

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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

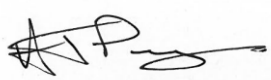
Executive Decision Reference Number – COD22 21/22

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Purchase of Trees for Civic Square (Better Places Programme)
2	Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place
3	Report author and contact details: Michelle Endacott Michelle.endacott@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	Decision to be taken: It is recommended that a contract be awarded to Deepdale for the Purchase of Trees for Civic Square up to the Value Order of £40k. This award will be provisional and subject to the receipt of the satisfactory self-certification documents.
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: L59 17 18
5	Reasons for decision: The Civic Square scheme is one of three projects being delivered under the Better Places Programme - Executive Decision Reference Number – L59 17/18. The transformative works to the square will help to deliver the vision for the regeneration of the City Centre set out in the City Centre Masterplan and adopted Joint Local Plan and delivering the objectives of Better Places Plymouth Public Realm Design Framework. This approval is for the purchase of trees to form part of a cohesive landscaping strategy to create a green and attractive public space that promotes walkability, supports biodiversity and meets the objectives of the Council's Plan for Trees.

6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>This tender was advertised on Supplying The Southwest and 4 suppliers submitted bids. All tenderers passed the Mandatory Requirement Stage, and progressed through to the Score Award Stage.</p>																
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>Financial provision has been made for this contract within the Civic Square allocated budget of £3.027m consisting of £2.009m TCF funding and £1.014m HAZ (Heritage Action Zone) and 0.004k local contribution.</p>																
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8b	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>	n/a															
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>The project will look entirely at the public realm (streets and spaces) in the Civic Square and will pioneer new ways for these to function, attract social/cultural and commercial activity, reduce maintenance liabilities and explore opportunities for income generation and provide a green sustainable city that cares about the environment..</p> <p>The project will promote confidence in Plymouth by improving the attractiveness and usability of the city's streets and spaces for residence and visitors, making them feel safe in Plymouth.,enhancing community pride and supporting Plymouth as a destination of choice.</p> <p>The project will seek to enhance the ease of pedestrian cycle movement for people with all abilities by removing clutter and obstacles to movement. The specific needs of children, elderly, and mobility impaired has been carefully considered through the design process to enhance accessibility and enjoyment of the spaces by all.</p> <p>The outcome of this project will help support a growing city by encouraging inward investment in the retail, leisure and cultural offer of Plymouth city centre and supporting the</p>															

		<p>diversification of uses including residential and office.</p> <p>Providing aesthetically attractive spaces and inviting city centre streets and spaces that function better through the day and into evening will attract increased visitors to the city for prolonged period of time resulting in higher spend, more viable business and a more competitive city centre further establishing Plymouth's position as a premier retail and shopping destination for the South West.</p> <p>The project will support the creation of positive spaces for residents from across the city, supporting the achievement of health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce health inequalities.</p> <p>The project will directly support the growth of the city by encouraging visitors and enabling increased investment from the community and private sector.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Response to the Council's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency and the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan and design in measures to reduce the environmental impact of the scheme as far as possible.</p> <p>Connecting to a wider network of walking and cycling infrastructure and to the main rail and bus hubs the scheme will enable and encourage travel by sustainable modes.</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 for advice)
		No	x	(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?	<p>Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)</p> <p>Councillor Jonathan Drean (Cabinet Member for Transport)</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Maddi Bridgeman (Environment and street scene)</p>		

13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	Councillor Drean 24/06/2021, 15/07/2021, 16/09/2021, 04/11/2021, Councillor Drean and Councillor Bridgeman 15/07/2021							
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 for Place						
		Date consulted	03.03.22						
Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS128 21/22						
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.295.						
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/38218/JP/080322.						
		Human Resources (if applicable)							
		Corporate property (if applicable)							
		Procurement (if applicable)	SB/PS/622/ED/0222.						
Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Purchase of Trees for Civic Square – Contract Award Part 1							
	B	Purchase of Trees for Civic Square – Contract Award Part 2							
Confidential/exempt information									
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 18b below.					
		No							
		Exemption Paragraph Number							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:			X					

	Purchase of Trees for Civic Square – Contract Award Part 2									
Background Papers										
19	<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>									
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Council Officer Signature										
20	<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.</p>									
Signature				Date of decision	03/03/2022					
Print Name	Anthony Payne									