

Cabinet



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| Date of meeting: | 05 February 2024 |
| Title of Report: | Better Places Programme: Armada Way – Scrutiny Recommendations |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Ian Tuffin, Vice-Chair, Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Lead Strategic Director: | Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive) |
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| Your Reference: | BPP/GI/01.24 |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

The Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 22 January 2024 to review new proposals for the regeneration of Armada Way as part of the Better Places Programme.

The committee was provided with the draft Cabinet report for decision, an equalities impact assessment, climate impact assessment, consultation report, full scheme design and supporting technical documents.

Members of the Committee also heard from local residents who raised issues concerning the translocation of trees and the sustainable urban drainage system, which members of the committee discussed during the debate.

Following public representations the committee received a detailed report from the Leader, Cabinet Members and Officers in relation to the new proposals. Following questions and a debate the Committee heard recommendations from the floor and agreed the recommendations below.

Recommendations and Reasons

Having considered the recommendations set out in the draft 19 February 2024 Cabinet report regarding the Armada Way Scheme, the committee resolved to fully support the new scheme ahead of the scheduled Cabinet decision.

The committee also resolved to thank the Cabinet Members, Officers and Members of the Public for their thorough report and contributions.

In addition, the Committee recommend to Cabinet that -

1. the City Centre Public Realm Board includes cross-party membership;
2. the provision of waste bins should be of the combined litter and recycling type;
3. further consideration should be given to the provision of outdoor gym equipment in the play area;
4. further considerations should be given to how to improve community engagement in the delivery of the project (e.g. community painting event for bird boxes);

5. the Cabinet will use best endeavours to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget;
6. Cabinet should give consideration on how to assess overall economic impact of the project and to report back to an appropriate meeting of the Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee;
7. further consideration should be given to improving the 1:1 replacement ratios for failed translocated trees;
8. consideration of inclusion of braille on the plaques placed under trees.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – these recommendations represent the majority views of the committee.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Pre-decision scrutiny of this nature reflects national best practice and aligns with the Council's value of democracy as expressed in the Corporate Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None as a direct result of this report.

Financial Risks

None as a direct result of this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None as a direct result of this 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 as a direct result of this report.

Appendices

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Background papers:

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| Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 26/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member approval: Councillor Ian Tuffin Date approved: 26/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | |