

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – DL07 22/23

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> UK Shared Prosperity Fund Project
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Mark Shayer, Deputy Leader of the Council
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Amanda Ratsey, Amanda.Ratsey@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree to use £300,000 of UK Shared Prosperity Funds for the delivery of the Cattewater Harbour - Port Development Feasibility Study project</li> <li>To authorise the Director for Place to enter into or sign agreements on behalf of Plymouth City Council in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plymouth were allocated £3,131,412 for three years (2022/23 - 2024/25) to support a mix of revenue and capital spend.</li> <li>Plymouth City Council is the Accountable Body for the delivery and management of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and as such needs to follow Plymouth City Council processes.</li> <li>As part of the investment plan submitted to Government on the 01 August 2022 there was a requirement to utilise an existing group or form a Key Partnership Group that would act as an advisory group in order to provide recommendations on the delivery of potential projects. The Plymouth Growth Board was invited to act as this key partnership group and after consultation with the Board, the group has given its positive recommendation on the delivery of the Cattewater Harbour - Port Development Feasibility Study project.</li> <li>To meet Plymouth City Council governance frameworks and thresholds. The project is requesting £300,000 hence above the threshold for an Officer to do so and therefore, in order to award the amount being requested requires an executive decision.</li> <li>To allow and ensure that the project can deliver and spend the UKSPF allocation of money to year 1 (2022/23) before the end of the financial year.</li> <li>To meet the timelines set out by Government to deliver the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</li> <li>This project will play a key role into the ambitions of future proofing the Port in Plymouth and will be able to contribute to the offshore renewable industry and increased investment in the coming decades of which the South West Ports will be integral in supporting.</li> </ul>

6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> N/A			
7	<p><b>Financial implications and risks:</b></p> <p>The funding is received from Government for the purpose of delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding and further funding agreements that binds Plymouth City Council into an agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing &amp; Communities (DLUHC) and further funding agreements and service level agreements between the Accountable Body and projects outlining that the funds is shouldered by the applicant as such is contractually obliged to deliver and spend according to the Fund parameters and requirements. Projects are subject to Accountable Body processes involving but not limited to procurement regulations, monitoring and governance, as such, failure to follow requirements from either the Accountable Body or DLUHC runs the risk of remedial action.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council will provide dedicated resources to manage and oversee the fund. UKSPF offers a 4% top slice to cover management costs of the fund. We will maintain robust programme management protocols through regular monitoring and review to ensure that the projects are delivered within the grant terms and conditions. Remedial action will be taken where necessary.</p>			
8	<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p><b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>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>£1million</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b></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>This decision highlights how this potential UK Shared Prosperity Fund project is relevant to some chapters of the Plymouth Plan, including Growing City and International City as well as other frameworks including the Climate Emergency Action Plan. This project has the potential to be directly linked to both the revenue and capital budget, with possible site investigation works and arising from the feasibility study that focuses on the development of the port.</p>		
10	<p><b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b></p>	<p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund process incorporates high levels of net zero ambition. This paper highlights how this project has the potential to positively impact</p>		

		upon and encourage net zero initiatives; driving forward clean ports and further investment into the city that encourages high levels of net zero initiatives. In the long-run, this project will ensure the port secures new trade, imports and exports, fishing vessels, as well as showcasing that Plymouth can play a role in the future.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
I1	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	(If no, go to section I3a)
I2a	Reason for urgency:			
I2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
<b>Consultation</b>				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
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	18 January 2023	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS104 22/23	

		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	pl.22.23.354.
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/39584
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	N/A
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	N/A
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	N/A

**Appendices**

<b>I7</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>
	A	Equalities Impact Assessment

**Confidential/exempt information**

<b>I8a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		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>I8b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)
		<b>No</b>	x	

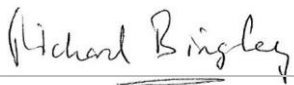
		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>I8b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							

**Background Papers**

**I9** Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.  
 Background papers are unpublished 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.

<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>

**Cabinet Member Signature**

<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 (2010) and those who do not.		
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date of decision</b>	9 February 2023
<b>Print Name</b>	Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of Plymouth City Council		