

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L22 21/22

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Government Funding Agreement: Community Renewal Fund
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader
3	Report author and contact details: Julia Blaschke, Partnerships Manager, Tel 01752 308981.
4	Decision to be taken: Accept the funding offer of up to £1,198,766 from Government by way of a signed funding agreement
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>PCC has successfully submitted a bid for Community Renewal Fund, from which Government has decided to fund two projects, for a total of £1,198,766. As part of this funding award, PCC receives £27,978 to cover management costs. PCC will act as Lead Authority and therefore be responsible to programme manage the two projects. In addition, PCC will also deliver one of the projects through another team. The two funded projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plymouth Sound National Marine Park (Lead applicant: Plymouth City Council): This application further enhances Plymouth’s trailblazer National Marine Park designation by delivering a programme of five key elements for the park: Access through gateway Hubs SME business and skills support New “blue” businesses/products Net Zero: Innovative waterfront decarbonisation Public engagement and community development. - Stonehouse Union (Lead applicant: Nudge Community Builders, Street Factory CIC): This project brings together different but complementary organisations working in a deprived area in Plymouth. It will provide: Unique life-skills support and training for unemployed and far from the labour market beneficiaries Work-skills training Start-Up mentoring and support Business support and workspace.

6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>(1) Do Nothing</p> <p>Do nothing would mean that these two projects could not be realised and the business support and training opportunities would not be available. In addition, not performing the role of “Lead Authority” for this funding could lead to reputational damage for the council.</p>																				
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>£1,198,766 of ring-fenced revenue grant has been awarded to PCC to meet the revenue grant objectives as described in the project applications. Deliverability of the projects that are being delivered through this grant was assessed as part of the appraisal process. We will maintain robust programme management protocols through regular monitoring and review to ensure that the projects are delivered within the grant terms and conditions. Remedial action will be taken where necessary. There are no expected revenue pressures arising as a result of accepting this grant award.</p>																				
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9	<p>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:</p> <p>The decision directly supports the mission to build back better and the priorities in the Corporate Plan, particularly, Unlocking the City’s Potential.</p>																				
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p> <p>The projects that will receive funding will support businesses to examine and provide guidance to lower their carbon footprint. In particular, the NMP project has three strands that focus specifically on net zero:</p> <p>Improve environmental impact and support of NMP-related business through benchmarking carbon emissions and other environmental impact, providing actionable specific improvement plans and support to start implementation</p> <p>Create path to a carbon zero and highly usable leisure waterfront, with feasibilities for low-carbon energy source and environment improvement, business cases, funding</p>																				

		<p>strategy and relevant surveys</p> <p>Create deep understanding of the barriers and drivers of carbon/environment positive change within NMP related businesses</p> <p>Therefore overall, the decision is expected to have a positive impact.</p>		
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		
		No	x	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
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		18.11.2021

Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS72 21/22			
			Finance (mandatory)			ba.21.22.184			
			Legal (mandatory)			LS/37705/AC/24/11/2 I			
			Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
			Corporate property (if applicable)			N/A			
			Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
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	x					
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: UK Community Renewal Fund								
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	30 November 2021			
Print Name	Councillor Nick Kelly Leader, Plymouth City Council						