

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L44 21/22

Decision	
1	Title of decision: A38 Manadon Interchange Scheme advance funding request
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Sally Farley, Strategic Transport Manager Tel. 01752 307652 Email. sally.farley@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision to be taken: <p>It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves this business case update • Allocates £800,000 to the Capital Programme, funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DfT Integrated Transport Grant funding of £800,000 • Delegates Contract Award to Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure (SP&I).
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>£800,000 is requested to be added to the capital programme to progress the Manadon A38 interchange scheme. This funding is requested from monies already identified for the scheme but not yet on the capital programme, namely from the DfT annual grant funding to PCC for 2021/22 (Integrated Transport Black funding).</p> <p>This £800,000 will allow the A38 Manadon Scheme to continue whilst a decision is awaited on the Outline Business Case submission to the Department for Transport. The decision has been delayed by the DfT undertaking a national review of all Large Local Major and Major road Network (LLM/MRN) schemes in response to the national spending review announced Autumn 2021.</p> <p>The funding requested will avoid delaying the scheme and the risk of not being able to start construction by March 2025. Most crucially the funding will allow for essential ecological surveys that must be completed during spring/summer as well as landscaping designs and progressing documents and surveys to support the planning application.</p> <p>The scheme has already engaged in Early Contractor Involvement with Balfour Beatty and this funding would prevent the contractor from having to stand down.</p> <p>Contract award and oversight of monies to be spent will be undertaken by Paul Barnard.</p>

	Service Director SP&I.			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>The alternative to placing £800,000 on the capital programme is to stand down the project and await the Outcome of the DfT review. However there are crucial ecological surveys that must begin in April 2022 and essential landscaping plans and work toward planning submission must begin in order to meet the March 2025 construction start date. In addition the experienced project team and contractor would need to be stood down.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>A Business Case was approved in December 2019 through Executive Decision L27 19/20 to place the co-development funding onto the capital programme and to proceed to OBC submission.</p> <p>Co-development funding currently on the capital programme of £3.02m is part DfT and part PCC funding (DfT £1.89m: PCC £1.13m). These monies have now been spent.</p> <p>£800,000 is requested to come from the PCC match funding already identified for the scheme, namely the DfT annual grant funding from 2021/22, but which has not yet placed on the capital programme.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	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 £1million
		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.	
	<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 Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014-2034 (JLP) identifies Derriford and the Northern Corridor as a Growth Area because of its potential to deliver a regionally significant scale of growth in new jobs and new homes. The A38 Manadon Interchange is the primary access point which connects the A38 trunk road to the A386 Tavistock Road, the primary route to the Derriford area, and Outland Road and Mannamead Road from the City Centre. The A38 Manadon Interchange currently experiences significant congestion and delays, particularly at peak times, and is one of the worst performing junctions on the South West Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>The Manadon scheme will seek to increase capacity on all arms of the junction as well as providing significant</p>			

		<p>improvements to walking and cycling facilities, including a new cycle bridge across the A38.</p> <p>In July 2019 Plymouth City Council (PCC) submitted the A38 Manadon Interchange scheme as part of the Peninsula Transport submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) for the Major Road Network/Large Local Majors (MRN/LLM) programme.</p> <p>The scheme successfully secured DfT co-development funding at submission stage (one of only seven schemes nationally to achieve this at that time).</p> <p>Large Local Majors schemes typically receive 85% DfT funding. This means that the scheme will attract significant external investment into the city and as such it is part of the city's recovery plan.</p> <p>In addition the scheme will provide significant improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure at Manadon where currently there is no ability for cyclists cross the A38 at subway level without dismounting.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	There are no direct implications as a result of this proposal.		
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)
12a	Reason for urgency: N/A			
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?	Councillor Jonathan Drean, Cabinet Member for Transport		

I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	22 March 2022						
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	X					
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne					
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place					
		Date consulted	22 March 2022					
Sign-off								
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS131 21/22					
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.21.22.313.					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/38316/JP/230322					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	A38 Manadon Interchange scheme – Part I Briefing Note - Business Case Update						
	B	A38 Manadon Interchange scheme - Part II Briefing Note						
	C	Equalities Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
I8a	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 I8b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No						
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7

18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Appendix B: A38 Manadon interchange Scheme - Part 2 Briefing Note			x						
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>									
Title of background paper(s)				Exemption Paragraph Number						
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Appendix A: A38 Manadon interchange Scheme – Business Case update March 2022										
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	23 March 2022				
Print Name	Councillor Richard Bingley									