

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L29 21/22

Decision				
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Parent Authority Authorisation for Award of Contract - Tamar Bridge Tolling			
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of the Council			
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Adrian Trim – 307729 <a href="mailto:adrian.trim@plymouth.gov.uk">adrian.trim@plymouth.gov.uk</a>			
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> Authorisation for the Award of Contract to Securitas Security Services (UK) Limited, for the Tolling Tender, Tamar Bridge. Term of contract 3 years + 2 in total and contract value, £3.3 M.			
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> Tamar Bridge operates on a 'User pays' basis, awarding this contract will enable the continued collection of Tolls for vehicles crossing Tamar Bridge for the next 3 + 2 years, thus funding the maintenance and operation of the undertaking.			
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> Not to proceed with procurement and contract award – <b>Rejected</b> on the basis that Tolling is required to ensure that adequate funding is collected so the bridge is safely operated and maintained.			
7	<b>Financial implications:</b> Tamar Bridge is funded on a 'user pays' basis, where the tolls are used for both operational and maintenance requirements. There are limited impacts on the Council MTFP regarding funding, other than financing Member and Officer involvement.			
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)		<b>No</b>	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>
			x	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			x	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>

			x	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <b>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</b>			
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:		As a regional centre, Plymouth plays a major role economically, culturally and industrially, providing a focus for the innovation, technology and for the quality of life that it offer. The Tamar Bridge crossing is a vital strategic and local link that plays a key role in the City's ambitions to become a world class City.	
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)		No Direct Environmental Impact.	
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?			(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
			<b>No</b>	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
<b>Consultation</b>				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?		Yes	x
				<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		Councillor Jonathan Drear, Cabinet Member for Transport	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted		12 January 2022	
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a			If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring

	<b>conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>No</b>		Officer				
15	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Anthony Payne					
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director for Place					
		<b>Date consulted</b>	12 January 2022					
<b>Sign-off</b>								
16	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS101 21/22					
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	Ba.21.22.236					
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/3/12/1/22					
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>						
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>						
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>						
<b>Appendices</b>								
17	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>						
	A	Briefing report for publication ( <i>mandatory</i> )						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment NA						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
18a	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>No</b>	<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 <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
18b	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							
<b>Background Papers</b>								

<b>19</b>	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
<b>20</b>	<p>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 (where required).</p>							
<b>Signature</b>				<b>Date of decision</b>	31 January 2022			
<b>Print Name</b>								

## **Appendix A**

### **Briefing Report**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The Tamar Bridge crossing forms part of a 'joint undertaking' provided by Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council, operating under statute since 1953.

1.2 The crossing is 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 24/7 365.

1.3 The procurement of specialist services are a regular occurrence, as would be expected, as the Bridge is a bespoke structure that provides a key road link on the Devon / Cornwall border, crossing the river Tamar, with the A38 forming part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) nationally.

1.4 Tamar Bridge infrastructure and operations are funded by means of Tolling, both electronically through a pre-paid 'tag' and manual collection from vehicles crossing the bridge in an easterly direction, where 6 tolling booths are available for use.

1.5 Manual tolling in the booths on the Bridge has been outsourced since 1987 as it was identified as the most cost effective means of delivering the operation.

1.6 The existing contract was recently due for retender and Cornwall Council have led the process to procure a successful bidder to continue the existing tolling regime.

1.7 After due consideration and assessment Securitas Security Services (UK) Limited were identified as the successful bidder and to be awarded the contract. This Executive Decision confirms the Award.

#### **2.0 Improving resilience and efficiency in procurement and Contract Award**

2.1 Currently the process to procure and award a contract is the responsibility of both Councils, however the policy and process of both Councils differ, giving rise to anomalies and additional administration regarding timing, procurement decisions, application and contract award. Work is currently underway to simplify the procurement and contract award process in respect of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.