

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L31 22/23

Decision				
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Green Heat Network Fund grant			
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of Plymouth City Council			
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Jon Selman, <a href="mailto:jonathan.selman@plymouth.gov.uk">jonathan.selman@plymouth.gov.uk</a> , 01752 307814			
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approves the receipt of this Green Heat Network Fund <b>£1,200,000</b> grant funding.</li> <li>Delegates the signing of the MoU grant agreement, and any subsequent revisions to Service Director for SP&amp;I, where they do not already have authority to do so.</li> </ul>			
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> <p>This grant funding was part of the approved Business Case and Executive Decision L11 22/23 for Civic Centre District Energy Scheme, which set out the delivery of a District Energy scheme that will support the redevelopment of Civic Centre by Urban Splash, but also decarbonise Theatre Royal and the Plymouth Combined Courts.</p>			
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> <p>Option 1: Not accept grant funding</p> <p>PCC would not be able to progress the full scheme, which would not generate the full carbon savings for the buildings concerned, nor enable more strategic connections allowing it to expand further in the future the wider build out of heat networks in the City Centre, nor take advantage of available government grant funding.</p>			
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> <p>The £1.2m government Green Heat Network Fund grant would be utilised towards the preferred scheme as set out in the approved Business Case, in which financial modelling has demonstrated there would be no revenue pressures created through this scheme and that both would generate a modest surplus over a 20 year period.</p> <p>The key risks previously set out are around energy price volatility. These risks are set out in the Business Case, but it is considered these risks can be covered off through the commercial agreements.</p>			
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (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>£1million</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.
	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <u>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</u></b>	N/A		
<b>9</b>	<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>Heat networks are already a key component of the City's strategy (<b>Plymouth Plan Policy GR07</b>) but also part of the <b>Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (policy DEV 32)</b> and draft <b>Climate Emergency Planning Statement</b>. The scheme also contributes to the City's <b>Climate Emergency Action Plan</b>.</p> <p>The decision also links to the Councils corporate plan objective:</p> <p><b>Unlocking the City's Potential: A Green Sustainable City that cares about the environment.</b></p>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	The decision would result in the reduction of carbon emissions of at least 160t Carbon/ annum in the preferred scheme, using this grant funding.		
<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 Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</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>		<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>

<b>13b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Stoneman, Cabinet Member for Climate Change Councillor Shayer, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance and Economy		
<b>13c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>	7 March 2023 4 November 2022		
<b>14</b>	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	x	
<b>15</b>	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Andy Ralphs	
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director of Customer & Corporate Services	
		<b>Date consulted</b>	1 November 2022	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
<b>16</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS123 22/23	
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	pl.22.23.429.	
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/00001321/20.03.23	
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
<b>Appendices</b>				
<b>17</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>		
	A	Briefing report for publication ( <i>mandatory</i> )		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>				
<b>18a</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>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)
		<b>No</b>	x	

		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
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
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.</p>							
<b>Signature</b>					<b>Date of decision</b>		21/03/2023	
<b>Print Name</b>		Councillor Richard Bingley, Leader of Plymouth City Council						