

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L26 21/22

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Plymouth's Natural Grid			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Cllr Kelly, Leader of the Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Chris Avent 304184			
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Business Case • Allocates £168,725 to the Capital Programme, to be funded by external funding secured from Green Recovery Challenge Fund 			
5	Reasons for decision: The council and its partners have been successful in a bid to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund to provide investment in 12 nature sites in the city. This will provide capital funding for site enhancements as well as funds for staffing to deliver these enhancements and co-ordinate a programme providing Kickstart placements as well as engagement opportunities for local communities.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Do Nothing – Turn down grant funding offer			
7	Financial implications and risks: Total Project cost = £0.756 million Green Recovery Challenge Fund = £0.534m Approved Revenue match funding from existing staff costs = £0.222m The risk that the project and decision presents is low as all project governance is in place and project funding has been secured with Permission to Start provided from the grant funder.			
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.
	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:	<p><u>Corporate Plan</u> A green, sustainable city that cares about the environment</p> <p><u>Joint Local Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEV026 Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological conservation, • DEV028 Trees, woodlands and hedgerows <p><u>Plymouth Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO1 – Delivering a healthy city • HEA7 - Optimising the health and wellbeing benefits of the natural environment 		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>This programme of works aligns with and supports the delivery of the Plymouth Climate Emergency Action Plan by delivering a programme of works that will enhance and add resilience to the city's green estate.</p> <p>Plymouth currently has just under 400,000 trees which contribute £4.6m of annual benefits to the city through the Ecosystem Services that they provide, including £1.1 million of carbon storage and £2.9 million of pollution removal (i-Tree Eco survey 2020). This work will enhance this service provision.</p> <p>An outcome of the project will be to deliver a carbon budget for the investment programme and calculate the cost: benefit to inform future tree planting schemes and funding bids.</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		(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?	Cllr Nicholson – Strategic Planning Cllr Bridgeman - Environment	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	12.07.2021	
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 of Place
		Date consulted	15.11.2021
Sign-off			
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS58 21/22
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.166.
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/2/15.11.21
		Human Resources (if applicable)	NA
		Corporate property (if applicable)	NA
		Procurement (if applicable)	NA
Appendices			
17	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication (mandatory) "211111 Briefing Report Part 1_Plymouth's Natural Grid"	
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment "21006 EIA_Plymouth Natural Grid"	

	C	Business Case "211111 Natural Grid_ Business Case_v2"						
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:							
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		22 December 2021	
Print Name		Cllr Nick Kelly						