

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L12 22/23

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Acceptance of the Grant Award from the National Institute of Health Research for health inequalities research funding			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Cllr Richard Bingley, Leader			
3	Report author and contact details: Ruth Harrell, Director of Public Health			
4	Decision to be taken: Accept the grant through signing the NIHR contract			
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council, along with its partners the University of Plymouth, have been successful in the award of funding to support research into tackling health inequalities.</p> <p>This offers an opportunity for Plymouth (both the Council and wider partners) to further our understanding of understanding what can be done to prevent people from dying earlier than they should, and leading more of their lives in poor health, through considering the places and circumstances that people lead their lives.</p> <p>The Council is not able to release full details at this present time due to a restriction on publication. A decision is required however to ensure that the Council is in a position to sign the agreements required by NIHR by the 30 September. Further details on the award will be available in the near future.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council could decide to reject the grant offer. This would be a significant opportunity lost.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>There is no financial risk to the Council since this is a fully funded project.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p>
			x	<p>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</p>
		x		<p>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new</p>

				commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		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.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	NA		
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:	The Plymouth Plan and the corporate plan are very clear on the need to tackle health inequalities and reduce the numbers of people who are living more of their shorter lives in ill health. This funding will support those aims.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	x	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: The decision must be made in order to accept the funding available before 1 st October 2022. The Decision had been delayed in the hope that the full details of the funding could be disclosed.			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	<i>M Aspinall</i>	Date	23/9/2022.
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Health and Adult Social Care		
	Print Name:	Cllr Mary Aspinall		
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?	Cllr Mahony as portfolio holder for public health.		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	07/09/2022		

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	Ruth Harrell					
		Job title	Director of Public Health					
		Date consulted	August 2021					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS52 22/23					
		Finance (mandatory)	ba 22.23.227					
		Legal (mandatory)	EJ/38851/21.9.22/2					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A							
	B							
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. (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: NIHR briefing note part 2			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
Cabinet Member 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	26 September 2022					
Print Name	Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader Plymouth City Council									