

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L 03 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Civic Centre District Energy Scheme Grant
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City
3	Report author and contact details: Jon Selman, jonathan.selman@plymouth.gov.uk , 01752 307814
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Business Case; • Allocates £600,000 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by S106 (£151,575.26) and D2Grids ERDF (£448,424.74); • Authorises the grant agreement to be drawn up; • Delegates the signing of the grant agreement and award of contracts to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, where they do not already have authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The provision of grant funding will allow connection to low carbon heat network infrastructure, which will supply Civic Centre to achieve the City's commitments to carbon reduction. This will also support decarbonisation of the Theatre Royal and Plymouth Combined Courts, as a strategic location for the roll out of heat networks in the City Centre.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Option 1: Not provide grant funding</p> <p>Without subsidy it would not be viable this development to connect to the heat network, resulting in higher carbon emissions, and higher costs to residential occupiers, but also impacting on the City Council plans for wider decarbonisation of the City Centre. The development would also not comply with the planning conditions relating to its planning consent.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The grant would be provided through an agreement, which allows payments on the basis of evidence of spend and if for any reason the developers were not to proceed, then the grant would not be paid. The grant would cost up to £600,000, using grant funding & S106 funding</p>

	that has already been secured by PCC to cover this. This grant funding can only be used for heat network projects. The grant would be paid in several instalments, according to the programme for Civic Centre but anticipated to be fully deployed by end 2026.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	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 £1 million
		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.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	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:	Heat networks are already a key component of the City's strategy (Plymouth Plan Policy GR07) but also part of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (policy DEV 32) and draft Climate Emergency Planning Statement . The scheme also contributes to the City's Net Zero Action Plan . The decision also links to the Councils corporate plan objective: Unlocking the City's Potential: A Green Sustainable City that cares about the environment.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	The decision would result in the reduction of carbon emissions of at least 93t Carbon/ annum in the preferred scheme, using this grant funding.		
Urgent decisions				
11	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 (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	X	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair		Date	

Signature:				
Scrutiny Committee name:				
Print Name:				
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Briers-Delve, Cabinet Member for Climate Change		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	22/06/2023		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director Place	
		Date consulted	16/06/2023	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 05 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.29	
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/00001682	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report – Civic District Energy Scheme Grant		
	B	Business Case - Civic District Energy Scheme Grant		

Equalities Impact Assessment - Civic District Energy Scheme Grant								
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		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. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
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						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member 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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature			Date of decision	12 July 2023				
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							

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