

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD13 21/22

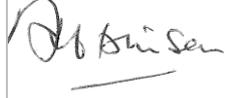
Decision				
1	Title of decision: Contract Award for Tamar Bridge Recovery of Light Vehicles			
2	Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Philip Robinson, Service Director for Street Services			
3	Report author and contact details: Adrian Trim, Adrian.trim@plymouth.gov.uk EXT 7729			
4a	Decision to be taken: To award the contract for the removal of light vehicles on Tamar Bridge to Tonkin Recovery Limited			
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: T13 21/22			
5	<p>Reasons for decision: Stranded vehicles can cause severe delays to access and egress of Tamar Bridge and Saltash Tunnel, with very few opportunities for other vehicles to pass safely. Safety for travelling vehicles is a risk, as is the safety of the occupants in the vehicle.</p> <p>The safety of Bridge operations require that vehicles breakdowns on the Bridge and in the tunnel are dealt with at the earliest opportunity for safety reasons.</p>			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: To allow vehicle owners to arrange their own rescue. Rejected due to the high risks associated with pedestrian movement on a live carriageway and uncontrolled vehicle support in a confined and difficult environment.			
7	Financial implications and risks: None			
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:
			x	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
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million
			x	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.

8b	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
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:	This decision discharges the Council's responsibility to provide a safe crossing 24/7 365 for those crossing Tamar Bridge.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)			
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 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	x	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Jonathon Drean, Cabinet member for Transport		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	11/11/21		
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	11/11/21	

Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS82 21/22			
			Finance (mandatory)			djn.21.22.163			
			Legal (mandatory)			MS/11/11.11.21			
			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							
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment							
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.				
			No	x					
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:								
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

Council Officer 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**

02/12/2021

Print Name

Philip Robinson

Briefing Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferries crossings are a 'joint undertaking' of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council, operating under statute since 1953.
- 1.2 The crossings are operated on a 'user pays' basis, with the tolls covering operational and maintenance costs, (hence no cost to the Council for this procurement) delivering public crossings at the Bridge and Ferry 24/7 365.
- 1.3 Stranded vehicles can cause severe delays to access and egress of Tamar Bridge and Saltash Tunnel, with very few opportunities for other vehicles to pass safely. Safety for travelling vehicles is a risk, as is the safety of the occupants in the vehicle.
- 1.4 The safety of Bridge operations require that vehicles breakdowns on the Bridge and in the tunnel are dealt with at the earliest opportunity for safety reasons.
- 1.5 The most effective way to maintain safety is by means of a specialist contracted service, 24/7 365 to provide light vehicle recovery, providing swift removal of vehicles, reducing risk of personal injury and journey delays.
- 1.6 The procurement of specialist services and materials are a regular occurrence, as would be expected, as the Bridge provides a unique link on the Devon / Cornwall border, with the A38 forming part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) nationally.
- 1.7 Plymouth City Council agreed that Cornwall Council would lead on the process to procure the contract for the recovery of light vehicles.
- 1.8 Following a successful tender process, 'Tonkin Recovery Limited' have been awarded the contract.
- 1.9 This document authorises Cornwall Council to award the contract on behalf of PCC.