

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD09 21/22

Decision	
1	<p>Title of decision: Morlaix Drive Access Improvement Scheme – Contract Award</p>
2	<p>Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place</p>
3	<p>Report author and contact details: Robin Bevan, Transport Planning Officer 01752 307799 robin.bevan@plymouth.gov.uk</p>
4a	<p>Decision to be taken: To appoint South West Highways as the principal contractor for the Morlaix Drive Access Improvement Scheme</p>
4b	<p>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: L42 17/18</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The Term Maintenance Contract (TMC) provides specifically for the delivery of transport projects in addition to the core highway maintenance activities and has already been through a competitive tendering assessment process.</p> <p>Using the TMC provides the optimum route for delivery by securing early contractor involvement to develop the design, by capitalising on the continuity of service provision, local knowledge and the close working arrangements that the TMC contractor has established with the Council's Highways department.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>To carry out a formal tendering exercise or through the use of an appropriate framework. Both would add delay to any appointment and impact on the potential delivery of the works.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>Capital</p> <p>The Executive Decision to add £4.734m to the Council's Capital Programme for the Morlaix Drive Access Improvement Scheme and delegate the award of any subsequent contract to the Director for Place was signed in January 2018. Subsequent to this a further £94,000 contribution from PCC Highways</p>

for resurfacing works on Brest Road that are included in the project was added to the scheme budget in 2020/21. A further £100,000 of revenue to capital contribution has been approved by S151 Officer in the current financial year in order to ensure the scheme is still affordable, bringing the total budget value to £4.928m.

Funding source	Amount
Corporate borrowing un-ringfenced	£1,420,000
DfT NPIF S131 Grant	£3,314,000
PCC Highways resurfacing contribution	£94,000
Revenue to capital from Strategic Transport	£100,000
Total	£4,928,000

The overall project has a total cost estimate of £4.920m. This includes a contingency amount for risk based on a quantified assessment of identified risks.

Revenue

Morlaix Drive is owned by University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. The scheme will deliver improvements to both Morlaix Drive and Brest Road to adoptable highway standards and upon completion of the scheme, Morlaix Drive will be dedicated as highway and adopted (as per an existing planning obligation upon the NHS Trust).

The scheme provides new infrastructure and therefore limited maintenance is expected in the first 10 years post opening. Following this, Morlaix Drive will become part of the Authority's maintenance liability, however the estimated average annual maintenance is relatively small at approximately £9,000 and this would be expected to be accommodated from within existing transport maintenance budgets.

An element of the scheme is a change to the junction of Morlaix Drive with Brest Road, including new traffic signals. There will also be a limited maintenance implication of this although again this would be expected to be accommodated from within existing transport maintenance budgets.

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 £1 million
		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	5 August 2021		

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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 project is identified as a part of the strategic transport infrastructure required to support the significant numbers of new homes and jobs that are planned for the north of the city over the lifespan of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan. The Morlaix Drive scheme directly supports the following Joint Local Plan policies: SPT 1; SPT9; SPT 10; SPT 12; PLY38; and PLY47.</p> <p>Investment to the Morlaix Drive scheme will support improved reliability of buses in the area and provide benefits for traffic using the A386. Optimising and enhancing the existing transport network resulting in improved journey times and reliability allows large scale development to come forward in the Derriford area and along the Northern Corridor. Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists will also be maximised within the scheme in order to encourage more sustainable journeys.</p> <p>This scheme will provide a key piece of infrastructure required to help facilitate a proportion of the 4,000 new homes planned for the wider Derriford Growth Area. This scheme is principally concerned with providing improved transport links which will help to give confidence to developers and will therefore help to create the conditions for growth and kick-start development.</p> <p>This scheme will improve infrastructure required to help facilitate a proportion of the 100,180 m² of employment space (including a new district shopping centre) planned for the Derriford area.</p> <p>The planned investment in targeted infrastructure projects can play its part in stimulating growth and encourage further investment. This scheme in addition to other major transport improvements planned and undertaken in the area will enable major development proposals to be delivered in the north of the city.</p> <p>Successful delivery of this scheme will give further confidence to national and regional funding decision makers that Plymouth is a city that can deliver large scale investment projects that will make a real difference in driving forward growth and the local economy. Being able to cite recent examples for the project such as Derriford Hospital Interchange and Marjons Link Road has helped secure DfT NPIF funding for this scheme; successful delivery of the project will give the same confidence when the Council is seeking funding for other future major projects.</p>
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>The scheme supports Government priorities for sustainable growth and decarbonising transport by improving the quality of travel options by non-car modes.</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 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 Jonathan Drear, Cabinet Member for Transport	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	19 November 2021	
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	24 November 2021
Sign-off			
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS83 21/22
		Finance (mandatory)	PI.21.22.194
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/37725/AC/28/11/21
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/608/ED/1221

Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Morlaix Drive Access Improvement Scheme Contract Award – Part I Briefing Note							
	B	Morlaix Drive Bus Priority & Access Improvement Scheme Equalities Impact Assessment							
Confidential/exempt information									
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?		Yes	<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 18b below.				
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Morlaix Drive Access Improvement Scheme Contract Award – Part II Briefing Note								
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		2.12.21			
Print Name		Anthony Payne							