

**Contract Modification, Procurement of Torpoint  
Ferry Chains  
Appendix A**



## 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.

### 2.0 **Torpoint Ferry chains, routine replacement.**

2.1 The three Torpoint ferries operate on fixed chains that require periodic replacement due to operational wear and tear.

2.2 The safety of the Ferries operations require that regular maintenance and replacement of bespoke parts are planned in advance to ensure continued operation and service 24/7 365.

2.3 Procurement of said chains has been in progress for many months and have been affected adversely due to the Covid pandemic in terms of both time delays and cost.

2.4 There has been a substantial increase in costs related to the manufacture and transport of the chains, resulting in the need for a variation to the existing contract where the original sum was £461,063.00, this has now been revised to £549,024.40.

2.5 It is crucial that the impetus and progress of the chain manufacture is maintained; with a delivery date required for April 2022, failure to meet this timetable will have a severe impact on ability to maintain ferry services.

2.6 The start date for manufacture is mid November 2021