

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L10 22/23

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> To appoint two representatives to the South West Energy and Environment Group's (SWEEG) Steering Committee.
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Richard Bingley (Leader)
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Jonathan Bell (Head of Development Planning)
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> To appoint Councillor James Stoneman and Councillor Dr John Mahony as representatives to the SWEEG's Steering Committee.
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> Local authority members of the SWEEG partnership are invited to nominate two elected members to represent their organisation on the Steering Committee.
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> The Council could nominate officers to be on the SWEEG Steering Committee, but SWEEG strongly prefer the nomination of elected members. The view of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change was that as other councils were nominating members, then it would be appropriate for Plymouth City Council to do likewise. The Council could chose not be a member of SWEEG at all, or could be an associate rather than full member of SWEEG. However, both of these alternatives were discussed with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, and were not favoured for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best financial outcomes arise from the Council being a full member (see Section 7 below).</li> <li>• There are significant benefits to the Council in working collaboratively with other partners, who all grappling with similar issues and challenges around the climate emergency. By being a member of SWEEG, we have easy and direct access to the advice and support we will need as we seek to accelerate our climate action. There are many areas of the net zero agenda we still need to tackle and the easy availability of academic, scientific and research support will bring great benefits.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> By being a partnership member, the Council receives time and expertise from the University of Exeter at a highly discounted rate, including the vitally important Plymouth Greenhouse Gas Emissions annual

	monitoring report. Our contribution to the partnership of £24,600 will be more than offset by the financial savings on key work we will continue to need to commission. Put simply, it would most likely be more expensive for us not to be in the partnership than to be a full member. It should be noted that any partner may terminate their membership by giving not less than one Financial Year's notice.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	Yes	No	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>
			x	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			x	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>
		x	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a>			
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:	Helps to facilitate key projects and activities relevant to the Corporate and Plymouth Plans.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Helps to facilitate key projects and activities relevant to carbon reduction.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
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 ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		No	x	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>	
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor James Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change)	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	22/08/22	
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place
		Date consulted	22/08/2022
Sign-off			
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS5I 22/23
		Finance (mandatory)	Ba.22.23.222
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/3924I
		Human Resources (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	
		Procurement (if applicable)	
Appendices			
17	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication	
Confidential/exempt information			
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for	

		<b>No</b>	x	publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		<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>
<b>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
<b>19</b>	<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>							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		<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>
<b>Cabinet Member 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>	28 September 2022				
<b>Print Name</b>	Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of Plymouth City Council							