

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L31 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Eastern Corridor SCN Colesdown Hill Underbridge
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	Report author and contact details: Jim Woffenden, Transport Planning Officer, (01752) 307712, jim.woffenden@Plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the Business Case 2. Approves the addition to the Capital Programme of £99,925 of revenue funding awarded by Active Travel England by way of a Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO) currently allocated in Revenue to the Plymbridge Road walking and cycling scheme. 3. Approves the virement of £2,110,075 of existing budget already in the Capital Programme awarded by Active Travel England to ECSCN. 4. Approves the addition of £750,000 of Sherford Major works section 106 funding to the Capital Programme 5. Delegates the authority to authorise the procurement process to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure where they do not already have authority to do so. 6. Delegates the authority to award the contract(s) and enter into any agreements in relation to the funding to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The Plymbridge Road scheme has become undeliverable in the timescales required by the funder, and this decision provides authorisation to spend the external funding awarded to Plymouth City Council on an alternative high priority scheme that is also part of the Strategic Cycle Network. This will provide a high-quality walking, wheeling and cycling route that is accessible to all users, so helping to reduce transport's contribution to Plymouth's carbon emissions.</p> <p>Of the £750,000 Sherford Maj Works section 106 funding, £160,000 is to finance the final work on the current phase, Saltram to Colesdown Hill; whilst £590,000 is for the underbridge scheme.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Return the external funding awarded to Plymouth City Council. <p>Rejected: We would not be able to enhance our network to support an uptake in sustainable transport and help address the climate emergency.</p>
7	Financial implications and risks:

	<p>Addition to the capital programme of £750,000 of Sherford Maj Works section 106 funding.</p> <p>Addition to the capital programme £99,925 of revenue funding awarded by Active Travel England by way of a Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO).</p> <p>The key financial risk is of cost escalation, appropriate contingency and risk has been built into the project costings to manage this. The project manager will regularly review the project to identify risks of costs increasing.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p> <p>Please type an X into the relevant boxes</p>	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.	
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			
9	<p>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>	<p>Supports the policies of the Joint Local Plan (JLP), specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy SPT9, Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy <p>We will deliver an integrated approach to transport and planning, delivering a strategic approach to transport based upon the following key principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suitable growth as a key driver behind the transport strategy within Plymouth, whilst making sure that transport is delivered in the most health promoting and environmentally responsible manner. 4, Seeking to reduce the impact of severance caused by transport networks, enabling more journeys by walking, cycling and public transport and providing genuine alternative ways to travel from home to work and other facilities. 5. Providing realistic sustainable transport choices and increasing the integration of transport modes so that people have genuine alternative ways to travel. 8. Adopting a hierarchy of transport modes and routes based upon different spatial settings (regional, city, market town and neighbourhood / village). 		

		<p>Supports the Climate Emergency declaration of March 2019 by promoting the uptake of low carbon modes of transport in the city.</p> <p>Supports the Corporate Plan's mission: “making Plymouth a fairer, greener city, where everyone does their bit”. This scheme contributes to this by providing low-cost, accessible and environmentally sustainable means of transport helping to enable everyone to contribute to Plymouth.</p> <p>The proposal delivers against the Net Zero Action Plan: “Pursue funding opportunities to implement our Local Cycling and Walking Plan”</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Transport represents 30% of the city’s carbon emissions, a proportion that is set to grow. Construction of the scheme will inevitably release carbon emissions. However, the scheme provides a safe and appealing walking and cycling route and therefore will help enable people to transfer from car to walking, wheeling and cycling.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public? Please type an X into the relevant box	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? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes	X	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member’s portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	5 December 2023		
14		Yes		

	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer				
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name		Anthony Payne				
		Job title		Strategic Director for Place				
		Date consulted		1 December 2023				
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS 67 23/24			
		Finance (mandatory)			DJN.23.24.164			
		Legal (mandatory)			LS/2746/JP/051223			
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)			KK/PS/709/ED/1223			
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Business Case						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
		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	4 January 2024			
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE							