

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD02 21/22


Decision	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Title of decision:</b> Forder Valley Transport Improvements Contract Management</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title):</b> Paul Barnard, Service Director (SP&amp;I)</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Report author and contact details:</b> Steven Flaxton, Strategic Transport Programme Co-ordinator 01752 305543 <a href="mailto:steven.flaxton@plymouth.gov.uk">steven.flaxton@plymouth.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>4a</b>	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b> Award of contract to WSP for NEC Project Manager, Supervisor and Project Management Services for the Forder Valley Link Road and Forder Valley Interchange schemes, through the NHS Framework.</p>
<b>4b</b>	<p><b>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:</b> 05/03/2019 - Cabinet</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b> To ensure continuation of the efficient management and supervision of the Forder Valley Link Road and Forder Interchange contracts.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not to award construction contract. This has been rejected as it would mean that the contract could not be administered correctly and would likely lead to significant additional costs and potentially contractual disputes.</li> <li>2. Utilise a different procurement mechanism</li> </ol> <p>The contract Award Report (Part II) identifies the assessment of procurement options and concludes that this represents the best value for money to oversee the construction contracts.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Financial implications:</b> Detailed in Part II report</p>

8	<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	<p><b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b></p> <p>X 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</p> <p>X 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></p> <p>X 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.</p>
8b	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></p>	N/A		
9	<p><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>	<p>Corporate Plan.</p> <p>A Growing City</p> <p>An efficient transport network:</p> <p>This scheme will improve journey times and reduce congestion while improving the resilience of the transport network in the north of the city. The scheme will add capacity into the transport network, which will give reassurance to key partners such as Highways England that the planned growth, as set out in the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP), is deliverable and will reduce the risk of decisions of the Local Planning Authority not being able to follow recommendations of Highways England and having them referred up to the Secretary of State to intervene.</p> <p>A broad range of homes:</p> <p>The FVLR will provide a key piece of infrastructure required to deliver the 4,200 new homes planned for the northern corridor. This scheme will provide improved transport links which will give confidence to developers and create the conditions for growth. It will directly unlock 500 new homes at Seaton Neighbourhood.</p> <p>Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible:</p> <p>This scheme will provide a key piece of infrastructure required to deliver 26,000 sq. m of employment space (including a new district shopping centre) planned for the Derriford area.</p> <p>A green, sustainable city that cares about the environment:</p> <p>The scheme, being built within the Derriford Community Park in Forder Valley, has been subject to an Environmental</p>		

		<p>Impact Assessment. It includes a comprehensive landscape plan and environmental management and enhancement plan which not only mitigates its impact but will provide a net gain in biodiversity.</p> <p>Quality jobs and valuable skills:</p> <p>The scheme has a keen focus on providing local construction job opportunities as well as delivering infrastructure which will facilitate employment development sites in the north of the city. It is expected to directly deliver 1,800 jobs.</p> <p>Plymouth Plan</p> <p>The project contributes to part of the strategic transport infrastructure required to support the significant numbers of new homes and jobs that are planned for both the north and east of the city over the lifespan of the JLP. The scheme directly supports the following JLP policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy SPT8 – Strategic connectivity</li> <li>▪ Policy SPT9 – Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy</li> <li>▪ Policy SPT10 – Balanced transport strategy for growth and healthy sustainable communities</li> <li>▪ Policy SPT12 – Strategic infrastructure measures to deliver the spatial strategy</li> <li>▪ Policy PLY47 – Strategic infrastructure measures for the Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area</li> <li>▪ Policy PLY57 – Strategic infrastructure measures for the Eastern Corridor Growth Area</li> </ul> <p>Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:</p> <p>Including finance, human, IT and land</p> <p>This contract award is for the main construction works for the Forder Valley Link Road scheme. The total contract value under this award is up to a target cost not exceeding the figure identified in the Part II report.</p> <p>The funding for this award has already been accounted for within the capital allocation of funding for the project through Executive Decision L22 18/19 in December 2018.</p>
10	<p><b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b></p>	<p>This decision puts in place resource to oversee the Forder Valley Link Road and Forder Valley Interchange construction contracts and ensure that the environmental commitments for the scheme are adhered to.</p> <p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>The FVLR scheme has a comprehensive Ecological Mitigation and Environmental Management Plan which has been approved by the Local Planning Authority. This</p>

		<p>commits the project to achieving a net gain in biodiversity of at least 5%.</p> <p><b>Carbon</b></p> <p>An operational assessment has been carried out as part of the Final Business Case to the Department for Transport following Webtag guidance with the benefits calculated by TUBA. This identifies that the scheme provides greenhouse gas benefits by reducing stationary traffic in queues and increasing vehicle speeds. This produces an estimated change in no-traded carbon over 60 years (CO<sub>2</sub>e) of - 37,660 tonnes. The monetised value of the greenhouse gas savings is estimated to be £1.793m.</p> <p>The scheme also supports Government priorities for sustainable growth and decarbonising transport by improving the quality of travel options by non-car modes.</p>		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
I 1	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	X	(If no, go to section I 3a)
I 2a	Reason for urgency:			
I 2b	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
<b>Consultation</b>				
I 3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	X	
		No		(If no go to section I 4)
I 3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Jonathan Drean, Cabinet Member for Transport.		
I 3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	08/06/2021		
I 4	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	
I 5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	

		<b>Date consulted</b>	12/02/2021					
<b>Sign-off</b>								
<b>16</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DSO10 21/22					
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	pl.21.22.27					
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/36809					
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	N/A					
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	N/A					
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	KK/PS/588/ED/0621					
<b>Appendices</b>								
<b>17</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>						
	A	2021.06.09 FVTI - Part I Contract Award Report Summary v5						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
<b>18a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
		<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>							
	2021.06.09 FVTI - Contract Award Report- Contract Management v5			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.						
<b>Signature</b>				<b>Date of decision</b>	23.06.21		
<b>Print Name</b>	Paul Barnard						