

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number –T27 21/22

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Southway to Plymbridge Road walking and cycling improvements scheme - phase 2 contract award
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Jonathan Drean (Cabinet Member for Transport)
3	Report author and contact details: Jim Woffenden, Transport Planning Officer 01752 307712 jim.woffenden@Plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: To appoint South West Highways as the principal contractor for phase 2 of the Southway to Plymbridge Road walking and cycling improvements scheme, and delegate any future contract awards relating to Northern corridor strategic cycle network funds to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure.
5	Reasons for decision: Executive Decision L29 14/15 provided authorisation “to allow the development the Northern Corridor Strategic Cycle Network schemes ready for consultation and construction”. This project is now designed and ready to be constructed and therefore the contract award is required. 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. Using the TMC provides the optimum route for early 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.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: 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.
7	Financial implications and risks: Capital

	<p>Phase 2 of the scheme delivery is entirely funded through the Northern Corridor Strategic Cycle Network programme.</p> <p>Revenue</p> <p>As part of the improvement works, existing signals will be replaced and substantial stretches of footway and carriageway will be resurfaced. Overall the scheme is expected to be revenue neutral.</p>																				
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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>This scheme forms part of the TCF tranche one Northern Corridor programme, which delivers the following benefits:</p> <p><u>Growing Plymouth</u></p> <p><i>Support the local economy and facilitate economic development</i></p> <p>The very strong BCR set out in the economic appraisal for the TCF tranche 1 programme of walking and cycling improvements indicates a substantial benefit to the economy. There are 13, 000 new jobs planned on the northern corridor by 2034 via major employment sites, including nationally significant medical and education facilities, the Science Park, Becton Dickinson and Plessey. This bid improves access to these employment sites, enterprise zones and development sites offering employment opportunities.</p> <p><i>Support housing delivery</i></p> <p>There are also 9,350 new houses planned on the corridor by 2034.</p> <p><i>Reduce carbon emissions by increasing the volume and proportion of journeys made by low carbon sustainable modes</i></p> <p>The whole corridor already experiences significant congestion with most junctions at or near to capacity at peak times. This will inevitably worsen, further impacting on reliability and attractiveness for all modes unless action is taken to improve the alternatives to the private car. This level of growth presents an opportunity to support that growth by dramatically increasing the use of healthy, low</p>																				

		<p>carbon, sustainable modes of transport and improving journey reliability.</p> <p><u>A Caring Council</u></p> <p>Two air quality management areas located on this corridor are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The benefits set out below can be expected to disproportionately benefit lower income groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to services, training and employment. • Encouraging modal shift away from the private car, thereby reducing congestion and accidents. • Reduced community severance • Reduced vehicle noise; several noise important areas are identified on the corridor. <p>This scheme will also help address physical inactivity which is a major problem in Plymouth with just 18.6% of the adult population exercising for 30 minutes three times a week. Physical inactivity is estimated to cost the NHS £4.1 million pa with far greater costs to the wider economy.</p> <p><u>Climate emergency</u></p> <p>Plymouth City Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, pledging the city to become carbon neutral by 2030. Road transport represents 28% of the city's carbon footprint, a proportion that is set to increase. Encouraging more trips to be made by walking and cycling is essential if the Council's commitments are to be met.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>The construction of the scheme will directly lead to carbon emissions like any other construction project. However, because the scheme helps make walking and cycling more attractive compared to travel by private car, it will encourage and enable people to travel more sustainably. With road transport representing 28% of carbon emissions, a proportion that is expected to increase, improving the attractiveness of sustainable transport options compared to driving is necessary if the council is to meet its commitments around Climate Emergency.</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	X	(If no, go to section 13a)

I2a	Reason for urgency:		
I2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date
	Scrutiny Committee name:		
	Print Name:		
Consultation			
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place
		Date consulted	23/02/2022
Sign-off			
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS I2I 21/22
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.285.
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/38153
		Human Resources (if applicable)	NA
		Corporate property (if applicable)	NA
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/620/ED/0222
Appendices			
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication	

	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
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.							
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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						
		11/03/2022						
Print Name	Councillor Jonathan Drea							

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