

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – CSSLHROD01 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Approval to proceed with disposal of public open space land at Brickfields, Damerel Close, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4NE after consideration of objections received following notice of the intention to dispose of the land.
2	Decision maker: Councillor Sue Dann (Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Sport, Leisure and HR & OD)
3	Report author and contact details: Chris Duggan, Principal Surveyor, Strategic Development Projects 01752 305482 chris.duggan@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: To proceed with the disposal of land at Brickfields having considered objections to the notice of intention to dispose of public open space.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The disposal of land is required for the delivery of the Brickfields project as approved by Cabinet on 9th March 2023. The project will improve the provision of sports and health and wellbeing activities in Devonport and across Plymouth and will ensure a sustainable long-term future for Brickfields sports centre and outdoor sports facilities.</p> <p>The proposals for Brickfields are a once in a generation opportunity to regenerate the community and elite sports provision for the west of the city. This plays into the three key themes of the Plan for Sport:</p> <p>Participation – the Brickfields project will increase the community use around sport and physical activity, widening the different opportunities and ensuring that the offer is more engaging and more accessible.</p> <p>Places – the project seeks to maximise the potential of Brickfields, a sporting facility in one of the most deprived areas of the city. Significant investment is needed even to maintain the facilities at their current level; and this proposal goes significantly beyond that.</p> <p>Pride – the project will locate the Plymouth Argyle Youth Academy in Brickfields further strengthens the links between the city and Plymouth Argyle Football Club – as well as making it more accessible to young people living locally and creating a sense of aspiration.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Do nothing: Not disposing of the land at Brickfields will mean that the decision taken by Cabinet on 9th March 2023 cannot be realised. If the Council does nothing there will be no inward investment, facilities will fall into disrepair and the facilities will not align to the needs of the local community.</p> <p>Capital Investment: The proposed inward investment is at a scale and level that the Council cannot achieve alone.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The land at Brickfields will be disposed of by way of leases which will minimise financial risk to the Council.</p>

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 £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.
	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:	<p>One of the Council's key priorities in its Corporate Plan is "Caring for people and communities". This proposal supports this priority by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helping to reduce health inequalities; and - Improving the focus on prevention and early intervention. <p>Following consultation with local people and stakeholders, the Brickfields proposals also reflect the Council's commitment in its Corporate Plan to engage and listen to residents and local communities.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>As part of the planning application for the Brickfields project, proposals will be made to promote sustainable transport to and from the venue. The proposals will also include provision for cycle parking to encourage people to cycle to site.</p> <p>Contractors undertaking work on the site will be required to produce waste management plans that set out how waste is reduced during construction.</p>		
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 14)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	N/A		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	N/A		
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	Ruth Harrell	
		Job title	Director of Public Health	
		Date consulted	15 th December 2023	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 85 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	HLS141223	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/1/AC/15/12/23.	
		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 for publication		
	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 and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision	15 th December 2023			
Print Name	Councillor Sue Dann (Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Sport, Leisure and HR & OD)							