

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L20 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: UK Shared Prosperity Fund Project – Love Plymouth
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	<p>Report author and contact details:</p> <p>Victoria Glennon - Victoria.Glennon@plymouth.gov.uk</p> <p>Toby Hall - Toby.Hall@plymouth.gov.uk</p> <p>Julia Blaschke - Julia.Blaschke@plymouth.gov.uk</p>
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree to use £460,812 (of which consists of £400,812 revenue and a £60,000 capital allocation as listed below) of UK Shared Prosperity Funds for the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Love Plymouth project. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 To agree to allocate £60,000 (the same capital allocation from the sum listed above) of UK Shared Prosperity Funds into the capital programme for the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Love Plymouth project. 2. To authorise the S151 Officer to enter into and sign any funding agreements and claim forms in relation to the Love Plymouth Project, where they would not already have authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plymouth were allocated £3,131,412 for three years (2022/23 - 2024/25) to support a mix of revenue and capital spend; • Plymouth City Council is the Accountable Body for the delivery and management of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and as such needs to follow Plymouth City Council processes; • As part of the investment plan submitted to Government on the 01 August 2022 there was a requirement to utilise an existing group or form a Key Partnership Group that would act as an advisory group in order to provide recommendations on the delivery of potential projects. The Plymouth Growth Board was invited to act as this key partnership group and after consultation with the Board, the group has given its positive recommendation on the delivery of the Cattewater Harbour - Port Development Feasibility Study project; • To meet Plymouth City Council governance frameworks and thresholds. The project is requesting £460,812 hence above the threshold for an Officer to do so and therefore, in order to award the amount being requested requires an executive decision; • To allow and ensure that the project can deliver and spend the UKSPF allocation of money to year 2 and 3 (2023/24 -2024/25) before the end of the financial year; • To meet the timelines set out by Government to deliver the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>Love Plymouth – A Place Marketing Project</p> <p>A joint project by Plymouth City Center Company, Destination Plymouth and Plymouth Waterfront; to attract more visitors, workers and residents into the city, restore pride and revive the high street with a particular emphasis on the city centre and a greener waterfront.</p> <p>The project will look to deliver and target the following activities; Increasing footfall and spend, growing the visitor economy, place making and restoring pride through enhancing the look and feel of the high street and public spaces. The project intends to install five vehicle charging points for electric ice cream vans.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Do nothing option: failing to deliver our UKSPF contractual agreements with Government and negative financial implications for applicants.</p> <p>Less funding provided: The project would not be able to proceed and achieve the required contractual targets.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The funding is received from Government for the purpose of delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding and further funding agreements that binds Plymouth City Council into an agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) and further funding agreements and service level agreements between the Accountable Body and projects outlining that the funds is shouldered by the applicant as such is contractually obliged to deliver and spend according to the Fund parameters and requirements. Projects are subject to Accountable Body processes involving but not limited to procurement regulations, monitoring and governance, as such, failure to follow requirements from either the Accountable Body or DLUHC runs the risk of remedial action. Plymouth City Council will provide dedicated resources to manage and oversee the fund. UKSPF offers a 4% top slice to cover management costs of the fund. We will maintain robust programme management protocols through regular monitoring and review to ensure that the projects are delivered within the grant terms and conditions. Remedial action will be taken where necessary.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key</p>	<p>N/A</p>		

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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:	This decision highlights how this potential UK Shared Prosperity Fund project is relevant to some chapters of the Plymouth Plan, including Growing City and International City as well as other frameworks including the Climate Emergency Action Plan.	
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	The UK Shared Prosperity Fund process incorporates high levels of net zero ambition. This project has the potential to positively impact upon and encourage net zero initiatives; with activities that promote a cleaner and vibrant city centre and blue green water front.	
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 Signature:	Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:		
	Print Name:		
Consultation			
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	
		No	X (If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted		
14	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
15	Which Corporate Management	Name	Anthony Payne

	Team member has been consulted?	Job title	Strategic Director for Place						
		Date consulted	05 September 2023						
Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS40 23/24						
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.102						
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/02281/JP/060923.						
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A						
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A						
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A						
Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Supporting paper							
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment							
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.						
Signature			Date of decision		25 September 2023		
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans, OBE – Leader of Plymouth City Council						