

# ARMADA WAY WITHDRAWAL OF DECISION

## Executive Decision Report



### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Armada Way public realm project is the largest of the Better Places public realm schemes in the city centre and has been proposed since 2018 as the single largest transformational project to enhance the city centre as a place to live, work and play.
- 1.2. An Executive Decision (L34 22/23) was taken on 14 March 2023 approving the implementation of a scheme for Armada Way which included the clearance work to facilitate this. The detail of the clearance work including the removal of some trees is within the associated Executive Decision report with L34 22/23.
- 1.3. The clearance work was programmed to be undertaken in the evening of 14 March 2023, however, this work was unable to be completed due to the service of an injunction later that night. The injunction applied to those trees remaining (20 in number), the felled trees and remaining stumps.

### 2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1. To facilitate a review of the situation it has been considered appropriate that the Executive Decision L34 22/23 will not be implemented.
- 2.2. Officers will proceed to review the Armada Way scheme and prepare options for consideration to enable a scheme at Armada Way to move forward with the enhancement and improvement of the area.

### 3. DECISION

- 3.1 Following the local elections held on 4 May 2023 a new administration has been formed. The Leader of Plymouth City Council seeks to:
  - 3.1.1 withdraw the decision taken on the 14 March 2023, reference L34 22/23 by the former Leader Cllr Richard Bingley concerning Better Places Programme Armada Way Scheme (appendix 2)
  - 3.1.2 confirm that the particular scheme approved under decision L34 22/23 will not be implemented any further; and
  - 3.1.3 instruct officers to review options for the Armada Way Scheme in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet member for Finance with responsibility for the city centre.