

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L 42 23/24

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Council Loan support to PATH : Temporary Accommodation
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Matt Garrett (Service Director for Community Connections) Matt.Garrett@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <p>Approves the Business Case to-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Allocate £1,500,000 of Corporate borrowing for the project into the Capital Programme</li> <li>ii. Authorise £1,500,000 as a loan to PATH, funded by loan repayments from PATH</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>Access to good quality and affordable temporary accommodation remains challenging in Plymouth.</p> <p>Plymouth has very high numbers of single people in temporary accommodation, in B&amp;B's, hostels, and shared house type temporary accommodation, accessed through the Plymouth Alliance.</p> <p>This has financial impact on PCC, as well as being responsible for poor outcomes for families and vulnerable people.</p> <p>In response to this Plymouth City Council is working with PATH to provide financial support in the form of a loan to allow the purchasing of properties to be let as permanent properties for people to move into.</p>
6	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Not enter into a loan agreement with PATH – Rejected as this would fail to address the lack of good quality, affordable accommodation in Plymouth, and maintain high costs for PCC.</li> <li>ii) Take on more expensive forms of temporary accommodation, causing rising costs – Rejected as there is a need to ensure value for money and support the reduction in expenditure on emergency accommodation.</li> </ul>

<b>7 Financial implications and risks:</b>				
There are no financial implications for the Council from this decision.				
The loan of £1,500,000 will be secured by way of first legal charge against the properties acquired by PATH and in the event of default of the loan repayments the Council would be able to enforce a sale of the properties to recover the loan amount.				
<b>8</b>	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>
			x	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			x	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>
		x	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.	
	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>	N/A		
<b>9</b>	<b>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:</b>	<b>Keeping Adults, Children and Communities Safe</b> – Reduced Health Inequalities and Focus on Prevention and Early intervention. This Executive Decision will help meet both priorities by supporting the Council to reduce homelessness and the use of Bed and Breakfast which will in turn help to tackle health inequalities.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	There are no direct carbon impacts anticipated as a result of this decision.  PATH will ensure that all properties bought as part of this scheme will be brought up to an EPC level C by 2025, if not sooner.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair Signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	

	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			
<b>Consultation</b>				
I3a	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>(If no go to section I4)</b>
I3b	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)		
I3c	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>	29/09/2023		
I4	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Gary Walbridge	
		<b>Job title</b>	Interim Strategic Director for People	
		<b>Date consulted</b>	29/09/2023	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
I6	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS 105 23/24	
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	CH 31.01.24 1608	
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	LS/00001312/2/AC/7/2/24	
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>		
<b>Appendices</b>				
I7	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>		
	A	Capital Business Case		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
	C	Climate Impact Assessment		
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>				
I8a	<b>Do you need to include any</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II')

	<b>confidential/exempt information?</b>			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 <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)						
		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
				<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>									
<b>Background Papers</b>										
<b>19</b>	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.									
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>				<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
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<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>										
<b>20</b>	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.									
<b>Signature</b>			<b>Date of decision</b>							
							20/02/2024			
<b>Print Name</b>		Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)								