

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – COD 02 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Woolwell to The George Transport Scheme - Vickery Holman Contract Award
2	Decision maker: Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure
3	Report author and contact details: Lucy Pascoe Lucy.pascoe@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	Decision to be taken: To award a contract to Vickery Holman to provide project management support for PCC and parties affected by the CPO for phases 1 and 2 of the Woolwell to the George project for a total value of £167,000.
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: 09/11/2021 cabinet - Minute 201
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The Woolwell to the George Scheme (WTTG) Transport Improvements Scheme will alleviate congestion at the notorious pinch-point between Woolwell and The George junction, on the A386 Tavistock Road. More than 30,000 vehicles use this section of road each day and there are regularly queues and delays at peak times, caused by traffic having to merge over very short distances. The impact of this congestion extends far beyond the immediate Woolwell area, affecting the A386 Tavistock Road as far south as Manadon Roundabout and also disrupts the reliability of the bus network. The route also has poor provision for pedestrian and cyclists and crossing the A386 in particular is very difficult in busy periods.</p> <p>Undertaking the WTTG Transport Scheme is necessary for the Council to maintain its commitment to expend central government grant money that is time restricted; and to progress the objectives of growth in the north of the City.</p> <p>With significant growth planned for the north of the city and traffic forecast to increase along this route, it is vital to provide improvements that will encourage more walking, cycling and bus travel, as well as minimise congestion and delays for general traffic. With future growth that is allocated to the Northern Corridor, the performance of the network is forecast to deteriorate further, with worsening journey times and reliability.</p> <p>The work to be undertaken by Vickery Holman will continue the valuation, surveying and</p>

	negotiations of land required for the project within Phase 2 of the scheme which is funded by the LUF programme and is time critical for the spend of central government funding.			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected: Competitive Tender and frameworks.</p> <p>Framework: No appropriate framework available</p> <p>Competitive tender: Due to the sensitive nature of the project, Vickery Holman's previous experience and critical timescales, it is proposed that direct award is the most appropriate option. There are also limited options for competitive tender as numerous other companies have been employed by residents/businesses within the scheme area to act on their behalf.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks: The contract award value is £167,000. External funding (Levelling Up Fund), risk of loss of funding and reputational damage if work not completed by the funding deadline</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			X	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			X	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million
			X	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
8b	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			
9	<p>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:</p>	<p>WTTG is linked to the following objectives/policies in the Joint Local Plan:</p> <p>Policy Ply47 – Strategic Infrastructure measures for Derriford and Northern Corridor growth Area</p> <p>Strategic Objective SO4 – Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area</p> <p>Policy PLY44 – Woolwell Sustainable Urban Extension</p>		
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>This decision itself has no environmental implications no known impact this is a service provision</p>		

Urgent decisions			
I 1	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 for advice)
		No	X (If no, go to section I 3a)
I 2a	Reason for urgency:		
I 2b	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date
	Scrutiny Committee name:		
	Print Name:		
Consultation			
I 3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	X
		No	(If no go to section I 4)
I 3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Drean (ex-Cabinet Member for Transport) Councillor Coker (Cabinet member for Strategic Planning and Transport)	
I 3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	03/03/2022 & 24/05/2023	
I 4	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
I 5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place
		Date consulted	24/05/2023
Sign-off			
I 6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 04 23/24
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.18
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/0001312-

			I/AC/23/5/23	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)	HG/PS683/ED/0523	
Appendices				
17	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Woolwell to The George: Vickery Holman Briefing Note		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
Confidential/exempt information				
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 18b below.	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Exemption Paragraph Number		
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18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Background Papers				
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.			
	Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number		
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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. For further details please see the EIA attached.		
Signature		Date of decision	24.05.2023
Print Name	Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure		