

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – COD27 22/23

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Contract Award: Short Form Delivery Agreement for the establishment of site welfare establishment and works for Armada Way 'Better Places' public realm improvement project
2	<b>Decision Maker:</b> Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> : Martin Ivatt, City Centre Regeneration Co-ordinator, Tel: 01752 398434 martin.ivatt@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <p>To award a Short Form Delivery Agreement to undertake welfare establishment, compound and Knowledge Hub, including groundworks, associated with Armada Way 'Better Places' public realm improvements project to Morgan Sindall. Knowledge Hub to cover all City Centre public realm projects and be in place until March 2024 at completion of Armada Way. Details of the engaged supplier are set out in the Contract Award Report.</p> <p>It is intended to award the contract using the SCAPE Framework.</p>
4b	<b>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:</b> Executive Decision L43 19/20 03.07.20
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>The Better Places Programme seeks to address years of under-investment in city centre streets and spaces; to transform the look and feel of the city centre; to support and lever in further inward investment in retail, leisure, employment and housing.</p> <p>Undertaking the phase of enabling works is necessary in order for the Council to maintain its commitments to expended central government grant money that is time restricted; and to progress the construction of its extensive programme of public realm improvements within Plymouth City Centre in a timely fashion, minimising disruption to the public and its retail partners.</p> <p>Armada Way is identified as a priority project which reinforces the Council's actions to regenerate key areas of Plymouth's city centre. The project has a total value of £12.7m, with £2.7m of this being TCF funds to be spent by March 2023, with the remainder being majority PCC match-funding (as part of both Better Places and wider TCF schemes match funding) and a small amount from CIL.</p>

6	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <p><b>Option 1: Do Nothing</b> – This is not an option as Armada Way is a key element of the transformation of the City Centre through the Better Places programme</p> <p><b>Option 2: Do Nothing and await the award of the main contract-</b> If the Council doesn't commence these works now, serious delays will result to the construction programme for the project.</p> <p>Not completing the schemes in a timely manner may lead to the loss of external funding for the project and will seriously damage the current good reputation the Council has established for the delivery of high quality public realm schemes.</p>																
7	<p><b>Financial implications and risks:</b></p> <p>The value of the Short Form Delivery Agreement activities are £827,498.35. £2,751,524 of funding has been secured for the project from the Transforming Cities Fund which needs to be spent by March 2023.</p>																
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8b	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></p>	n/a															
9	<p><b>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:</b></p>	<p>Growing Plymouth - The outcomes 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 diversification of uses including residential and office.</p> <p>Providing aesthetically attractive and inviting city centre streets and spaces that function better through day and into evening will attract increased visitors to the city centre for prolonged periods of time resulting in higher spend, more viable businesses and a more competitive city centre further establishing Plymouth's position as a premier retail and shopping destination for the South West.</p> <p>Caring Plymouth - The project will support the creation of positive spaces for residents from across the city, supporting the achievement of health and wellbeing outcomes and promoting social inclusion.</p>															

		This project will directly support the growth of the city by encouraging visitors and enabling increased investment from the community and private sector.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	The project aims to deliver significant environmental improvements to the city centre and futureproof it for future generations. It is proposed to increase the total number of trees in Armada Way by circa 50% and provide a circa 20% Biodiversity Net Gain. The scheme will allow for improved bio-resilience and climate change through appropriate tree planting for a city centre environment, and will include biodiversity net gain through the introduction of new species, including those that support pollinating insects. The scheme will deliver a new Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) system that will form part of a wider strategic network in the city centre. The SUDs systems includes 'rain gardens' and swales which integrate the drainage system with the cities green infrastructure to make the best use of surface water. Construction materials have been selected for long-term robustness and durability to reduce lifecycle carbon footprint. Reuse of some existing materials from Armada Way will be integrated into the design to reduce the carbon footprint of hard surfacing.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for advice)
		<b>No</b>	x	(If no, go to section 13a)
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency: n/a</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>13a</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	x	
		<b>No</b>		(If no go to section 14)
<b>13b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Jonathan Drean, Cabinet Member for Transport		
<b>13c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>	04/10/2022		

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	Anthony Payne					
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place					
		Date consulted	13/10/2022					
<b>Sign-off</b>								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS62 22/23					
		Finance (mandatory)	pl.22.23.242.					
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/39333					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A					
<b>Appendices</b>								
17	Re f.	Title of appendix						
	A	Contract Award Report Part 1						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
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 <b>18b</b> below.				
		No						
		<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>
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Contract Award Report Part 2			X				
<b>Background Papers</b>								
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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Council Officer 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.							
<b>Signature</b>				<b>Date of decision</b>	21/10/2022			
<b>Print Name</b>	Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure							