


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – CIVIC CENTRE DISTRICT ENERGY SCHEME

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Kat Deeney	Signature:		Approval date:	02/11/22
Overview:	This business case relates to the development of energy infrastructure to achieve the City's commitments to carbon reduction and renewable energy. It seeks approval to progress the development of a District Energy scheme that will support the redevelopment of Civic Centre by Urban Splash, but also support decarbonisation of the Theatre Royal and Plymouth Combined Courts. It will deliver an efficient district energy network that links with the existing PCC heat network serving Council House and Guildhall and serve as potential enabling infrastructure for other nearby developments in the City Centre and Millbay. The business case seeks approval to deliver a preferred scheme using government grant funding, if secured, or a fall-back scheme if not secured.				
Decision required:	Decision to be taken: It is recommended that the Leader of the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Business Case • Allocates £2,972,906 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green Heat Network Fund grant of £1,200,000 ○ CIL funding £350,000 ○ Service Borrowing of £1,010,397 ○ Revenue Contribution £192,789 ○ Landowner Contributions £219,719 • If GHNF application is unsuccessful proceed with the fall-back scheme, and allocate £1,096,721 into the Capital Programme funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CIL funding £350,000 ○ Service Borrowing of £564,885 ○ Revenue Contribution £95,415 ○ Landlord Contributions of £86,421 • Approval to apply to BEIS run Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF) to secure additional grant to deliver the preferred scheme • Authorises the procurement process for either the preferred or fall-back scheme • Delegates the award of the contract to Service Director for HROD 				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	x
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	x
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section two)	Yes		No	x
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	N/A			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	<p>All data is from the 2011 Census except for age and sex which has been updated with 2021 data. Data will be updated with the 2021 Census data as it becomes available.</p> <p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. 	N/A		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(Data sourced from the 2021 Census)</p>			
Disability	10 per cent of our population have their day-to-day activities limited a lot by a long-term health problem or disability (2011 Census).	N/A		
Gender reassignment	<p>There are no official estimates for gender reassignment at either national or local level (awaiting 2021 Census data).</p> <p>However, in a study funded by the Home Office, the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES) estimate that between 300,000 and 500,000 people aged 16 or over in the UK are experiencing some degree of gender variance.</p>	N/A		
Marriage and civil partnership	<p>There were 234,795 marriages in England and Wales in 2018.</p> <p>In 2020, there were 7,566 opposite-sex civil partnerships formed in England and Wales, of which 7,208 were registered in England and 358 were registered in Wales.</p>	N/A		

	<p>There were 785 civil partnerships formed between same-sex couples in England and Wales in 2020, of which 745 were registered in England and 40 were registered in Wales.</p>			
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>There were 640,370 live births in England and Wales in 2019, a decrease of 2.5 per cent since 2018. The mid-year 2019 population estimates show that there were 2,590 births in Plymouth.</p> <p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England and Wales decreased from 1.70 children per woman in 2018 to 1.65 children per woman in 2019.</p>	N/A		
Race	<p>92.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identify themselves as White British. 7.1 per cent identify themselves as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic.</p> <p>Census data suggests at least 43 main languages are spoken in the city, showing Polish, Chinese and Kurdish as the top three (2011 Census).</p>	N/A		
Religion or belief	<p>Christianity is the biggest faith in the city with more than 58 per cent of the population (148,917). 32.9 per cent (84,326) of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion (2011 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim were just under 1 per cent while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2011 Census).</p>	N/A		

Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	N/A		
Sexual orientation	There is no precise local data on sexual orientation in Plymouth (awaiting 2021 Census data).	N/A		

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	N/A	N/A	

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.	N/A	N/A	
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	N/A	N/A	
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	N/A	N/A	
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.	N/A	N/A	
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.	N/A	N/A	