tenderer are set out in the Contract Award Report.
4b	<b>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:</b> Executive Decision L59 17/18 - 19/03/2018
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> To award the contract for the supplier to enable the delivery of Old Town Street and New George Street Public Realm being funded from the Better Places capital budget.  The Better Places Programme seeks to address years of underinvestment in city centre streets and spaces; to transform the look and feel of the city centre; to support and lever in further inward investment in retail, leisure, employment and housing.  Old Town Street and New George Street has been identified as a priority project as it stitches together and reinforces the joint offer of Drake Circus with the new Drake Circus Leisure scheme. It follows close collaboration with British Land who will in return for the proposed public realm improvements, subject to viability, invest £20m into this area to improve the retail provision and experience in this strategic link between Drake Circus Leisure and Drake Circus shopping mall.
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> Option 1: Do Nothing.  Significant inward investment from British Land would be jeopardised and the aim of increasing Plymouth's retail status would be threatened. The development costs of the project to end March 18 (up to £525,626) would be returned to revenue, creating additional pressure on the Strategic Planning &

	Infrastructure budgets. Existing matched funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership and Interreg would be threatened and an improved public realm befitting of the Mayflower 400 celebrations will not have been achieved.		
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial implications:</b> Funding has been allocated and approved within the Capital Programme (Executive Decision L59 17/18 - 19/03/2018) for Better Places capital budget. The development costs of the project to end March 18 (up to £525,626) would be returned to revenue, creating additional pressure on the Strategic Planning & Infrastructure budgets.		
<b>8</b>	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)		No
		Yes	
			No
			No
		<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>£1million</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>8b</b>	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>	n/a	
<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>	<p>Growing Plymouth - The outcomes of this project will help support a growing city by encouraging inward investment in the retail, leisure and cultural offer of Plymouth city centre and supporting the diversification of uses including residential and office.</p> <p>Providing aesthetically attractive and inviting city centre streets and spaces that function better through day and into evening will attract increased visitors to the city centre for prolonged periods of time resulting in higher spend, more viable businesses and a more competitive city centre further establishing Plymouth's position as a premier retail and shopping destination for the South West.</p> <p>Caring Plymouth - The project will support the creation of positive spaces for residents from across the city, supporting the achievement of health and wellbeing outcomes and promoting social inclusion.</p> <p>This project will directly support the growth of the city by encouraging visitors and enabling increased investment from the community and private sector.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	The project aims to deliver significant environmental improvements to the city centre including a net increase in trees and tree canopy cover, biodiversity net gain through the introduction of new species including those that support	

		pollinating insects. The scheme will deliver a new Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) system that will form part of a wider strategic network in the city centre. The SUDs systems includes 'rain gardens' which integrate the drainage system with the cities green infrastructure to make the best use of surface water. Construction materials have been selected for long-term robustness and durability to reduce lifecycle carbon footprint.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for advice)
		No	No	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: n/a			
12b	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
<b>Consultation</b>				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
				(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Lowry – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Mark Coker – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	17.03.2021		
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?			If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No		
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	08/04/2021	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS/32 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.04.	

		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/36524					
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>						
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>						
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	SN/PS/582/ED/04 21					
<b>Appendices</b>								
<b>17</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>						
	A	Equalities Impact Assessment ( <i>not required</i> )						
	B	Contract Award Report Part I						
<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.				
		<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>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b> <b>Contract Award Report Part 2</b>			X				
	<b>Contract Award Report Part 2: Appendix I</b>			X				
<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>						
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<b>Council Officer 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	8.4.21
Print Name	Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place.		