

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD20 21/22

Decision	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Title of decision:</b></p> <p>Smart Sound Connect : Transfer of Offshore Advanced Communication System contract from Delt Shared Services Ltd to Plymouth Marine Laboratory Applications LTD.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title):</b></p> <p>David Draffan- Service Director for Economic Development</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Report author and contact details:</b></p> <p>Michelle Murray, Project Manager, <a href="mailto:michelle.murray@plymouth.gov.uk">michelle.murray@plymouth.gov.uk</a>, 01752307956</p>
<b>4a</b>	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <p>To instruct Delt Shared Services Ltd to novate / transfer the contract with Steatite for the Advanced Offshore Network to the engaged project partner, Plymouth Marine Laboratory Applications LTD.</p> <p>To authorise the facilitation (raising of) a PO for the total contract value from (budget holder) Plymouth City Council to the engaged project partner Plymouth Marine Laboratory Applications LTD to manage and issue payment for the Advanced Offshore Network contract with Steatite.</p> <p>To authorise the ownership of assets purchased from Steatite to Plymouth Marine Laboratory Applications LTD.</p>
<b>4b</b>	<p><b>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:</b></p> <p>L10 20/21 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>To novate the contract to project partner Plymouth Marine Laboratory Applications LTD to enable the service procured and responsibility to purchase, install, manage and own the assets for the Advanced Offshore Network alongside their own tasking using the funding obtained from HoTSW LEP.</p> <p>In accordance with the delegated authority granted by the Executive Decision made by the Leader of the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the project contracted Delt Shared Services Ltd to undertake the procurement service up to award and novation. Due to the off the shelf requirements an above GPA threshold tender was undertaken using the open procedure. On evaluation of submissions received a notification of award decision was communicated to the supplier.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <p><b>Do Nothing</b></p> <p>This would mean the Council forsakes the funding provided by the LEP and the opportunity to position</p>

	<p>Plymouth as the centre for advanced marine testing for the UK. The Council would be liable for cost incurred to develop the network.</p> <p><b>Reduced Implementation</b> As above. The opportunity is for the first 5G testing environment focussed on marine innovation development.</p> <p><b>Viable Alternative</b> There are no viable alternatives.</p>																
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Financial implications and risks:</b></p> <p>Financial risks have been mitigated:</p> <p>Provision has been made for this contract within the project budget using HoTSW LEP funding.</p> <p>A fixed quotation has been provided by the supplier for works to be undertaken.</p> <p>Procurement have completed a financial due diligence on the supplier.</p>																
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<b>8b</b>	<p><b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b></p> <p>N/A</p>																
<b>9</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p><b>Plymouth Plan</b></p> <p>The Plymouth Plan is a ground-breaking plan which looks ahead to 2034. It sets a shared direction of travel for the long term future of the city bringing together a number of strategic planning processes into one place. It talks about the future of the city's economy; it plans for the city's transport and housing needs; it looks at how the city can improve the lives of children and young people and address the issues which lead to child poverty and it sets out the aspiration to be a healthy and prosperous city with a rich arts and cultural environment; and it sets out the city's spatial strategy, incorporating the Plymouth-specific elements of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.</p> <p>The Plan covers all the policies for the city under three strategic themes:</p>																

- Plymouth as a healthy city;
- Plymouth as a growing city;
- Plymouth as an international city.

Policies are grouped under these themes and **SmartSound Connect** contributes to a number of these including:

Creating the conditions for economic growth – the city’s overall goal is to create the conditions for driving productivity and prosperity for all. As part of this goal, there are commitments to: develop a transformational economic infrastructure that includes the city’s world class marine / defence technology assets alongside encouraging business growth and investment that includes improving digital connectivity and cyber security. The Plan specifically identifies the opportunities arising out of marine autonomy alongside the development of technologies in a marine testing ground;

Plymouth in the global marketplace – the city is fully committed to promoting Plymouth’s position in the global marketplace building on existing strengths, particularly in relation to defence, marine sciences, high technology manufacturing and maritime location;

Supporting world class universities and research institution – the city’s support for the continued growth of the higher education and research institutions includes providing the physical space, networks and facilities to capture the commercialisation of Plymouth’s strong knowledge base into new higher value, exporting businesses.

### **Local Economic Strategy**

Plymouth City Council (PCC) is currently updating the Local Economic Strategy as the ‘Delivering Economic Growth’ Plan to cover the period up to 2024. This document aligns with the sub-regional and national strategies below, while integrating the strategy of the Plymouth Plan in to the city’s plans for economic growth.

The evolving plan has six flagships to deliver the city’s strategic economic objectives:

- Ocean City Infrastructure;
- Business Growth & Investment;
- Defence;
- Learning & Talent Development;
- Inclusive Growth;
- Visitor Economy & Culture.

**SmartSound Connect** makes the most direct contributions to the first three flagships. The creation of high-speed data network will accelerate growth and investment through new digital infrastructure.

It will also enable our marine tech businesses to innovate and be productive so that they can excel in global markets, including ‘supporting SMEs and micros to engage with our thriving primes in industries such as marine autonomy, defence manufacturing, health technologies, and other...’

The specific focus on marine autonomy and cybersecurity

		will also play a significant part in Plymouth's leading role in the Defence sector.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	<p><b>Low Carbon / Clean Growth</b></p> <p>The Government's ambition for a low carbon economy has been articulated through the development of the Clean Growth Strategy produced by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). This document addresses the transition to a low carbon economy, prioritised in the Industrial Strategy, that increases national income while cutting greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The strategy has a number of actions towards which <b>SmartSound Connect</b> can contribute, particularly through the business applications and innovations that a high-speed data network in SSP can help accelerate. This includes areas such as marine autonomy and the development of marine science that can help reduce, mitigate / limit the impact of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, the R&amp;D that will emerge from the mobile high-speed data network testbed will help to shape the development of smart shipping and drive the logistical efficiencies reducing fuel consumption and contributing towards clean growth.</p>		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for advice)
		<b>No</b>	X	(If no, go to section 13a)
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>13a</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
		<b>No</b>	X	(If no go to section 14)
<b>13b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	N/A		
<b>13c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>			

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	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021					
<b>Sign-off</b>								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS111 21/22					
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.258.					
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/38043					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)	PW/PS/617/ED/0222					
<b>Appendices</b>								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report for publication ( <i>mandatory</i> )						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment ( <i>where required</i> )						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	X	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.				
		No						
		<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	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
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							

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Council Officer Signature</b>							
<b>20</b>	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.						
<b>Signature</b>			<b>Date of decision</b>	08/02/2022			
<b>Print Name</b>	David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development)						