

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L37 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: UK Shared Prosperity Fund Project: Nudge Community Builders
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate £265,000 for capital expenditure into the capital programme • To award £470,940 of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to Nudge Community Builders in accordance with its funding application (£265,000 of capital expenditure and £205,440 for revenue expenditure) • To authorise the S151 Officer to enter into and sign any funding agreements and claim forms in relation to the Sharing Communities project.
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 this project as a result of the communities and place open call. • 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.

6	Alternative options considered and rejected: 1. Do nothing option: failing to deliver our UKSPF contractual agreements with Government and negative financial implications for applicants. 2. Less funding provided: The project would not be able to proceed and achieve the required contractual targets.			
7	Financial implications and risks: This project is fully financed by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. If we do not proceed, this funding could be withdrawn from PCC.			
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: <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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				
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 and Net Zero 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.		
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				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
I4	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	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	04/12/2023	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS83 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.166	
		Legal (mandatory)	2341/05122023.	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report for publication		
	B	Capital Investment Briefing Note for Passporting Funds		
	C	Equalities Impact Assessment		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II')

	confidential/exempt information?			briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 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 1 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			15 December 2023		
Print Name		Councillor Tudor Evans, OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council								