

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L08 23/24

Decision				
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 2			
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)			
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Benjamin Stein (Housing Delivery Officer) <a href="mailto:benjamin.stein@plymouth.gov.uk">benjamin.stein@plymouth.gov.uk</a>			
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the briefing note;</li> <li>2. Allocate £7,061,597 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant from BEIS Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 2.1;</li> <li>3. Approve the transfer of the funds in accordance with the attached funding agreement and delegates the approval of the agreement to the Service Director for Service Director for Strategic Planning &amp; Infrastructure;</li> <li>4. Delegate authority to the Service Director for Strategic Planning &amp; Infrastructure to passport the allocated funds to Plymouth Community Homes (PCH) and LiveWest and enter into further agreements in relation to it.</li> </ol>			
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> To allow for the delivery of energy efficiency upgrades by social housing providers LiveWest and Plymouth Community Homes in Plymouth.			
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> <b>Do Nothing option:</b> This would be ignoring an opportunity to help PCH and LiveWest fund their energy efficiency upgrade programmes to vulnerable households with external funds. The project has the capacity to improve the living conditions and health of some of the most vulnerable households in the city. The Council successfully bid for these funds with PCH and LiveWest and as such should passport these funds to the housing providers. The funds can only be used for the purposes outlined above.			
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> There are no negative financial implications in undertaking this decision.			
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>

	(please contact <b>Democratic Support</b> for further advice)	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>	1 April 2023		
<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>	The project is an excellent fit with the strategic objectives of The Council. Social inequalities will be reduced by the provision of efficient heating and efficiency measures to social housing households experiencing fuel poverty. This not only provides a much healthier, warmer, and comfortable environment for the householder, it also reduces the annual energy bill ensuring vulnerable households income is maximised. The retrofitted energy efficiency measures will help to reduce the carbon emissions of the city, contributing to the delivery of the Joint Local Plan and Climate Emergency Action Plan.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	The project will aim to improve all households to an EPC rating of C with the measures installed. This improvement will realise extensive Carbon emission and fuel bill savings.		
<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>I3a</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>(If no go to section I4)</b>
<b>I3b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities)		
<b>I3c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>	30 June 2023		
<b>I4</b>	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>I5</b>	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Anthony Payne	
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director for Place	
		<b>Date consulted</b>	26 April 2023	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
<b>I6</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS 20 23/24	
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	DJN.23.24.15	
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	MS/00001564/26.04.23	
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>		
<b>Appendices</b>				
<b>I7</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>		
	A1	2023 Capital Investment Briefing Note for Passporting Funds SHDF		

	A2	Equality Impact Assessment						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
<b>18a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</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)				
			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>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
<b>19</b>	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.							
<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>
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
<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 and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date of decision</b>	12 July 2023
<b>Print Name</b>	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE		