

Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	22 January 2024
Title of Report:	Better Places Programme: Armada Way
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	AW/PWB/G&IOSP/231228
Key Decision:	Yes
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to provide an opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny of a report scheduled for Cabinet on 19 February 2024 concerning the Better Places Programme Armada Way scheme.

The Growth and Infrastructure Overview Scrutiny Committee is requested to give consideration to the representations from the 'Let's Talk Armada Way' Autumn 2023 consultation and engagement exercise.

The Committee is also invited to consider the 8 recommendations in the draft Cabinet report and make further recommendations to Cabinet on the proposals before any final scheme is approved.

The recommendations arising from the Growth & Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be presented to Cabinet on 05 February 2024 to allow these to be considered ahead of any final decision on the Armada Way scheme at the Cabinet meeting on 19 February 2024.

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that the Growth & Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. Gives consideration to the outcome of the "Let's Talk Armada Way" October/November 2023 Consultation and Engagement Exercise.
Reason: To review the responses made to the "Let's Talk Armada Way" Consultation and Engagement Exercise to provide input to the future considerations of Cabinet.
2. Gives consideration to the 8 recommendations set out in the draft 19 February 2024 Cabinet report regarding the Armada Way Scheme.
Reason: To allow consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 19 February 2024 of these recommendations following pre-decision scrutiny by the Growth & Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. Make such further recommendations, as it considers appropriate, to Cabinet regarding the Armada Way scheme in response to the “Let’s Talk Armada Way” Consultation and Engagement Exercise.

Reason: To allow consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 05 February 2024 of any recommendations arising from the meeting of the Growth & Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Consideration of the Armada Way scheme to Cabinet without pre-decision scrutiny by the Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – this was rejected as the Leader, Councillor Tudor Evan OBE, has already committed to an open and transparent decision-making process.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The delivery of the Better Places Programme and within that the Armada Way scheme is consistent with the overall vision for the city to be one of Europe’s most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone. Consideration of the “Let’s Talk Armada Way” consultation and engagement report, the draft Cabinet report with its 8 recommendations, and any further recommendations for Cabinet is consistent with the Corporate Plan values of –

- Democracy - to listen and hear what people want.
- Responsibility - in caring about the impact of decisions taken by the City Council.
- Fairness - in achieving equality and equity in delivering projects such as Armada Way for the benefit of everyone.
- Co-operation – in working with partners to make the necessary changes for the transformation of Plymouth City Centre.

The delivery of the Better Places Programme and the Armada Way scheme is also consistent with the strategic themes of the Plymouth Plan, in relation to Plymouth being a welcoming city and a green city.

The Armada Way project also supports the strategic objectives set out in the Plymouth Plan for a healthy city, a growing city, and an international city. Specifically, the Armada Way scheme directly supports the delivery of the following Plymouth Plan policies: HEA 1, HEA 5, HEA 6, HEA 7, GRO 1, GRO 4, GRO 7, GRO 8, INT 3 and INT 6.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None directly arising from the report.

Financial Risks

None directly arising from the report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None directly arising from the report.

Other Implications: e.g., Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give 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.

None directly arising from the report.

Appendices

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption (if applicable)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I	Better Places Programme: Armada Way Draft 19 February 2024 Cabinet Report and Appendices A - M							

Background papers:

*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished 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.

Title of any background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Armada Way Raw Data from Survey See Link: https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/armada-way-results							

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 12/01/2024											
Cabinet Member approval: Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications approved via email.											
Date approved: 12/01/2024											